

Elections as Moral Barometers

By Chris Johnson



Proverbs has much to say about Godly leaders.

*“By justice a **king** builds up the land, but he who exacts gifts (takes bribes) tears it down.”*

*“If a **ruler** listens to falsehood, all his **officials** will be wicked.”*

Perhaps most relevant for our day: *“Like a roaring lion or a charging bear is a wicked **ruler** over a poor people. A **ruler** who lacks understanding is a cruel oppressor, but he who hates unjust gain will prolong his days.”*

These proverbs not only give the reader an Inspired basis for criticizing their leaders, but they serve as reminders for any leaders searching the Scriptures for wisdom as well. Of course, this wisdom was recorded in the context of a kingdom - the source of all civic authority in the nation of Israel. Our forefathers came up with something a little different - almost the opposite in fact. In our system, the citizenry holds the authority and it is exercised by their representatives in the government.

In our representative system of government, while we ought to still hold up our magistrates to God’s standards of Godly leadership, who we choose to represent us is either a credit or a condemnation of *our* virtue. We

may have wicked leaders who “lack understanding,” but we all hold a share of the blame. Elections are moral barometers.

And of course, such an opportunity for gauging the moral pressure in the atmosphere is only a matter of weeks away. For those of us in Michigan, we’re not just selecting the next head of the executive branch in our state; we’re also deciding the lives or deaths of an inestimable amount of the coming generations.

In fact, both sides, knowing the passion of their bases, have made it a central part of their platform. Where Republican gubernatorial nominee Tudor Dixon has spoken out strongly in defense of the lives of the unborn, Governor Whitmer uses those video clips to string together ads accusing her of trampling women’s rights.

This is literally a vital election which will both determine our path for the future and inform us as to what kind of people we are. For the first time in over 50 years, states will have the Supreme Court’s blessing to choose for themselves whether to allow the dismemberment of infants in the womb for the convenience of the parents or not. Are we that kind of people? This November, we find out.

This time around, a lot of issues are on the table. Every day we see how far our govern-

ment agencies are willing to go in seizing authority. The FBI is hatching dramatic plots to push people into committing crimes which will make convenient Democrat talking points, let alone raiding the former president’s home to smear the candidates he endorsed. The IRS is seeking to hire 87,000 new agents to ensure everyone is paying their “fair share” no doubt, meanwhile the president is pushing to forgive potentially \$300 billion in student loan debt, again just so they can get the Republicans on record saying they oppose it and hopefully drive up Democrat voter turnout. Speaking of students, they’re coming out of government schools having learned little more than that they can be whatever they want to be when they grow up - a cat, a dog, the opposite sex, both sexes - who are you to say otherwise?

Are we the kind of people who will stand for this? Our nation’s founders knew that this was always the question. Consider this quote from James Madison:

“Is there no virtue among us? If there be not, we are in a wretched situation. No theoretical checks, no form of government, can render us secure. To suppose that any form of government will secure liberty or happiness without any virtue in the people is a chimerical idea.”

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Personal Note from the President



My dad died in 2008. He was a World War II veteran spending months in Europe, in Nazi Germany territory. I was a child of a former soldier who was a member of the greatest generation.

I took for granted many things. Over the years I have had conversations with my peers regarding our place in historical time. Generally the conversation goes like this: *"Of all the people who have ever lived on this earth we have to have been perhaps more blessed than 99.9 percent of them and that includes kings and queens, heads of state throughout the ages."*

The United States was the leading world power. We were "flexing our muscles" as an economic, military, entrepreneurial power (on many fronts, i.e. science, manufacturing, education, agriculture, entertainment, law enforcement, medicine).

There was a sense of unity - a strong consensus across the country about what was right and what was wrong. Our schools, our workplaces were safe and secure.

I was oblivious to politics. But, that all began to change when I was confronted with the Vietnam War, the news of the day, the loss of life, the anti-war movement, the selective service, the military draft, the politics of stopping communism and America's hesitancy to have a war policy that didn't include fighting to win and so much more.

I recall discussions with my father-in-law and my father and my wife and siblings and others about the controversy and my inner turmoil. How would God have me vote? What would He have me be and do? I voted for George McGovern which would have been a vote for pulling out of Vietnam. And, he would have been a pro-abortion president.

Within a few years, as I matured as a Christian, God and His will for my life became very important to me. Smaller issues and then bigger issues arose.

As God poured out His grace and mercy into my life, I grew to recognize that His Word, indeed, applies to all of life: abortion, homosexual marriage, "gay" Christianity, transgenderism. **Colossians 3:17:** *"And whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of Jesus."* **Joshua 1:8:** *"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."* **2 Timothy 2:15:** *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*

An objective observer should readily be able to see, from the above and so much more, that the Bible does counsel God's people to know and deal with life in a way that pleases and honors God. Not surprisingly, the U.S. Constitution and its authors also speak of the importance of living and acting according to God's purposes. John Adams stated it this way: ***Our Constitution is made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.*** Earlier in that particular speech Adams wrote (October 1798): ***... this country will be the most miserable habitation in the world; because we have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net.***

That is a frightening picture and it is a picture of what many parts of our country presently display: lawlessness, nightly car thefts, stores and shops being invaded by enemies within and without, knocking off clerks and store managers en masse and running off with millions of dollars of valuable household, electronic and technological goods with no fear as local authorities, police, mayors, prosecutors, sheriffs bow down. And this is just scratching the sur-

face as those of you who read our newsletter are likely aware.

So here we are on the precipice of a highly significant election - an election that is a barometer of our morality!

Despite the victory of the dismantling of Roe V. Wade, the Marxist-driven left has been energized! In Michigan, there is a ballot afoot that is being readied for a vote in the fall election in November. [You from other states beware for there are similar initiatives throughout the country with the Supreme Court's decision (Dobbs, June 24, 2022) that returned the question of abortion back to the states.] **They are hoping to take advantage of their energy at the expense of the pro-life forces whom they believe are resting in their complacency over the Roe victory. Do not miss the evil intent and design of what is on the ballot here in Michigan. If this passes, new and deeper layers of darkness will be upon us for years to come.**

VOTE NO ON THE ABORTION AMENDMENT

All of this below will be eradicated in Michigan if the no vote does not prevail. PLEASE REMEMBER: ELECTIONS ARE MORAL BAROMETERS.

- * Parental consent for abortion
- * Ban on school employees helping children have abortions
- * Laws requiring parental consent for medical treatment related to pregnancy including sterilizations and hormone therapy
- * Late-term abortion bans
- * Screening for women being coerced to have an abortion
- * Health and safety requirements for abortion facilities
- * Requirement that only doctors perform abortions
- * Ban on tax-funded abortions
- * Michigan's original 1846 and revised 1931 abortion ban
- * Bans on statutory rape and incest
- * Prostitution ban
- * Ban on human cloning

Syncretism: Assault on all that is holy

By Steve Huston



The God Who Is There was written in 1968, yet Francis Schaeffer accurately describes the intellectual climate of our contemporary troubles we face in the church and society today when it comes to syncretism.

“It is like suffocating in a particularly bad London fog. And just as fog cannot be kept out by walls or doors, so this consensus comes in around us, until the room we live in is no longer unpolluted, and yet we hardly realize what has happened.

“The tragedy of our situation today is that men and women are being fundamentally affected by the new way of looking at truth, and yet they have never even analyzed the drift which has taken place. Young people from Christian homes are brought up in the old framework of truth. Then they are subjected to the modern framework. In time they become confused because they do not understand the alternatives with which they are being presented. Confusion becomes bewilderment, and before long they are overwhelmed. This is unhappily true not only of young people, but of many pastors, Christian educators, evangelists and missionaries as well.”

Psalms chapter twelve assures us that “The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.” It’s vital that we wholeheartedly accept and adhere to the whole counsel of God in its pure, unadulterated form. Syncretism assaults the Word of God, the Christian faith, the Church whose sacred Head is Jesus, and, indirectly, our nation which was founded upon the principles of Biblical Christianity. It’s an assault on our souls and upon the souls of our children. **It’s vital that you understand this war which is being waged and what you can do to protect yourself and those you love.**

Syncretism could best be described as spiritual or theological “hash.” Most of the older folks who are reading this will recognize hash as being a dish of chopped meat, potatoes, and sometimes vegetables that have been fried together. They may also “fondly” recall that any leftovers might become a main ingredient. I remember hearing one old Baptist preacher jokingly proclaim that many folks didn’t like hash because they didn’t know what was in it and others refused to eat it because they **did know**.

Some of the ingredients in this spiritual hash would include Christianity, paganism, secularism, and humanism, often heated by one’s emotions, likes, and lusts. In other words, syncretism is a conglomeration of various beliefs where one has created a hybrid god viewed as more appealing than the one, true God of the Bible. We will get a better understanding of why this is so important for us to recognize as we look at some numbers from George Barna and reflect on God’s words through the prophet Jeremiah: “...consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing. Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit. Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid... For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.” (2:10-13)

Many of our readers are familiar with syncretism as it relates to Chrislam (the melding together – as though it were possible – of Christianity and Islam); the syncretism of Wicca with Christianity as various publications talk about “Christian witches” and “Christian tarot cards;” as well as the syncretism of Christianity and communism which has steadily been taking place in China at the behest of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). **What you may not be aware of is the overwhelming speed and breadth at which this spiritual “hash” is being flung into American churches and homes.**

It’s vital that we understand how this issue is affecting our nation and, in particular, our

children. We must seriously evaluate the churches we are attending and compare our pastor’s preaching with the whole counsel of God, otherwise we could possibly be putting ourselves in grave danger. As one online source stated, “*Perhaps our greatest concern shouldn't be empty pulpits, but rather empty pastors standing in them.*”

The Christian Post reports on a recent Barna survey, stating, “*The nationwide study of about 1,000 Christian pastors found that just slightly more than a third (37%) of the U.S. pastors hold a biblical worldview. The majority (62%) possess a hybrid worldview known as Syncretism.*” They also quote George Barna as saying, “*From a worldview perspective, a church's most important ministers are the children's pastor and the youth pastor. Discovering that seven out of every eight of those pastors lack a biblical worldview helps to explain why so few people in the nation's youngest generations are developing a heart and mind for biblical principles and ways of life, and why our society seems to have run wild over the last decade, in particular.*” **With all this, it’s easy to understand why Jesus would ask, “When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”**

What can we do to battle this corrosive doctrine of demons called syncretism? Faithfully attend a strong Bible-believing church where application is strong and relevant. Live out a life of personal holiness and speak the truth in love, addressing the church, the culture, and our children. Finally, take to heart this admonition by J.C. Ryle, first Bishop of Liverpool: **“Walk more closely with God. Get nearer to Christ. Seek to exchange hope for assurance. Seek to feel the witness of the Spirit more closely and distinctly every year. Lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily threatens you. Press towards the mark more earnestly. Fight a better fight, and war a better warfare every year you live. Pray more. Read more. Subdue self more. Love the brethren more. Oh that you may endeavor to grow in grace every year, that the end of your Christian course may be better than the beginning!”**

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There can be no doubt that many of us have been asleep at the wheel. Our readers who have been with us over the past three and a half decades have shared our burden for awakening people to the real decline of the culture we've enjoyed. Even now, we enjoy it. There's no safer or more prosperous, or more comfortable era in human history, and there are few who have been as free. Yet, as Madison pointed out in the quote above, all of that can go away.

In a 2014 article published at First Things entitled "Ruling to Serve," Princeton Professor Robert George highlighted this: *"Constitutional structural constraints are important, but they will be effective only where they are effectually supported by the political culture. The people need to understand them and value them, and value them enough to resist usurpations by their rulers, even when the unconstitutional government programs offer immediate gratification or the relief of urgent problems. This, in turn, requires certain virtues—strengths of character—among the people.*

"But these virtues do not just fall down on people from the heavens. They have to be transmitted through the generations and nurtured by each generation. Madison said that 'only a well-educated people can be permanently a free people.' And that is true. It points to the fact that even the best constitutional structures, even the strongest structural constraints on governmental power, aren't worth the paper they are printed on if people do not understand them, value them, and have the will to resist the blandishments of those offering something tempting in return for giving them up or letting violations of them occur without swift and certain political retaliation."

Consider again those Proverbs we looked at when this article began. In Professor George's remarks we can see how they

apply to us as, in the way President Lincoln describe it, "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people." Will we "exact gifts" of safety, convenience, and entertainment from our civil servants, in exchange for the authority that God has given us over ourselves, our families, and our churches? For example, God gives *parents* the responsibility of training up and disciplining their children. While I believe they have every right to hire other responsible adults to help them, too many Christians parents have neglected this responsibility all together, rather completely entrusting it to the state.

As Pastor Voddie Baucham puts it, *"We cannot continue to send our children to Caesar for their education and be surprised when they come home as Romans.*

We can see, by examining the state of our nation in comparison to the Proverbs, that we have corrupt rulers. Our land is being torn down, the poor are being oppressed, and our officials are wicked. Proverbs puts the burden of this guilt on the ruler of the land. But, we proudly point out, we rule ourselves.

But, there are signs of change. Conversations are being had that couldn't have been had even a decade ago. School choice legislation which would allow more parents to be able to get their kids out of public schools is gaining popularity, and more people are homeschooling than ever. Grass-roots activist organizations are gaining steam, and people are finding out that their neighbors had the same unpopular opinions they did all along.

Proverbs 21:1 says, *"The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will."* As we've seen, that proverb applies to us and our countrymen. As we approach the midterms and look forward to finding a new president in 2024, we must not misplace our hope. It is not found behind the curtains of a ballot box, nor is it lost in the digital counting machines.

Proverbs 29:26: *"Many seek the face of a ruler, but it is from the LORD that a man gets justice."*

At What Cost?

By Lisa Van Houten



Despite their reputation of being a corporation that caters to American families – don't be fooled; Walmart is no friend of the family. For years they've supported the LGBT agenda; now they're pushing abortion. Walmart recently announced they will not only pay for their employees to have an abortion, they'll also cover their travel expenses to help them get one.

How ironic that Walmart's slogan is "Save Money, Live Better" - when unborn babies aren't even given the chance to live. And the money Walmart wants to save is their own. They'd rather see their employees kill their unborn babies than have to pay for maternity leave and family healthcare.

Walmart long ago abandoned the Christian principles upon which Sam Walton founded the company. Yet in the minds of millions, Walmart is still viewed as a bastion of conservative values – even as they advance the LGBT revolution and promote abortion - all while stringing along the pro-family community. **Walmart has made a choice – choosing to align with the culture of death. Now we, their customers, must choose whether or not to support Walmart.** Will you support a company undermining the sanctity of life? [Join with us in contacting Walmart today. Call 1-800-WAL-MART and/or mail the enclosed postcard.](#)

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FBI: The Fearful Bureau of Imagination

By Steve Huston



At one time the FBI was seen as the protector of Americans and the illustrious American way; it was synonymous with the name J. Edgar Hoover who promised: *“Justice has nothing to do with expediency. It has nothing to do with temporary standards. It cannot and will not permit the FBI to be used to superimpose the aims of those who would sacrifice the very foundations on which our government rests. ... (The FBI) will continue to maintain its high and **impartial standards** of investigation despite the hostile opinions of its detractors. Furthermore, the FBI will continue to be **objective in its investigations** and will stay within the bounds of its **authorized jurisdiction regardless** of pressure groups which seek to use the FBI to attain their own selfish aims to the detriment of our people as a whole.”*

This is no longer the case as Americans have witnessed a bold and brash Bureau that seems to think it can act with impunity, behaving as politicized guard dogs which have been let off their constitutional leash to do the bidding of their Democrat masters. Some have likened them (Department of Justice and FBI) to Germany’s Gestapo, which may be closer to truth than to illustrative purposes as they attack political opponents and those commoners who do not kowtow to their party line. Regardless, we have an unrecognizable America that is showing us the scary truth behind that meme which pictures President Trump stating, **“In reality they’re not after me, they’re after you. I’m just in the way.”** As we watch things unravel, it would seem that leftist globalists in this administration are colluding with various worldwide entities to *“seek to use the FBI to attain their own selfish aims to the detriment of our people as a whole.”* Or as historian Victor Davis Hanson put it, *“The FBI has become dangerous to Americans and an existential threat to their democracy and rule of law.”*

In so limited a space as here, I can’t draw the lines explicitly to show how the FBI has fallen **Far Beneath Integrity**, performing much wrong-doing in weaving together a scenario which lassoed in Adam Fox and Barry Croft Jr. who were recently “found guilty” of conspiring in 2020 to kidnap Michigan Democrat Governor Gretchen Whitmer. So I urge our readers to go to <https://www.foxnews.com/media/tucker-carlson-reason-publics-confidence-fbi-plummeted> and listen to or read Tucker Carlson’s report on this extensive undertaking by the FBI, both in this debacle as well as pointing to its possible involvement with the January 6 “insurrection.”

The aforementioned only adds to a growing list of partisan attacks, particularly against Donald Trump – before, during, and after his presidency while notable Democrats like the Bidens, Clintons, et al, are handled very differently. Whether we consider pre-election wire tapping, Russia-gate and its \$32 million dollar price tag with zero evidence of collusion, impeachment, or any of a host of politicized attacks, including the recent FBI raid on Trump’s Mar-a-Lago home, it must be deemed reprehensible and unacceptable by an American public that may find themselves in like situations. Recognizing the double standard that’s being played out before our very eyes, civil rights attorney Alan Dershowitz told the Epoch Times, *“Right now, the pendulum is swinging against the Constitution, against free speech. If I had to put a symbol on the Justice Department, it would be, ‘Due process for me but not for thee. Free speech for me but not for thee. Equal protection for me but not for thee.’”* Also stating, *“If it can happen to Trump, it can happen to **anybody** in the United States.”*

Unconstitutional intimidation has hit Trump’s allies too. Search to see what happened to Jeffrey Clark, Peter Navarro, Sebastian Gorka, Roger Stone, and Rudy Giuliani to name a few.

“Anyone, whether you’re a libertarian, a Democrat, an independent, you should want the FBI to be apolitical. When it comes to law enforcement, when it comes to the judiciary, the saying stands: It should be the

application of law without prejudice; and also, it must look as if the law is applied without prejudice.” (Gorka)

The Heritage Foundation’s president, Kevin Roberts, had this to say about the Mar-a-Lago raid. It “represents yet another example of the federal government weaponizing law enforcement to punish political enemies, silence critics, and send a message to those whom it views as enemies.” He’s also stated, “The timing is suspect at best, given the upcoming elections and the Senate’s passage of a bill that would authorize the hiring of 87,000 new IRS agents, who will be unleashed to target working and middle-class Americans in order to fund the left’s radical agenda.”

With all that’s in this newsletter, it would be easy to lose our peace. Take David’s counsel – **“What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.” Start there!** Then follow Gorka’s personal and Hoover’s national advice.

“It’s very simple. Stand up for the truth. Never, never, never, censor yourself...one man telling the truth can lead to the collapse of the dictatorial regime.” (Gorka)

Hoover’s solution for his day is appropriate for ours: *“We must return to the teachings of God if we are to cure this sickness... Without law and order society will destroy itself... We badly need a moral reawakening in every home in our nation. The voices of temperance, logic, and emergency must speak out. Terrorism cannot be tolerated in a free society. Hate, terror, and lawlessness are not the American way. ... “We are courting disaster if we do not soon take some positive action against the growing moral deterioration in this land. ... Today, patriotism seems to be going out of style. When man places himself above the law and bases his decisions on his own selfish interests, he aids the communist’s relentless effort to destroy the ideals of our civilization. He contributes heavily to reducing life to the code of the jungle by making it easier for communism to spread its deadly doctrines and its terror and the brutalization of man... **America stands at the crossroads of destiny. It is a common destiny in which we shall all finally stand or fall together.**”*

China's Trojan Horse

By Lisa Van Houten



Ancient lore tells the story of the Trojan Horse where the Greeks devised a cunning scheme to infiltrate the city of Troy. Greek soldiers hid in the giant statue - which the Trojans thought was a peace offering to their gods. During the night while the Trojans were asleep, the soldiers climbed out and opened the city gates for the Greek army to enter. The rest, as they say, is history - or maybe just mythology - no one knows if that ploy actually occurred. However, to this day the term "Trojan Horse" is used to describe a deceptive action intended to defeat or subvert an enemy from within.

Churchill once said: "those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it" and the U.S. has miserably failed to learn from the defeated Trojans. While China has built up their military, their economy, and their worldwide influence over the last several decades, the U.S. has apathetically traded our national security for cheap products. In exchange, we've become reliant upon China for our pharmaceuticals, technology, and a host of other goods and services. While Communist China has been building their dominance, the U.S. has been asleep, letting China stealthily wheel a Trojan Horse right under our noses into the heartland of our country. Chinese companies, with ties to the CCP (Chinese Communist Party), have become the largest foreign buyer of U.S. real estate, spending \$6.1 billion last year alone, snatching up thousands of acres of farmland - much of it near U.S. military bases.

A recent purchase of 370 acres in Grand Forks, ND by the Fufeng Group raised alarm within the national security community. The land purchased by this Chinese company is a mere 12 miles from Grand Forks Air Force Base, the Air Force's Air Combat Command base. The close prox-

imity would give the CCP an opportunity for surveillance or interference with the sensitive operations taking place at Grand Forks Air Force Base, home to our top-secret drone technology. Drones flown in the Middle East, for example, are actually operated from Grand Forks. According to Sen. Kevin Cramer (R- N.D.), the Grand Forks Air Force Base is "a very important ISR - that's intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance - air base" and it serves as "a ground station for working satellites in low earth orbit. There's a lot of important data that goes up and down from space to earth at Grand Forks." Having a Chinese entity 12 miles away gives the CCP the "opportunity for the Chinese to do what they do very well. And that is steal and spy," Cramer warned.

The Fufeng Group states they plan to open a corn milling factory, employing 200 people, on the North Dakota property; however, as the Federalist reports, "*what most Americans don't know is that every Chinese company with 50 or more employees must have a Chinese Communist Party (CCP) official embedded in it. This CCP political officer is a looming presence in any firm hailing from a nation with no rule of law other than what CCP officials say it is. Thus, while the Fufeng Group likely has legitimate business purposes for investing in Grand Forks, so too does the CCP have strategic military purposes for using Fufeng's North Dakota base for its own purpose.*"

A Chinese entity has also purchased a 130,000-acre ranch near Laughlin Air Force Base, causing similar security concerns. In addition, this Texas property is on the border with Mexico and has its own airstrip which could be used to coordinate with the drug cartels in Mexico as China floods the U.S. with deadly fentanyl.

The Chinese purchase of land near military installations is only part of the Trojan Horse threat. Chinese telecom giants, Huawei and ZTE, have supplied cell tower equipment and routers to rural areas around military bases - often selling the equipment at a loss. I highly doubt that Communist China wants to provide telecom service to rural America

out of the kindness of its heart. If they aren't making a profit, what is their motivation? That becomes abundantly clear when you consider that much of the made-in-China equipment was installed adjacent to America's nuclear triad of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles in Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wyoming - and is reportedly capable of capturing and disrupting highly restricted Defense Department communications, including those used by U.S. Strategic Command, which oversees our nuclear weapons. Security experts warn that the Chinese technology could have jamming capabilities that could cripple our nuclear weapons systems.

In addition, Chinese-made cell tower transmitters and receivers can be remotely reconfigured to listen to nearby military transmissions, jam military frequencies, degrade internet service in the early hours of a conflict, and monitor traffic around sensitive U.S. military installations via the cameras which were installed on the towers supposedly to provide weather and traffic information.

Under the Trump administration, these rural telecom companies were banned from using Chinese equipment. In 2020, Congress appropriated \$1.9 billion to "rip and replace" Huawei and ZTE equipment. But as of today, under Biden, none of it has been removed. In addition, Biden shut down the Trump administration's "China Initiative" - a program to prevent espionage by the CCP. Considering Biden's ties to China, that's no surprise. As Peter Schweizer writes in the New York Post: "*The Biden family has done five deals in China totaling some \$31 million arranged by individuals with direct ties to Chinese intelligence - some reaching the very top of China's spy agency.*"

As Biden knowingly looks the other way as Communist China infiltrates the U.S., will we one day share the same fate as ancient Troy? As Psalm 9 says, "the nations have sunk in the pit that they made". But thankfully our hope isn't in our nation, but in our Lord. "***And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.***" (Ps. 9:10)

Re-imagining God's Image

By Lisa Van Houten



“First, do no harm.” This has long been a part of the Hippocratic Oath of the medical profession. Yet countless doctors are knowingly betraying that pledge in the “treatment” of gender-confused youth.

An entire generation of children are being indoctrinated in transgender ideology and many are being encouraged into pursuing a transgender identity – often by the adults in their lives who should be protecting them, not fostering a delusion. For years the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has pushed cross-sex hormones and sterilization surgery for minors struggling with their identity as they navigate puberty. In a 2018 policy statement, the AAP labeled “watchful waiting” (the practice of holding off gender treatments to see if adolescents outgrow their confusion as most do) as a harmful form of “conversion therapy.” What begins with “preferred pronouns” leads to puberty blocking drugs, and, as the AAP calls it - “gender-affirming care.” **But there is nothing affirming or caring about it.** “Gender-affirming care” is just a euphemism for the permanent mutilation of kids’ bodies through drugs and surgery. The medical profession doesn’t use terms like “castrate” and “sterilization” despite the fact that that is the result of their “gender-affirming care.”

Boston Children’s Hospital (BCH), the highest ranked children’s hospital in the nation, touted its Center for Gender Surgery which, their website boasts, “offers gender affirmation surgery services to eligible adolescents and young adults who are ready to take this step in their journey. It is the first center of its kind in the U.S. in a major pediatric hospital setting.” BCH had several videos posted on their website detailing the surgeries they offer to adolescents. After conservative journalists exposed the mutilating surgeries doctors at BCH were

performing on confused youth, the videos mysteriously disappeared.

These procedures include double mastectomies for girls as young as 15, as well as “gender-affirming hysterectomies” performed for absolutely no medical reason – only to further the delusion that they can become boys. The end result is that when these adolescents outgrow their confusion, as the vast majority eventually do, these girls will never be able to bear children.

Other “gender-affirming care” performed on teens at BCH include phalloplasty - a barbaric procedure which entails cutting off flesh from a girl’s forearm to fashion a non-functioning penis. A reverse form of genital mutilation is performed on boys – called vaginoplasty. **Again, this is not “affirming” – it’s abusive and truly horrific.**

BCH is not the only hospital performing such procedures. For example, the Federalist reports: *Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, California, has amputated the breasts of a 12-year-old girl and castrated a 16-year-old boy in the name of ‘gender-affirming care.’ Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh promotes puberty blockers for children. The pediatric gender program director at Yale has admitted on camera she believes children as young as 2 or 3 can be eligible for medical intervention and treatment on their ‘gender journey.’*

After years of leftists pushing this ideology and popularizing it among youth, we are beginning to see the utter devastation caused. Young people who regret transitioning to a transgender lifestyle are now telling their horrifying stories. Chloe Cole, who began transitioning from female to male at age 13, changed her mind after having a double mastectomy. She testified before the Florida legislature, stating: *“I literally lost organs. No child should have to experience what I have. My consent was not informed.”* Indeed, these teens, whose brains are still developing, are incapable of making an informed decision or truly understanding the lifelong ramifications of undergoing irreversible procedures that will maim them forever. They can’t drink alcohol at 16, but it’s okay for them to take hormones and pu-

berty-blocking drugs that cause chemical castration? We’ve determined that seeing R-rated movies is harmful for minors, but not the permanent mutilation of their bodies?

Yet parents who don’t go along with this insanity and who act in the best interest of their children are losing custody of their children. A professor at Children’s Mercy Hospital says not giving a child puberty blockers is a form of psychological abuse and suggests parents should be held criminally liable and the state should intervene. In California, the state did intervene and Abigail Martinez had her daughter taken by Child Protective Services because she wouldn’t allow her daughter to take testosterone and “transition” to male. The state gave her testosterone and her daughter committed suicide while in the “care” of the state.

These children, who are being manipulated into believing that they’re transgender, are merely pawns to advance an agenda. “The ugly truth hidden behind the lying promises of ‘gender-affirming care’ is that medical transition always inflicts physical harm for no physical benefit; it damages a patient’s body, rather than healing it,” writes Nathaniel Blake at the Federalist.

Doctors are knowingly inflicting harm upon adolescents who need caring and compassion – not castration. The Hippocratic Oath goes on to pledge: *“I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures [that] are required, avoiding those twin traps of over-treatment and therapeutic nihilism. I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon’s knife or the chemist’s drug. ... Above all, I must not play at God.”* Yet that is exactly what they are doing – “playing God.”

The affirmation these troubled youth need is not found in a new gender but in the identity our Heavenly Father gives us: ***“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.’”*** (Isaiah 43:1)

The Inca Stand as Witnesses

By Chris Johnson



Scrolling through my Twitter feed the other day, I was introduced to a foreign girl in a photograph. Dressed in drab, homespun cloth, with tightly braided hair that fell over a brown face slumped forward as if in sleep, she is one of the last and best reminders of her long dead culture. It was the shocking display of the 500-year-old corpse, incredibly preserved, of an Inca teenager found on the slopes of the Andes Mountain in 1999.

From the photo's vantage point, after careful restoration for a museum exhibit, the body looks as if she sat down to take a rest from the exhausting efforts that brought her young body up rugged paths to the top of the mountain where she was found. That's not the real story though.

The researchers examining her body along with the corpses of two boys who were found with her say their stomachs were filled with alcohol – likely given to put them to sleep there in the cold mountain peaks.

As anyone who's lived in cold climates knows, the last thing you'd want to do to survive a frigid night exposed to the elements is to go to sleep, but these kids were not trying to survive. They climbed that mountain for the purpose of freezing to death. These kids were Inca human sacrifices.

The scientists and anthropologists studying these bodies say their diet reflected that of a peasant for most of their young lives, until the year leading up to their sacrifice. At that point they went from eating potatoes and vegetables to maize and meat, drinking alcohol, and chewing on coca leaves. In short, the children were being fattened up before their final journey. That journey, however, didn't begin at the mountain top where they left the land of the living. It began in the city

of Cuzco, from where they willingly walked hundreds of miles before their anticipated destination on the heights of the mountain, Lullailaco, where they believed they would ascend to live in bliss with their gods.

According to the New York Times' reporting, *"Only beautiful, healthy, physically perfect children were sacrificed, and it was an honor to be chosen. According to Inca beliefs, the children did not die, but joined their ancestors and watched over their villages from the mountaintops like angels."*

It's easy for us moderns to sneer at our primitive ancestors. How could they believe that sending this girl to freeze to death would improve their own lives? How could their parents allow this to happen? Why would the kids themselves go through something so grisly so willingly?

It makes you wonder, what will researchers in another 500 years have to say about us?

Another centuries-old discovery began to be unearthed in 2020 in an Aztec ruin; a pile of over 650 skulls of human sacrifices so far. Spanish Conquistadores reported counting over 10,000 skulls when they came across it in the 1500s.

We look back at such ancient cultures and consider their barbarism to be primitive.

But our culture does the same thing, doesn't it? Not only in sacrificing our babies through abortion, but in allowing surgeons to slice up our kids whose heads have been filled with lies of autonomy we're trying to convince ourselves and each other of.

We don't stack our victim's bodies into towers, only because they're instead sold for medical research. Although, now that I think of it, some abortion doctors have been known to keep the bodies of their victims as trophies as well.

We don't drug our kids with coca leaves and corn alcohol and send them up a mountain to freeze to death, instead we pump them full of synthetic hormones and psychotropic medication and tell them if they pay a surgeon to turn their organs inside out they can experience the bliss of being the true self they always dreamed they were meant to be.

Jesus told the Israelites of His day that the men of Nineveh would stand as witnesses against their generation, but the mighty Mesoamerican cultures, infamous for their disregard for human life, stand as witnesses against us.

When Cain killed Abel, God said, *"The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground."* When God sent Jonah to Nineveh, He said, *"their evil has come up before me."*

How much more the innocent blood for which we are responsible, not just to feed and clothe and protect, but to disciple.

God stayed his judgment when the wicked people of Nineveh repented, but while he was willing to spare Sodom and Gomorrah for the sake of just a handful of righteous, there were none.

Which will be the fate of the United States?

Abraham Lincoln famously stated in his second inaugural address before the end of the Civil War, *"Fondly do we hope - fervently do we pray - that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword as was said three thousand years ago so still it must be said 'the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"*

The overturning of Roe v. Wade was a good first step towards national repentance. The upcoming election provides another opportunity to turn our cities, states, and nation away from this wickedness. But every ordinary day, Christians have responsibilities to carry out the great commission – discipling our nation in ways big and small in the places God has put us. Let us see to our tasks.