



From the desk of Bill Johnson, president

Images and Implications

I'm writing this in a Michigan County government building awaiting the opportunity to testify in support of my younger sister in regards to a custody issue.

While waiting, I spoke with a teacher also preparing to testify. We discussed the great difficulty of teaching and raising children in such a media driven society as we live in today.

I recalled for her my early years of teaching beginning in 1969 and how I was witnessing the changing world of television. I began to become burdened for children and families as I saw TV shows becoming increasingly crass, profane, and sexualized. This special education teacher agreed wholeheartedly with me. Then we discussed an article featured in today's Detroit News entitled: "Nude Photo Leads to Suspensions".

A fourteen year old girl took a picture of herself in the nude and forwarded it to others who forwarded it to as many as 200 others in the little town of Pinckney just 40 miles west of Detroit.

Does this incident have implications? Apparently, as the Pinckney public school is indicating that as many as two dozen students could be suspended by the end of the week. However, the implications are far greater than the formal suspensions of these young students.

What are some of these implications? Here are just a few – individual and family humiliation and disgrace, damaged reputations, the purveying of sexual imagery to vulnerable lives, the coarsening of life and sexuality.

There was a day when it was much easier to keep our children innocent – free of sexual images, music, ads, magazines, videos,

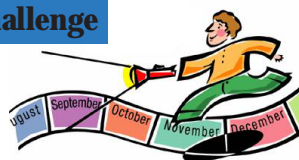
movies, television. But that is not today and the future doesn't look bright for putting pornography, obscenity and indecency back into the box of taboo.

Though my heart grieves over what I have seen and am seeing, yet I believe and believe strongly that godly children can be raised and will be raised. I believe because I see it happening. The numbers may be few, but the Bible tells us "broad is the way that leads to destruction. Narrow is the way that leads to eternal life." Indeed, God's grace is sufficient. His truth is marching on!

We are in a battle for truth and the battle is becoming more intense as the lines of demarcation are becoming increasingly clear. America is a divided nation. This presidential election is the hottest contested battle of its kind we have ever seen. With the November election, we may very well find that as Christians our spiritual foundations and principles may be attacked as we have never seen in our beloved America.

Nonetheless, His call is sure. His love, His grace and mercy are real. "He who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." We are called to live in loving response to Him – in loving obedience, faithfulness of service, standing on the promises. Help us God!

Year-End Match Challenge



The times are difficult: political wrangling, a culture in moral free-fall, an economic crisis with the stock market taking huge hits. As we reported in our last newsletter, the financial downturn in America indeed also impacts ministry organizations such as ADA. As you our supporters are affected, we are, as well. As a result, we were forced to make significant cuts over this past year. Yet we also have seen God's faithful hand.

One act of provision was the match challenge offered by an anonymous donor this past summer. A supporter offered this challenge: "I will match all new (from anyone who has not given to ADA in 2007 or

2008) gifts received from June 1- August 31 up to a total of \$15,000. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for all you do to uphold purity and holiness."

This match challenge ran for three months. Here are the results through that time frame. There were 88 gifts from new or past donors totaling \$5,911.00. So our anonymous donor graciously sent us a check for \$6,000 and proceeded to yet challenge us again.

Stating: "We will give you \$6,000 now and we would like to extend the offer for an additional \$10,000 for new money collected by 12/31/08. Keep up the fight..."

Those of you that follow our ministry closely know that these year-end match challenges - as they are met - have been used significantly to strengthen us to start the new year on solid financial ground!

While the stipulations on this offer do make it more challenging to meet, we so appreciate the wisdom of our anonymous friend for using this tool to encourage new friends to join with us in the battle we are in. He recognizes that we are living in a time where all of us need to count the cost and take a stand for righteousness. Are there others who will join us in that stance? Is decency and righteousness just not worth fighting for any longer?

A solid core continues to faithfully stand behind this ministry for which we are so grateful. If you are supportive of our efforts, I encourage you to also stand with us with tangible support - as you are able. If you have never given to ADA or haven't given since January 2007, your gift of any amount will be doubled.

We rarely fret, for the Lord we serve is so very faithful. Therefore, by the grace of God and with the help of His people we will continue.

***"I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer."
Psalms 17:6***

Friendlier Skies!



Duane Hoffmann / msnbc.com

In our October Frontline we alerted you to an issue regarding a new trend - airlines moving to provide unrestricted, unfiltered internet access to passengers on flights. Such service could lead to forced exposure to pornographic images by fellow passengers.

Last month we provided a postcard for you to send to American Airlines, expressing concern for American's trial program offering unfiltered internet service on a number of flights, a decision that was opposed by the Association of Professional Flight Attendants. "American's attendants don't want to become 'moral policemen'," said Frank Bastien, a spokesman at the union's headquarters. He also stated that flight attendants themselves do not want to be exposed to laptop images of violence or pornography. "It's a real concern to our members," Bastien said.

American Airlines seemed to dismiss these expressions of concern, however, stating: "The 'vast majority' of travelers use good judgment in what they look at," according to Tim Smith, a spokesman for American. "Customers viewing inappropriate material on board a flight is not a new scenario for our crews, who have always managed this issue with great success."

Yet in recent weeks, American Airlines has changed its position. American Airlines has now made the decision to filter in-flight internet access.

In a shift, American Airlines has said it is working with the provider of its in-flight internet service to develop a system to block pornographic content.

In a statement ... the carrier said it made the decision "based on the feedback of our customers and employees." American launched an in-flight Web service called Gogo — which is provided by Aircell — on three routes Aug. 20.

Since the launch of Gogo, American has not experienced any reported incidents of customers viewing inappropriate content via the Gogo service. However, we believe this is an appropriate measure to take," the company said in a statement. http://blogs.wsj.com:80/middle-seat/2008/10/08/porn-blocker-american-will-now-filter-in-flight-web-content/?mod=googlenews_wsj

A week previous to American's decision, Delta Air Lines stated that they plan to block inappropriate internet sites from their soon to be implemented in-flight web access.

Delta previously said it planned to rely on flight attendants to handle inappropriate situations, such as pornography surfing. But after feedback from customers and attendants, the airline changed its policy and is working with Wi-Fi provider Aircell to use a system to block inappropriate content. <http://www.ajc.com/news/content/business/stories/2008/10/03/wifi.html>

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**Levi Strauss –
the Victoria's Secret
of blue jeans**
by: Lisa Van Houten



Levi's - synonymous with blue jeans - as wholesome as apple pie, right? Wrong. Levi Strauss has long pushed the envelope in their advertising and also pushed the promotion of the homosexual agenda. The pro-homosexual Human Rights Campaign awards Levi Strauss with a perfect score of 100 percent for having policies beneficial toward homosexuals.

Before it was "politically correct" for corporations to embrace the homosexual cause, Levi Strauss was a trendsetter in this regard. We have boycotted Levi Strauss since the 1990s when Levi Strauss cut off financial support for the Boy Scouts of America because the BSA would not allow homosexuals and atheists to be scoutmasters.

In addition to the promotion of homosexuality, Levi Strauss has become the Victoria's Secret of the jean industry. Their advertisements go beyond provocative and erotic to downright vile and lewd. Recently we were alerted to Levi's new ad entitled "Unbutton your Beast". I simply cannot describe the nature of this ad without being too explicit. Suffice it to say the ad perversely focuses on the male anatomy. Levi's has a website version of this same ad that encourages viewers to participate interactively and to email the images to others.

Another ad I viewed during a televised college football game revealed a young man leaving the bed of a young woman after a night together. Besides the erotic images and the message of casual sex, the ad goes even lower. As the young man prepares to sneak out leaving the woman asleep, the narration of the commercial sarcastically states: "...You gonna wake her up? Kiss her goodbye? Tell her you love her?" And then as he leaves, the narration continues, stating: "That's what I'm saying – something's are better left undone."

This is the message sent to all the young men seeing the ad: Sex has nothing to do with commitment and women are nothing

more than sexual objects to be used. And it is the young that are the targets of Levi Strauss. They are the impressionable ones whose thoughts and behavior are shaped and manipulated by the themes of these ads. They buy the message along with the jeans. Levi doesn't want the wholesome influence of the Boy Scouts upon our youth, they would rather send a message of depravity and wickedness, not caring about the young lives damaged in the wake.

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**Howard Stern loses listeners --
and influence -- on satellite radio**

"The shock jock's syndicated morning radio show once drew a national audience of 12 million, but since jumping to satellite radio three years ago, his listeners have dwindled to a fraction of that...."

<http://www.latimes.com:80/news/nationworld/nation/la-et-stern13-2008oct13,0,7934606.story>

This article is a great report. However, it states that it was primarily the hounding by the FCC that drove Stern off the airwaves.

If only that were true in regard to Stern and other TV or radio programs sullyng the airwaves – that the FCC would roll back indecency.

I'm willing to concede that the FCC played some role, but very little, as attorneys for Stern and Infinity Broadcasting found loopholes that for the most part permitted Stern to escape fines paying little to nothing.

No! It was our relentless monitoring of Stern's radio show nationwide mailing upwards of 1,000 letters a month to advertisers that caused local radio stations to flee from Stern, hitting Stern in the pocketbook. From the beginning of our monitoring efforts in 1996, 23 radio stations stopped airing the Howard Stern radio show.

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Pray and Act!



I deeply believe that 2008 is a watershed election that will define us as a people and our role in [the] world.... With the election just days away we are compelled to pray for our country and the choices we will make. We are also compelled to act as men and women called to live out our faith in such a time as this. Pray and Act. I encourage you to unleash the power of both prayer and actions. [Taken from a prayer letter for Campaign For Working Families, Gary Bauer – 10/8/08]

The following article is a stark example of the cultural war in which we are engaged. May we all stand firm in the Truth as we rest in the sovereignty of God.

Obama's Mandate for Nationalized Same-Sex Marriage

Terence Jeffrey, 10/22/2008

Appearing Monday on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," Joe Biden made the most high-profile statement yet of the Obama-Biden position on same-sex marriage.

DeGeneres asked where he stands on California's Proposition 8, a 14-word proposal that says, "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

Those exact words were enacted originally as a California statute in 2000, when 61 percent of voters approved Proposition 22, the California Defense of Marriage Act. This May, in a 4-3 decision, the California Supreme Court threw out Proposition 22, declaring same-sex marriage a "right" under the California Constitution.

Proposition 8 would amend that constitution to include the 14 words Proposition 22 originally made state law. If Proposition 8 wins, same-sex marriage will be prohibited in California. If Proposition 8 loses, same-sex marriage will be permitted. In other

words, if you are against same-sex marriage, you want Proposition 8 to win. If you are for same-sex marriage, you want Proposition 8 to lose. There is no middle ground.

In the vice presidential debate, moderator Gwen Ifill asked Biden directly whether he supports same-sex marriage.

"Do you support gay marriage?" she asked.

"No, Barack Obama nor I support redefining from a civil side what constitutes marriage," said Biden. "We do not support that."

Were this actually Biden and Obama's position, they would be for Proposition 8. But they are not.

"If I lived in California, I'd clearly vote against Prop. 8," Biden told DeGeneres.

The actual Obama-Biden position on same-sex marriage goes beyond merely opposing Proposition 8. In fact, their position sets the stage for liberal federal judges to impose same-sex marriage nationwide by forcing states that have passed their own acts in defense of marriage to recognize same-sex marriages contracted in states such as California, where state judges declare a state "right" to same-sex marriage.

In June, Obama sent a letter to the San Francisco-based Alice B. Toklas Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Democratic Club. It was read at the club's June 29 meeting and reprinted in full in the July 2 edition of the San Francisco Chronicle under the headline "Obama opposes proposed ban on gay marriage."

Yet that was not all Obama said he opposes -- or supports -- in this letter. He also declared that he opposes all state constitutional amendments that limit marriage to a man and a woman, that he opposes a federal amendment that would prevent states from being forced to recognize same-sex marriages, that he wants to repeal the federal Defense of Marriage Act, and that he wants to fully open the military to gays.

"I want to congratulate all of you who have shown your love for each other by getting married these last few weeks," Obama wrote. "I support extending fully equal rights and benefits to same sex couples under both state and federal law. That is why

I support repealing the Defense of Marriage Act and the 'Don't Ask Don't Tell' policy, and the passage of laws to protect LGBT Americans from hate crimes and employment discrimination. And that is why I oppose the divisive and discriminatory efforts to amend the California Constitution, and similar efforts to amend the U.S. Constitution or those of other states."

To make clear that he wants no distinction in law between traditional married couples and same-sex couples -- including in laws regarding the adoption of babies -- Obama sent a second letter Aug. 1 to the Family Equality Council, a group that says it envisions "a country that celebrates a diversity of family constellations."

"We also have to do more to support and strengthen LGBT families," Obama told this council. "And that's why we have to extend equal treatment in our family and adoption laws."

The federal Defense of Marriage Act that Obama wants repealed does two things. It defines marriage for federal purposes as the union of a man and a woman, and it says states will not be forced to recognize same-sex marriages contracted in other states, as they ordinarily would under the Constitution's "Full Faith and Credit Clause."

The Full Faith and Credit Clause requires all states to recognize the judicial acts of other states but says, "Congress may by general Laws prescribe the Manner in which such Acts, Records and Proceedings shall be proved, and the Effect thereof."

If the policies Obama supports come to pass, California will have same-sex marriage, and the federal law protecting other states from recognizing California's same-sex marriages will be repealed.

Then it would be up to the sort of federal judges Obama would appoint to decide whether the Full Faith and Credit Clause -- barring an act of Congress saying otherwise -- would require every other state in the union to accept California's marriage law as their own.

http://townhall.com/columnists/Terence-Jeffrey/2008/10/22/obamas_mandate_for_nationalized_same-sex_marriage?page=full&comments=true

