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The War is Real and the War is Now

By Bill Johnson



Resolution 16/18. Istanbul Process.

I would doubt that very few reading this have ever heard of Resolution 16/18 and/or the Istanbul Process. Why is it important?

It is crucial that we have awareness of Resolution 16/18 and the Istanbul Process because it is an important part of the plot to ultimately destroy Constitutional America.

Due to the significant nature of this, I am quoting heavily from James A. Lyons, a U.S. Navy retired admiral, who was commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and senior U.S. military representative to the United Nations.

"The First Amendment to our Constitution states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." It is these words of this First Amendment that make America different from every other country in the world. However, all too frequently we are now seeing these cherished rights come under attack by not only Islamic totalitarian regimes, but also the West's politically correct activists and progressive fellow travelers.

"The takeaway: Don't criticize or take a position that might "offend" the seventh-century sensibilities of the followers of Islam, who view our freedoms of expressionas heresy. According to the politically cor-

rect activists, it is better to submit than to offend the followers of Islam, who might get violent and go on a "justifiable" rampage ...

"Clearly, there is an intensifying global campaign to impose Islamic blasphemy law on all non-Muslim societies. This campaign is led by the 57-member Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), which has been hard at work to sponsor a United Nations resolution insisting that all countries criminalize what it calls "defamation of religion" (code for Islam). The OIC rejects our First Amendment rights of free speech and religion. The organization is in the 10th year of its 10-year program to achieve this objective, known as the Istanbul Process. When Hillary Clinton was secretary of state, she strongly endorsed the OIC's objectives to limit our First Amendment rights — and now she wants to be our president.

"Shariah blasphemy law has its roots in the teachings of Islam's prophet, Muhammad. In the early days of justifying his wanton violence, those who mocked him were put to death. Over the centuries, that theme became enshrined into Islamic law. Henceforth, anything considered blasphemous to Islam or Muhammad is a crime punishable by death. In that sense, we should not forget when President Obama was speaking before the U.N. General Assembly on Sept. 25, 2012, in regard to the YouTube video said to have been the cause of the Benghazi tragedy, he stated, "The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam."

"So much for our First Amendment.

"Regretfully, submission to the medieval sensibilities of Islam is much more widespread than most Americans realize. It is fundamentally embedded in our failed counterinsurgency strategy, which drove our war in Afghanistan in the failed hope of winning the hearts and minds of a tribal society. It cost the loss of many American and coalition military and civilian lives, unnecessarily, due primarily to the restricted Rules of Engagement used by our forces.

"Furthermore, our forces were made, in effect, to submit to accepting medieval Islamic customs and traditions involving polygamy, sexual abuse of children, wife beating and killing. Of course, above all else, the holy Koran, not to be touched by our infidel warriors, had to be revered at all costs. Failure to observe these medieval customs by our military was used as excuses for wanton violence and killings. Our proud Marines at Gitmo were reduced to infidel status, forced to wear gloves so as not to contaminate the Koran, and were subjected to mockery by the terrorists' inmates.

"The capitulation on our fundamental values and traditions of free speech, human rights and family values could only occur under debased military and civilian leadership. In his June 4, 2009, "Outreach to Muslims" speech in Cairo, President Obama declared that "he considered it his responsibility as president of the United States to fight against negative stereotypes of Islam whenever they appear." That should leave no doubt where his sympathies lie.

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From the desk of Bill Johnson (Continued from page 1):

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"It would surprise most Americans to know how widespread Shariah blasphemy law is in this country today. For example, the major U.S. Muslim Jurists Association supports Islamic blasphemy law. Those Muslims who want to live under Shariah law should move to a country that supports it.

"We clearly have a crisis. Our fundamental freedoms are being challenged. Too many Americans have paid the ultimate price to guarantee those freedoms. They must be preserved. Political correctness and the fear of offending the medieval sensitivities of Islam must be addressed head-on. President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi of Egypt called for the reformation of Islam, which has not happened in more than 1,300 years. This call should be embraced. When regimes like ISIS appear, they must be defeated militarily and unmistakably. There is no other option."

[Taken from article entitled: "Free speech opponents enforce Islamic law, challenge our fundamental freedoms", June 2, 2015, Adm. James "Ace" Lyons (Ret.)]

My dear friends: I would not include such words of warning if I didn't believe this with all of my heart, soul and mind!

Four years ago I went out on a limb and invited a person very few from our area had heard of, Frank Gaffney, to speak on a Saturday morning in October on the subject of the Muslim Brotherhood in America.

One hundred seventy people came on that Saturday morning in Grand Rapids to hear of Shariah: The Threat to America. His presentation was received with shock and amazement - and with gratefulness.

Just four years later the threat is even greater! Due to the growing concerns of today, I once again am going out on a limb - more to the point - WALKING BY FAITH.

Over this recent weekend as part of God's guiding hand, at the last minute, the door swung open for us to have Philip Haney (wrongly maligned former Department of Homeland Security officer) interview with me and speak to a quickly put together audience on the whistle-blowing information found in his book "See Something Say Nothing." (See page 6.) He has an amazing account of 13 years in service with DHS, many of them embattled, where his efforts to identify terrorists were resisted by our current administration.

Mr. Haney also verifies what has been stated above. Our freedoms are under attack and if we lose our freedoms it is like "if you lose gravity - you don't get it back."

There is too much at stake to sit idly by! I believe that it was God who brought Haney to our office for the impromptu, but very significant meetings. I also believe it is God who gave vision and opened the door to the unfolding of our next major event of the year - just days before what could be the most important election in our lifetime, made more complicated by the spiritual bankruptcy of our nation. God's judgment?

HERE IS OUR ANNOUNCEMENT FOR WHAT I NOW BELIEVE WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT GATHERINGS WE HAVE EVER HOSTED.

The Event is entitled:

The War is Real and the War Is Now

Two separate locations, Fremont and Grand Rapids, MI, on two separate days. Please carefully note times and locations

What: The War is Real and the War is Now

Where: ADA, 203 E. Main, Fremont, MI When: Friday, October 21 - 7:00 - 9:30 PM

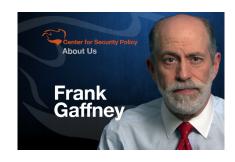
Where: Grand Rapids

(Location to be finalized - see our upcoming October Newsletter for location)
When: Saturday, October 22 - 9:00 - Noon

<u>Speakers:</u> Sandy Rios, Host of Sandy Rios in the Morning, American Family Radio and Frank Gaffney, Founder and President of Center for Security Policy



Sandy Rios is Director of Governmental Affairs for the American Family Association, one of America's largest, profamily grassroots organizations. Based in Washington, DC, she is host of "Sandy Rios in the Morning on AFR Talk" which can be heard on nearly 200 stations through the American Family Radio Network.



Frank Gaffney is the President and Founder of the Center for Security Policy in Washington, DC. (www.centerforsecurity.org)

Mr. Gaffney previously served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Forces and Arms Control Policy from 1983 -1987.

Don't miss this opportunity. Join us October 21 or October 22 for this significant event.

Another important event for those in Michigan:

Mark your calendar and join us for a Prayer rally with Franklin Graham.

Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 12-1:00 PM in Lansing, MI at the Capitol East steps. For more information, go to DecisionAmericaTour.com.

Freedom in the Balance

by Lisa Van Houten



As our staff recently visited with Christian patriot Philip Haney (see page 6), the question was raised: "How much longer do you think we'll have religious liberty and free speech?" Haney's reply: "For the rest of your life. It just depends on the price you're willing to pay."

For those who compromise, the earthly cost will be little. But for those courageous Christians who stand for truth, the price will be immense. If you're a florist or baker who refuses to participate in same-sex weddings, be prepared to lose your entire livelihood. Pharmacists, who had always been protected by conscience clauses, are now told to either sell abortifacient drugs or go out of business.

And now most recently, a chilling ethics rule change by the American Bar Association could lead to the disbarment of attorneys who speak out against things such as homosexuality or transgenderism.

The American Bar Association's change in its "Model Rules of Professional Conduct" is being described as an unprecedented threat to religious liberty – both for attorneys and their clients.

The policy states: "It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to . . . engage in conduct that the lawyer knows or reasonably should know is harassment or discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status or socioeconomic status in conduct related to the practice of law. ...

The sweeping policy applies not only to conduct regarding actual legal work, but also to "social activities in connection with the practice of law."

In essence, the ABA is seeking to crack

down on attorneys who hold "politically incorrect" opinions. UCLA law professor Eugene Volokh and free speech advocate warns the ABA wants to "limit lawyers' expression of viewpoints that it disapproves of."

Volokh explains: Say that you're at a lawyer social activity, such as a local bar dinner, and say that you get into a discussion with people around the table about such matters — Islam, evangelical Christianity, ... same-sex marriage, restrictions on the use of bathrooms ... One of the people is offended and files a bar complaint.

Again, you've engaged in "verbal . . . conduct" that the bar may see as "manifest[ing] bias or prejudice" and thus as "harmful." This was at a "social activit[y] in connection with the practice of law." The state bar, if it adopts this rule, might thus discipline you for your "harassment." And, of course, the speech restrictions are overtly viewpoint-based: If you express pro-equality viewpoints, you're fine; if you express the contrary viewpoints, you're risking disciplinary action.

Former Attorney General Ed Meese and Kelly Shakelford of First Liberty Institute are also raising the alarm, as they write: Anything a lawyer says to another person — whether speaking in church or over dinner ... would enable any hearer to file a complaint with the state bar authority. Even an attorney's church membership could fall under the description of "social activities" leading to a complaint filed.

Equally concerning is the impact this could have on religious liberty nationwide. People of faith could go unprotected when their religious liberty is threatened because lawyers will be afraid to represent them.

Such coercive efforts to eradicate Christian and conservative viewpoints which clash with the mandates of the moral revolution taking place will only increase. It will eventually work its way down to every profession. It is then that we will all have to answer – what price are you - am I - willing to pay for religious liberty? Are we ready for the consequences of standing up for our beliefs?

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 yearend match challenge, 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 new donors or 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 re-strengthened. We are grateful for the challenge. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for doing whatever you can do!

Your support empowers us to "stay faithful" as this encouraging note received from a supporter emplores of us.

You are always in my prayers. Stay faithful during the spiritual warfare we are battling! Evil is progressing before our eyes but God is good and in control!... J.J.

Here are the details of this gracious match challenge:

Bill, we will give a matching gift up to \$10,000. We will match all gifts received from September 1 - December 31, 2016 from:

- 1. Anyone who hasn't given since 12/31/14
- 2. Anyone who increases their gift in 2016 vs 2015—we will only match the increase. If someone gave \$500 in 2015 and they give \$600 in 2016, we will match the increase of \$100. Note, the increased amount must be given between 9/1-12/31.

Nike Uses Olympics to Sell Their Agenda

by Lisa Van Houten



Just do it.

That's the slogan of Nike. But it doesn't just refer to sports. Rather, Nike subtly - and not so subtly - uses that tagline to encourage millions of consumers to "just do" what feels right to them.

Sound familiar? It's not too different from the sobering ending to the book of Judges: "Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." Just do it.

During the Olympics, viewers tuned in to watch young athletes compete from around the world, striving for the honor of standing on a medal platform after years and years of perseverance and training. There were athletes such as David Broudia and Steele Johnson who won silver for synchronized diving. Both men gave glory to God and spoke of their identity in Christ after their event.

Yet those weren't the type of athletes Nike chose to feature in their TV ad which aired during primetime Olympic coverage on NBC.

Instead, Nike used the Olympic platform to promote transgenderism to the millions of families tuned in.

Nike ran an ad featuring athlete Chris Mosier, a woman who identifies as a man. Mosier competed in the Sprint Duathlon World Championship earlier this year, not in the Olympics.

Read the text below from the ad and note how Nike uses verbiage to indoctrinate viewers. The ad features the voice of a narrator having a conversation with Mosier, appearing as a man, as she runs and trains for competition.

Narrator: Chris is the first transgender athlete to make the men's team. Hey Chris, how'd you know you'd be fast enough to compete against men?

Chris: I didn't.

Narrator: Or strong enough?

Chris: I didn't.

Narrator: Yeah, but how'd you know the

team would accept you?

Chris: I didn't.

Narrator: Or that you'd even be allowed

to compete? Chris: I didn't.

Narrator: That must have been tough! Didn't you ever just want to give up?

Chris: Yeah! But I didn't!

Nike tagline - UNLIMITED COURAGE

Nikepurposefully chose a female identifying as a male for this ad to promote sympathy for transgenderism. An ad featuring a man claiming to be a woman wouldn't pull on the heartstrings in quite the same way. The line "how'd you know you'd be fast enough or strong enough" wouldn't fly. In fact, there are already females athletes crying foul after being forced to compete against men who identify as women. Sex change operations and hormone therapy don't change DNA and male muscle mass. That's just common sense.

But Nike doesn't care about common sense or what's fair to women. They only want to push an agenda.

In fact, the International Olympic Committee has also jumped on the transgender bandwagon. The Olympic motto - "Faster; Higher; Stronger" – has taken on a whole new meaning, putting female athletes at a distinct disadvantage. Last January the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced that athletes can now compete based on their so-called gender identity, not their biological sex. While no openly transgender athletes competed in Rio this year, in all likelihood it won't be long until these historic games are radically transformed.

Female athletes would be forced to compete with males who claim to be women, yet have the body and strength of men. While male athletes will have to maintain a certain hormone level to compete as a female, they will not have to go through sex-change surgery. Ironically, athlete doping is banned – unless you're

a man taking hormones to compete as a women.

However, for the IOC and Nike, the LGBT agenda trumps fairness and common sense.

This blatant ad by Nike is just the latest in their attempt to force their ideology on the American people. The company has long pushed LGBT issues. Yet Nike's concern to allow people to just 'be who they are' only applies to those on their side of the sexual revolution. When famed boxer Manny Pacquiao spoke out against homosexuality and same-sex "marriage", Nike dropped their sponsorship of Pacquiao like a hot potato, calling his comments "abhorrent".

Nike praises Chris Mosier for the "unlimited courage" to deny her gender and live as a man. But Christians who stand up for their beliefs are "abhorrent" according to Nike.

Nike is selling something - and it's not just shoes. They are selling a lifestyle to impressionable ones - telling them to "just do it!" They are telling the creature to deny his Creator and the law written on the hearts of all people. That's not an example of unlimited courage; it's unlimited foolishness.

[Mail the enclosed postcard to Nike and be a voice for truth.]

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What can we do? - Part 2

by Chris Johnson



"What can we do?"

We've heard that question over and over again as we've spoken with supporters and event attendees - passionate Christians and patriots - throughout our years in this ministry.

We've asked it many times ourselves, and the writers at ADA have been tasked with doing our best to answer that question in a general way in a series of articles.

Lisa Van Houten addressed it first in our August newsletter.

Now it's my turn to delve into that question which seems to have few satisfying answers: "what can we do?"

Conveniently, the Psalmist asks the same question much more eloquently in Psalm 11: "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

But to our likely chagrin, the Psalmist does not answer his question with a checklist. He doesn't tell the people to get involved in local politics, or to love our neighbors, or to share the Gospel, or even to be strong and courageous.

In fact, Psalm 11 doesn't answer its own question at all, per se. In answer to, "what can the righteous do?" the Psalm goes on to extol God's attributes of power, wisdom, justice, and righteousness.

The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.

The LORD tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.

Let him rain coals on the wicked; fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

For the LORD is righteous...

So the Psalmist poses this problem: the world is falling apart around us, what can God's people do? and answers that God is all-powerful and His judgment is perfect.

What the righteous can do is recognize that the "foundations" are in God's hands, and He is the only One capable of upholding or rebuilding - them.

Isn't that a reminder that conservatives in this country (myself included) need to hear? In the midst of our activism, our patriotism, our passion for our country or even, dare I say it, our desire to "Make America Great" again, we imagine that we have the power to replant the seeds that made America great in the first place.

The book of Ecclesiastes serves to put mankind in his rightful place. Our lives are a vapor, it says. The works of our hands will be forgotten. We cannot make straight what God has made crooked (Ecc. 7:13). We can't comprehend what God is doing: "then I saw all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. However much man may toil in seeking, he will not find it out. Even though a wise man claims to know, he cannot find it out." (Ecc. 8:17)

What charge does the "Preacher" of Ecclesiastes place on his readers, then?

"Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do.

Let your garments be always white. Let not oil be lacking on your head.

Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun..." (Ecc. 9:7-9) He says in 7:14, "in the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him."

So far, we've gleaned two "action points" from the scripture, and both ought to be humbling:

- 1. Rest in the knowledge that God is perfectly just and all-powerful.
- 2. Rejoice in the good things that God has given you.

That is humbling right? We have God given eyes and brains in our head. We can see the culture devolving around us. We can see impending physical and spiritual doom, but God, in these verses, seems to be telling us to enjoy our meal and let Him handle it.

Does that not make you feel like a child overhearing your parents talk about the budget?

Well, maybe that humility is the attitude that God wants us to have. Our piggy banks can't fix this problem. Our elections every couple of years do nothing.

And maybe coming to that realization is what God means when He says, "If my people who are called by my name <u>humble</u> themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (2 Chr. 7:14)

In his book, Desiring God, John Piper tells a parable explaining how God is glorified through prayer:

"...Suppose you are totally paralyzed and can do nothing for yourself but talk. And suppose a strong and reliable friend promised to live with you and do whatever you needed done. How could you glorify your friend if a stranger came to see you? Would you glorify his generosity and strength by trying to get out of bed and carry him?

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What can we do? (Part 2)



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No! You would say, "Friend, please come lift me up, and would you put a pillow behind me so I can look at my guest, and would you please put on my glasses for me?" And so your visitor would learn from your requests that you are helpless and that your friend is strong and kind. You glorify your friend by needing him and asking him for help and counting on him."

Friends, we are totally paralyzed. We don't just need more voters who agree with us, or laws that reflect our values, or leaders who have our backs. We need to understand that God is the only hope for the future of this nation.

Now, I have withheld the last snippet of Psalm 11, lest we come to the end feeling like we're getting our pictures taken and we don't know what to do with our hands.

"For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face."

"When the foundations are destroyed... the Lord loves righteous deeds."

Jesus Himself tells His disciples what that means for His followers, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

To utilize the favorite tool of the old-time preacher - alliteration: Let us glorify our "Strong Friend" in our Rest, our Rejoicing, and in our Righteousness.

Continue to target Target

by Steve Huston



This past April when Target announced their new restroom/dressing room policy, allowing "transgenders" to use the room which corresponds with their "perceived" gender, the American Family Association was quick to respond. Pointing out the inherent dangers of such a policy and asking Target to reverse it, AFA began a boycott of Target when it wouldn't listen to reason.

After over one million people had signed the boycott and Target was feeling it financially, AFA asked them to reverse this policy at a shareholders' meeting. Target still insisted on putting America's women and children at risk. With now over 1.4 million boycott signatures, Target doesn't seem to mind losing money. They continue to hold fast to their policy, predicting that they will continue to lose even more money in the near future, according to the Wall Street Journal.

As the Wall Street Journal reported: "Sales at established stores fell for the first time in more than two years ... Fewer shoppers visited the company's locations. Target cut its annual profit target and warned that same-store sales would be flat to down 2% for the fiscal year.

In addition to losing money, another WSJ article states, Target "will spend \$20 million to add a private bathroom to each of its stores by next year..."

This is NOT a solution and does nothing to change their policy or prevent men and potential sexual predators from entering women's restrooms and dressing rooms. Target continues to discriminate against the majority of their shoppers and continues to put women and children in harm's way; and AFA continues to drive forward its boycott. Thank you AFA!

Join over 1.4 million conscientious Americans in boycotting Target.

See Something Say Something!

by Steve Huston







Like a whirlwind of grace, God blessed ADA with an amazing opportunity. When we heard that Philip Haney—a founding official of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and author of *See Something Say Nothing*—would be coming to Michigan, we asked if he'd be willing to stop in Fremont for a discussion and interview. It wasn't until two days prior to this event that things were confirmed; but what a blessed time as we gathered around the breakfast table for some deeply spiritual conversation, interviewed this godly man, and finally sat "spellbound" during a last minute public presentation.

If you're not familiar with Phil Haney, let me give you a brief introduction to this amazing Christian warrior. During his time at DHS, Mr. Haney saw leaders of Muslim Brotherhood front groups invited into the highest chambers of power and given access to sensitive information to allow them to shape the nation's security policy. When he saw something and said something, some of his bosses—all the way up to the White House—responded not with gratefulness but with orders to sanitize or eliminate the information and launch investigations against him instead of the documented threats to the nation's security.

He was one of our country's leading counterterrorism officers and has chronicled many of these experiences in a brand new book called *See Something, Say Nothing: A Homeland Security Officer Exposes the Government's Submission to Jihad.* We were so blessed to have this Spirit-led man of God speak out about these perilous times and our government's willful blindness and their attacks against truth.

As stated, this was a last minute event; therefore, many people were unable to attend; however, you have an opportunity to get informed and hear this presentation on CD and/or purchase his book. **See enclosed response card for more information.**

Hide and Dabiq? Nope, it's in Plain Sight.

by Steve Huston



When the bully down the street says he's coming over to punch you in the nose, and when the world's "bully" puts out a magazine giving a final call to the Western world, it would only make sense to prepare and be proactive in response.

However, our current presidential administration refuses to name the enemy, ignores their violent history, and allows them to dictate how we search for and deal with them in our own country.

America has dealt with Islamic extremism from the beginning. Early on we learned of their viciousness as they'd plunder our ships and take our people hostage unless we paid them tribute. The Marines have the nickname "leatherneck" due to the leather collar they wore to protect against the Muslim sword strikes. As Wikipedia states: "The pirates, Muslims, were trained to cut off the heads of enemies or 'strike them about the head and shoulders'." The Marine song speaks of "the shores of Tripoli" because that's where our brave men were fighting these Islamic Barbary pirates during Thomas Jefferson's administration.

When John Adams and Thomas Jefferson asked the ambassador of Tripoli why his people carried out unprovoked attacks against Americans, his reply was simple: "... that it was written in their Koran that all nations who should not have acknowledged their authority were sinners; that is was their right and duty to make war upon them wherever they could be found and to make slaves of all they could take as prisoners..."

Although the ideology and theology of Islamic jihadist terrorism hasn't changed, our government's dealing with these people and society's acceptance of this anti-Christian and anti-Judeo way of life has.

Jump ahead to September 11, 2001—Islamic terrorism comes to our own soil. The ideology and theology of those vicious Barbary pirates in Tripoli hit a triad of targets that should have forever changed us.

Since then, America and the world have experienced barbaric attacks and wholesale human slaughter at the hands of the Islamic State and its inhumane terroristic atrocities. These worldwide bullies come, kill, and promise to continue, while many world leaders—including our own—either place the blame elsewhere (including their own people), stick their heads in the sand, and/or continue to fund it instead of fight it.

To ignore the bully won't make him go away. For that matter, ISIS has promised, in their latest issue of Dabiq, to ramp things up. The publication's front cover displays a terrorist removing the cross from the top of a church and replacing it with the black flag of ISIS. In all caps across the bottom it reads, "BREAK THE CROSS."

While previous issues have dealt with the Muslim Brotherhood and other sects of Islam, this issue is aimed at the Western world. It paints a target on every Christian. What you need to know is, in their eyes, EVERY person from the west is considered a Christian. It doesn't matter if someone identifies as an atheist, agnostic, Baptist, or Buddhist; in their eyes, all are Christians.

When the bully says, "I'm coming to take you out." One should take such a threat seriously. Dabiq's 18 page feature article, Break the Cross, could be described as an apologetic for Islam, twisting the Scriptures to disprove the divinity of Jesus (that he is merely a slave of Allah). They also deny the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, and then end with "A Final Invitation."

Inside this invitation, the "People of the Scripture" (Christians) are invited to believe upon Allah alone or suffer the consequences of the Muslim's obedience to Allah—"kill all pagans wherever they are found."

To think that we can make peace with

these people is fallacious thinking. Their hatred for anything other than Islam is so ingrained in them from childhood that they cannot live peacefully alongside us; they MUST destroy Christianity. They feel justified in wanting to destroy anyone who doesn't believe in Allah.

Within Dabiq, they make it abundantly clear that this is a religious fight. They know history and they know our theology. Many think of these jihadists as unintelligent, barbaric people, but these writers are razor sharp thinkers.

There are few American thinkers today who have tried to understand and address Islamic ideology. We attempt to deal with these people but not with their ideology. We have either ignored it or have tried to deal with it in ignorance. Much is made of the fact that Thomas Jefferson had his own copy of the Koran. Simply put, he wanted to know his enemy. So must we.

There are Muslim training camps all over the U.S. in remote areas. There has now been a call to increase attacks and to kill the infidel. We would be better served by a government who dealt with such aggressions as Thomas Jefferson did. He recognized the dangers and the impossibilities of just paying them off. As Jefferson stated: "I think it to our interest to punish the first insult; because an insult unpunished is the parent of many others..." Or as one Facebook meme put it, "If Reagan were president today, ISIS would be WAS WAS." Currently, we have a president that would rather drive a golf ball, than drive ISIS out of anywhere.

In light of the promise these world-wide bullies have made to America and its citizens, what are we to do? Of course we encourage you to pray. We also encourage you to become informed and to inform others about the Islamic threat to our nation, our way of life, our safety, and Christianity.

Join us in October as we host Sandy Rios and Frank Gaffney who will further bring the truth of Islamic extremism to light. [See page 2 for more information.]

Abhorrent Deviations: Their Normalizations and Legality

by Chris Johnson



A couple of news stories recently feel like they could have been ripped straight from the pages of Judges, that period of Jewish history known for everyone doing what's right "in their own eyes."

One comes out of New Mexico, where a 36-year-old mother and her 19-year-old son, whom she had given up for adoption as an infant and recently reconnected with, were charged with incest. The mother and son say they are in love, and will stop at nothing to be together, including the mother being separated from her 8 younger children, one of which, reportedly, calls his oldest brother, "Dad."

"He's the love of my life," the mother told the UK Daily Mail. "Nothing can come between us, not courts, or jail – nothing."

The other story came in the form of an academic book, written by a state university professor and published by a reputable college text book publisher, "Pedophilia and Adult-Child Sex: A Philosophical Analysis." Ryan T. Anderson of the Heritage Institute reported that the university's website originally had it subtitled, "A Psychological Defense."

From the publisher's description, "This book provides a philosophical analysis of adult-child sex and pedophilia. This sex intuitively strikes many people as sick, disgusting, and wrong. The problem is that it is not clear whether these judgments are justified and whether they are aesthetic or moral. By analogy, many people find it disgusting to view images of obese people having sex, but it is hard to see what is morally undesirable about such sex: here the judgment is aesthetic. This book looks at the moral status of such adult-child sex. *In particular, it explores whether those who* engage in adult-child sex have a disease, act wrongly, or are vicious."

Sadly, this is not the first work coming from a major publisher to take a swing at the dam restraining normalized pedophilia. Last September, you may remember, Salon magazine published an article entitled, "I'm a Pedophile, but Not a Monster," asking people to be "understanding and supportive," and for treating pedophiles as "people with a handicap to overcome..."

What's troubling about these abhorrent sexual deviations is that the road to their normalization and legality is already paved, and the lanes are being painted on as we speak.

The same rhetoric which convinced the Supreme Court to legalize homosexual marriage is already being used to nudge these taboos into the circle of acceptability.

In this specific case of incest, just listen to the son's argument for why he should be able to have a committed sexual relationship with his own mother, from a new interview: "We were both consenting adults. If it comes down to it, you know, it's just like the gays, you know, as long as they're over 18, everything is fine."

"It's just like the gays" - but why should you have to be over 18? That's really just a random number we've chosen out of thin air to represent adulthood. I literally know 15-year-olds with more wisdom and maturity than many college students, why shouldn't they be able to choose who they love, even if he or she is a little older than them?

Look at the questions the book claims to explore, does an adult who has sex with a child necessarily have a disease or act viciously? Not necessarily. And who dares claim the authority to declare their relationship immoral?

I wouldn't pay the \$80 required to read this work, but Peter LaBarbera of Americans for the Truth About Homosexuality has apparently read it and reports finding this troubling quote in answer to that question, "Adult-child sex involving willing participants has an unclear moral status."

The truth is, however, that incest and pedophilia still stir the consciences of most Americans. Most of us still hear about these and get the same discomfort we all used to feel discussing homosexual sex.

We still know these things are wrong, but culture has already rejected the arguments that tell us why they're wrong, thus these standards are destined to crumble as well.

Radio host Steve Deace nailed it, when he discussed the incest story on his radio show: "This incestuous relationship is only wrong if there is a God; if we are indeed His image bearers; if He makes us male and female; if indeed He gives us innate traits as unique genders to both show what it means to bear His image, but then also when we complement each other and come together as... husband and wife to show an even more complete representation of what it means to be made in the image of God. It's wrong only if we are created beings, not randomly evolved ones. It's wrong only if we are born with a purpose in mind, not purposeless acts of nature. It's wrong only if we will be accountable to that exact same *Creator for the days we spent on this earth* after our death... You cannot have your morality without God."

I opened this article noting the similarity between these stories and some of the stories recounted in the book of Judges.

The whole point of Judges is to show the reader the utter depravity of man without God, and yet the long suffering and patience of our God.

I often hear Christians contemplating whether or not God has removed His hand from America. This is a pointless exercise. Whether He has or has not, our response ought to be the same.

Repentance.

We are wicked - **each of us** - not only those trapped in sexual taboos, but you and I. Their sins only show where you and I could be without God's grace.

What must I repent of today?