

## Sanctuary Cities? If unchecked that nation will cease to exist ...

By Bill Johnson



When I heard that the Muskegon County Commissioners were going to be voting on becoming a sanctuary county, I was awakened out of my lethargy on this point of concern. This was a mere three weeks ago.

A sanctuary county or sanctuary city in West Michigan? Though I don't live in Muskegon County it is only 30 minutes away. San Francisco and Los Angeles, yes. But West Michigan?

Then I also saw a headline in the Epoch Times that read: Maryland Residents Rally After 8 Illegal Immigrants Charged With Rape. The article reads: ... Since July 25, the county has been rocked by rape allegations, for which nine illegal aliens have been arrested and charged. Victims include 11, 12 and 15 year old girls.

At least five of those arrested had been previously deported, were slated for deportation, or were released from jail without being handed over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), which had placed a hold on them, according to ABC7 reports.

Michelle Malkin, author and political commentator, urged rallygoers to hold government officials accountable for

sanctuary policies.

*She accused Democrat County Executive Marc Elrich - who spoke across the road at a pro-sanctuary counterprotest - of choosing to side with illegal aliens "and basically embracing the mantle of sanctuary anarchist.*

Over the past 15 years, politicians have been strengthening policies, which have protected illegal aliens from federal immigration authorities, as well as provided benefits such as driver's licenses and in-state tuition.

*On July 22, Elrich signed an executive order that prohibits county officials from asking anyone their immigration status or to assist in an immigration investigation without a court order. It also closes non-public areas of county jails to ICE agents. Elrich has since said, on August 27th, that he might amend portions of the executive order, but released no specifics."*

Then this from the Detroit Free Press [3/2/19], hardly a right wing newspaper. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the White House criticized a county in Michigan this week for having what they called a "sanctuary" policy which they said threatens public safety by not holding immigrants for ICE beyond their release date without a judicial warrant.

*ICE said in a statement their agents have arrested three undocumented immigrants with criminal records — for DUI, OWI and assault — in western Michigan in recent weeks after they had been released from the custody of the Kent County Sheriff.*

*ICE said that in those three cases, it had earlier requested immigration detainees — which are requests by ICE for county jails to hold immigrant detainees beyond their normal release date — so ICE can then detain or deport them.*

*In January, Kent County Sheriff Michelle LaJoye-Young told ICE that her department will not agree to immigrant detainer requests from ICE unless they have a judicial warrant from a judge. Her move came amid an uproar from civil rights advocates after Grand Rapids Police and Kent County had handed over to ICE a Latino suspect born in the U.S. who was a U.S. citizen and Marine veteran, Jilmar Ramos-Gomez.*

*ICE says the new policy by the Kent County Sheriff is dangerous; civil rights advocates defended the sheriff's move.*

*Kent County's policy change "negatively impacts public safety and ICE's efficiency in the apprehension of criminal aliens,"*

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ICE said. The federal immigration agency said opponents of detainers without warrants “wish to undermine immigration enforcement and excuse the ill-conceived practices of sanctuary jurisdictions that put politics before public safety.”

**The jockeying goes back and forth as this Detroit Free Press article shows.**

[Hillary] Scholten (attorney for the Michigan Immigrants Right Center) said that ICE is using “fear-mongering tactics” and trying “to bully our local officials into a kind of compliance that is simply not required under the law.”

**ICE [on the other hand]** said that in fiscal year 2018, the agency made more than 3,600 arrests in Michigan and Ohio, of which about 75 percent had a prior criminal conviction or had pending criminal charges.

“These statistics make clear that the agency only conducts targeted enforcement focused first on criminals and public safety threats,” ICE said. “Claims of any type of random or indiscriminate enforcement are false.”

**Let me step back for a moment for a broader view of the battle front.**

I attended the Muskegon County Commissioners meeting prepared to express my concerns that the commission not vote to become a sanctuary county. Prior to attending the meeting I received two documents that greatly elevated the importance to attending the commission meeting and seeking to understand who was suddenly behind this radical effort to make Muskegon County a sanctuary county.

One of the pieces came in the form of

a weblink passed on to me entitled: **Welcoming Michigan - Building Welcoming Immigrants Friendly Communities.**

Another piece was from the ACLU, (the American Civil Liberties Union) coupled with another liberal organization called Michigan Immigrant Rights Center.

The two pieces came closely timed with one another. Coincidental?

**The ACLU piece was seven pages long and was addressed to the Muskegon County Sheriff and Muskegon County Prosecutor’s office.**

As I noted the lengthy nature of the document, I recalled a conversation with the Wayne Outcounty Deputy Prosecutor in Wayne (Detroit) - from years ago discussing with me obscenity cases. He told me that the opposition strategy was to come into the court with a 4 1/2 foot stack of “legal” papers to intimidate the prosecutor’s office. Amidst the hundreds of documents would be briefs that included opinion and minority opinions served up to make the prosecutors think twice before investing much time or resource into the impending case.

If Kent County caved and Muskegon also falls in line as a sanctuary county (it hasn’t happened yet, but it is still on the table), then the word goes out to other surrounding counties and the strategy continues to pick off one county after another (this isn’t just occurring in Michigan).

What is the role of the other piece that I referenced above - the so-called “**Welcoming \_\_\_\_\_**” [fill in the state being targeted] - **Building Welcoming Immigrant Friendly Communities.**

**Jim Simpson writes in his book “Red-Green Axis.”**

*Starting in 2012, municipalities began celebrating National Welcoming Week. For 2013’s Welcoming week, the [Obama] White House recognized 10 welcoming America Champions of Change. Outside of the immigrant / refugee / illegal alien advocacy community, few Americans have ever heard of National Welcoming Week, but it is a major component of a nationwide “culture*

*shaping” exercise to soften up America for growing waves of refugees and illegal aliens.*

The foremost NGO [non governmental organization] is *Welcoming America*, ([www.welcomingamerica.org](http://www.welcomingamerica.org)) which seeks to improve the image of immigrants, aliens and refugees to reduce local resistance to their presence or anticipated arrival. This is accomplished through the use of ads, billboards, social media, sympathetic news features, and direct “facilitated” contact between citizens and immigrant groups. According to *WelcomingAmerica*, “Research and practice has shown that direct contact is the most effective way to transform the way community residents think about immigrants and immigration.”

*Welcoming America seeks to soften up communities that are “pockets of resistance.” **Communities resist however, for good reasons. Many of these “welcomed refugees” are turning towns into concentrations of open-ended welfare, crime, and no-go zones. Many refugees do not appreciate being “welcomed” either.*** For just one example, in the past two years, more than 20 Somalis settled in Minnesota have left to join ISIS, according to the FBI. Another seven have recently been charged with attempting to join. Two of them tried to pay their airfare with college loan money - almost certainly underwritten by taxpayers.

**Tipping Point?** What is that tipping point when we have lost too much ground and there is no return to law and order? Is it when our towns have been turned into concentrations of open-ended welfare, crime, and no-go-zones?

It was only because a vocal group of 60 people showed up in Muskegon and voiced their righteous indignation that any move to vote on approving that Muskegon County policy was stopped. One lady informs others when they are needed to show up.

Eternal vigilance is needed. Watch and pray and awaken to your own backyard.

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# Race Hoaxes, the White Supremacy Hoax and the Media

by James Simpson

**We at ADA are encouraged by comments that we regularly receive regarding our monthly newsletter We are blessed.**

**We are also blessed with friends of our ministry who are excellent writers. One of those is Jim Simpson who speaks on one of his areas of international expertise - The Red-Green Axis.**

I asked Jim to address an important area of concern that is bringing such unfortunate confusion and division. Jim has entitled his article **Race Hoaxes, the White Supremacy Hoax and the Media.**

Race hoaxes have become a regular feature in news stories of late, the most recent being the alleged staged attack on his own stores by former NFL player Edawn Coughman, where the walls were covered with racist graffiti, in addition to widespread vandalism inside the store. Often it appears the stunt is launched to somehow benefit the perpetrator--in this case, insurance money. In the widely publicized case of Empire actor, Jussie Smollett, he thought the hoax attack, staged to appear he had been assisted by MAGA hat-wearing white men, would advance his career and allow him to request a pay raise. A Muslim college woman who said she was attacked on the subway by anti-Muslim men was really just looking for an excuse to explain breaking the curfew imposed by her strict Muslim parents.

But many such hoaxes are also perpetrated to advance a political agenda: stoking the fires of racial, ethnic, gender or other cultural divisions. They are almost always perpetrated by those who want to claim America is “racist,” “homophobic,” “Islamophobic,” “anti-Semitic,” “White Supremacist,” or similar epithets. Mosque burnings breathlessly hyped by the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), later turn out to have been initiated by Muslims themselves. Don’t expect CAIR to correct the record though. Swastikas drawn

on Synagogues and elsewhere turn out to have been painted by leftwing activists, and hoax KKK attacks on blacks are launched by blacks themselves.

Like virtually everything these activists do, it is a sweeping lie, and often reflects their very own form of bigotry. The people who engage in this deliberately sow division in our society, while squandering

open-minded, welcoming nation in the world that it is.

Muslims complain, for example, that anti-Muslim bigotry has grown substantially in recent years. The chart below proves otherwise. Not only have anti-Muslim “hate” crimes declined since 2001, but hate crimes against Muslims were substantially lower than other groups.

	2001				
	Assault <sup>1</sup>	Intimidation <sup>2</sup>	Vandalism	Other	Total
Anti-Jewish	58	608	415	36	1,117
Anti-Islamic	93	296	123	34	546
Sex Bias	663	462	357	110	1,592
Anti-Black	1,112	1,440	834	143	3,529
Anti-White	457	263	142	172	1,034
All Categories	3,385	4,331	3,016	719	11,451
Total Arrests	1,793,616	NA	270,645	11,634,993	13,699,254
Hate % Total	0.19%	NA	1.11%	0.01%	0.08%
	2017				
	Assault <sup>1</sup>	Intimidation <sup>2</sup>	Vandalism	Other	Total
Anti-Jewish	69	179	696	32	976
Anti-Islamic	105	110	80	19	314
Sex Bias	620	327	207	149	1,303
Anti-Black	780	820	640	118	2,358
Anti-White	308	171	113	252	844
All Categories	2,598	2,156	2,291	1,081	8,126
Total Arrests	1,451,297	NA	188,350	8,915,338	10,554,985
Hate % Total	0.18%	NA	1.22%	0.01%	0.08%

<sup>1</sup> Assault includes "Aggravated," "Simple" and "Other" assault categories.  
<sup>2</sup> Total Arrests does not have an "Intimidation" category.  
 Sources: FBI Crime in the U.S. 2001 and 2017 reports; FBI Hate Crime Statistics, 2001 and 2017

law enforcement resources required to investigate these staged events. The perpetrators of these "Hate" hoaxes need to be aggressively prosecuted and punished severely for their crimes. That is the only thing that will stop them. Our society has enough problems without this full-throated assault on our national character being launched by the Left and its Muslim allies.

Finally, actual hate crimes as reported by the FBI, which are usually characterized by vandalism, slurs or other nonviolent activities, represent an infinitesimal percentage of crimes in the U.S. As shown in the table above, in 2017, they represented a mere 0.08 percent of total crimes. It gains national attention only because the media, completely in bed with the Left, seeks to characterize our nation as besotted in bigotry, rather than the singularly most

There are of course some egregious hate crimes, and recent ones have been particularly tragic. The 2018 shooting attack on the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh killed 11 Jewish worshippers. This year’s Christchurch, New Zealand mosque attack killed 51 Muslims and injured another 49. The recent attack at the El Paso, Texas, Walmart targeted Hispanics. Even these events, however, are miscast by the media to advance the narrative of an America drenched in bigotry. The reality is different.

The United States has been one of the few nations outside of Israel that has been a relatively safe haven for Jews. And U.S. support for Israel has enabled the Jewish state to survive in a sea of Arab hostility since its creation in 1948. Most of the antisemitism Jews face in America comes from Muslim groups like the Muslim Students Association, along with its allies in the Left, who have literally made life on college campuses throughout the U.S. a nightmare for Jewish students. Lately the outspoken hostility by open bigots like Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN), Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) and others, has marked the Democrat Party as the Party of antisemitism. And whereas the Tree of Life attack was staged by a single, disturbed individual, the anti-Jewish bigotry of today’s Democrat Party is endemic.

**[To read the rest of this article, call us at 231-924-4050 for a copy.]**

## Calvin's Impropriety

by Chris Johnson



In the past, we've gotten some negative feedback for our treatment of Calvin College (now University) in our writings. People are defensive of their Alma Maters and as Calvin is associated with the Christian Reformed Church, doubtless members of that denomination are also protective. So let us explain why it might seem that we rag on the newly minted "University."

First of all, they're in our backyard. Calvin, as much, if not more than any other Christian college or university in the area, has outreach into our community, via their January series of lectures which they satellite out to rural communities or the conferences and the events to which they invite the public.

**We've often found that outreach to be troubling.** From the infamous Eboo Patel lecture they hosted which stressed interaction with Muslims and other faiths to the exclusion of evangelizing them, to the "teach-in" on the subject of refugees where one professor refused to meet and prayerfully discuss the subject one-on-one with ADA president, Bill Johnson, to the latest incident where one of their professors was involved in bringing a Down syndrome drag show to town (the professor resigned when the backlash began), we've noticed Calvin's fingers in some decidedly anti-Christian behavior.

That latest incident drew our attention to Calvin's position on homosexuality and same sex marriage: *"As the college of the Christian Reformed Church (CRC), Calvin holds to the position of the CRC on human sexuality, articulated in 1973 and 2002. That is to say, we believe that homosexual orientation is not a sin, and we strive to love our gay, lesbian, and bisexual students as ourselves, as God expects of us. We also affirm that physical sexual intimacy has its*

*proper place in the context of heterosexual marriage."*

So, **to reiterate Calvin's position, homosexual orientation is not sinful, and homosexual intimacy is "improper" or improperly placed...** or something. You will not find anything in their statement describing homosexual activity as a sin. In fact, the only time the word "sin" is used is to assure readers multiple times that they don't believe that homosexual orientation is one, and once to affirm, rightly, that, "when we sin by misusing our sexuality, we can receive abundant forgiveness and grace through our Savior Jesus Christ." The only thing left unsaid is what that misuse of sexuality might be.

If someone were feeling defensive of Calvin's murk on the matter, they might ask, "why do they have to spell it out?"

Part of the answer is that when you don't, you get the type of professors who want to dress up the mentally disabled as the opposite sex and have them dance provocatively for the entertainment of the masses.

But even more important is the fact that **you can't call people to repent and be saved without showing them what they need to repent of and why.** Part of the gospel that Romans 1:16 tells us we're not to be ashamed of is the unanimous need for repentance of our individual sins, and if an individual's sins are reclassified as "improper" that hardly spurs the individual towards the radical life change that the gospel requires.

But we would also take issue with Calvin and the CRC's position on homosexual "orientation:" that it is "not a sin."

Jesus makes it clear in Matthew 5 that sin begins in the heart when he calls the man who hates His brother a murderer, or the one who lusts after a woman an adulterer. To desire to sin is to commit the sin in your heart and - as with the sinful desires that each of us deal with- is something that needs to be repented of.

Calvin University, along with the Christian

Reformed Church they are associated with, is hardly the only Christian institution attempting to bend Scripture to the culture's whims; they're certainly not even the worst offender, but they are the ones in our backyard.

We, however, must also be wary of falling off the other side of the track. Calvin's statement stresses **rightly**, that "*Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people - like all people - are created in God's image and, as valued members of the human family, should be treated with respect, grace, understanding and love.*"

We believe that whole heartedly! It's not that people who struggle with homosexual attraction are objectively "worse" than someone who struggles with any other sin. The problem is with our culture at large and Christian churches and institutions either implying or saying explicitly or just refusing to refute the idea that homosexuality is not a sin when God's Word says otherwise.

**The church at large must not water down the standard that God has for His creation.** Calvin's purpose statement says that their goal is to be "Christ's agents of renewal in the world." But when a Christian institution or individual attempts to rewrite the laws of God according to the world's standards, they are no longer His agents, but the worlds!

**May those worldly agents repent so that they can receive Christ's abundant forgiveness and grace!**

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## Jim Simpson in West Michigan

by Steve Huston



One attendee had this to say: *“Thank you for the Seminar Friday night. It was so much to take in. We bought the book. Seeing these statics in black and white is more than shocking. Yes, I knew some of it, but this made it REAL. Praise God for American Decency and others who are WILLING to get the word out, and that includes Jim Simpson. Yes, it was a bit overwhelming, but we needed to hear it. I think the book will help cement it into our consciences.”*

The book they were referring to was *The Red-Green Axis 2.0 An Existential Threat to America and the World*; it can be ordered from [www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org](http://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org). The event mentioned was at the American Decency headquarters on Friday, September 13; use the response card to purchase **the DVD of Saturday’s same event for \$10.**

Jim Simpson is an investigative reporter who does a very good job of it. He digs deep to uncover the history of communist (“Red”) thought and their well-planned, nefarious ways to destroy the American ideal and to bring her various institutions and citizenry down. There’s been an unabashed attack on Christianity, Biblical morals, the family, and the Constitution; using our educational system and guaranteed freedoms as the vehicle of these attacks.

On the “Green” (Islamic) side of this partnership we see CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations)—the most public face of the US Muslim Brotherhood, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and the list goes on. These people coin terms like “Islamophobia” and redefine “Hate Speech” to mean anything—even if it’s truth—that puts Islam in a bad light. Internationally they’ve enlisted the United Nations and nationally the SPLC to assist them in the fundamental transformation of the world and America.

**Let’s speak plainly;** their goal is to criminalize free speech, insisting that all speech is Sharia compliant and that there is no negative stereotyping or stigmatization of the Islamic faith or Sharia compliant Muslims. No lingual or cultural prompting of assimilation is either insisted upon or expected. Their laws are superseding American law in some cases and integrated with our law in others.

As the Red-Green Axis fights against borders, immigration control, and the Constitution of the United States of America, one can be sure that they have one goal in mind - **POWER!** The Democrat forces well understand that **“Demographics Is Destiny!”**

Most of these “Red-Green” ILLEGAL immigrants will vote for Democrat candidates and policies; as the numbers continue to rise, the likelihood of maintaining or winning Republican seats wanes and America is changed one illegal at a time. Never mind that violent crimes and sex crimes increase; who cares about various exotic and once extinct diseases infecting the population, and the fiscal strain upon our communities as welfare usage soars; does it really matter that lawlessness prevails and spreads so long as the Left comes to power and their ultimate agenda is realized?

### **YES IT DOES!**

Demographics is destiny! Muskegon County Commissioner, Zach Lahring, also joined us at this event, speaking into the fact that Muskegon County recently had thoughts of becoming a sanctuary county. They were considering the first of three steps and had many conservative people not come to speak against this ever-growing issue that morphs communities, **it’s likely that Michigan would have added one more lawless county to America’s rolls.**

It’s a matter of loving our neighbors and communities, loving lawfulness and liberty; it’s not hating the immigrant or making things hard for the foreigner. We welcome those who have obeyed the law and respected our process; but when Commissioner Lahring had suggested that the wording be

changed to **legal** immigrant the pushback was great. (Due to technical difficulties on Friday night Commissioner Lahring’s presentation isn’t available on our DVD which presents Saturday morning’s event.)

More and more we see attempts made in various locations to “be welcoming” to immigrants. On the surface that seems to be the kind and neighborly thing to do—be welcoming. Yet we can’t neglect the statistics and facts that one must also “welcome” with the illegal immigrant. Sites like [welcomingmichigan.org](http://welcomingmichigan.org) only share one side of the story; CAIR doesn’t share their nefarious plans for you and your communities (or country).

### **What can we do?**

Don’t be fooled into just being “nice;” be one who stands for justice and lawfulness.

Encourage—no, insist that—those politicians we elected and who work for us follow the oath that they took to protect our country and its Constitution from enemies both foreign and domestic. Illegal immigrants are invaders; those in government who are proponents of breaking the law (through “sanctuary cities/counties/states” or against our sovereign borders or ...) should be considered domestic enemies.

Urge Congress to pass bills that label the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organization and that insist on American Laws for American Courts.

Be an informed and an active citizen. Learn who represents your local government and get to know them. Learn what is on the agenda, let them know where you stand, and speak up at local meetings.

Know America’s Constitution so that you know your rights and then stand for them.

Do be welcoming to those who are new here; introduce yourself, get to know them, and share the love of Christ with them, letting them know that Jesus died for them.

Finally, and before all the above, **live a life of righteousness and pray.**

## Diet Eman - Well done good and faithful servant

by Lisa Van Houten



***“Well done, good and faithful servant.”***

I have no doubt those words were heard by Diet Eman as she entered glory a few weeks ago at the age of 99.

If you’ve never heard of Diet (*pronounced “Deet”*) Eman, she was a Dutch resistance hero during World War II. Together with her fiancé and other Dutch men and women, Diet risked her life to save the lives of Jews from Hitler’s extermination in her native country of the Netherlands, facing extreme danger and often unbearable circumstances and loss. She was ultimately arrested and sent to a concentration camp.

**Even more importantly than her example of heroism, was her example of love and service to her Lord and Savior** throughout her life – even serving on mission trips well into her nineties. We at American Decency were blessed to get to know her and call her a friend.

In 2012 ADA hosted a conference featuring speaker Frank Gaffney. Afterwards, we went through the registration slips from that event and noticed an attendee’s name - Diet Eman - written in the shaky handwriting of one who had lived many years. The name was familiar, and then we realized who had been in our audience that day.

Months later as we planned another conference, we thought of Diet’s story and how her bold stance for freedom against Nazi oppression would tie in so very well with the theme. And so we placed a call to Diet, then 92 years old, and she graciously accepted our invitation to share her story. Speaking with a still discernible Dutch accent and a voice softened with age, Diet spoke to a rapt audience. She told of the oppression of the Dutch people under Nazi occupation, the cruelty of the ever-present Gestapo, the hardships endured. She spoke, too, of the

persecution of the large Jewish population in the Netherlands. How she was burdened to help – crying out on her knees to God – *“Lord, they are your people and they are so persecuted. We have to help them.”*

Diet gave accounts of working with her fiancé to find places to hide Jews. Dutch farmers across the countryside taking in Jews; a well-meaning woman in the heart of the city hiding dozens of Jewish people in her small home. She and her fiancé helped hundreds of Jewish people. Always the problems of obtaining enough food, identification papers, the fear of being discovered by the Gestapo. As she stated: ***“We had insurmountable problems, but God always helped.”***

She described being in a Nazi concentration camp, telling the audience: ***“I can only say that God was always there. And with my bobby pin I scraped in the wall when no guards were looking: ‘Lo, I am with you always.’ ...”***

With 92 years of wisdom that comes from walking with the Lord, she told us: *“There is not one life that from the moment you are born to the day you die that you don’t have a cross to bear. ... And some people have many crosses. I had many crosses, but God was always there like He promised. ‘Lo, I am with you always.’ And whatever happens in your life, remember that. ... But God has a purpose and He is in control and whatever happens He is there. ... God is nearest to His children that have the heaviest load and then you are a testimony to the world. ... And for the young people I want to say if you have to make decisions about life ... God has a plan for all your lives. And when you have to make choices, make the right choice. And sometimes that brings suffering. ... In the New Testament they thanked God that they were worthy of suffering for Him.*

As Diet concluded, she offered to take questions from the audience. I, and I think many others, had tears over what happened next. A middle-aged lady toward the front stood up and said, *“I don’t have a question, but I am Jewish and I want to thank you for what you did to save my people.”* It was an

incredible moment as the two embraced!

After the event Diet was available to sign her book, “Things We Couldn’t Say” which gives an account of her courageous efforts during World War II. I noticed two girls in their late teens come up to Diet and kneel in front of where she was sitting. One of the girls asked Diet: ***“What can I as a young person do to be a leader in our culture for Christ?”***

What an incredible scene before me as those two young ladies recognized the example before them of a woman in her nineties who had boldly stood for Christ when she was about their age – and continued to do so throughout her life. It was obvious the impact Diet had on those young lives.

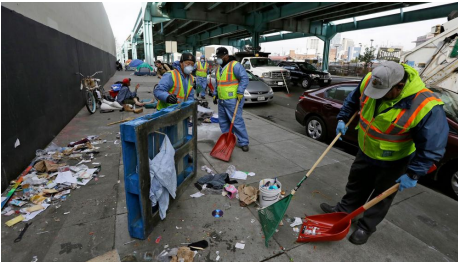
I, too, purchased Diet’s book that day. When she signed it for me, she inscribed, “Please read my favorite psalm - Psalm 27.” **I hope you will take a moment to read that psalm.** I also urge you to read Diet’s book, “Things We Couldn’t Say.” You can order it on the enclosed response card.

As I and others from our staff attended her funeral, we were struck by this quote from Diet’s diary printed on the back of the funeral program: ***“Again a conversation with the doctor. We always come back to the same point: ‘The church may not mix in politics,’ he says. And I tell him when you are a Christian and profess the God (who) is almighty, there is no single area of life from which you can exclude God.”*** She wrote this on December 11, 1939. She was 20 years old.

Eighty years later we live in a culture where Biblical truth is being banished from our nation. Far too many Christians and churches are afraid to speak into the issues of our day. Yet as Diet recognized, we are called as our Lord’s representatives to redeem the time – to speak God’s truth into every area of life. May Diet’s example inspire all of us to live more courageously and to stand for what is right, as she did for 99 years - by the power and grace of God. Remembering our Lord’s promise: *‘Lo, I am with you always.’ ...”*

# When the Wicked Rule, the People Groan

by Lisa Van Houten



Swarms of rats. Streets littered with human waste and heaps of trash. More than 60,000 people living on the streets. You might guess I'm describing a third world city; but no, **that's the modern day reality in the city of angels** – Los Angeles, California – where Typhus, a disease spread by rats and associated with the Middle Ages, has made a comeback. With a record setting number of cases in 2018, Typhus is affecting not only the homeless, but also city officials and police officers.

Next door in Orange County, Calif., officials sought to clear out a homeless camp of 700 people – offering beds in shelters, motel vouchers, drug treatment, and job training. Liberals such as the ACLU and homeless advocates actually filed a federal lawsuit to prevent the county from taking such action. Ultimately the county prevailed, and sanitation workers in hazmat gear removed 250 tons of trash, 1,100 pounds of human waste, and 14,000 hypodermic needles.

The conditions aren't any better up the coast in San Francisco, where local columnist Carl Nolte wrote: *"The city is out of control. Traffic is a mess, but it's rare to see a traffic control officer. ... There is so much human waste on the streets of San Francisco the city formed a 'poop patrol' where workers are paid \$71,000 a year, about same as the average school teacher."*

Yes, San Francisco's feces problem is so bad that tourists and residents can actually get an online map to help them navigate around the piles of excrement. Discarded syringes litter the streets. Public urination is so widespread it has damaged subway elevators, escalators, buildings, and power poles. Liberal lunacy led San Francisco's Bay Area Rapid Transit system to a "brilliant" plan to combat the flood of urine in the city's elevators. Rather than actually stop-

ping people from urinating in elevators, the city spent \$340,000 to develop a solution aptly named "Urine-B-Gone" to spray in elevators to neutralize the smell. **The city spends about \$2 million a year on urine and feces cleanup.**

Amid California's soaring homelessness and defiant sanctuary city polices, the crime rate in the state is soaring. Many blame the statewide Proposition 47, pushed by the Democrat Party and the ACLU, which was enacted in 2014. Under Prop 47, a vast number of "non-violent" crimes have been downgraded from a felony to a misdemeanor. These include shoplifting, grand theft, fraud, and illegal drug use. Theft of anything valued under \$950 is now a misdemeanor. A thief may now steal something under that limit **everyday** and it will never rise to felony status. In the rare event that perpetrators are actually prosecuted, the result is merely a slap on the wrist and they're back on the streets within hours. Retailers, ravaged by shoplifting, are closing their doors. In addition, as National Review reports, "DNA samples aren't collected from misdemeanor offenders ... making it more difficult for law-enforcement agencies to solve cold cases, including those involving rape and murder."

California can't be bothered by such "insignificant" consequences resulting from their leftist ideology - they're too busy banning plastic straws, plastic bags, and paper receipts. **While illegal immigrants are given free healthcare by the state, California's own citizens are abandoned by those tasked to protect and serve.**

San Francisco has the highest levels of property crime in the nation, according to FBI statistics. One's chance of becoming a victim of either violent or property crime is **one in 14**. Smash-and-grab thefts from locked cars are so common that car repair shops have waiting lists. A 2016 survey showed that 34% of Bay area residents wanted to leave.

The city that embraced free love and drugs in the '60s, has for decades embraced the leftist policies that flowed out of that immoral mindset. Decades of ultra-liberal

policies and disdain for law enforcement has led to this blight.

In 1996 Democrat Mayor Willie Brown implemented the trifecta of liberal lunacy by instituting increased government, taxation, and regulations while eliminating ordinances against sleeping in public and blocking sidewalks. San Francisco District Attorney Terence Hallinan - who had taught Marxist seminars and helped run the Communist club at UC Berkeley - also refused to prosecute "victimless" crimes. The DA's resistance to take a hard line against drugs prompted dealers to flood into the city, City Journal reported.

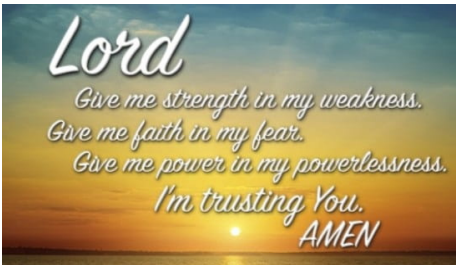
During that same time period, Republican Mayor Rudy Giuliani and police commissioner William Bratton did the opposite in New York City. Their tough on crime polices led to a significant decline in crime and blight through their implementation of the "broken windows policy," which is the belief that by enforcing laws targeting minor crimes such as vandalism and public drinking, an atmosphere of order and lawfulness is created, thus preventing more serious crime. Now under New York's leftist Mayor Bill de Blasio, that has all changed with petty crimes, vandalism, and homelessness rising.

America's five most dangerous cities have been controlled by Democrat mayors for decades – in some cases more than half a century. There's truth in the saying: "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

The Left's solutions to the concerns raised above are to either throw billions of dollars at it or, even worse, pretend it's not a problem. Both of these ignore the underlying cause. We as a nation are quickly losing our moral underpinnings, and California is just one step ahead. As FRC's Tony Perkins recently wrote: "Don't think that we can have morality without religion. We've driven religion from our public life, and we're shocked that we no longer have morality and we no longer value human life." **When we fail to follow the law of God, lawlessness will reign.**

## A Prayer by Carol Bauer

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**The following article comes from the Capitol Prayer Alert which is written and sent out by Carol Bauer; she is the wife of Campaign for Working Families founder Gary Bauer. It is our hope that you will join us in praying over these important matters.**

If you are like me, the waning days of summer often turn into a time of reflection. The days are noticeably shortening, the intensity of the sunlight lessens, the first few dry leaves dot the landscape and a new season is on the horizon. For young people it is a new school year with new teachers, friends and teams.

With this time of reflection comes the chance to pull back from the tug and pull of everyday responsibilities, the craziness of national politics and the intensity of personal interactions that can be clouded with political differences. Let me share some thoughts.

I don't know about you but I have become frustrated and exhausted by the efforts of those our social media jargon calls "influencers" (actors, athletes, musicians, YouTube stars, models and celebrity politicians) to control my personal choices.

These folks use their status to shame us for eating at a particular fast food restaurant, driving a particular kind of car, or for donating to President Trump or other Republicans.

They try to paint us as racists because we are patriotic and feel athletes representing the United States should show respect during the national anthem and save their opinions and protests for any other time.

We are shamed for believing there are two sexes and the herd of social jackals turns on

us when we object to transgender athletes competing against and beating talented female athletes and depriving them of scholarships and championship status.

Sometimes it is a culture I no longer recognize.

It wasn't too many years ago that college and university campuses were known for being places where genuine tolerance flourished, where opposing ideas could be voiced, heard and explored while students thrived in an atmosphere that tested and honed their beliefs, and where they learned to defend them.

Today, those same institutions have become places where free speech is nearly non-existent. Left-wing professors and administrators make it very difficult for conservative students to meet and have a voice.

The so-called "liberals" of years ago have become bullies with a bullhorn and a leftist agenda. They aim to mold thinking, shut down debate and ostracize those who don't conform to their groupthink.

Into this toxic mix you throw the Millennial generation, our future leaders, who openly express their sense of loneliness, their lack of close friends and their immersion in social media dominated by these bullying forces and you have a recipe for real concern.

**Please humbly go before our Heavenly Father pleading for the cultural life of our country, which is often on the leading edge of our political life. Ask the Lord to open the eyes of those who have hunkered down into their daily responsibilities and averted their gaze from the larger culture.**

**God, remind us that the country our families will live in tomorrow, next year and decades from now is being formed and birthed right now. To stand back and purposely stay uninvolved in cultural decisions is to cede our shared future to those whose beliefs and norms are starkly different from ours and our history.**

**Seek time and space for reflection. Ask God for guidance on where you can make an impact in your own circle of influence. Savor and celebrate the role the Lord has given you to be an influencer and pray for opportunities to winsomely and effectively point out the long term cultural impact of choices made today.**

**Ask the Lord for strength, wisdom and joy in the opportunity to mold the future of the country.**

There's one other concern to bring to the table. For the most part, today's young people have a glaring lack of appreciation for their own country and its history. Study after study shows many do not know basic American history. ...

Couple this lack of knowledge with the fact that what they do know of American history is often a one-sided view of America's shortcomings or a slanted view of history devoid of context. There is little emphasis on the beauty of the American experiment, its aspirational nature and the country's preeminent place in world history.

When these cultural threads are pulled together, a picture emerges that should concern all of us. Differences have devolved into public bullying or shaming, deep friendships based on mutual accountability are being replaced by social media "friends" leading to a deep sense of loneliness, and an appreciation for the grand American experiment is mostly lacking.

**Ask our Heavenly Father to guide you to a new appreciation of American history and the opportunities this country provides us. Seek His guidance to open your eyes to the wonder of American exceptionalism.**

**Pray for the balanced insights that come from acknowledging that there is always room for change and improvement but that the underlying foundation of this country and the freedoms and growth it has brought to countless millions is unmatched in the world. As influencers, ask God to widen your circle of impact.**