

Opposing the corrosion of indifference

By Bill Johnson

The mission of the American Decency Association is to educate its members and the general public on matters of decency; to initiate, promote, encourage and coordinate activity designed to safeguard and advance public morality consistent with biblical Christianity. And most importantly, as Christians, to love Jesus Christ and to do His will - to "Pursue holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." [Hebrews 12:14]

That, indeed, is the mission of the American Decency Association.

We are a 501(c)3, non-profit, Christian-based organization. As a result, we cannot, under law, endorse candidates.

We aren't limited, however, in our ability to educate, inform, and stir hearts to understand the times so you can prayerfully know what to do. That is a significant burden on our hearts.

You can see that burden being lived out by this ministry in several ways recently. Let me name just a few.

(1) Our broad-based distribution of the powerfully informative two hour DVD, "One Nation Under God," provided free of charge (we ask only the cost of shipping). Well over one thousand copies have been sent out upon request all across the nation.

(2) Our significant and continuing efforts to distribute the DVD - "Agenda: Grinding America Down" which seriously documents the moral/spiritual slide of America.

(3) Hosting Curtis Bowers, the producer of "Agenda," as one of the featured speakers at our summer conference. Bowers was incredibly well-received by our audience.

(4) We have made significant efforts to come alongside pastors throughout our most immediate area: the state of Michigan. We hosted breakfasts, lunches, and dinners all across the state to an almost non-existent



response from pastors - despite letters, emails, and calls to over a thousand pastors.

(5) I received the support of a highly regarded pastor and president of a theologically conservative seminary in Michigan who stood with me in writing a letter to like-minded conservative pastors throughout the state of Michigan, inviting them to a one hour meeting at the seminary. The letter went out to nearly 100 pastors asking them to RSVP for a meeting in April. Only one pastor responded. The meeting was cancelled.

(6) Another aspect of this ministry that has particularly characterized us since God, through you His people, blessed us with our ministry headquarters is the showing of relevant, significant documentaries and simulcast conferences. Here are but a few:

- Geert Wilder's Warning to the West
- IndoctriNation - Public Schools and the Decline of Christianity in America
- Act Like Men: A Titanic Lesson in Manliness
- Doing the Right Thing, simulcast with Chuck Colson
- Breaking the Spiral of Silence, simulcast with Chuck Colson
- One Nation Under God, simulcast
- Men of Honor, simulcast with Sherwood Pictures ministry team (*Courageous*)
- and many other powerful presentations

I came across this quote from former U.S. Senate Chaplain Richard C. Halverson who wrote the following:

The indifferent man plays into the hands of the enemies of righteousness. He is always vulnerable to the diabolical exploitation of evil. He was then, and he is today.

God save us from the terrible corrosion of indifference.

Indifference. We hear it and we see it here and across our embattled America.

"The indifferent man plays into the hands of the enemies of righteousness." Much could be developed from that. Let me give just one example.

Several of us here have been volunteers at a call center recently helping to identify "Values Voters." We are not endorsing any candidate, but just asking four simple questions. (1) Who are you intending to vote for for President of the United States? (2) Who are you intending to vote for for U.S. Senate? (3) Under President Obama is the economy improved, about the same or worse? (4) Which of the following issues are of most concern to you: the sanctity of life, traditional marriage, or Religious Freedom, all of the above, none of the above?

As we listen to the answers (we don't interject our views), it is apparent that there are massive numbers of people who are clueless regarding what's at stake in this beleaguered country.

I personally have never been so convinced of the importance of opposing indifference! This indifference, this lazy thinking, assumes that all will work out because it always has. Some don't even realize that we are on the verge of losing our religious freedoms, our freedom of speech, our national security.

Contact us for a FREE combating indifference packet at 888-733-2326.



From the desk of Bill Johnson

Our remedy is not found in inclusivity

My best friend in college died of AIDS in 2001. Though it was not discussed or acknowledged at the time, he was a homosexual.

This was in 1969 – way before the media pressure that fostered the legitimization of homosexuality.

I wasn't a Christian in my college years. I became a Christian shortly after graduating. I married; my friend remained single. Glen went his way and I went mine. We lost track of one another. Several times over the years I tried to search for him.

Then Facebook came along. I knew where his hometown was and that he had brothers. I searched and tried to make contact. Finally, I did. His brother and I began to communicate on Facebook; that led eventually to a lengthy phone conversation. The family fears came to fruition regarding Glen. He suffered long and died of HIV.

Glen was one of the most brilliant, astute, kind individuals I have ever known in my life. We spent hours discussing politics, the Vietnam War, the Nixon administration, etc., and many other things in the several years of close friendship. He often came to my hometown and spent time with me and my family. He was a great guy and loved by all of my family.

He wasn't a Christian, nor was I. We both prided ourselves on being agnostics.

Many years have since passed. The controversies of the late 60s and early 70s were significant. But so are today's.

Glen was a compassionate liberal. We agreed on many things back then. Today

we wouldn't so much, I'm quite sure. I knew his politics because he had influenced me back in our days at Michigan State University.

I was walking in darkness during those years. I began to go to church with a gal that I met in my early years of teaching. The Truth of the Bible penetrated my heart, soul and mind. Though a liberal, though agnostic, my veil of darkness was removed and I had eyes and a mind that could see in a way that I never had before. As the song goes, "Once I was blind, but now I can see. The light of the world is Jesus!" Indeed, it is true.

A critic wrote today: *Again, you base your views on a totally fictitious book. Your Bible is not a credible source. There is no independent corroboration of any of its stories. Many of those stories are obviously false, or at best, not so good metaphors. Yet you would condemn thousands of people based on it. America is not chosen by your imaginary God, nor can this non-entity destroy it.*

Why can't you do as Paul suggests and cast off your childish ways and become thinking, rational adults.

What this person cannot accept through his hardened heart, mind and soul, is that he will remain blind to God's Truth made very plain in the Bible he ridicules.

The following verses get to the essence of this reality:

I Corinthians 1:18 - "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

I Corinthians 1:25 - "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

I Corinthians 2:12 - "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."

One thing that I lament is that I lost track of Glen and didn't continue in close friendship with him. I was Glen's best friend. He was my best friend. If there was anyone he may

have opened up to – to hear words like those written above - it would have been me.

There are those reading this that are, perhaps, at a similar place that Glen was. Yet, you refuse to trust in Christ as Lord and Savior.

Christians are not haters. However, Christians should not be compromisers. As Christians compromise God's holy standard, they misrepresent His standard. That brings confusion to those around and dishonor to God. That is shameful. It ought not to be! Yet we humans are so often timid and afraid to speak truth.

Adultery is not of God – it degrades His Name and people are damaged, hurt, and destroyed. Homosexuality is also not God's will. It degrades God's Name and people are damaged, hurt, and destroyed.

Christians are to be standard bearers and and to point people to Christ and the cross – to salvation. Some detest this. "Faithful Christians are routinely mocked and called narrow-minded and bigoted for believing that Jesus is the only way to the Father. Unfortunately, many professing Christians buckle under this intense cultural pressure and say either that there are many ways to God or that people who have not heard the gospel may somehow be saved by Christ.

Those who truly believe in the Word of God, however, cannot waver on the exclusivity of Christ (John 14:6). In fact, we must be clear that the Lord is furious at sinners who do not repent of their sin and run to Jesus for salvation. ..."

[Taken from Tabletalk devotional, Ligonier Ministries, August 14, 2012]

Each of us is far from perfect. We are sinners in need of a Savior. This may not be politically correct, but it is the truth.

Our remedy is not found in inclusivity or pedophilia, homosexuality, adultery or pornography. These all lead to destruction. Our remedy has always been and will always be found in Christ and Christ alone!

Not because I say it but because God says it. Are you trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?

Hollywood Pushes Pedophilia

by Lisa Van Houten



a sickening sexual relationship between McConaughey's character and a 12 year old girl.

This is what Fox News reported regarding the film, which it described as “stomach-churning”: “... *the southern gothic crime thriller centers on a broken, drug-dealing young man who convinces his dad and stepmom to join him in hiring corrupt small-town Texas sheriff Joe (played by McConaughey) to murder his mom in an effort to obtain her life insurance policy.*

One year ago we reported that a group of psychiatrists and mental health professionals was advocating for a change in society's negative view of pedophilia. As reported by OneNewsNow, Liberty Counsel's Matt Barber attended the mental health conference, and stated: “*The entire focus of the event was on the victimhood of the pedophile. There was “very little concern for the children who are the victims of these individuals when they are raped, who these individuals lust after.”*

And he says the experts' discussions were focused on, “*destigmatizing pedophilia ... removing the stigma, and [getting] the public to stop demonizing pedophiles.*” ...

We commented at the time it may seem ludicrous to think that pedophilia would ever be condoned, but this report was certainly a step in that direction.

While that may have been one small step down the path of “destigmatizing pedophilia,” Hollywood had now taken a giant leap in that direction.

Just released by Hollywood is a film entitled “Killer Joe” which stars A-list, heart-throb actor Matthew McConaughey – a movie which earned a NC-17 rating (what used to be called an X rating). If a film receives a NC-17 rating, you know it must contain graphic sexual content. Such a rating has always doomed success at the box office and movie companies would make any cuts necessary to avoid such a rating. So what caused the NC-17 rating of this movie? Pedophilia and nudity. The movie features

But as a financial “retainer, they willingly give the sheriff their sweetly innocent 12-year-old sister/daughter Dottie as his sexual muse – and there's no full frontal nudity or explicit innuendos spared.

But while the strict “no children under 17” rating might affect the film's performance at the box office, some experts predict that it may give the film a cult following.

“While it may affect the ability to market a film, it brings a whole new cache of subversive marketing, and mainstream actors who give it legitimacy, credibility and raise it to a whole new level,” box office analyst Paul Dergarabedian told the Associated Press.

“Let's wear it as a badge and keep it shined!” McConaughey said of the NC-17 rating for “Killer Joe.”

Still, despite his embrace of the rating, it took quite some convincing before the actor signed on to play a pedophile policeman ...

“I thought (the script) was gross. I put it down and threw it in the trash and wanted nothing to do with it. Then I took a long, hot shower,” he told FOX411's Pop Tarts column. “But some other people close to me read it and their opinion was 180 degrees different from mine. They were laughing so I went back and read it. The first time I read it I got so sucked into this ugly world, I never could get above that to see any levity or humanity. I just thought it was icky, sticky, gross and I didn't want to be in that company. Once I got the humor, it allowed me to see the story and the humanity.”

So why would Hollywood produce a film featuring pedophilia knowing the rating it would receive which would greatly reduce ticket sales? What could be more important than profit? I can think of no other reason than to take a step toward legitimizing sex with children and lowering the age of consent. As stated above, a mainstream actor such as McConaughey brings “legitimacy and credibility.”

What is Hollywood trying to legitimize with this movie? Sex with children!

The power of the entertainment industry to influence thoughts, values, and behavior is widely recognized. A recent study from Dartmouth College concluded what is observable all around us – that “adolescents who are exposed to more sexual content in movies start having sex at younger ages, have more sexual partners, and are less likely to use condoms with casual sexual partners.”

Along with Hollywood, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) has a practice of withholding “moral judgment” from perversion – and thus denying that there are thoughts and behaviors that are morally wrong.

Where once there was a great social stigma regarding pornography, psychologists will now “prescribe” that married couples view pornography together as a supposed marital aid. Not that long ago our society viewed homosexuality for what it is – sexual deviancy. However, in the 1970s the APA “declassified” homosexuality as a mental disorder – putting such deviancy on the same level as heterosexuality. Now just a few decades later we are in a fight to preserve traditional, biblical marriage that has stood for all time and we Christians are the ones labeled as “abnormal, intolerant homophobes” if we state that homosexual behavior is morally wrong.

Is this the path we are on regarding pedophilia? As Hollywood and an A-List actor proudly produce such filth, there can be no other conclusion – we are not merely “slouching toward Gomorrah” – we've arrived.

JC Penney - Actions Speak Louder Than Words

by Lisa Van Houten



In recent months we brought to your attention a myriad of examples which demonstrated that J.C. Penney is no longer the family-oriented store so many of us grew up with. From regularly sponsoring some of the worst programming on network television to thumbing its nose at traditional families and aligning with homosexuality, JC Penney has emerged as a corporation that is pushing an agenda that undermines the values of millions of Americans. Most recently, JC Penney has pointedly embraced the LGBT agenda by using their Mother's Day ad to showcase a lesbian couple raising children and doing the same with their Father's Day ad – featuring two homosexual men with children.

In response, JC Penney has lost countless numbers of formerly loyal customers. Just the other day I took a phone call from one of our supporters who let us know she had cut up her JC Penney credit card, sending it to the Penney Corporation with a letter expressing her concerns. This is just one of thousands who have taken similar action.

Just days after Mother's Day, Forbes reported on May 16, 2012: *"J.C. Penney Plunge Marks Greatest Single-Day Loss In 40 Years."* Other recent headlines have read: *"J. C. Penney Posts Big Loss as 3 Retailers Gain;"* *"Sears returns to profit, J.C. Penney bombs in record stock slide;"* *"JC Penney Profits Freefalling;"* *"J.C. Penney Earnings 1Q 2012: Retailer Has Huge Loss After Strategy Shift."*

Now Ron Johnson, the CEO of JC Penney, is trying to assure customers that the corporation is worthy of pro-family support

– giving lip service only to the values JCPenney was founded upon.

Ron Johnson recently emailed a letter to "valued customers" which states: *"You've probably heard about recent changes at jcpenny. ... While you will see many changes, you can rest assured that we'll never lose sight of our founder's values. When James Cash Penney built his first retail stores over a century ago, he called them, "The Golden Rule," because treating customers with respect was his highest priority. ..."*

Even in that statement Penney's CEO Ron Johnson gets it wrong. James Cash Penney's highest priority was Christ. He often said, "I would rather be known as a Christian than a merchant."

The audacity of Penney's CEO to claim that the chain hasn't lost sight of their founder's values all the while they've purposefully aligned with the homosexual agenda!

James Cash Penney's parents grounded him in the Christian faith (his father was a Baptist pastor) and those faith-filled principles guided him throughout his life and career. Penney built an empire on those principles, leaving a vast chain of 1,660 stores at his death at the age of 95 in 1971. He was known to frequently share his favorite Bible verse: *"I have trusted in the Lord without wavering. Prove me, O Lord, and try me. Test my heart and my mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I will walk in faithfulness to you."* (Psalms 26:1-2).

While James Cash Penney strived to "walk in faithfulness," the corporation that bears his name has not only betrayed that faith and tainted the values he strived to promote, but has purposefully and actively sided with an opposing ideology that seeks to corrupt those values.

Express your concern to JC Penney, urging them to, at the least, remain neutral regarding this divisive issue and to remember that traditional American families and values are what built the company.



Action points:

1. Contact your local JC Penney store (either in person or by phone) and ask to speak to the manager. Kindly, but firmly, express your concern about their advertisements promoting same-sex marriage. Let them know you cannot support a store that is purposefully working to undermine your values.
2. Inform your friends and family about this concern, urging them to stand with us.
3. If you have a JC Penney credit card, consider cancelling the account. A cut up credit card and letter explaining why you are cancelling your account will speak volumes!

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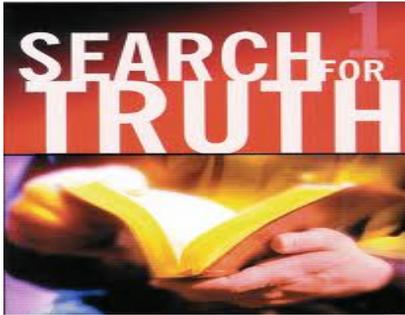
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Some Have Never Read God's Word

by Bill Johnson



Have you ever read through the Bible? Some follow a plan that takes them through the Bible in one year. In doing this, they increasingly understand Biblical history and the mind and heart of the Creator of the universe. By the grace of God you can begin to see that God is a loving God, but that He is also a just God.

We also see in the Bible that there were times when “everyone did what was right in their own eyes” [in the book of Judges, for example] and paid no attention to the Creator God. Wickedness, evil, man against man, hatred, idolatry. Godlessness prevailed.

Have we moved into such a time as this? Some of the comments that I receive are filled with so much hatred. Here is just one email I recently received:

I'm the child of Holocaust survivors. Your rhetoric reminds me of the rantings of the Nazis who tried to exterminate my people, my family, and my culture.

Rest assured that as a veteran of the US Army and a person dedicated to equality for all and the destruction of bigotry and hatred, I will willingly take up arms if necessary to defend decent people from the likes of you. You cloak your hatred and vile nature in a cloak of religion, but at your core you are just as bad as the merchants of death in Nazi Germany.

The good thing is that America and the world are turning away from your evil. People are accepting diversity, embracing openness and change, and relegating fossils like you to the curiosity shelf.

Good day.

My response: Really? Good day after saying that he will take up arms if necessary to defend decent people from the likes of me; that I cloak my hatred and vile nature in a cloak of religion; that I'm just as bad as the merchants of death in Nazi Germany?

I read a quote this morning from one of America's most regarded presidents, President Abraham Lincoln. The quote was this “Without this book, we couldn't know the difference between right and wrong.”

He was referencing the Bible, of course.

Some of us know what it's like to be in a classroom without some semblance of discipline. A society without laws is a society that is on its way to chaos followed by tyranny. The Bible provides a standard of right!

The Bible opposes killing, stealing, idolatry, adultery, coveting, dishonoring our parents, homosexuality, polygamy, bestiality, and many others sins.

Why? Because they degrade God's Holy Name and degrade His creation – you and me.

This writer states that I cloak my hatred and vile nature in a cloak of religion. Really?

Why did God give us the account of Sodom and Gomorrah? Why did He tell us in His Word that homosexuality is an abomination?

The answer is clear. Because God didn't create us to have sexual relations with those of the same gender; homosexuality is a perversion. He made the female to receive a male in one flesh unity. Not the unnaturalness of man with man. Woman with woman. See Romans 1: 24, 25.

Sexually transmitted diseases are major issues as people sleep around in fornication and in adulterous relationships. HIV is still most pronounced in the homosexual community. These are natural consequences of living outside of the way God lovingly and masterfully made us.

Why do ministries like ours speak out against corporations that endorse and promote homosexuality and same sex marriages? [Companies such as J.C. Penney, Fifth Third Bank, and General Mills?]

Because we are haters? Absolutely not! Because as corporations use their name to empower degrading and godless behaviors, it leads to greater degradation and moral decline, which leads to the decline of our nation – degradation from within!

Not because we say so, but because God says so. Our forefathers and the founders of our nation believed God to be the Creator; the author and perfecter of our faith. We have seen our nation blessed as we have followed Biblical standards. We now see our nation at great risk because there are many, such as the one writing the email I received, who mock God's standard and deny His loving authority.

In closing, I haven't written this because my feelings are hurt by such vitriolic verbiage but rather because I fear for our great country.

I fear that our President, too, has been instrumental in this balkanization of America with his aggressive promotion of LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) in our military, the nation, and throughout the world. As he names June “Gay Pride” month - in doing so he is promoting perversion. It is a direct attack upon a loving but a Holy and just God. Great degradation and declension has and is resulting! Make no mistake!

Do any of us want our children and grandchildren sleeping around, committing adultery, or having unnatural relationships? I don't - because I want what is the very best for them. What about you?

The best for them is not homosexuality or same sex marriage. Shame on Fifth Third Bank. Shame on J.C. Penney, General Mills and others who have done similarly. They have done us great harm. I say this with great sadness.

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Who Speaks Louder in Our Lives? Man or God?

by Bill Johnson



Please remove me from your list. And let's keep it polite and dignified. I won't call you a frothing bigot, you won't call me a socialist facist (which would be silly because they're complete opposites), we both just accept that I was fraudulently signed up for this and that mistake needs correcting.

Have a better one.

~No trees were destroyed in the sending of this message. However, a large number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced.

Email #4:

Poor stupid fool.

J.C.Penney does not have any need of racist, bigoted or homophobic customers. You and others of your ilk should go elsewhere. Hell springs to mind.

That's what man has to say about our stand for truth, but here is what God says:

Jeremiah 12:17 - **But if any nation will not listen, then I will utterly pluck it up and destroy it, declares the LORD.**

[My comment: The godless deny His Word and rational thinking as their hearts become hardened to truth.]

Jeremiah 6:16 - **Thus says the LORD: 'Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.' But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'**

Jeremiah 9:23,24 - **Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.**

We don't let ourselves become discouraged when we are called hateful, for the Lord is on our side as we do our best to stick to the "ancient paths."

As Christians, our primary purpose is to glorify God with our lives - which includes living under His principles. Below are a few of the discouraging emails we've received which show the conflict we come against when we stand for righteousness.

Here's what a few people have said about our concern regarding J.C. Penney:

Email #1:

There are gay people deal with it. Thanks for letting me know where to shop. JC Penney here I come.

Email #2:

Oh Bill, believe it not, not everyone cares about your phony Christian beliefs. To most rational, grownup people there is no problem with homosexuals, even though you are obviously hung up on them. Many of us are sick to death of your constant stream of lies. You are told the truth but you deny it.

R.M. - Virginia Beach VA

Email #3:

Howdy. It appears that someone who thinks they're clever has signed me up for your anti-GLBT newsletter against my will. I'm largely uninterested in protecting an artificial ideal of "traditional family" that only existed on fictional 50's TV (the 50s, for real people, was a lot less idyllic). However, I won't waste both our times shooting holes in your argument (largely because you won't listen and I don't know you well enough to take the effort).

ADA's Mailbag - Responses of Support



There are verses in the New Testament that would seem to say that once someone has chosen [not even done anything overt] to not believe truth, that Satan actually blinds them to truth so that they can no longer see (or probably care about) truth. May God give you grace to pity these angry people who write you e-mails, who deceptively believe that they live in the light, think that there is a gray zone, but actually live in the dark world of blindness.

-Clareen - Los Angeles

Thank you, I totally agree.

What do people want? I have an answer, they want legitimacy. They want us to approve of the choices they make, even when those choices go against the Bible. And if we don't approve, we are immediately labeled haters.

We are in a culture war, that much is true. Thank you for fighting the good fight.

D.V.

As a minister's wife and mother of 3 young girls, I have very little time of my own. I want so often to write you and thank you, but I am usually distracted by a need before I even finish your updates. Before I get distracted again, please know that our family appreciates all you do. Thank you for standing strong in the faith! Thank you for loving the Lord and not being afraid to stand up for modesty, traditional marriage, and all things that honor God. I pray more men will take a stand for righteousness, as you have done. There is so much more I want to say, but please know that you are appreciated and supported and prayed for in our family. Thank you, and may God bless you!

J.W.

All I can say is "Keep up the good work." There are those out there who are anti-God and anything goes where they are concerned. They are blinded by sin and Satan lives within them just as he lived in Hitler. We can never give up trying to awaken them to the Truth, who is Jesus Christ.

May God bless your tireless efforts. I think we need a strategy to get off of the defensive. Somehow they have controverted the laws to turn us into the bigots and bullies for disagreeing with their point of view. I think the outrage over the anti chick fila remarks and the following appreciation day results clearly show there is a disparity in the truth versus media bias. That 35 of 50 states have voted against gay marriage shows that the media polls clearly have controverted the facts. I think we need a fact sheet to be able to share.

Praise the Lord for persecution. You must be doing the right thing! Our Pastor once said, "If you are not being persecuted for your Christian beliefs, you need to examine yourself and your walk with CHRIST."

We are sorry you received those emails, please know our family supports you, and are so thankful for your ministry.

Be strong and courageous! There is a remnant that stands by you!

To God be the glory,

S.P. family

Thank you for what you do and for standing up for Christ! I will pray for you and also for those who are lost and want to persecute you. God bless your ministry, Becki

Thank you so very much for including polygamy in your list of behaviors that are unacceptable. As a Jew, I am sorry for the unkind letter you received and want you to know that not all of us feel the same way about your courageous position on protecting the American family.

Kindest regards,

Not everyone that subscribes to your newsletter is as small-minded or intolerant of viewpoints differing from their own. Take heart! There are more of us who agree with you than it appears. Keep up the work for decency in our society.

By the way, the respondent who said socialism and fascism are complete opposites conveniently forget that Germany under Hitler was founded on the National Socialist Democratic Party and they were as fascist as they come.

Take heart, my brother!....R.H.

After reading some of the "mail" you have been receiving, I ask myself: "Who's not being tolerant?". I cannot believe how "warped" some people's mind are. I want you to know that "I" really appreciate what you are doing in the name of GOD!!! I have been on your mailing list for several years & appreciate the information I receive from you. I am a retired J.C.Penny associate(although I'm not so proud of that fact anymore)of 23 1/2 yrs. & can not believe how far a company that I loved working for & was proud of, has sunk. I did send a postcard to the CEO of J.C.P. & told him that "though I receive a pension from them, I don't have to spend my dollars in their store." And I don't. It's hard not to shop there because as a Gold Associate, I receive a nice discount & I have five grand kids I like to buy for. My one daughter-in-law had commented that my granddaughter's wardrobe has been a little less but she was kidding as she is a Christian & respects what I am doing. But this is where I "fall" short of truly boycotting J.C.P., I haven't cut up my credit card or sent them back my Gold discount card yet as I'm praying that they will see the errors of their ways & turn around & at least remain neutral in the culture war of homosexuality. I hope that doesn't make me "two faced", does it??

Well, please keep up the good job, God Bless you,

P.R.

A Tale of Two Women

by Lisa Van Houten



Recently two women died within days of each other. Both were trailblazers in their distinct spheres of influence and both left behind two ongoing legacies. One was highly praised and eulogized by an adoring secular media. The other woman was hardly mentioned in the mainstream press [if at all] – other than on Christian and conservative news sites.

The former, glorified by secular elites, was Helen Gurley Brown, described as the “pioneer” of the sexual revolution for women. Helen Gurley Brown authored “Sex and the Single Girl” in 1962 and went on to develop *Cosmopolitan* magazine for which she served as editor for 32 years.

NBC News, who described Brown as “renowned as a kind of intellectual sexual vixen” who “used her magazine and public persona to engage politically, supporting abortion rights,” went on to report: “*She was the first one to acknowledge that women were fooling around like crazy and that it was fun, that you should celebrate it and enjoy it, and that sometimes women were the aggressors, that women have a sex drive.*” Brown was praised as one who pushed the concepts of “*women’s power and agency, that women are able to own their own sexual bodies and look for sexual pleasures, and create the relationships that work for them.*”

Helen Gurley Brown - Liberator of Women!

We at American Decency know a bit about *Cosmopolitan* and Brown’s legacy, as well. We have expended much effort over numerous years to encourage grocery stores not to place the magazine at checkouts. Those efforts have garnered some success, but far less than we’d like. We have also

encouraged you to speak out where you shop and we continue to urge you to do so!

It’s hard not to be aware of the sexually graphic headlines of *Cosmo* – they stare us in the face as we wait in the checkout line – “*Foreplay Men Crave – Touch His Secret Erotic Spot;*” and “*21 Naughty Sex Tips – Tonight Treat Him to Some Boundary-Pushing Sex That Good Girls Only Dream of.*” These headlines are explicit enough, I won’t give examples of the disgusting content of the articles. Suffice it to say, *Cosmo* reads like a lewd sex manual, teaching young women to prostitute themselves for the pleasure of men.

Note those lurid headlines. How is that “empowering?” The focus is on pleasuring men – not “liberating” women! Helen Gurley Brown’s *Cosmo* has never respected women; it demeans them. It doesn’t foster meaningful relationships; it cheapens them.

This is the legacy of Helen Gurley Brown – teaching generations of women the lie that illicit sex is meaningless and consequence-free – a legacy that will live on, even though its “pioneer” has passed. Millions of women have paid the emotional, physical, and spiritual price as they bought into that legacy and made it their own; and millions more will continue to do so.

Now to the other female pioneer who recently passed away - Nellie Gray. Nellie Gray may not be a name recognized by all Christians and pro-lifers, but her legacy should be. Nellie Gray was the woman behind the largest annual pro-life demonstration in the country – the March for Life in Washington DC.

Grieved over the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, Nellie Gray organized the first annual March for Life on the one-year anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision. As *The Christian Post* reports: *Beginning in 1974, Gray arranged for people to participate in a peaceful protest. Twenty thousand people joined, according to the March for Life website. Each year, the crowd continued to grow ... The march now draws hundreds of thousands of*

participants. “It was an anniversary that broke Nellie Gray’s heart every year, and every day,” stated Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life.

Tony Perkins of Family Research Council stated: “*Nellie lived a life of heroic service to the unborn. Nellie will be remembered most for her passionate and ardent protection of every life, without exception.*”

... let us pay appropriate homage to Nellie by recommitting ourselves to do everything possible to protect and defend the unborn.”

Before her nearly 40 years in the pro-life movement, Nellie worked as an attorney for the federal government, serving for decades in the State and Labor Departments. She was a tireless advocate for the unborn, working right until her death for the protection of life. Just days before her death, Nellie wrote: “*... We cannot allow our country intentionally to kill even one preborn. We can stop this killing when all of us who say we are “prolife” become unified on the Life Principles – no exception-no compromise – and vote to overturn Roe v. Wade. We can do that!*”

The March for Life and the efforts to end the horrific practice of abortion will not end with the passing of Nellie Gray. March for Life organizers say they will march in Nellie’s honor next January (the 40th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*) and will continue to do “*everything possible to protect every preborn human person and to end the scourge of abortion in the United States.*”

This is the legacy that will live on long past the death of Nellie Gray.

While it is now up to their Creator to judge the works of these women, the Bible does tell us “*by their fruits you will know them.*” Both have left lasting legacies – one that cherished all life, and one that degraded it. One based on Truth, and one based on lies.

One day, each of us will come to the end of our days. What will be the legacy we leave behind?