

This moral inversion...

By Bill Johnson



News coverage has been full of the Notre Dame Cathedral. **Almost immediately** before the investigation had even begun, the word initially came out that there was no evidence of foul play, or to use the dreaded word, no evidence of “terrorism” was found.

So what about the Notre Dame Cathedral? Gary Bauer wrote in his End of Day, April 16, 2019 report:

French authorities say they are preparing for a “long and complicated” investigation regarding the cause of the inferno. For now, they insist there is no sign of arson.

While it is certainly true that accidents do happen during construction and renovation projects, Notre Dame is not the only French church to suffer extensive damage lately.

Here’s a sample of recent headlines:

“800-Year-Old Church Heavily Vandalized In French No-Go Suburb”

“Eucharist Desecrated, Statues Smashed In Series Of French Church Attacks”

“Twelve French Churches Attacked, Vandalized In One Week”

“Macron’s France: Average Of Three

Church Attacks Per Day”

The media in Europe and America are uncomfortable discussing this reality. Yesterday, (April 15) Fox News twice hung up on guests who attempted to expose it.

Regardless of what caused the fire at Notre Dame, French authorities and the French people should be asking serious questions about why so many churches are being attacked day after day.

Was it terrorism? Maybe. Would French authorities admit the fact if it were? To dismiss this possibility as “Islamophobic” is to be naive, if not non-thinking.

So every time there is the burning of a church, the destruction of a cross or the smearing of feces on church walls, pews, edifices, we just don’t know. It just couldn’t be terrorism because CAIR (Council on American Islamic Relations) says it wasn’t so.

Are we destined to have the National Cathedral set on fire, human feces spread on the Lincoln Memorial, the eternal flame at Gettysburg smashed to the ground? As we stand by and wring our hands saying it couldn’t be Islamic supremacists could it?

Quoting Geert Wilders: *Either the West is going to stand up for its principles, or it is*

.going to kowtow to bullying and surrender ... free people are under attack today. They are targeted by the political and cultural elites solely for standing for the dearest of our many freedoms.

Its followers can say whatever they want: “throw gays from apartment buildings,” “kill the Jews,” “Slaughter the Infidel,” “destroy Israel,” “wage Jihad against the West.” Whatever their book tells them. But when we call attention to what they are saying, we get charges of “hatred,” “bigotry,” “islamophobia and the like.

This moral inversion, the celebration of the savage and abuse of the civilized man, is a symptom of the cultural relativism that has infected the elites in Europe and North America today. *The cultural relativists have opened their mind so wide that their brains are falling out. Most of our politicians and media pundits believe that all cultures are equal. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our Western culture, based on Judaism, Christianity, and humanism, is in every respect better than the Islamic culture.*

As Islamic ideology further infiltrates and changes the moral, religious and political climate in our nation, we must ask this question:

Is our nation worth saving or not?



From the desk of Bill Johnson

As I begin to write a personal note with every intention of it bringing at least some measure of good cheer, sadly, I simply can't avoid noting (just hours before a print deadline), the Easter Sunday terrorist attack in Sri Lanka, targeting three Christian churches and savagely destroying over 290 lives and injuring at least another 500. The relevance of the question I raise at the end of my article on page 1 stands out.

Yet, God is still on the throne and greater than all the sin that we face internationally, nationally, and in our own lives.

It's a long road isn't it? And yet it goes so very quickly. If you say that to those much younger (I am 72), they may nod a polite "yes," and I suspect that that is how I would have responded in much younger years. Yet, there are those far older than myself, some into their nineties, that still occasionally say, "you are getting up there," and chuckle as if to say, "you haven't seen anything yet."

Still, who is to know how many years God will grant me. My spirit is young, I believe, and my energy level strong, but I can't run with my young grandkids even as I could just a few years ago (though I will still take them on in basketball in our pole-barn).

No matter our age: *"The battle is the Lord's and we are His workmanship."* Without a measure of doubt, **it is a battle!**

My friend Max Jordan is a World War II veteran. I've learned a great deal over time just watching 95-year-old Max (without him even probably knowing it). A book was written about him and I did a 150 minute video interview of him in recent years.

He is a hero. And not just to me. He fought in five major battles in Europe. But he's

a hero not only for his war time experiences, but because Max reflects Christ better than perhaps anyone I have ever known.

Max - once the soldier surviving the Battle of the Bulge and Normandy, once the long time Newaygo County Clerk, a husband for 63 years (his wife passed 8 years ago), a survivor of West Nile Virus, even coming out of a lengthy coma - through the decades of his life has faithfully served the Lord.

Max also suffers from a skin disease that has afflicted him very aggressively. Yet, Max faithfully still attends his church as he has for so many years. He still exercises at an area facility because, as he says, "You got to keep moving."

Yet he still comes faithfully to volunteer at our monthly newsletter mailings. He's placed some of these very newsletters in these very envelopes. He comes stooped over, no longer with the erect posture that once characterized him. Always, he wears a smile. Always.

I love to talk around the volunteer table with him, and we can't seem to avoid including in our talk a discussion about the rapidly declining world situation. Though heart-broken at what he sees happening and though his body is worn, tested, and broken - despite all of the wars and spiritual warfare that comes to a man who has lived with such longevity - Max says with that gracious smile: **"God has been so good to me. He has never let me down."**

Max recently asked me, *"Have I ever told you what I do for devotions?"*

As a Gideon, only Max knows how many years he has read through the Bible, along with the daily reading from "Our Daily Bread" and other devotionals.

This is a man of God! A loving, lovely spiritual man of God, trusting Him, come what may.

There are so many people that come to mind. Loving, tender, faithful people who actively take hold of the Word, studying it, taking it to heart, looking at themselves in the mirror and asking God to forgive them of their sins, and by His grace and mercy to help them live more perfectly for Him.

It is God who fuels our hearts. He keeps us faithful! He sustains us by His Word and His Holy Spirit. No one in our office would claim to be as time-tested as Max, but nonetheless it is true that **the God Max serves is the God we serve.** The Spirit who lives and works within Max works within us and millions of Christians throughout our embattled country and world.

Max has seen so much in his life, on the battlefields in Europe and in the hometown he returned to. Yet, he acknowledges God through it all. Trusting and obeying, as the old hymn goes.

I came across this paragraph from C.H. Spurgeon in my own daily devotions. It speaks to faithfulness like that shown by Max, and is an example of why daily devotions can be so encouraging.

"And his hands were steady until the going down of the sun." Exodus 17:12

*.... Beware of faintness in devotion; if Moses felt it, who can escape? It is far easier to fight with sin in public, than to pray against it in private. It is remarked that Joshua never grew weary in the fighting, but Moses did grow weary in the praying; **the more spiritual an exercise, the more difficult it is for flesh and blood to maintain it.** Let us cry, then, for special strength, and may the Spirit of God, who helpeth our infirmities, as he allowed help to Moses, enable us like him to continue with our hands steady "until the going down of the sun;" till the evening of life is over; till we shall come to the rising of a better sun in the land where prayer is swallowed up in praise.*

Friend: I urge you to join with Max and with me and all of us here at American Decency Association. If you are not in the Word daily and in prayer, please dedicate yourself to the Lord, His Word, and living for Him. Trust and obey!

You and I are needed. Our country is worth fighting for and our Lord is worth living for - til the end - the VERY END!

Indeed, it is a long road. And, indeed, it goes so quickly!

Kamal Speaks Out

by Bill Johnson



American Decency Association is excited to announce that we have scheduled Kamal Saleem to speak throughout Michigan for much of the month of May.

You have a variety of opportunities to hear Kamal Saleem in person as we feature a number of events in West and Eastern Michigan.

The central theme of these events is to help us understand that the politically correct crowd (which is deepening and widening) doesn't want us to see the obvious – that our First and Second Amendment rights are under attack, as is the U.S. Constitution.

Kamal Saleem was in our country working in a cell to woo vulnerable people in the inner city into becoming practicing Islamists, undermining America, preparing the way to eventually bring in Shariah through Civilization Jihad.

Kamal vividly paints verbal pictures to help us see what life under Shariah looks like and of the treacherous life it is for all - especially women, Christians, and those who don't comply with Shariah dictates. Having seen beheadings, death, oppression, and having been indoctrinated and controlled by the tyranny of Shariah, Kamal was resistant to Christianity. However, God broke through Kamal's resistance as He does, by His grace.

One of the most striking characteristics in hearing Kamal and spending time with him is a spirit of gratitude and love for God, Saleem comes as one heavily vetted by war veterans (General Jerry Boykin and Michigan's Dave Agema) and well-established Christian ministries as Family Research Council which had Kamal speak at its annual Washington DC event, Values Voter Summit.

Kamal will address a variety of concerns as he travels across the state speaking in a few larger venues and smaller ones too.

He will speak into a variety of issues such as: (1) the political landscape that has opened the way for the Muslim Brotherhood, CAIR, and the Islamists to be infiltrating America. (2) of his heritage and history in Lebanon and of God's hand in bringing him out of Lebanon as a terrorist trying to convert American citizens to Islam. (3) a background of America and how we have been lulled to sleep, of his recent insights gleaned and applications received from speaking in Germany and other parts of Europe, and (4) and perhaps the favorite of many - the miracle that God wrought in his own life drawing him out of Islam to the amazing grace of his salvation.

You are needed not only to understand the times, but to know what to do! Come and do your best to bring others who may be unaware regarding the realities of the fight for Constitutional America.

Here is the schedule as we have it. We are still at work filling the open dates. If you are interested in scheduling Kamal for one of the open dates, call 231-924-4050.

May 2 (Thursday) Lansing - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - KAMAL PRAYS, between 1 and 2 PM

May 3 (Friday) - American Decency Association, 203 E. Main Street, Fremont - 7 - 9 PM

May 4 (Saturday) - American Decency Association, 203 E. Main Street, Fremont - 9 - 11:30 AM, Bill Johnson, 231-250-9035

May 4 (Saturday) - Encountering God Fellowship - 7 PM - (Old Ferry School, 3301 Green Street, Ferry, MI) -

May 5 (Sunday) - Spencer Mills OPC church (Gowen, MI) -- 10:45 AM, 12710 17 Mile Road, Gowen, MI

May 5 (Sunday) - Christ the King Presbyterian Church, Ferry, MI - Sunday afternoon - 1:00 ish

MAY 7 (Tuesday) - SE Michigan Tea Party, Utica, Dave & Busters, 4511 Park Avenue, Utica, MI , 7 PM, Gary Kubiak, 248-224-1337

May 8 (Wednesday) - OPEN

May 9 (Thursday) - OPEN

May 10 (Friday) - OPEN

May 11 (Saturday) - Crossfire Church, 4780 Cornfield Drive, Cedar Springs, 9-12 PM

May 12 (Sunday) - Crossfire Church, 4780 Cornfield Drive, Cedar Springs, - 10 AM

MAY 13 (Monday) - Lakes Area Tea Party, Commerce Township (Detroit area) - 7 PM

May 14 (Tuesday) - Lighthouse Baptist, 501 E. 24th Street, Holland, MI, 7 PM

May 15 (Wednesday) - God's Family Room, 8813 Beech Daly, Taylor, MI 48180, 7 PM

May 16 (Thursday) - OPEN

May 17 (Friday) - OPEN

MAY 18 (Saturday) Muskegon, 1940 N. Sheridan, Muskegon - 7 PM, Terry Montambo, 231-740-6551

May 19 (Sunday) - Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, 13367 W. Highland Road, Hartland, MI - 11 AM

May 19 (Sunday) -- Floodgate Renewal Fellowship, 1623 S. Old US Brighton - 7 PM

May 20 (Monday) Marshall VFW 4073, 800 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI - 7 PM

A Glimpse at the Future

by Chris Johnson



Two recent international headlines serve as a warning for Americans whose Representatives are voting on the “Equality Act.”

The first shows a debate going on right now in the UK, where their cable morning shows and everyone else are debating whether “misgendering” someone – referring to them as some gender other than what they’ve chosen for themselves – is a hate crime. This was brought about when a Catholic woman was brought in for questioning by the police for doing just that.

The second will show you a situation in Canada, where a father is struggling against the Canadian Supreme Court’s decision to allow a doctor to give the man’s 14-year-old daughter testosterone injections **without his consent**. The doctor is a transgender advocate who brags about the number of foster children he has in his practice and encourages parents and children to claim the child has attempted suicide so their “treatments” will be covered by the state.

Either story could be a part of the American experience if H.R. 5, *The Equality Act*, is ever signed into law.

Do you remember the controversy over Target’s policy a few years ago when they decided to let “transgender” men use women’s bathrooms? H.R. 5 would make that policy into law for every public restroom in the United States.

Here’s how Elain Kao at the Heritage Foundation summarizes it: “*The proposed Equality Act (H.R. 5) turns sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) into protected classes under the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1968 Fair Housing Act. The bill creates obvious liberty, equality, privacy, and safety concerns. H.R. 5 would empower the federal government to impose*

civil and criminal punishments on citizens who dissent from SOGI ideology, including medical professionals, parents, women and girls, businesses, and charities. The bill would violate their rights to freedom of conscience, religion, and speech. The bill would also take away basic authorities of local communities to determine who is allowed in single-sex facilities and whether biological men and boys are allowed to join women’s and girls’ sports teams.”

Another direct result, according to Kao is that, “*Medicine will be politicized by forcing doctors nationwide to treat gender dysphoria according to recommendations by transgender activists. Politicization of medicine will increase pressure on parents to permit hormone and surgery experiments on their children to address gender dysphoria.”*

Dr. James Dobson issued a statement of alarm in response to the legislation saying, “Make no mistake, the so-called Equality Act is nothing but a thinly veiled attempt to finish off religious liberty in America once and for all, which ought to be plainly obvious based upon a cursory reading of the First Amendment. Simply put, by creating a protected class of citizens out of the LGBT community, this bill places Christians who believe in traditional marriage at grave legal and civil jeopardy.”

The most concerning part is that every Democrat Senator running for President cosponsored the Senate version of the Bill: Kirsten Gillibrand, Bernie Sanders, Amy Klobuchar, Elizabeth Warren, Kamala Harris, and Tulsi Gabbard, and it was introduced to the floor by Cory Booker. So while it’s highly unlikely that President Trump would ever sign this bill, it’s very likely that the next Democrat president will, unless something happens to change the political will of our culture.

There is already good news that hearts and minds are changing. This, from Family Research Council tells the story, “*In just three years, young conservatives may have some buyer’s remorse about this agenda that wasn’t supposed to affect them. Now, in one of the largest declines pollsters on*

the subject have seen, the number of GOP millennials who think America should give special privileges to people who identify as gay, lesbian, and transgender has fallen from 74 to 63 percent. Yes, it’s still a majority, but, as experts point out, ‘the shift is striking.’ ‘It was one of the largest and most significant drops that we saw,’ Public Religion Research Institute’s Robert Jones told the [New York] Times.”

Of course, we know that God is in control. Proverbs 21:1 says, “*The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will.*” That’s true no matter who is king and if it’s true of kings, it’s certainly true of voters. We can rest on the knowledge that God will “*work all things together for good for those who are called according to His purpose.*”

Yet, while we know that God is in control, we also know that we are called to have faith and the evidence of our faith is our work. It is our duty to push back against the life-destroying lies which this bill establishes and share His Truth with those who are susceptible to it!

May He equip His people to fulfill His purpose.

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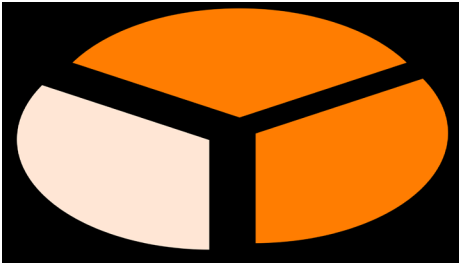
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The Nones are Coming

By Chris Johnson



As an integral part of our nation's founding, including as a member of the committee which drafted the Declaration of Independence, John Adams had a pretty good grasp on our new system of governance. One of his most famous summations of it, which we've often quoted and will doubtless continue to use is, "*We have no Government armed with Power capable of contending with human Passions unbridled by morality and Religion. Avarice, Ambition, Revenge or Galantry, would break the strongest Cords of our Constitution as a Whale goes through a Net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.*"

Adams would doubtless be concerned today if he read about the trend in the General Social Survey which has tracked the rate of citizens claiming, "no religious affiliation," on its 266% growth since 1991.

This year marks the first time that the number of religious so-called "nones" has come to a three-way statistical tie with Catholics and Evangelicals, each descriptor being claimed by about 23% of those polled.

Americans are turning away from religion, and as Adams noted, that does not bode well for our country.

The political scientist behind the poll estimates that in the next four to six years, "nones" will become the majority belief category.

Columnist Mitch Albom has a few ideas why he thinks people are leaving the church:

"Bad things, in the name of religion"

Thousands of Catholic priests sexually

abused innocent children for decades, and shamed them into silence.

Islamic jihads, or 'Holy wars,' have been the rallying cry for killing people all over the world, including on 9/11...

White supremacist groups, including the Ku Klux Klan, boasted Christianity as justification for their actions.

Religion has been cited to reject the LGBTQ community. TV preachers have sold religion to finance indulgent lifestyles. And politicians use religion to get elected, but their behavior often belies an ethical compass...

Mitch's theory is that because people want to be good, they are scared away from religious institutions whose members do bad things.

Mitch's mistake is that he lumps Biblical Christianity on the side of other world religions vs. those with no religious affiliation. But it's no advantage to the kingdom of God to have one more "religious person" who's a Muslim or Hindu and one less atheist or agnostic.

Granted, Mitch Albom doesn't claim to write from a Christian perspective, but as a Christian citing his work, I'd like to make it clear, the line isn't drawn between world religions and atheism, **it's drawn between Christianity and everyone else.**

As Christ says, the road is narrow, and both non-religious and religious people miss it.

However, Albom's assumption that people in our culture are being scared away from Christianity because Christians just don't meet their high ethical standards is just as problematic. Certainly hypocrisy is a great excuse to call out something you hate, but it often ends up being a way of dismissing an ethical standard they don't want to be held to themselves. The truth is that people reject God and choose false gods or atheism because they don't want to be told they're not good enough as is.

The book of Judges describes it as "every

one doing what's right in their own eyes." When we look at the trends and hold our culture up against the Bible's moral standard, it's clear that our country deserves judgment. Rather than "impressing God's commandments on our children," as God requires in Deuteronomy 6, we teach them that joy is found, not in glorifying Him, but in self-fulfillment.

Judges also describes the method God uses to drive His people back to Himself. Judges 2 says, "*They abandoned the Lord and served the Baals and the Ashtaroht. So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers... so that they could no longer withstand their enemies.*"

We sing, "God Bless America," but we do not deserve to be blessed. The blood on our hands of the infants sacrificed to the false god of convenience is enough that we deserve to be "given over to plunderers."

We ought to be pleading for mercy, and the first mercy we must ask for is that he would give our nation as a whole the gift of repentance, as He did Ninevah, to Jonah's chagrin, or as he did over and over again to Israel in Judges.

A modern day example is Venezuela, where The Telegraph reported, "*Short on electricity, food and water, Venezuelans return to religion.*"

"...one of Latin America's least religious countries is turning to faith. As the political stalemate between President Nicolás Maduro and opposition leader Juan Guaidó grinds into another month, and shortages of electricity, food and water reduce life to a daily struggle to survive, leaders across religious traditions are reporting a flood of worshippers, lapsed and new, searching for comfort and answers."

I pray that God will have mercy on this country and I pray that we don't have to go through what Venezuelans are before we are brought to repentance. His mercy is our only hope.

“Tayloring” the Truth

by Lisa Van Houten



It's no longer a shock when the Left labels Christians as bigots and hate mongers simply for adhering to Biblical teaching and refusing to affirm LGBTQ ideology. **But when the assault comes from within the Christian community** it's not only especially stinging, but it's a troubling indicator of a Church conforming to the culture.

While it's now common practice for conservatives to be banned from speaking at secular universities, one would think that a Christian conservative speaker would be welcome at a Christian institution. Apparently, that's not the case – at least by some at Taylor University, an interdenominational Evangelical Christian University. Set in rural Indiana, in quintessential heartland USA, this small Christian college – with a total enrollment of just under 2,600 students – invited Indiana native, Mike Pence, to speak at this year's graduation ceremony, which he accepted. After it was announced that the Vice President of the United States would give the commencement address, rather than being honored at such a distinction, some **students went into meltdown**, joined by a majority of faculty, and numbers of alumni and parents.

Thousands called on school officials to disinvite Mike Pence as commencement speaker. An online petition started by Alex Hoekstra, a 2007 Taylor graduate and former staffer for President Barack Obama, was signed by over 5,000 people, claiming Pence's politics are “*not consistent with the Christian ethic of love we hold dear.*”

Amy Peterson, a Taylor University adjunct faculty member who opposes Pence, wrote in the Washington Post: “*As soon as the announcement was made, a professor from the biblical studies, Christian ministries and philosophy department called for a vote of dissent. After some discussion, dur-*

ing which some faculty expressed support for Pence's presence, comparing him to the biblical figure of Daniel, and others critiqued the decision, 49 faculty voted in favor of Pence addressing the community at commencement. Sixty-one voted in opposition.”

Secular universities are rife with leftist professors and students who are unable to cope with hearing an opinion with which they disagree. Apparently that's also true at Christian colleges as numerous students and alumni are in an uproar over the Pence invitation. One Taylor sophomore stated: “*I've been shaking all morning,*” claiming she felt threatened by a white student shout-
ing “USA” and “Mike Pence” on campus.

Evidently “shaking” was a common reaction at the thought of Mike Pence speaking at this Christian college, as Claire Hadley, a 2015 Taylor graduate, posted: “*Taylor University, you should be ashamed of yourselves. I am physically shaking. The fact that the school who claims to love and support me ... would invite such a vile individual to speak on the most important day of the year?? ... VP Pence does not support equality. He does not uphold the values that are at the very core of the church, my own faith, and I would hope, of this University. He is rooted in hate. To stand beside President Trump would have been enough to put him on my watch list.*” Hadley added, Mike Pence “*only values you if you fit in his very narrow, white, straight, box.*”

Lindsey Snyder, a 2014 graduate, claimed: “*Many current and former Taylor students are adamantly against some of Pence's stances and will no doubt feel unsafe at their own graduation.*”

Another Taylor alum, Abi Perdue Moore, wrote on Facebook: “*For this and other policies marginalizing members of the lgbtq+ community (not to mention students of color), you do not have my support. Do not invite this speaker to campus; ... do not send the message that Taylor is a place where only straight/cis/white men are valued as leaders and disciples.*”

“*The fact that Taylor would invite Pence*

as a speaker honestly kills me a little bit,” Austin Linder wrote on the petition. “*I can't imagine what it must feel like for lgbt students to have to see this man's harmful bull**** be honored on the Taylor stage. Really disgusting stuff, Taylor. Really ashamed to be an alum right now.*”

So, according to these alumni, Mike Pence is vile, makes students feel “unsafe,” and is rooted in hate all because he holds to the same biblical values Taylor University itself claims to espouse. Taylor's statement on human sexuality affirms marriage, as “a sacred covenant between one man and one woman” and goes on to state, in part: “All premarital and extra-marital sexual activity (e.g., fornication, adultery, incest, prostitution, homosexual behavior, and all sexual activity involving children) is immoral.”

Of course not all Taylor students and alumni are outraged at the Pence invitation. Jenny Miller wrote: “*I am very honored to be a part of the 2019 graduating class of Taylor University and am also very honored to have Vice President Mike Pence speak at my commencement ceremony!*” Many others responded with comments such as: “*Thrilled to see a godly man like Vice President Pence speaking,*” and “*Pence is merely espousing Biblical values and standards!!*”

Thankfully, Taylor University is not caving to the protest. “*Taylor University is pleased and honored to welcome to our campus and its 2019 Commencement exercises, Vice President Mike Pence,*” Taylor's president Paul Lowell Haines affirmed in a statement released. “*Mr. Pence has been a good friend to the University over many years, and is a Christian brother whose life and values have exemplified what we strive to instill in our graduates. We welcome the Vice President and his wife, Karen Pence, ... and thank them for their love and service for our nation, our state, and our institution.*”

However, the animosity directed at Mike Pence by numerous alumni of this Christian college and a majority of the faculty shows how far pro-homosexual ideology

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Actions Speak Louder than Words

by Steve Huston



Last month we looked at the question Judge Jeanine Pirro asked of Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN): Does the hijab she wears mean that she adheres to Shariah law, which is “antithetical to the United States Constitution?” Judge Jeanine and the American public are still waiting for an answer; but perhaps the deafening silence of her non-answer and her continual actions and statements ARE the answer.

Rep. Omar’s latest controversy (at the time of this writing) has to do with a statement she made at a Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) fundraising event at which she spoke. Her statement was complete with deception (taqiya) and insensitivity while being book-cased in a speech also full of deception, Alinsky-style role-reversal accusations, self-proclaimed victimization, and incitement.

The statement that has everyone in a stir (rightly so) is as follows: “CAIR was founded after 9/11 because they recognized that some people did something, and that all of us (Muslims) were starting to lose access to our civil liberties.”

The statement starts with a lie. CAIR was founded in 1994, seven years before that fateful day that terrorists attacked and demolished the Twin Towers in New York, attacked the Pentagon, and in which planes were hijacked—killing both passengers and those who occupied the intended targets. Islamic jihadists (the “some people”) killed over 3,000 people, injured 6,000 more, and other people died of 9/11-related cancer and respiratory diseases in the months and years following (the “did something”).

The freshman congresswoman opened her speech with these words: “We are coming off a tragic, tragic nightmare that has happened to Muslims in New Zealand. Many of

us know that this is not a one-off incident... Many of us were kind of holding our breath for a really long time thinking, ‘When will something like this happen.’” When a Muslim-American United States Representative considers 50 Muslim souls murdered as “tragic, tragic” (and it is), but looks at an Islamic attack on Americans where thousands of deaths and injuries occurred as only “some people did something,” **it would behoove us to wonder where her loyalties lie.** Does she not think that numerous Americans “were kind of holding our breath for a really long time thinking” when will something like this happen again? Only to gasp in horror at the Boston Marathon, the Pulse night club, and numerous other jihadist attacks.

Perhaps she didn’t condemn the Islamic attacks or look upon them with horror because in her earlier years, as a Somali activist, she stated in an interview, while talking about terrorism, that the actions of other people have given rise to radicalization and terrorism. She said that most people don’t want to see how their actions make another react; no one wants to take accountability for their own activity. “*These are by-products of the actions of our involvement in other people’s affairs.*”

In response to Rep. Ilhan’s 9/11 comment, Asra Nomani, co-founder of the Muslim Reform Movement, had this to say: “*What she said was completely callous and insensitive. And I have to tell you as a Muslim who has grown up in America, what she said was typical. It’s typical of what we hear in our living rooms and in our mosques—the denial and obfuscation of tragedies that are expressed because of an extremist interpretation of Islam. What’s happening now is you all are getting to see it in prime time. You’re getting to live what we endure every day with denials, turning of the tables, victim card. We, as Muslim reformers, are on the hit list of the organizations that folks like Rashida Tliab and Ilhan Omar are raising money for. The Council on American-Islamic Relations was not founded after 9/11 but its agenda to push a victimization of Muslims did begin after 9/11 because they didn’t want to deal with the number one problem we face*

in our Muslim community—extremism.”

After inciting the CAIR gathering to “raise hell; make people feel uncomfortable;” after claiming that she (Congresswoman Omar) and all American-Muslims should be tired of living as second-class citizens; she encouraged them from the Koran (4:135) to stand firmly with justice as a witness to Allah, even if your whole family stands against you.

So much more of Rep. Omar to examine, instead let’s ask a few questions and examine ourselves. How did she get elected and where are she and her ilk leading us? Are we awake and vigilant regarding her actions and our own reactions? Her actions speak louder than her words. But, **what about my actions; what do they say?**

Jesus told us that our actions speak louder than our words; or more specifically, “If you love me, keep my commandments.” His number one command, **the defining characteristic of His followers is love.** With Easter just behind us, the reminder of how He exemplified such love should be clear and fresh on our minds. “*So completely was Jesus bent upon saving sinners by the sacrifice of Himself, He created the tree upon which He was to die, and nurtured from infancy the men who were to nail Him to the accursed wood.*” (Octavius Winslow) That thought grips me.

Whenever I’m tempted to think that I am somehow better or more deserving of love than my enemies are, the second verse of How Deep the Father’s Love for Us comes to mind: “*Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders; ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished; his dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished.*”

We are called to love our enemies—even those who wish to destroy our country—as well as to love each other. To love my neighbor as myself I need to understand what love is. Love doesn’t mean to just accept and tolerate everything; sin and anti-Christ ideology should never be tolerated.

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Actions Speak Louder than Words

NEVER TRUST WORDS... TRUST ACTIONS... ACTIONS ALWAYS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS...!

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Silence is often viewed as acceptance; and as John Wesley said, *“What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace.”*

If we remain silent or we respond in hatred during these times of struggle as Islam and the Ilhan Omars attempt to infiltrate and dominate this nation which is founded on Christian, Biblical principles, Islam will slowly become part of our nation’s DNA. Like a cancer cell quickly spreading through an already unhealthy body, it will transform our nation into a dhimmi caliphate. **Our silence or cowardice or hatred is NOT loving, neither of God, nor our family, neighbors, or enemies.**

To love is to speak the truth and have compassion for those who are lost; to love is to stand boldly—IN Christ—and “turn the other cheek” when we are “slapped” for doing so. **We have a responsibility to both God and our neighbor. Are my actions in accordance with Jesus’ words?**

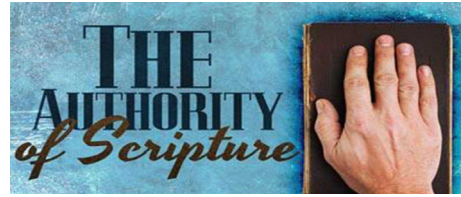
“Say some, “Tell us how to discern truth.”

“You may judge it by three things: by God, by Christ, and by man; that is, the truth which honors God, the truth which glorifies Christ, and the truth which humbles man.”

~ Charles H. Spurgeon

“Tayloring” the Truth

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and Biblical heresy has spread within the Church.

It’s well and good that Taylor University has a biblical statement regarding sexuality; however, **if those biblical beliefs aren’t reflected within the faculty, what worldview is being taught to students?** Are our Christian institutions and churches producing Christians who think Biblically, applying the **changeless truths** of Scripture to every aspect of life? Or are we producing worldly secularists coated in a veneer of spirituality?

The fact is that there is no way to be obedient to the clear teachings of Scripture and affirm LGBT lifestyles. Central to a Christian worldview is the concept of sin which separates us from a holy God. **Our greatest need is not affirmation, but redemption from sin.**

When a church begins to minimize that gospel truth, it ceases to be the Church. As a renowned Presbyterian theologian from the early 20th century, J. Gresham Machen, so masterfully stated: *“When you’re looking at Christianity and liberal theology, you are not looking at two different variants of Christian faith, you are instead looking at Christianity and then some other religion posing as Christianity.”*

One person who signed the petition opposing Mike Pence at Taylor University posted: *“Not my Taylor. Not my Jesus.”*

However, we don’t get to make up our own version of Christianity. Fashioning a God to our liking makes us idolaters, not Christians. What God calls a sin, we must as well.

When it comes to the protestors at Taylor, is it actually Mike Pence that they disagree with – or is it really the One True God they claim to follow?

National Day of Prayer

May 2, 2019



Thursday, May 2, 2019 is the National Day of Prayer. Cherish this right and this opportunity to gather with others around our country to pray. **If you live in the West Michigan area, come join us at American Decency Association’s auditorium.**

Join us, fellow believers, and Bill Johnson with hearts recognizing more than ever before that without God’s continued grace and mercy, we are bent for destruction from enemies within and without.

Our prayer time will include a list of threats facing our country, societal sins that we languish in, the call for repentance, brief scripture readings and prayers led by individuals from around the West Michigan area who have experiences and/or burdens in different areas of need.

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Family**

We will also minister to the Lord in music with students from Fremont Christian School and Cornerstone Christian School bringing songs that will lift hearts and souls.

The prayers of His people in the name of Jesus. He loves to hear the prayers of His people! **May it be that Christ will see our urgencies on this day in our place and across the country.**

**Thursday, May 2 from Noon to 1 PM
American Decency Association
203 E. Main Street, Fremont**