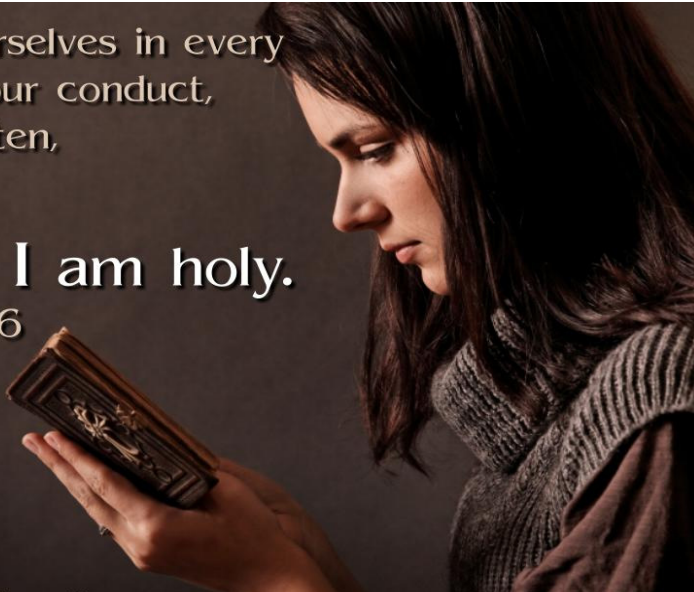


What you place before your eyes DOES impact

By Bill Johnson

Be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, for it is written, Be holy because I am holy. I Peter 1:15-16



Does what you believe impact what you watch?

At our church, we have the Ten Commandments read to us each Sunday morning as we gather together as the body of Christ. The pastor makes it clear that the reason for doing so is to remind us that we are sinners in need of a Savior, and, that though saved, we need to look to Him each and every day for grace, mercy and assurance.

Many do not see themselves as sinful by nature. Many see themselves as basically good. I recall when I was a teacher in the public schools years ago having a conversation with a couple of teachers who were faithful church attendees. They were also over 25 years older than I. Somehow we got engaged in a conversation that resulted in our differences of opinion. Their view was that man is basically good.

Before I was saved, a pastor shared the Gospel with me. He tried to help me see that I was a sinner in need of salvation. I struggled at first as I didn't see myself as a sinner. As a short period of time passed, I realized that yes - I had lied, stolen, lusted, coveted. In my early 20s, I saw that that wasn't just my dilemma. By the grace of God, I saw that I couldn't remedy my broken ways and that it began at birth. I saw that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. [Romans 3:23].

Upon becoming saved, I almost immediately began to notice a change in my outlook. I began to feel increasingly uncomfortable with sinning, particularly as it related to looking at images that were not honoring to God, i.e. pornographic images.

It isn't fictional. When we are truly saved, the Holy Spirit unites with our spirit and we are, indeed, born again. We are given spiritual eyes to see and to have spiritual understanding. It is true indeed. We are given a spiritual heart with spiritual eyes. The Holy

Spirit begins to work in our hearts, lives, and minds.

I felt conviction at looking at things that don't reflect a Holy God, my Heavenly Father. More and more I began to sense God's love for me. As I wanted my earthly father to be pleased with me, even more I did not want to damage my relationship with my Heavenly Father and break fellowship with Him by hypocritically saying that I love Him then knifing Him in the back with a lustful lifestyle.

God's Word and His standards became my standards. I found that He was giving me the internal power by His grace and Holy Spirit to overcome my addiction to pornography.

In short, I know what it means to be lost. I have had a glimpse of what it means to be living in sin with its infatuation with dark things. Living with fleshly impulses while being deluded that man is basically good is common to man.

Where does Godlessness lead? I could write a book on this subject with examples from loved ones and people I know who have self-destructed. You could too.

Godlessness, of course, is affirmed, accentuated, and accelerated by the imagery flowing non-stop across our American airwaves with increasingly degraded visuals, themes, and anti-God propaganda - with too many unwittingly and mindlessly following, desensitized, and deceived.

America has been in decline for a long, long time because we as Americans have turned our back upon basic Christianity beginning with the truth that we are sinners in need of a Savior.

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From the desk of Bill Johnson

Holiness

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If a person sees little value in the truth, what does that lead to? If a person sees little need to guard their heart, their eyes and mind, what can that lead to?

These are basic questions. These are pretty easy questions to answer because we know people who lie. We have known or know people who you just can't count on because their word counts for nothing. Saying one thing they do another. We all know of people whose marriages have been destroyed by unfaithfulness.

One of the things that burdened me so deeply about the battle for personal holiness when I was teaching in the public schools was the significant coarsening and worsening of television already in the 1970s and 80s. I was seeing little by little the coarsening of my students and the degrading of family life.

It didn't take a rocket scientist to see that children and adults were spending increasing amounts of time watching television.

Values were changing. Attitudes were changing. What we place before our eyes does impact.

Here is a quote that I found useful when I was doing a lot of speaking on this subject in the 1990s. It fits very well here.

America's most powerful influence makers have intensified their public relations blitz aimed at convincing Americans that homosexual behavior is normal and, more specifically, that homosexual "marriage" should be legalized.

In what USA Today has called "the gayest TV season in memory," network programmers -- subsidized by well-known companies - have become more and more bold in their homosexual advocacy.

"It is amazing to see two gay weddings within a month on two big sitcoms. It seems like they're trying to push some buttons. Even in the gay community, a full-on same-sex marriage is a minority kind of thing," said Rob Greenblatt, executive vice president of development for Fox. "It is 1996, and little by little everybody has gotten a little less afraid of the old taboos."

[Taken from AFA Journal, March 1996]

What is placed before our eyes does impact!

When I was teaching I became increasingly concerned for the students I taught as I could see that television was having an increasing role in the shaping of their lives.

I could also see in the mid to late 80s that parents couldn't be counted upon to exercise good judgment in their own choices, let alone mentor their children's viewing.

Why was that and why is that still today? Because God doesn't matter in the vast majority of American households.

I didn't want to believe it. I was still naive. In the early 80s, I still was hopeful that the National Education Association Journal would have an article to encourage teachers to instruct their students to exercise discernment in what they viewed.

We all know how utterly naive that was even 30 years ago. Then, too, as a teacher in the public schools, I began to realize that the NEA wouldn't write anything like that because they held and promoted the view that what is pornography to one is art to another. This view, too, is fostered at secular universities throughout America.

So as a public school teacher I realized that my hands were tied. Though I could and did urge my students not to watch television and developed a very systematic and highly popular reading program encouraging my students to read at night, I was only one teacher.

I also knew that students throughout our country are not being equipped or encouraged to be discerning in their entertainment or reading choices.

In addition, I recognized that because of the relativistic philosophy flowing out of our public schools buttressed by the godlessness of our television and radio airwaves, our children and youth would not be equipped to see with discernment and truth.

Years have gone by. My worse fears have been realized.

Note the television monitoring reviews we publish monthly - including this month's review of *Sister Wives*, *My Five Wives*, and *Dads*.

Where are you and your loved ones in all of this?

There isn't a whole lot you can do about everyone else, but there is a lot that you can do about yourself and your loved ones.

First, though, it is of vital importance that you have the power of God's Holy Spirit in your life empowering you to have the capability of being able to discern the difference between the profane and the holy, to have the spiritual power to overcome the evil one and the hold of sin. Without Christ in our hearts, we won't will to do of His good pleasure.

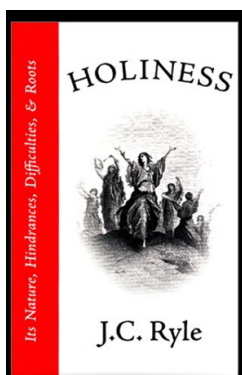
Don't take this lightly, friends, for you and your loved ones. If you walk in darkness, you will choose darkness and wickedness will follow you all of your days.

Years ago I used to speak and/or preach almost weekly in churches on the subject: Holiness: God's Desire for His People.

I would be honored and privileged to bring this message to your congregation, Sunday School class or group meeting. I hope you agree. This topic needs to be heard.

Call 1-888-733-2326 to schedule me to speak on Holiness: God's Desire for His People.

Holiness: A book of practicality that encourages life change



My burden is for the hearts and souls of those who come after me - but not just my children and grandchildren, but yours as well.

Though I strongly believe in engagement, salt and light involvements, if our loved ones aren't saved and thereby walking in Him, then our labors are in vain.

Can we get back to the basics of disciple making starting right in our own homes?

Millions have acquiesced to giving our children carte blanche access to cell phones, a television in their own room, Internet access.

We all recognize there is a lack of leadership apparent at all levels, but doesn't that also include our homes? Our government is a reflection of our homes and communities.

I went out on a limb and ordered a small supply of a book simply titled "Holiness". [See enclosed response card]

I wonder what that word 'holiness' conjures up. Here is a recent comment from a friend of this ministry:

"... You are the only one I know that stresses Holiness. God expects us to be Holy if we are Christians. ..."

I urge each of us to keep and/or make holiness not only a part of our vocabulary, in our discussions, but particularly in our lives - pursuing holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. [Hebrews 12:14]

I encourage you to get a copy of *Holiness*

for yourself. It is an awesome book written years ago by J.C. Ryle. Here are a few quotes from the book to give you a taste of Ryle's writing style and heart cry.

Quotes from *Holiness*:

Paul was a man of God indeed, a holy man, a growing thriving Christian — and what was the secret of it all? He was one to whom Christ was all in all. He was ever looking unto Jesus. "I can do all things," he says, "through Christ who strengthens me." "I live; yet not I — but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live, I live by the faith in the Son of God." Let us go and do likewise (Hebrews 12:2; Philippians 4:13; Galatians 2:20).

~ J.C. Ryle, *Holiness*

Would you continue holy? Then abide in Christ. (John 15:4, 5). It pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell — a full supply for all a believer's needs. He is the Physician to whom you must daily go — if you would keep well. He is the Manna which you must daily eat, and the Rock from which you must daily drink. His arm is the arm on which you must daily lean, as you come up out of the wilderness of this world. You must not only be rooted — you must also be built up in Him.

~ J.C. Ryle, *Holiness*

There is not a brick nor a stone laid in the work of our sanctification — until we go to Christ. Holiness is His special gift to His believing people. Holiness is the work He carries on in their hearts by the Spirit whom He puts within them. He is appointed a "Prince and a Savior, to give repentance" as well as remission of sins. To as many as receive Him, He gives power to become sons of God (Acts 5:31; John 9:12, 13). Holiness comes not by blood — parents cannot give it to their children; nor of the will of the flesh — man cannot produce it in himself; nor of the will of man — ministers cannot give it to you by baptism. Holiness comes from Christ. It is the result of vital union with Him. It is the fruit of being a living branch of the true Vine. Go then to Christ and say, "Lord, not only save me from the guilt of sin — but send the Spirit, whom You promised, and save me from its

power. Make me holy. Teach me to do Your will."

~ J.C. Ryle, *Holiness*

You can order the book "Holiness" by filling in the response card or order online at ADA's store at www.americandecency.org

Holiness: God's Desire for His People

A few Scripture verses to memorize and to meditate upon:

I will set no wicked thing before my eyes...
Psalm 101:3a

As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. 1 Peter 1:14-16

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:
Hebrews 12:14

I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman. Job 31:1

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.
Matthew 5:28

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Matthew 5:8

But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Matthew 18:6

Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.
Romans 6:13

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. Matthew 6:22

Please take advantage of a new match challenge!



By the grace of God and by the generosity of one of God's faithful servants, we have been blessed and encouraged by a year-end match challenge. It is a challenge that has been offered before and one for which we are so grateful. We often wonder "How are we ever going to make it this year?" Once again, the Lord has faithfully provided!

It's not an easy challenge as it appeals to individuals who have not given to this ministry for quite awhile to stand with us again. It also challenges those who have given recently to give over and above what they gave last year.

Our anonymous donor has faithfully challenged friends and supporters of ADA to get behind us so that we would be strengthened. We are grateful for the challenge.

We know that many are struggling to pay their own bills, tithe to their church, and stay afloat financially themselves. However, if you are in a position of being able to stand with us financially, would you please prayerfully consider supporting the work of ADA now and/or in the months ahead to help us meet this important match challenge? Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for doing whatever you can do!

Here are the details of this gracious match challenge:

We will again match new gifts or increased gifts received up to \$15,000 that ADA receives between 9/1/13 and 12/31/13. A new gift is anyone who has not given since 12/31/11. An increased gift is the incremental gift given over last year as long as it was given after 9/1. E.g. Joe gave \$1,000 in 2012. He gave \$1200 in 7/2013 and \$500 in 9/13-\$500 would qualify as increased gift.

ADA's Mail Bag Responses of Support



I contact the advertisers you mention in your articles. Frontline keeps us informed. I love getting it. I pass it along. You are the only one I know that stresses Holiness. God expects us to be Holy if we are Christians. Keep up the good work. I hope I can give more next year.

God Bless you all! J.J.

Enjoyed your note on getting old. Ha, wait 'til you get to 84 like me. However, one very good advantage is having devotions, that is my first priority. Of course the Bible (study), our Daily Bread, ... prayer for our missionaries, physical needs and spiritual needs of our people and friends and our military people, & you of course. But I am so privileged to be able to do this on my back porch where I see woods and the church next door with beautiful landscaping and the birds. And this helps me remember of all the bad things going on in the world, I say – God is in control yet, which gives me peace for the day, no matter what happens in my life. You are doing such a great job and I know that is a peace for you all there. Love all of you. J.W.

*Dear Bill,
Don't ever feel badly about pointing out your need! You're doing the Lord's work and you have to keep going. We know what the days ahead are going to be like, but the Lord will give you/us the strength. I have great respect for you, Bill! ... Gratefully, J.F.*

Thanks so much for standing up for our Lord's values. C. & D. V.

God bless you richly for the amazing work you are doing. I appreciate the information and fervent spirit of your communications. Warmest regards, B.L.

Keep up the good work. The Fight never ends. B. & J. W.

I attended your summer conference at Sunshine Community Church and was richly blessed! I brought a friend and we want to thank you for a well planned evening. Introducing your new granddaughter "Reagan" was so special. Thank you for an excellent program. You and your staff did a great job!

N.S.

From a dear, longtime supporter:

Dear Bill,

I am sorry, but I am having to discontinue my contributions concluding with this last check. I have been (am now also) in the hospital three times in the last two months. I have some serious health conditions and as I am approaching my 87th birthday, I am fortunate my body is failing, but my mind is still quite intact and I am able to make the many end of life decisions.

I have been in love with the Lord and tried to serve Him all my life so I am looking forward to that time when I can be with Him and my many friends and family in Heaven.

Please keep me in your prayers and God bless you and your family in the work you are doing. Your rewards are still to come.

Thank you for being a dear friend and letting me be a part of your good works. See you in Heaven someday!

With Love Sincerely, F.S.

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ADA's October Events - Register Soon



We believe you share our burden and concern regarding our embattled country. To help address a couple areas of embattlement, we have scheduled two upcoming conferences to inform, exhort, equip and stir hearts and lives.

The first conference features Pam Stenzel on Friday, October 18 with two presentations – at 1:00 PM and again at 7:00 PM in the auditorium of ADA's headquarters, 203 E. Main Street in Fremont, Michigan.



This is a tremendous opportunity for adults and teens to hear Pam's eye-opening and life-impacting presentation.

Who is Pam Stenzel? To give you a idea of her powerful testimony, let me quote from Pam's book Nobody Told Me:

Forty-six years ago in Michigan a young woman became pregnant. She had a lot of difficult choices to make, maybe more so than some because she was raped. Abortion may have been legal in Michigan in the case of rape in the 1960s, but this 15 year old girl chose to give her child life and then to place that child with an adoptive family. That child was me.

My biological father is a rapist. I don't even know my ethnicity, but my life still has value and it isn't worth any less than any of yours just because of how I was conceived. And, I do not believe that I deserved the death penalty because of the crime of my father. All of my life I have had to listen to the rhetoric that every child should be wanted

and planned. I have heard people say, "I wouldn't have an abortion that would be terrible but if it were rape, well then...?" I guess that means that I am a "mistake!" I don't believe that. I believe that every child is wanted by someone, and I believe that God in His mercy had a plan for me.

Drawing from her personal story, as well as her visits with teens around the world, Pam talks about the consequences - both physical and emotional - of sex outside of marriage. It's been her experience that, if given the facts, today's young people are fully capable of making good, healthy decisions.

For years, Pam was on the "front lines" as Director of Alpha Women's Center, a counseling center for women undergoing crisis pregnancies. Over and over she heard from young women she counseled, "nobody told me" about God's design for sexuality and the consequences of not following His plan. Her experiences taught her that before teen pregnancy and STD rates could decline, attitudes of teens toward sex first had to change. Desiring to bring about that change, Pam started speaking nationally full-time and is in great demand both in the U.S.A. and internationally.



Our second conference features national security expert, Frank Gaffney. Back by popular demand, **Frank Gaffney returns to Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Saturday, October 26 at 9:00 AM, speaking at the Hilton hotel, 4747 28th Street, Grand Rapids, MI.**

Very few, if any, have a greater understanding than Frank Gaffney of the battleground regarding Islamism, terrorism, Shariah, Civilization Jihad, the Muslim Brotherhood, Al Qaeda, Hezbollah.

In addition, Frank conducts daily interviews with some of the top minds, researchers, writers and speakers on these various

subjects, such as with John Bolton, former United Nations Ambassador; Jim Woolsey, former CIA Director; Lt. General Jerry Boykin, U.S. Army (ret) and many others.

Gaffney served as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy under former President Ronald Reagan and is currently president of Center for Security Policy. The Center for Security Policy is nationally and internationally recognized as a resource for timely, informed, and penetrating analyses of foreign and defense policy matters.

With the ever-increasing turmoil in the Middle East headlining the daily news – Syria, Iran, Egypt, Benghazi, – I know of no one with more knowledge and expertise than Frank Gaffney who can shed light upon these hotbeds of terrorism, the implications for America and our security, and our nation's response (or lack thereof). With his years of experience and his ability to so clearly communicate the nature and specifics regarding the multiple levels of threats that are arising around the world and in America, we extended our invitation to Frank to again update us and to spend a portion of time responding to audience questions.

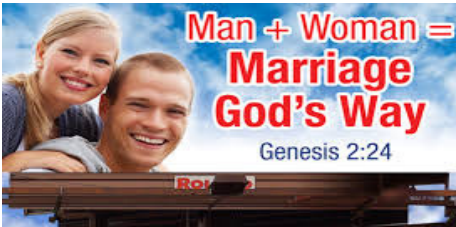
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Registration will assist us in preparing for these events. We are once again anticipating a full house. To register, call us at 1-888-733-2326. You may also register online at americandecency.org or by emailing kimberly@americandecency.org.

From Disgust to Acceptance

By Lisa Van Houten



"Please continue your drive to get Sister Wives off the air. This show is promoting polygamy and these fans of theirs think that it is ok and the way to live. ... There are many people out there that think this is ok. They do not see the true picture of polygamy. They only see what the Brown Family shows them. ... I feel they are duping their fans. How can we get this show off the air. They had a huge number of advertisers for Sundays show." K.S. (ADA reader)

Now, in addition to airing *Sister Wives*, TLC has aired another show about polygamy – *My Five Wives*. TLC is pushing an obvious agenda - giving acceptance to that which is not only immoral, but also illegal. The purpose of these two shows is evident in the sympathetic portrayal of the polygamists and the soapbox given for them to defend their lifestyle.

"People still don't know that polygamist families are just like any other family."

This was the claim by one of the so-called "wives" featured on a recent episode of *Sister Wives* as she appealed to viewers for "acceptance" of their tragic and degrading lifestyle.

Yet this is why we oppose *Sister Wives* – it is slowly indoctrinating viewers to see polygamy as "just like any other family." They buy the lies - such as this whopper from polygamist "husband," Kody Brown:

"One of the most important things for me, as we became a family was that we identified as a family. ... We have a covenant with each other between us and God and it is a marriage and we view it as a marriage. We don't view it as an open marriage. We don't view it in any way other than a biblically sanctified marriage."

They may "identify as a family," but that doesn't make them one. And they may "view it as a marriage," but it's not a marriage and it certainly isn't biblical or sanctified!

In Mark 10:6-9 Jesus stated, ***"But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."***

As Jesus taught, God's design for marriage is one male and one female – the two becoming one. NOT three, or four, or five individuals choosing to "view" themselves as being in the covenant of marriage.

Yet to millions of undiscerning viewers, the Browns' claim may sound reasonable. Without being grounded in the truth, they begin to accept such falsehood.

According to an Associated Press report, Brady Williams, the "husband" of the newest polygamist show, *My Five Wives*, claims: *"... the increasing social and legal acceptance of gay marriage has helped society open up toward plural marriage...."*

Sadly, that is exactly what is happening in our culture. As we fail to defend marriage as God designed it, not only is gay "marriage" becoming legitimized, the door is also opened to polygamy and any combination of people one wants to "decide" is a "marriage."

Take a look at some of the comments posted online regarding this new TLC show, *My Five Wives*:

- Who are we to decide what is right and wrong. If this family is truly happy, than I say Good For Them! Too many people look for fault, not the positive side. Maybe there is something said for families with multiple spouses.

- For me one wife is great; however, if more than one works for you, than go for it. Gay marriage is now accepted so multiple

spouses, man or women, should be accepted.

- If they are all happy and willing consenting adults ... then who am I to judge?

- If gay marriage is to be legal, why can't polygamy be legal? Almost every single pro-gay marriage reasons out there can be used on a polygamous relationship.

- ... I don't see why it's anybody's business how they choose to live their lives. I would never in a million years choose to live that way, but to each their own.

'To each his own.' All of these comments sound very similar to the book of Judges when "everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

Thankfully, there is still a remnant that recognizes Truth. Some of these also posted comments online:

- That's how it goes. If you do not put your foot down to affirm One Man One Woman marriage you have no say in marriage what-so-ever.

- First no fault divorce, then gay marriage, now polygamy, coming soon incestuous marriage, pedophile rights, and inter-species marriage. You think the slippery slope is a crazy idea but 10 years ago gay marriage was called crazy too!

- ... Has anyone stopped to think for a minute the CHILDREN'S right to a NORMAL family? a FATHER and a MOTHER as it has been meant to be?...

- Who says legalizing gay marriage doesn't impact society? The article itself said making gay marriage legal has now made it easier for polygamous relationships to gain acceptance. ... Wickedness of every kind is gaining acceptance where it never has before, especially in America. ... Satan knows his time is growing short to deceive and destroy the masses. He's influencing fallen humanity in every sphere. ...

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Disgust to Acceptance

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- TLC has done untold damage to the fabric of this society. This is just one more example.

- Wow, how perverted can America get? We are falling faster than the Roman empire did!

- This is why we haven't watched TV in over 8 years. It's all trash and it poisons and deceives the mind.

Help us send a message to the advertisers empowering both TLC's *Sister Wives* and *My Five Wives* – two shows that are poisoning and deceiving the minds of many.

Companies that advertised on both shows: *Sister Wives & My Five Wives*



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“Dad’s” - a new blight from FOX TV

by Lisa Van Houten



It's not often I agree with the liberal elite entertainment writers. It's also not often that we see these same writers turn on one of the darlings of Hollywood. But sometimes garbage is so foul that even those with a deadened sense of smell will wrinkle up their nose at its stench.

Such is the case with a new sitcom on the FOX network, *Dads*. *Dads* is produced by Seth MacFarlane, creator/writer/producer of the debased animated shows *Family Guy*, *American Dad*, and *The Cleveland Show*. For longtime readers of this newsletter, you know we have targeted these degrading cartoons for years. It's no secret that these cartoons have nothing to do with “family” – other than to undermine the values taught by millions of parents. The specifics might vary, but the overall content remains the same. Rife with profanity, extremely vulgar dialogue, and gratuitous violence, each episode is a new variation of the same repulsive, sexualized theme.

Now FOX is airing MacFarlane's new show, *Dads*, which is equally degrading as his animated shows. In some ways that seems to make it worse –when “real” people - not animated caricatures – are setting such an vulgar example.

The criticism of *Dads* has been overwhelmingly negative. In fact after reading reviews from dozens of mainstream sources, I didn't find one positive review. For example, the liberal news website, The Daily Beast, offered this commentary:

It's a rudimentary sitcom premise, re-treading setups and punchlines that became stale decades ago. Under the guiding mind of producer Seth MacFarlane,

*however, the show takes a misguided approach to spicing up that banality—by infusing those punchlines with an almost unfathomable amount of bigotry, racism, ageism, and off-color “humor.” That's the source of the show's notoriety and the reason that *Dads* transcends status as a crappy series that should be ignored and allowed to die its probable quick death into a series whose very existence is a blight on culture at large and must be publicly shamed into dying a certain death.*

At a pre-screening of the pilot episode for the Television Critics Association, FOX TV president Kevin Reilly begged the media to overlook the offensiveness of the show, stating: “... *You know the lineage of these writers. They come out of ‘Family Guy.’ ... These guys are going to try to test a lot of boundaries. They are going to try to be equal-opportunity offenders.*”

In addition to the racist and crude content of *Dads*, the premiere episode also included a disgusting reference to child porn, in which a female character on the show was told by her employers to dress up as a “sexy Asian schoolgirl” to help win a client's business. After seeing her in the “sexy” little girl's outfit, the two male bosses ogle her and speak of fantasizing about her.

The Wall Street Journal wrote: “*What makes ‘Dads’ so deeply and fundamentally racist is that it is MacFarlane's entitlement fantasy, in which the only cast members of color are women who exist to serve and service the spoiled little boys' club at the show's core.*”

As The Daily Beast reviewer so aptly wrote, *Dads* is “a blight on culture at large” and - hopefully - will “be publicly shamed into dying a certain death.” Contact FOX TV and urge them to pull the plug on *Dads*.

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Miley Cyrus - the sexual exploitation of children

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I guess Hannah Montana hasn't heard her old theme song enough. After years of playing a teenage rock star who strives to keep her celebrity status secret from her peers, Miley Cyrus has not only lost the "the best of both worlds," she's making some of us wonder which world she belongs to at all.

In case you're out of the loop, the formerly wholesome tween Disney star whom we have watched slowly fall from her teeny bopper pinnacle, has hit new lows with her performance at this year's MTV Video Music Awards and her latest music video.

Perhaps in an effort to become a "serious" musician like Lady Gaga (who wears dresses made out of meat!) Miley's latest music video features her riding on a wrecking ball. Naked. She also licks a sledge hammer. I'm not sure, but I think it's supposed to be art.

Then there's her VMA performance, in which she strutted on stage in a leotard with a teddy bear on it, later doffing it for nude underwear to sing about sex while sticking her tongue out and mistreating a foam finger. It seems that in a desperate lurch for the attention she had as Hannah Montana, Miley Cyrus is slipping more towards Marilyn Manson.

It's not so much the things that Cyrus does that are shocking. After all, the VMA's have been known for bringing out the sick side of performers (i.e. Madonna and Britney Spears kissing on stage and Lady Gaga's aforementioned meat dress). It's more so the whiplash we get while watching "aww shucks," Hannah Montana become "how tragic" Miley Cyrus.

But, if her goal is to get people talking, mission accomplished. Unfortunately for her, the talk is not exactly encouraging.

"... My eyes hurt. My ears hurt... It's like a... car crash and I just cannot avert my eyes. ... Who thought this would be a good idea?"

"... she's disgusting. honestly a disgrace to women kind."

"Uhhh I will never see her the same again. I feel bad for all the young girls that watch Hannah Montana if they ever see her how she is now."

That last comment fleshes out the real issue. Three years ago Wal-Mart sold sheets with this girl's face on them in the little girls section! There were Hannah Montana backpacks and t-shirts and pencils and now those little girls' hero is humping demolition equipment. What are they to learn from that?

What they learn was recently exemplified by students from Grand Valley State University - 40 miles down the road from our headquarters. GVSU has displayed a modern art sculpture of a wrecking ball - called a bifilar pendulum. For over 20 years the "wrecking ball" pendulum sculpture has quietly hung suspended not bothering anyone - an innocuous college landmark.

That is, until Miley Cyrus filmed her recent music video of her naked self on top of a swinging wrecking ball. Once Miley's video was released, it took little time for some college-age "adults" to imitate the video - shucking their clothes, climbing on the giant pendulum sculpture, and swinging away as they belted out Miley's song.

As Miley's controversial nude music video vaulted her song to number one on the Billboard Hot 100 pop music list, the videos of the stark-naked students posted online also went viral. GVSU promptly removed the pendulum sculpture citing "safety reasons" and the story made headlines across the country.

Aside from safety and "sanitary" concerns of a group of puerile college kids vying for their 15 minutes of fame, there are far greater concerns regarding the sexualized example Miley Cyrus sets for teens - and adults.

Writing for Townhall.com, Mona Charen comments about the consequences of Miley's explicit displays: ***How many of Cyrus' young fans will interpret her behavior as a normal part of growing up? How many will confuse lasciviousness with sexual maturity? ...***

However, Charen raises another concern about Miley's VMA performance. Since Elvis first swung his hips, many parents have recognized the impact of culture influencing the behavior of youth. But a growing trend is even more disturbing - the sexual exploitation of children.

[Miley] is hardly the first celebrity to attempt to shock her audience by shedding her ingenue image. ... But Cyrus did more than cast off her innocence. She used innocence itself as a lecherous come on.

Cyrus, 20, began her vulgar dance by appearing in a teddy bear costume with dancing teddy bears as back up. ...

I haven't ever seen child porn, but I would bet that a great deal of it uses images of innocence and childhood -- like teddy bears -- for the delectation of its audience. Cyrus has now taken this perversion mainstream.

Child porn, like every other kind of pornography, once relegated to a seedy underworld, is now as close as a cellphone. It's ... close to the surface of American lives, but kept from full view by the last remaining shreds of propriety that our culture enforces.

The existence of the Internet has probably already eroded some of the shame that pedophiles once felt. Learning that hundreds of thousands of others share one's perversion must be cathartic.

But how much more liberating to see the themes of child sexual abuse portrayed approvingly at the VMA awards?

American popular culture continues to prove that there is no rock bottom, and everyone who shrugs that it's no big deal is a little bit complicit.