

Are we in the final stage of Muslim Brotherhood Insurgency?

By Bill Johnson



Perhaps you've heard the ancient proverb, ***"The enemy of my enemy is my friend."*** It implies that two opposing groups can work together against a common enemy.

We see that maxim playing out before our eyes as leftist, pro-homosexual groups align with Islamic, anti-homosexual groups to combat a common enemy. And the common enemy they're seeking to destroy? Freedom. Through overt violence and subversive infiltration, there is a concerted effort to obliterate our freedoms and the Christian values upon which our nation was founded.

Recently I heard former FBI agent John Guandolo (with Understanding the Threat. com) speak of these threats as he was interviewed on Frank Gaffney's daily broadcast. I came away saying to my wife, Jan: "That is the most concerning of Gaffney's interviews that I have heard!"

We are in the final stage of the Muslim Brotherhood insurgency, he stated. What did John Guandolo mean by that very big statement? Is he some kind of a conspiracy theorist? I can readily tell you that he is not. He is, though, highly regarded in the security community, including by Frank Gaffney of The Center for Security Policy.

So what does that mean **"We are in the final stage of the Muslim Brotherhood**

insurgency? Guandolo explains how the Muslim Brotherhood is following their systematic plan to transform our nation: *It begins with training. It begins with organizing and then you get to the point where you do peaceful resistance and then you do more forceful resistance and then you do the hijrah (large scale mass migrations). So that's how they do it. The way the insurgency looks is they get in all aspects of society: the media, the political realm, the educational realm, the law enforcement, the security realm. And as we heard the guy who ran the combating terrorism and technical support office under irregular warfare for the Pentagon say on national radio a year ago "Muslim Brotherhood controls the National Security decision making process for the United States Government. And, they've done that by getting into our war colleges, The Joint Forces Staff College, The Command Staff College, The Army War College, into the universities where our government officials are trained and they control the message about Islam.*

Gaffney: *Talk about the left's role in enabling this Islamic movement assault upon America. Their shared goals despite their seeming very different views on things like feminism, homosexuality, and Jews and the like.*

Guandolo: *What's interesting is the hard left marxists: We see the Socialists Workers*

Party, the LGBT national movement joined together with Communist Party USA, Black Lives Matter and Antifa with many, many other groups and they are cooperating with the Islamic movement. And, the shared goal is the overthrow of the U.S. Government.

I watched hours of video from both Charlottesville and Seattle and other events like that, and one of the most interesting things was that numerous people on these videos identified themselves as Marxists or Communists and that they want a Communist system so that everybody is taken care of. They want the overthrow of our Constitutional Republic, the implementation of Communism. The Muslims want the overthrow of the government and the implementation of Shariah and a Caliphate.

What I describe is the leading edge now of the violence that we are starting to see. Our assessment at UTT is that this is unlike the other violence we've been seeing. When you put other events in context what's happening in the Islamic movement and what's happening elsewhere with these recent events of violence, our assessment is this is the leading edge of that final stage - of them starting to really ratchet violence up in the immediate future.

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Some will say “We’ve seen these kinds of troubles before - back in the 1960s and early ‘70s with massive anti-war rallies and students protesting and taking over university and college administration offices. Yet what we’re seeing now is vastly different and much more concerning. Their goal is to fundamentally transform our nation.

I feel compelled to warn again and again even though I don’t always want to. Sometimes I honestly wonder who cares. It helped to have another former FBI agent state: “You are a watchman on the wall.”

It is apparent that there are many (particularly the younger, but not just the younger), who act as if this is just the new normal. I don’t see it that way. I believe that God would have me do what I can and sound the alarm!

Another observer from the *Washington Times* is not buying that it is just a passing fad either. Cheryl K. Chumley writing for the *Washington Times* comments:

Don’t for one minute think this past week of Charlottesville-tied mayhem has been over a statue of Robert E. Lee.

It’s not. It’s about power, control and the political course our nation will take as we head into the future.

Don’t see the connection? Walk with me.

The clashes in Charlottesville, disgusting as they were — fatal as they proved — were quickly seized upon by a committed far-left that wants nothing more than to A) remove this president from office and B) change the constitutional nature of America’s society for one that’s ruled by whim and mob voice, rather than law and order.

Charlottesville was the perfect confluence of hot emotion and irrefutable evil. The neo-Nazi mindset is ugly and white supremacist beliefs, wicked. The torch-bearing protesters angry at the idea of the whitewashing of history that comes with the removal of the Confederate statue didn’t help their cause by — well, bearing torches.

The Antifa fascists, Black Lives Matter types and communist-socialist-anarchist thugs who came to Charlottesville weren’t exactly innocent players in the clashes that followed; they came to the community with violence on their minds. ...

This is what the left is after; this is the end goal — a complete upheaval of America’s republic and uprooting of law and order.

The quest is dark. It would mean the end of America’s greatest asset — the fact that our country is built upon the foundation that individual rights come from God, not government. It would leave a nation at moral and political drift, a society in chaos, a wide open door for those with selfish desires to take the reigns of political power.

What to do?

Our job, our responsibility, as a nation of patriotic, evangelical, constitutional, civic-minded, law-and-order-loving people, is to root out the evil without killing the dream. White supremacy is an evil; Antifa violence is an evil; Black Lives Matter racism is an evil.

But the monuments? They’re symbolic of America’s progress. Wiping them off the face of the earth won’t change the fact that racism existed in this country. What it will do, however, is give the left a fighting tool to argue against the greatness of our founding documents, and therefore, the exceptionalism of our country’s republic.

The only sane solution to this anti-monument madness that’s sweeping the nation is for those who care about preserving our country’s greatness to stand fast against this destruction, get in the political game, and demand their local government officials, state politicians and congressional representatives put a stop to this historical white-washing.

Fear of being slandered a racist by the left is not a good reason to stand silent.

The fate of our nation, the direction of our government, the greatness of our country, rests entirely on the will of the people to keep the dream alive. ...

As a Christian, knowing God is sovereign, I don’t believe in fate or that the outcome rests entirely with us, but I do agree with much that Ms. Chumley has written. We cannot remain passive!

The enemy IS within the camp. And, this great concern is heightened as we read that President Trump’s Secretary of Defense General H.R. McMaster has removed - yet again - another top official of the National Security Council, Rich Higgins. Higgins argued in a memorandum that President Trump is under sustained attack from subversive forces both within and outside the government who are deploying Maoist tactics to defeat President Trump’s nationalist agenda. The memo also includes a set of recommendations, arguing that the problem constitutes a national security priority. [Get a copy of the 7 page memorandum by ordering it with the response form].

Higgins’ dismissal marks the latest victory by National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster in the ongoing war within Trump’s White House between those who believe that the president is under threat from dark forces plotting to undermine him, and those like McMaster who dismiss this as conspiratorial thinking. [The Atlantic, August 2, 2017]

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Encourage and urge President Trump to remove the Obama holdovers and those complicit in Marxist, socialist, Shariah philosophy!

But most importantly, fight in the Lord! Cry out to God.

Pray that President Trump will heed the voice of God, seek wisdom and follow it!

As most of you know, we have a track record of sending very few financial appeals. Recently support has been much diminished. Please show your support for our ministry efforts by responding to this brief, but needed request for help.

Join us for our Fall Conference October 13 and 14, 2017



As you know, we took a year off from hosting a summer conference as we've done at the end of July for the past few summers. Well, we are excited to now invite you to our fall conference, featuring two dear friends of our ministry who are formidable experts in their fields.

Christian school administrator, college professor, pastor, and author, **Dr. Norm De Jong** joins with ex-terrorist-turned-Christian **Kamal Saleem** to head a conference in West Michigan at two locations on Friday evening, October 13 in Fremont, MI and on Saturday morning, October 14 in Grand Rapids, MI.

Dr. De Jong's career in education included teaching and administrative positions in Christian schools in Minnesota, Montana, Michigan, California, and New Jersey. His influence was even more far-reaching, however, at the college level where his 20 years as a professor impacted future teachers - at Dordt College and Trinity Christian College. The Dordt years also saw publication of his first book of many, "Education in the Truth." His contributions greatly encouraged the Christian School movement in the United States.

Dr. De Jong will be speaking, in part, on his new book, entitled, "**The Cross and the Double-Edged Sword.**"

As Dr. De Jong writes: "***The primary reason I invested in The Cross & the Double-Edged Sword is because of the deep concerns I have for the church today. I am deeply concerned by what I call internal threats, but also external threats, one of the most terrifying is Islam.***"

An example given in Dr. De Jong's book

contrasts how ISIS guards the name of Allah with the abysmal failure of Christians to guard the precious treasure and the exclusivity of Jesus Christ.

It is a timely book for Christian lives today which are too often marked by lethargic, dutiful worship as opposed to worship that truly glorifies Our God and King.



Our other speaker is **Kamal Saleem** who heads Koome Ministries.

Kamal is a former terrorist who became a Christian after coming to the United States to prepare to commit acts of terror.

Kamal has spoken for us a number of times. On top of his own speaking schedule, Kamal is regularly joined behind podiums and in front of cameras by General Jerry Boykin (Retired), one of the most decorated soldiers of our day and the Vice-President of the regarded Family Research Council.

He will be speaking on the subject of "The Exclusivity of Jesus Christ and Interfaith Dialogue," bringing out the danger of the "Interfaith Dialogue" propagated by the Muslim Brotherhood, which can turn into an unholy blending of these mutually exclusive religions dubbed, "Chrislam".

Kamal is a vibrant speaker with a passion for God and the truth. Having been raised in Islam and steeped in "radicalized Islam," Kamal really knows what he is talking about when he points out the lies, half-truths, and deceptions of the "Interfaith Dialogue" movement. He's joining us to warn, exhort, and to lift up and proclaim the exclusivity and name of Jesus Christ.

You can find our recent interview with this sweet man of God on our webpage, AmericanDecency.org, under the videos tab.

Mark your calendar and plan to be with us either on **Friday, October 13 at 7:00 PM** at American Decency, in Fremont, MI or on **Saturday, October 14 at 9:00 AM** at Double Tree by Hilton, Grand Rapids, MI to hear powerful messages from these two men of God.

For more information and to register, call us at 231-924-4050.

We hope to see you there!

When: Friday, October 13

Where: American Decency Assoc.
203 E Main Street
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Time: 7:00 PM

When: Saturday, October 14

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Eliminating the Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

by Lisa Van Houten



A recent CBS headline boasted: “Iceland is on pace to **virtually eliminate** Down syndrome through abortion.”

But they aren’t eliminating Down syndrome – **they’re eliminating babies.** They’re not finding a cure for the chromosomal condition which causes Down syndrome – they’re killing those who have it.

In Iceland nearly 100% of babies diagnosed with Down syndrome are killed before birth. And Iceland isn’t alone; the statistics are equally chilling in many other “progressive” nations. In Great Britain it’s 90%. **In the U.S., somewhere between 61 percent and 93 percent of Down babies are “eliminated.”** In France it’s estimated that 96 percent of babies with Down syndrome are killed through abortion.

That doesn’t come as much of a surprise considering that last year the State Council in France banned an ad produced for World Down Syndrome Day which showed the meaningful, happy lives of children with Down syndrome. As Alexandra DeSanctis of National Review writes: *The advertisement was meant to comfort mothers who received a prenatal diagnosis and assure them that their children would have beautiful, largely normal lives. The ad was forbidden by the French government because the smiles of the children would “disturb the conscience of women who had lawfully made different personal life choices” — in other words, because seeing them happy would upset women who had aborted their Down syndrome children.*

The vast majority of Down babies are killed before they have a chance to laugh or hug. Anyone who has had the privilege of knowing a person with Down syndrome knows the joy they exude.

As the Daily Signal reports, Dr. Brian Skotko, who co-leads the Down Syndrome Program at Massachusetts General Hospital, has shown through his research that:

- * 99 percent of people with Down syndrome are happy.
- * 97 percent of people with Down syndrome like their identity.
- * 99 percent of parents love their child with Down syndrome.
- * 97 percent of brothers and sisters, ages 9-11, say they love their sibling.

Yet the majority of these joy-filled image bearers of God who happen to have an extra chromosome are disposed of.

The “elimination” of those with Down syndrome through abortion - such as what CBS touts - **comes straight from Nazi ideology.** In 1930s Germany it was called “Lebensunwertes Leben” – which translates, “**Life Unworthy of Life.**” The phrase “life unworthy of life” was the justification to “eliminate” those who the Nazi regime deemed had no right to be alive – they were “unworthy” of life. It began with the mentally impaired – just as is done to Down syndrome babies today. In Nazi Germany those with such disabilities were described as “empty shells of human beings” and were killed through euthanasia. The practice then progressed to other segments of the population who were considered “racially impure” – culminating in the extermination of over 6 million Jews.

Since the riots in Charlottesville, Virginia, we’ve heard a lot lately about the rise of Neo-Nazism. The media is doing all they can to equate conservatives with these alt-Right nationalists who are spewing hate and bigotry. **Yet as we rightfully condemn racism, it’s important to note that Nazi ideology is even more prevalent in those on the Left.**

The concept of eugenics – the notion of “improving” the human race by eliminating those deemed “unfit” - didn’t start with Hitler. It began decades earlier by Leftists such as Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood who started targeting those “unworthy of life” in 1917.

Sanger’s efforts led to the forced sterilization of more than 60,000 people who she considered “feeble-minded,” “idiots,” and “morons.” In 1920 she wrote: *“No more children should be born when the parents, though healthy themselves, find that their children are physically or mentally defective.”*

In 1926 Sanger spoke at a Ku Klux Klan rally and after which she wrote that she “received a dozen invitations to speak to similar groups.” Sanger, the liberal hero that she still is today, wrote in 1939: *“We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members.”*

Margaret Sanger isn’t the only liberal icon with such views. Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has stated: *“Frankly I had thought that at the time Roe was decided, there was concern about population growth and particularly growth in populations that we don’t want to have too many of.”*

And lest you think that Planned Parenthood has abandoned their founder’s racist views, statistics from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) show that between 2007 and 2010, nearly 36% of abortions in the U.S. took the lives of black children, even though black Americans make up only 13% of the population. Additionally, 28% of abortions were performed on Hispanics and other minorities. Planned Parenthood’s targeting of minorities is revealed in their placement of their abortuaries – 79% of their “clinics” are located within black or Hispanic communities.

While conservatives are labeled as racists, **it’s the left who engages in pre-natal lynchings.** Nazi ideology is alive and well in all who look the other way as unborn lives are deemed unworthy of life.

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalm 139:13-14

Swiping Past the World

by Chris Johnson



In 2015, Time magazine reported that Americans in aggregate touch their phone 8 billion times per day, or about **46 times per day on average**.

A few months later, in 2016, NetworkWorld.com cited a study claiming that the average user touches their phone **2,617 times each day**.

If you've ever fallen into the mobile game phenomena "Candy Crush," you may have noticed the claim that sometimes appears on the loading screen, **"Players swipe more than two laps around the globe on their mobiles every day!"**

An NBC article from 2016 reported that 50% of teens admit to being addicted to their cell phone, while 60% of parents would describe their child in this way.

Of course, even a casual observer doesn't need to see these statistics to realize that mobile devices have become a common, even crucial, piece of modern life.

As a portal to the collective knowledge of mankind - the internet - **they are all at once a tool of unequalled usefulness, a means of endless distraction, and an access point to the darkest parts of man's imagination.**

Yet, for all of the analysis and statistics and personal experience with smart phone use, there can still be effects that surprise us on occasion.

Which is why, I assume, there have been several published reactions to psychologist Dr. Jean Twenge's recent article at the Atlantic.

She makes note of how cell phones and social media have evolved to almost encapsulate or define the teenage experience of the current generation.

In her article, Twenge uses a case study of a 13-year-old girl, writing, "She spent much of

her summer keeping up with friends, but nearly all of it was over text or Snapchat. "I've been on my phone more than I've been with actual people," she said. **"My bed has, like, an imprint of my body."**

Twenge goes on to highlight the data she researched, *"Across a range of behaviors—drinking, dating, spending time unsupervised—18-year-olds now act more like 15-year-olds used to, and 15-year-olds more like 13-year-olds. Childhood now stretches well into high school.*

Why are today's teens waiting longer to take on both the responsibilities and the pleasures of adulthood? Shifts in the economy, and parenting, certainly play a role. In an information economy that rewards higher education more than early work history, parents may be inclined to encourage their kids to stay home and study rather than to get a part-time job. Teens, in turn, seem to be content with this homebody arrangement—not because they're so studious, but because their social life is lived on their phone. They don't need to leave home to spend time with their friends."

Of course, the Atlantic article pays special attention to the effects that these habits have on students' mental health: **"Teens who spend more time than average on screen activities are more likely to be unhappy, and those who spend more time than average on nonscreen activities are more likely to be happy."**

But one related area the article leaves alone is the effect it has on the culture, specifically the culture's view of morality.

In her case study, Twenge makes note of teens' prolific use of the application, "Snapchat". What she doesn't mention is the app's reputation as a platform for sexting, as any images that are shared via the app will self-delete after being viewed.

A 2014 article in Time cited a study which delivered surprising results about the prevalence of sexting, "Researchers from Drexel University surveyed college students, asking them if they had ever sent or received 'sexually explicit text messages or images' when they were under age 18. **Fifty-four percent said yes...**"

It's a common enough touchstone among teens for a UK girls fashion store, Missguided, to have recently come under fire for alluding to it in its dressing room décor, which reportedly featured signs reading, "send me nudes."

One wonders how many parents who complained about the indescribably inappropriate signs spent equal energy monitoring the teen culture which inspired them.

Parents, it can't always be someone else's kids. **Everyone is someone else to someone else.** Kids are doing this right under good parents' noses. If your kid has a mobile device, **make sure they're not part of these statistics.**

It's time we stop pushing the dangers of these devices to the back of our minds. Maybe they're not sexting. There's still a good chance they're missing out on the joys of real life.

Social media is a high pressure atmosphere. Everyone posts the best parts of their lives, creating the illusion of perfection, literally demanding a covetous response, whether consciously or not. All of this tempts us to join an unmentioned competition, with each post searching for contentment, not in the subject of the post, but in the reaction to it.

That's a tragedy.

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Battle of Beliefs

by Steve Huston



Admittedly biting off more than I can chew, let me start by saying, I'm painting with a broad brush. There will be areas that should be more fully developed but the answer to these issues stem from a common point—although they'll be worked out in different ways.

When dealing with germ warfare, cyber-warfare, warfare with traditional weaponry, and the like, it's easy to know how to defend oneself or one's nation against these things. **In the ideological arena it's a little more difficult. It's a battle for the mind and soul.** Our defense depends upon knowing what we believe, why we believe it, and we must be sure that the foundations of our belief are sure, stable, and right. Lately, the attacks which we are bombarded with are both from within our nation and without, but they have one thing in common - **they are ideological attacks.** To combat these attacks one must use one's mind and stand firmly upon our First Amendment rights of free speech. And like using a firearm, if one is going to hit the target, one must be thinking, prepared, and practiced in the art of keeping focused upon said target. To be drawn off will inevitably make a poor shot and also leave one wide open for further attacks. When dealing with ideologies, it's a battle of words—words express ideas, and people are definitely emotionally tied to their words.

Ideological warfare is taking place all around us with its words and thoughts aimed at our nation's loftiest and foundational ideals, highest levels, and at its youngest citizens. Communism, socialism, and Islamism have been and are ideologically creeping into our government, circumnavigating our Constitution. The LGBT alphabet soup is being fed to our children through the educational system, entertainment, and one-time prestigious institutions like the Boy Scouts of America

and the Girl Scouts, too. Even the courts are getting involved—overstepping their bounds—illegally legislating from the bench, forcing these un-American, ungodly ideas upon this nation's "free" citizenry.

The masses are manipulated by the mêlée of the media, obfuscating the facts with an agenda aimed at political warfare, to bring down not only the elected president, but America itself. Black Lives Matter (BLM), religious and entertainment figures spouting the hatred of racism and driving cultural anarchy, only further drives our nation to the precipice of destruction.

Social media is used as a vehicle to continue voicing feelings instead of facts, promoting agendas rather than looking for what is true and good and right. Young and old alike are allowed to say whatever they want without thought or repercussion. They are allowed to say hurtful and damaging things without witnessing the direct effects of their words, although we see these effects all too well in our society. The back and forth bantering and baiting behind a screen keeps us a safe distance from direct harm; but no one escapes the dangers these words and ideologies bring to each and every neighborhood.

Conservatives and Christians have lazily, foolishly, and apathetically refused to put any skin in the game. Instead of being informed and standing boldly for the good of our nation and our progeny, we have both trusted the government to look out for our own good and—lacking diligence and discernment—have entertained ourselves into the situation we now find ourselves in. **Trading the truth for tolerance and conscience for comfort, we have given up ground to Satan's lies and our heritage to our enemies.**

Reminiscent of Reagan's evaluation of the fight against communism, we have watched socialism, Islamism, and the LGBT ideologies chart the same course: *"Carefully, with great calculation, the communists gauge their aggression slicing each new gain just thin enough so they won't say, 'That isn't worth fighting for.' They predict that when*

we reach the final slice our surrender will be voluntary because we will have been weakened from within morally, spiritually, and economically." These slices were cut before our very eyes as we took no care as to what we or our children watched and didn't pay attention to what they were learning in school.

These slices have been cut thicker with the ever-expanding use of social media where ideas are spoken without any care for factual basis or the feelings of others. **Man, instead of God, is glorified; sin, instead of Christ, is magnified; and where respect, love, and patriotism once held a place in our nation, a vacuum is now present and presently is being filled with evil and its various ideologies.**

There is only one answer to darkness - LIGHT! There is only one answer to falsehood - TRUTH! Our only weapon in this battle of ideologies is the Light of Truth. Unfortunately, many have laid their weapon down. They fight with the carnal weapons of feeling and worldly philosophy instead of Truth and Love. When the church is more entangled with television and social media than it is steeped in the Word, we're in big trouble. When more of the church can tell you the plot of some television show and try to justify their watching it than what last Sunday's sermon was about or what the Bible has to say on some topic, we're in trouble. When prayer is at best described as one's knees kissing the ground instead of being righteous, fervent, persistent, and effectual, we're in trouble! Folks, **we ARE in trouble!**

The church and its institutions of higher learning are supposed to be arming our minds with the pure, unadulterated, bold truth of Scripture so that we might know how to stand in the evil day. As John MacArthur said, *"Be an expert on the word of God, and you will always know what to say to the culture."*

Unfortunately, many churches and Christian colleges/seminaries today are mixing the truth with a lie through guest

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THE SWORD OF TRUTH

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“generals,” from the other side, like Eboo Patel, encouraging the interfaith dialogue movement, and putting the exclusivity of Christ on the back burner as though it was not of utmost importance. They would put our consciences to sleep and encourage us to ease. But the blame cannot and must not be laid solely at the feet of the church and its institutions; **you and I are responsible to know the truth. Make devotions a priority, make prayer your very breath, and strive to boldly magnify Christ in your body whether by life or by death** (Phil. 1:20).

We are in the midst of ideological warfare and make no mistake IT IS A SPIRITUAL WAR! It's a battle for our mind and soul, the mind and soul of our children and grandchildren, and it's a battle for the soul of our nation. It's real, it's in our midst, and it rages within each of us. Study, learn, and grow! Awake from apathetic slumber; arise, and enter the battle. Teach the truth at home, stand boldly on truth in the community, and reprove and rebuke untruth within the church.

Recognizing this battle of ideologies and words, stand firm on your First Amendment right and remember the words of Winston Churchill from The Gathering Storm. *“If you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed: if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all odds against you and only a precarious chance for survival. There may even be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than live as slaves.”*

Changing America—One Word, One Statue, One Prayer at a Time

by Steve Huston



To rewrite a nation's history is to unloose it from its moorings, allowing it to drift chaotically to destinations unknown. President Woodrow Wilson said, *“A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we don't know where we have come from, or what we have been about.”*

An intentional, systematic changing of America began in the early 1900s with one word. From around 1630 until 1900 history was taught from a *providential* view. However, men who would remove God from education and the public square began teaching and rewriting our textbooks from an *economic* view.

Columbus sailed to share the gospel of Jesus in other lands; now we only learn that he was looking for a better trade route. Our forefathers fought England for many political, military, judicial, and moral abuses. Today we focus on #17 (taxation without representation) of the 27 grievances and ignore the moral and religious foundations upon which our founders stood.

God exhorts us to remember the former days and to set stones of remembrance; yet we remove the Ten Commandments from our schools and courts, allow sports heroes and others to disrespect our flag and national anthem, and watch our national statues be torn down one by one.

Today—as I write this—the 9th Circuit Court ruled that high school football coaches cannot pray in public at football games. We were a nation founded on prayer and Biblical principles. Our government and its leaders called us to prayer and fasting, beseeching the help of Almighty God; but today it's been deemed illegal for a citizen

to pray silently after a football game - even as NFL football players refuse to stand for the National Anthem. **They can take a knee to disrespect our country, but we can't take a knee to respect the God upon Whom our nation was founded.**

Congress is strictly forbidden by the Constitution to make any law prohibiting the free exercise of religion. **The federal courts—again—illegally legislate from the bench, showing how America continues to be changed one word, one statue, and one prayer at a time.**

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Make sure your kids know how to enjoy a good thing for what it is and not just for how cool it makes them look.

If you want to delve deeper into the spiritual dangers of these digital devices check out the article by **Tim Challies** entitled, **“Letter to Teens Unboxing Their First Smartphone.”** [at <http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/letter-to-a-teen-unboxing-their-first-smartphone>]

Even as you read this warning, it's clear that this amazing technology can also be used to better you as a person, and – most importantly – to bring glory to God.

Let this writing be a reminder to you to **weigh your time in front of a screen in comparison to what you know God desires for your life.**

Announcing the retirement of Fay Feldpausch, a treasured board member of American Decency Association

By Bill Johnson

Even as I write this, I'm holding back tears as so many memories come flooding upon me as I think of what Fay Feldpausch means to me and to the American Decency Association Board.

Where to begin? But first this. **Fay became a member of our board back in 1992.** That's 25 years ago!

Our organization at that time was a state affiliate of the American Family Association. We were the American Family Association of Michigan (1988-1999).

I became aware of Fay as a result of her work with a very active anti-pornography organization operating out of Lansing. **Fay's zeal for righteousness, her burden for kids, and her faithfulness were so apparent from the very beginning.**

Fay is from a farming community near Lansing and my hometown of Portland. Fay always makes me feel like she is family. Old-fashioned, humble values marked her from the very beginning.

Even after a few years of being on the board Fay would say "I don't know why I'm on this board with all of these knowledgeable, capable people. And, I never say very much!"

I would say "What? Really? Fay, when you speak we all listen. Your words may be few but they are always packed with insight, caring, and wisdom!"

Back around 1998 as the American Family Association of Michigan, we called for a statewide picket of Family Video stores. Picketers gathered in places like Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Gaylord, Ionia, and elsewhere.

Fay, living near Ionia, tried to contact Ionia area pastors to see if she could find some pastors who would join her and urge their members to picket Family Video as Family Video was in the business of renting XXX-rated videos. A number of their outlets also



Fay Feldpausch pictured with husband Alick at their farmhouse.

featured so-called "adult" back rooms.

Despite Fay's efforts to rally local pastors and churches, she found **no one** to join with her. **So Fay chose to go out and picket all by herself.**

While standing out in front of the Ionia Family Video with a picket sign saying something like "Pornography Destroys Children" a reporter/photographer for the Ionia Sentinel spotted Fay all out by her lonesome and asked if he could take a picture. Fay consented and her picture with picket sign in hand stating "Pornography Destroys Children" appeared on the very front page of the Ionia Sentinel giving warning and alerting the many readers of the Ionia Sentinel!

This picketing all by herself is just one of the reasons why I have often said that **Fay Feldpausch exemplifies the heart and soul of American Decency Association!**

Fay was not ashamed of the Gospel or of taking a stand for righteousness and was not embarrassed to stand alone!

Here is another vignette from Fay's stand with us for decency, purity, holiness, and children.

Fay "took" to fundraising. Her concern for what she saw going on in regard to the

spread of pornography was so deep that she just couldn't understand why people wouldn't combat it and support the fight against it.

She started by handwriting on a plain white piece of paper about the damage being done regarding pornography - sometimes taking a quote from our newsletter detailing what our ministry was saying and warning about pornography.

She would make copies of her page and then just head out going basically door to door throughout her greater area.

She would report back and say something like (and I'm not exaggerating) **I made 640 stops but only 10 gave gifts. But, I will be going out again soon.** And, she did many times.

So much more should be said! How we love Fay Feldpausch, and now you can see why, and understand why we will miss her so!

Throughout these ministry efforts, Fay was and is supported by her loving husband, Alick. Together they live out the faith and love that sustains them. May God continue to bless you, Fay and Alick, and keep you in His loving care!