

“Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed”

By Bill Johnson



Recently, I placed a call with a long-time friend out of Mississippi who is still in ministry. We had a few minutes reminiscing in regard to our years in ministry. He spoke of a 10-year class reunion where class awards were playfully given. There was a special award designed for my friend entitled something like “*Most unlikely.*” Most unlikely. What? Most unlikely to be a pastor!

Oh, how we laughed for my friend, indeed, had been a pastor for a number of years continuing in ministry to this very day, serving in a parachurch ministry after many years of pastoring. None of us who came into his life over the last forty-five plus years would have seen him as being anything but a pastor and a very dear pastor at that. This man, now into his 70s, had been raised in a very Godly family. Yet, it was his testimony that he went through some rough spots – rough enough apparently that his friends saw him back in his high school years as unlikely to be a pastor. Unlikely? God IS faithful! He was faithful to my friend’s parents. He was/is faithful to my friend. He has blessed so many lives as God’s fruitfulness in his life is on display: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, endurance.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from

childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:14

My friend, Buddy, emerged from that which he had been blessed with and received. He has continued onward unfolding in his life wisdom and faith in Jesus Christ – blessing untold numbers of lives.

Many of us are burdened over what our loved ones are facing at every area of life. Let me count the ways. Or, let me not. I’ll let you do that. You already have counted them one way or another – in thought, discussion, prayer ...

I know, for I have heard what many of you have heard from old friends and relatives. “I hate to think what ‘our kids’ are going to have to face.” Their thoughts continue, “It isn’t about me anymore. It’s about them.”

It isn’t too late for you – no matter your age – to make a difference. I wasn’t parented like Buddy in that I didn’t directly have Bible/church-oriented parents. We went to church a little, but not too much.

But, in my early twenties God got ahold of me while I was at church as I heard hymns of the faith and tears came rolling down my cheeks. Something was happened that I didn’t understand, but God had begun a good work within me that He has continued to

this day. I was drawn to Him. I began, haltingly at first, to read the Bible, but I was drawn to it and made hungry. That hunger has never ceased.

I am convinced that someone from my family - cousins, uncle/aunt, future in-laws - was praying for my salvation.

Now well into my years of parenting, grandparenting, including years of teaching and being a long-time member of a church, an elder, Sunday School teacher, ministry leader with American Family of Michigan for a number of years and continuing yet as President of American Decency Association (combined 35 years), despite the great decline that I see all around us in our land at seemingly every level, God is faithful to His purposes in saving His people one by one by one and building them into children of God. His mission is clear and true. So, to the point – I wasn’t per se brought up in the faith, but someone was, and they were praying and encouraging me to go to church, and the fire from heaven fell on even me.

Never give up on praying for those in need of Christ.

Would my high school class have presented me with a “most unlikely award”? But for God and prayers. ...

Personal Note from the President



Folks, young and old, filled the administration building in Fremont, Michigan. They filled the hallways and the streets along the way. They were there en masse to make sure they expressed their outrage at the notion that the Fremont School Board could set policy that opened the option for boys “identifying” as girls to use the girls’ bathrooms. It was a sight to behold the many cars parked in the school administration parking lot and along the side roads leading up to the school administration building recently, as parents came in droves to express concern.

Speaking in recent days to two school officials, I heard this worry expressed: they may face a suit from the transgender side. That clearly has a hold upon them. There is no doubt that they have been indoctrinated by attorneys telling them there is no way around it.

But, what about each and every child who needs to be protected? What about those who may be exposed to a male posing as a female or even possibly being sexually abused? They, too, have the power to sue. Why aren’t they concerned about those children, those innocent lives and their families?

This video makes it clear that there is another way! I recently interviewed Dave Kallman of the Kallman Legal Group, Lansing, MI regarding this explosive topic. I urge you to watch this informative video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17LDY_E2XU8

What will it be? Guard the innocence of the many (using the recommendations and protections offered in this video) or be more fearful about being sued while untold numbers are wantonly being degraded, con-

fused, and abused?

If opposing boys and young men in girls’ bathrooms and locker rooms isn’t an issue worth opposing, then I don’t know what is.

But, what about the Fremont School Board (Fremont, MI)? What about the superintendent? The staff? Are they okay with this? If they falter out of fear of being sued and allow those confusing the genders to have their way, then the lie will be perpetrated and the slippery slope will take many with them – ruined bodies, ruined lives, hearts filled with sorrows. And as young people are pushed into pursuing mutilating surgeries and cross-sex hormones, they will be forced to live with a body that cannot be restored.



(Bill in his class - circa 1982)

As a former educator myself (of 18 years), knowing how impressionable children are, I would continue to do everything within my power and capability to oppose anything that smacked of lying to this generation of children – each one made in the image of God. I believe with all my heart that I would have held the line – one way or another.

I would have continued to tell the truth – a boy is a boy; a girl is a girl. The stakes have gotten so very high. Much higher than when I was teaching. I left teaching in June 1988 to go into full-time ministry.

As a teacher I encouraged parents to guard their children from programming that was not appropriate. I held a high standard for behavior and discipline. Why high standards? Because I cared about children – that under my care, to the best of my ability, they would progress academically, in applying themselves, in knowing the difference between right and wrong.

I would have stood against lying to them that a boy can be a girl or that somehow their confusion as to their gender should be enhanced with a surgery or chemicals. I might have lost my job, but not without making a strong statement in word and deed. I would never have allowed myself to allow this to be perpetrated under my oversight of my students. I may have lost my job, but I would have kept my integrity; my conscience would be clear.

To uphold standards can be a very controversial thing, but look what happens when we exchange the truth for a lie. That has been seen year upon year – the decline in standards, the decline in SAT scores, the increased breakdown in discipline all across America – and now allowing young men in girls’ bathrooms; boys competing in girls’ sports; the “advance” in wokeism and secularism in our schools.

Parents and grandparents get it! They intuitively know – there is too much at stake to let our school system(s) fall into chaos over sexual confusion as our educators open the door wide to increasing numbers of kids confused over their sexual identity leading to more boys getting castrated and more girls using puberty blockers and chopping off their breasts only to realize in a few short years that they have done irreparable damage to their bodies and lives.

We can’t necessarily do a lot about everyone else, but there is a lot we can do about ourselves. Uphold what is right, good, true, honorable, decent, just. Look beyond yourself.

The turnout by parents and grandparents at the Fremont Public Schools Board meeting was impressive – but don’t back down. Parents standing up to defend their children against transgender insanity are needed in every community and every state in the nation.

Love your children. Show it day in and day out, whatever your position in life! Look to the standard. The standard is Jesus – the way, the TRUTH and the life.

Fathers Leading Families

By Steve Huston



Paul, arguably the greatest apostle, speaking to his spiritual son: “But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of...” (2 Tim. 3:14)

Solomon, son of King David – the man after God’s own heart – writes, “My son, hear the instruction of thy father...For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head...” Prov. 1:8-9

Fathers have a hard role to play. Most deal with the demons of their own upbringing and feel the need to bear up under the pressures of society’s expectations. My grandfather and father grew up under the unspoken rule that real men don’t cry and live by some kind of “John Wayne code.” Their grandsons bear the brunt of a culture that expects them to be spineless doormats to be trampled under by feet of feminism or else be accused of “toxic masculinity.” I could “spill much ink” pointing to the history of how we got here and write laments, regarding the end of our culture’s road, but it’s a wiser use of this space to encourage our readers to be more concerned with what God calls men to be – a firm and loving leader of their family, protecting them, training them, and providing for them.

Now, culturally speaking, no one seems to know what a man is, what a woman is, the roles or responsibilities for either of these “ethereal” concepts, and our children are being raised in the midst of very confused and angry people. If we will take seriously the mantle of leadership that God has authoritatively placed upon us and designed us to carry, we will be leading our families through the “valley of the shadow of death,” persecution, and misunderstanding. Regardless, let us lead them fearing “no evil, for God is with us,” leading us. His Word is faithful, stable, and a comfort. The Bible defines a man and a woman; it clearly shows

us our different, yet mutually important and complementary, roles to fulfill. Might we example these God-given roles to the next generation.

My dad wasn’t a Christian when I was born, but he was a good man who loved my mother from the time they were children. His father was not a believer, but, my dad, after believing on Jesus and through faithful study of the Bible and application, learned about the “*Faith of our fathers living still.*” To the best of his ability and through the power of the Spirit, he passed that Biblical faith and knowledge on to his children. My mom had been raised in a Christian home and was a committed helpmeet. Dad highly regarded her and gently led us all. Her opinion was valued but Dad had the final say; God-given responsibility rested on him. They likely never heard of the word “complementarianism,” yet that Biblical concept was worked out in their marriage and in our family. Thank you, Lord, for my dad and mom.

I trust you don’t find this background tedious; I find it beautiful. I am grateful that God’s sovereign hand is capable of taking anyone from any background and work all things “together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” Regardless of how we are raised, we can, by God’s grace, own the truths from this great hymn of the faith: “*Faith of our fathers, living still, In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword; Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy Whene’er we hear that glorious Word! (Refrain) Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.*”

Dads, I’m urging us to Biblical manhood; neither our past nor our culture has to, nor should it, define what our role is. We have been created by Almighty God to live according to His purpose. He’s put each of us in various positions, some of those positions as an authority, at other times submitting to authority. We are called to love our wives and to live at peace with them, submitting to each other in complementarianism. We are to disciple our children, raising them in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Teach them that they have been created in the

image of God, as they are, and God makes no mistakes. Remind them, daily, that Christ is their only hope and His Word their only guide. It’s from Christ’s lips that we long to hear, “Well, done.” regardless what men may say.

Fathers, we are Scripturally the head of our homes, yet Christ is our Head. We’re meant to lead with love and, prayerfully, expect that our wife and children will follow. Remembering that our greatest command is to love God with all that we are and to love our neighbor as ourself, I urge you, keep before yourself and your family, with humility, the exceeding sinfulness of sin and the beauty of holiness. I’m so grateful that we aren’t left to our own efforts in this vital task. The Word, the Spirit, and love lend great assistance to avoiding the former and clinging to the latter.

The Bible is an authoritative aid in our battle with sin and call to holiness. It gives divine restraint and keeping power. The psalmist wrote that a young man can cleanse his way by “taking heed thereto according to thy word.” And again, that if we hide God’s Word in our hearts we can be kept from sin.

The Holy Spirit “helpeth our infirmities,” “hath made me free from the law of sin and death,” and “will guide you into all truth.” It’s by God’s grace and the Spirit’s power that we are able to hate sin because we love Christ.

Which brings us to **love**. “The love of Christ constraineth us.” Praise God, that His grace is greater than man’s great sin.

Yes, we are merely men, but if we are God’s men, let us, by word and example, compel our children to shun sin and cling to Christ and His holiness. By our lives and our leading, may they know who they are in God’s eyes, and might their lives, by God’s grace, reflect this song’s second verse, affecting our nation for good. “*Our fathers, chained in prisons dark, Were still in heart and conscience free; How sweet would be their children’s fate, If they, like them, could die for thee! (Refrain) Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.*”

Another Brick in the Wall

By Chris Johnson



In 1979, the legendary British rock band Pink Floyd released a song called, “Another Brick in the Wall.”

I’m sure at the time, the rockers never would have believed that it would be a conservative anthem almost 50 years later, but its lyrics resound in the hearts of those who’ve been paying attention to exactly what’s been going on in the public schools in recent years.

“We don’t need no education; we don’t need no thought control. No dark sarcasm in the classroom; Teacher, leave them kids alone.”

If you’re not quite there yet, wait until you hear about middle-school teacher, Sarah Bonner.

According to NBC News, Bonner has been a teacher for twenty years and, like all good teachers, she likes to encourage her students to read. What separates Sarah Bonner from good teachers, however, is the books that she pushes on them.

“I wanted to give them a smattering of fiction and nonfiction to choose from on a day that we call ‘Reading Monday,’ Bonner, 42, told TODAY.com. ‘We just read and celebrate books.’

“One of those books was Juno Dawson’s ‘This Book is Gay.’ It’s a bestselling nonfiction book that’s billed by its publisher as an entertaining and informative ‘instruction manual’ for anyone coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual or trans,” NBC reports.

What NBC doesn’t report is what the book contains. One page introduces what it calls, “a diagram of a cisgender boy.” The first odd thing about this boy is his 5 o’clock shadow, but that’s hardly the worst of it. The sketch is of a naked male, diagraming which parts of the body, “FEEL NICE when you touch them.” It gives recommendations to the middle school students reading this

on how to touch each individual body part.

There’s also a dictionary section of the book, which defines graphic homosexual terminology in ways which would turn a normal person’s stomach.

Perhaps worst of all, it includes a section explaining how “sex apps” work: “1 - Upload a tiny picture of yourself to the app. 2 - The app works out your location. 3 - The app tells you who the nearest homosexuals are, 4 - You then chat to them. 5 - Because you are near, it is easy to meet up with them.”

There you go, don’t say school never taught you anything.

The focus of NBC’s reporting on this story, believe it or not, isn’t that a teacher would dare to put such perversion in front of her students, it’s that the parents would dare to push back against it. At least one responsible parent did push back, by filing a police report against the teacher for child endangerment.

Bonner was placed on administrative leave before deciding to resign, but parents all over the country have stumbled over this book in their kids’ classrooms and school libraries. And it is not slipping into these spaces because the teachers and librarians aren’t paying attention. These kinds of books are being sought out and presented to kids in order to make the kids think a certain way on this subject.

Another instance comes from Florida, where first year teacher Jenna Barbee bumped up against Ron DeSantis’ recently passed law banning homosexual propaganda from the classroom.

Barbee showed Disney’s *Strange World* to her students: a climate-change propaganda cartoon with homosexual characters. This time, one of the students was the daughter of a school board member who was not having it. This prompted an apology letter to parents from the school board, and a school board meeting, and the parent/school board member was able to report the incident to the state board of education, which was the basis of an ongoing state investigation.

Hopefully that young teacher, and others

watching the incident play out, learn their lesson, and hopefully the states’ parents stay vigilant, since they have actual legal recourse to pursue if this kind of material pops up in their kids’ classrooms.

If only the rest of us parents had similar options.

For most of us, and particularly for those of us in my own city right now which is going through this nonsense of kids getting to use the bathroom of whichever “gender” they’re “identifying” as, we have nothing to appeal to but a hope that our school board cares more about our kids and doing what’s right than they do their own ease. Which they don’t, apparently.

As the Department of Education, more and more, ties federal funding to the acceptance, if not outright enforcement, of radical LGBTQ ideology, how many students will be introduced to graphic sexual material by their teachers? How many middle-schoolers will be encouraged to download sex apps by their school libraries? How many kids will be forced to use restrooms with members of the opposite sex who’ve been radicalized by this material?

In 1979, what Pink Floyd was singing about was how when the schools were done with you, “All in all, you’re just another brick in the wall” universal size, shape, and thought process, utilitarian in purpose.

The purpose has changed since 1979, but the process hasn’t. In 2023, that wall has a rainbow flag painted on it.

“Hey, Teacher! Leave them kids alone!”

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The Unrecognized Cause of the NYC Subway Tragedy

By Chris Johnson



Last year, my wife and I and our kids rode the Washington, D.C. Metro in and out of the Capitol to attend the annual Memorial Day parade. The car we rode on the way back wasn't very full; but there was one young man by himself on the bench right in front of us. While I looked out the window on the opposite side of the car, I noticed in the reflection on the glass that the kid in front of us had produced a large black knife. This got me pretty worried, pretty quick. There wasn't anything in the car that needed cutting. There were no other men on this train beside me and one middle-aged fellow and no chance for police to prevent any violence on an underground train going 75 miles an hour in a tunnel.

The young man nonchalantly poked his knife through the vinyl of the seat and slit it, for no obvious reason, front to back, as we sped along.

I was running through my options, preparing to jump on him if he did something crazy, wondering what it would feel like when that knife poked me in the ribs, when thankfully the train slowed down for the next station and the young man got off, leaving only a senselessly ruined bench seat behind.

I breathed a sigh of relief, thanked the Lord, and tried to relax for the rest of the trip, but I was very ready to be out of that train car.

When former Marine Daniel Penny rode the New York City subway last month, he had a similar experience. Only he was faced with a mentally ill homeless man saying things like, "I just want to go serve a life-sentence in prison, so I don't have to worry about being hungry anymore."

Rather than wait to see whether or not the mentally ill man would follow through, Daniel Penny incapacitated him in what should have been a non-lethal restraint: a

choke hold. After Jordan Neely passed out, Daniel Penny helped put him in a recovery position. Emergency responders met the train at the station and took the unconscious Neely to a hospital where, tragically, he died.

It wasn't long before we knew all about Jordan Neely's awful backstory: his father had abandoned him and his mother, and his mother would later be murdered and her body hidden in a suitcase by an angry boyfriend. Jordan would testify at the trial, and then bounce around between the homes of friends and family and the street. For a while, he passed the days doing Michael Jackson impersonations on the subway, before understandable mental and emotional problems and a reluctance to take medication caught up with him and he became violent and unpredictable. He had 42 arrests in the decade before his death - 4 of which were assaults - and he was once caught trying to kidnap a 7-year-old girl. He was on the city's top 50 list of "at-risk" homeless people. An outreach worker had noted, *"Due to client's aggressive behavior, he could be a harm to others or himself if left untreated and not assessed by a mental health professional."*

Yet, Neely's predictable violent outburst and its truly unfortunate outcome was met with protests when Daniel Penny was left uncharged. Notable institutions like the NAACP and political figures like Alexandra Ocasio Cortez decried that there could be no justice unless Daniel Penny was punished for the "murder" of Jordan Neely. Ironically, these voices were joined by that of the man who had truly set the tragic ball in motion: Neely's father.

A survey of the analyses of the event on that subway will reveal many accusations against Daniel Penny. There are many blaming the city's infrastructure and law enforcement. One Twitter user thinks they've discovered Daniel Penny's father's Twitter account, which has Reagan in the handle, so of course conservatives are to blame.

What stands unaccused is the father who abandoned his young son and the boy's mother and a culture which regards that as acceptable. In interviews with Jordan

Neely's aunt and another woman who knew the family years before, they made it clear that Andre Zachery had left his family to fend for themselves.

That was what left them vulnerable to the horrific events of Jordan Neely's mother's murder and the PTSD Jordan's friends say he experienced. His father said Jordan had been autistic from an early age; that apparently didn't stop him from leaving.

Father's Day is on the 18th of this month but, by inversion, our society's lack of accountability for Jordan Neely's dad in this instance shows exactly what is expected of fathers - nothing.

If our world expected anything of fathers, Jordan Neely's would be taking some heat. But what kind of criticism would even be allowed in our context? That Andre Zachery ought to have stuck around to provide for and protect his son and baby mama? That implies that single mothers can't do it on their own! In our feminist, anti-traditional, anti-Biblical culture where what's true is defined by what makes you happy, rather than the Biblical standard, cases like Jordan Neely's families are the brick wall of reality that puts a stop to the joy ride.

They remind us that men and women NEED each other. Kids NEED both a mother and a father. Not because every kid who grows up without a dad is going to end up like Jordan Neely, but they will feel the emptiness of father hunger and the aimlessness that comes from having no footsteps to follow.

Daniel Penny was charged with the homicide of Jordan Neely several weeks later.

We can see how Jordan Neely's dad has been treated by our culture. He's been given a pass for shirking off his natural responsibilities, in spite of its devastating effect. As we watch how the trial plays out in the months ahead, we'll catch a glimpse of how a man who takes responsibility for the safety of the people around him is treated. Will Daniel Penny be punished for having to handle the effect of Andre Zachery's mistake?

What About the Rest of Us?

By Lisa Van Houten



The numbers are staggering. Over 5.5 million illegals have entered the U.S. under the Biden administration – roughly the population of Minnesota. The second week of May saw a record-breaking average of **10,000 a day** crossing the border. During the weekend of May 12, six individuals on the FBI's Terror Watchlist were apprehended trying to enter illegally; 98 known or suspected terrorists were encountered by border patrol agents in 2022. Yet what should be even more troubling is the unknown number of terrorists who weren't apprehended. There are an estimated 1.5 million “got-aways” – illegals who entered the country without being apprehended. On May 6, Border Patrol intercepted an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) being smuggled in. How many weren't intercepted?

Biden is on track for allowing 15-20 million illegal immigrants to invade the United States under his watch. In order to house, feed, educate and provide medical care for 15.5+ million illegal aliens, the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) demonstrated that the estimated cost to American taxpayers will be \$150.7 billion annually. One year's worth of federal spending on medical care for illegal aliens alone (\$23.1 billion) would easily cover full construction of a border wall. What else could \$150 billion pay for to protect and benefit American citizens – more police officers, better infrastructure, protection of our electrical grid? The list is endless.

As the word has gone out that our southern border is wide open, individuals from at least 145 nations have entered the U.S. – including thousands from China and Russia. What are their motives? Perhaps some are just trying to escape oppressive regimes, but how many are coming with more nefarious intentions? How many are being planted by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)? **We**

have no way of knowing, because the Biden administration doesn't vet them; illegals are simply processed, given a court date to appear years later, and then released within the country.

Illegal immigrants are being released with court dates as late as 2035 – 12 years from now. South Texas College of Law professor Josh Blackman stated that giving court dates so far into the future is “almost meaningless; it's very unlikely this person ever actually faces an immigration judge.” There are currently more than 2 million immigration cases waiting to be heard, with fewer than 700 immigration judges nationwide.

Sanctuary cities such as New York are now reaping the consequences of their virtue signaling, as thousands of illegal immigrants have flocked to their streets. New York is evicting homeless American veterans from hotels in order to house illegal immigrants. Tourists, including a couple who had a block of rooms reserved for wedding guests, are finding their reservations cancelled so that the city can book the hotels for illegals. Numerous school gyms are being used to house illegal immigrants – preventing students from using the gym or the playground and putting the safety of children at risk as they share space with hundreds of unvetted individuals. When running for election, New York Mayor Eric Adams tweeted in 2021: “*We will protect our immigrants. Period. Yes, New York City will remain a sanctuary city under an Adams administration.*” Now, faced with reality, Adams is decrying the flood of illegals, stating New York has “reached our limit.” Yet the Biden administration has no limit.

This has been the Democrats' goal all along. They want the country to be invaded by foreigners who are dependent on the government and the Democrat party who let them in.

Two years ago, with the flood of illegal immigration resulting from Biden's abandonment of the Trump border policies, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas stated: “*We have a plan. Please allow us to carry our plan out.*” Indeed, they had a plan and that plan

was to open the proverbial gates and purposefully allow and encourage millions of people to enter the United States illegally. They have no intention of trying to stem the flow. The goal is to transform the nation and undermine American values. Biden and the Leftists pulling the strings are globalists; they don't care about national sovereignty or identity. They are playing the long game – looking to the day when they'll be able to ram through legislation allowing illegal immigrants to vote – giving the Left permanent power. Already, numbers of Leftist cities are pushing to allow non-citizens to vote in local elections. The groundwork is being laid to turn red states such as Texas to blue with an influx of non-citizen, Democrat voters.

Peggy Grande, writing at the Washington Times, stated: “*But what about for the rest of us? Does anything about open borders benefit hard working, tax paying, law abiding Americans? What about this increasing influx of immigrants makes our communities safer, our streets cleaner, our schools better, our health care more accessible ... None of it. So why is an open border policy that is so unpopular among the American people being force-fed upon us by our leaders?*”

“The truth is hard to hear, but here it is — they don't care. They don't care about you, your opinion, your community, your safety, your health or your security. If they did, their decisions would look very different. They care about one thing – power. Power over you. Power that makes you powerless. Power that makes you dependent on government — the very government that is unjustly stealing your freedom and liberty and is rendering you unable to resist or fight against them. Don't be fooled.”

Immigration policies will determine what kind of America future generations will inherit. As individual Christians, we have an indisputable duty to help the poor and the oppressed. God tasks the state with the indisputable duty to uphold the law and protect the nation. Love for neighbor includes respect for social order – we need an immigration policy that does both.

Experimental Injection!?

By Steve Huston



A lot of wrongs have been perpetuated upon the American public surrounding the COVID “pandemic”- wrongs that have devastating and lasting impact on families and individuals, our Constitutional rights and freedoms, and have left us even more divided than before. Arguably, one of the wrongs with the greatest impacts is that which surrounds the mRNA experimental injection, wrongly called a “vaccine.”

The United States federal government did what it could to cause a heightened sense of fear, both of the virus and of those who didn’t unquestioningly jump in line, roll up their sleeves, and buy into the party line that this shot was both safe and effective. In the fervor of public safety, many businesses were offering free donuts, coffee, or various other products if one would take this **experimental** injection. Since that wasn’t enough to bring the population in, people were threatened with losing their jobs and not allowed into restaurants and theaters if they wouldn’t take the **experimental** mRNA jab; medical and military personnel, those who are entrusted with our protection, were particularly targeted. That segment of the population who opted for natural immunity and/or other long-proven effective medications, like ivermectin, were maligned, shunned, called names, and made to seem the enemy and object of fearful hate-mongering. Trusted medical experts, tops in their fields, came out warning against the **experimental** “vaccine” and were silenced, threatened, and attacked by colleagues and institutions alike.

Perhaps the biggest sign that there was something amiss with all this push and hoopla over a rushed and unproven drug was when Pfizer and other pharmaceutical companies were given a free-pass should complications from this shot arise in the future. How could one possibly be successful

in defending those who were harmed by these injections when the federal government passed the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act, providing immunity from liability to those “vaccine” manufacturers? That, in itself, should have raised huge, red flags.

Yet, the American spirit has always been one which fights for justice and liberty, freedom and personal or corporate responsibility; it attempts to hold accountable those who have committed grievances, regardless the odds. That’s the American way and that is why in late-March there was a Covid Litigation Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia.

According to *The New American* (TNA) it was sponsored by Steve Kirsch’s organization Vaccine Safety Research Foundation and the Mendenhall Law Group – “a firm experienced in Covid-related litigation, and supported by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.’s group Children’s Health Defense Fund.” Of course, it’s not solely about the vaccine itself, TNA reports, “*The purpose of the conference was to bring hundreds of lawyers together from across the country and teach them how to sue the pants off Joe Biden, Pfizer, and others who continue to perpetrate a multiplicity of frauds and heinous crimes associated with Covid.*”

Like David vs. Goliath, it’s very much a “small-firm movement.” Also, like David, the battle is spiritual as well as physical. Those involved were described as having “no idea what they were getting themselves into, they just knew what is happening is wrong and every fiber of their being was telling them to stand up and fight” They were also described as praying people who “quoted Scripture as the highest authority,” interceding “for those injured and killed by Covid fraud.” (TNA)

Some would say to call this spiritual war is hyperbole. When we consider that God planted America on these shores, rooting her deeply in the Word of God and setting up a constitution to protect the inalienable (God-given) rights of her citizens; then we see the supplanting of the Constitution and the supplanting of these inalienable rights; I know not what to call it but spiritual war.

A few of these attacks meant to supplant focused on during this conference were:

“Corporate executive officers at the major Fortune 500 companies were incentivized with millions of dollars in bonus payments if their employees roster reached 90-percent mRNA jab compliance.”

“Hospital systems that kill people with remdesivir get \$500,000 per corpse.”

“The realization that Covid is but a symptom of a larger attack on Americanism, the Constitution, and middle-class America in general.”

Perhaps Robert Owens, writing for TNA, summed up best this supplanting with these words: “*Covid has taken a terrible toll, but a certain byproduct of that sacrifice is that thousands of lawyers and doctors all over America are now fully aware that a global conspiracy to destroy the sovereignty of the United States, completely scrap any vestige of our constitutional heritage of liberty, and enslave the American people in a technocratic, fascist hell is very real and quite advanced in its process.*”

These doctors and lawyers are on the front lines and fighting the Goliath of Big Pharma, Big Government, and Big Global Conspiracy. They are fighting for what is right, with God, the Constitution, and the people. On the other hand, there are things we can do as well. TNA suggests the following solutions: 1. If you don’t have an advanced directive with specific Covid information, get one quickly. 2. Contact your legislature, urging them to make “a simple change” in your state’s “Right to Try” law to include use of off-label prescriptions.” 3. There needs to be a “community-based organization to target area opinion molders (fellow doctors and lawyers...business leaders, clergy, and others) and educate them on how to develop relationships, raise money, and fund critical local projects necessary for the preservation of liberty.”

Let me add that we must pray, love, be informed, and prepare our minds for the next great upheaval that is sure to come our way.

Our Nation has Chosen Mount Ebal

By Lisa Van Houten



Since the serpent whispered in Eve's ear, "Did God actually say?" man has denied God's existence and authority. Yet no matter how hard skeptics try to deny their Creator and discredit the Bible, one scientific and archeological discovery after another points back to the God of all creation and the infallibility of Scripture. **We don't need science to validate God and His Word – His existence is clearly seen, as it states in Romans 1:20 - but don't you love it when it does?**

Over two years ago, a team of scientists and archeologists, including Scott Stripling of the Archaeological Studies Institute in Katy, Texas, made a discovery on the site of an archeological dig that had unearthed ancient stones which had been placed over religious altars on Mount Ebal.

They discovered a small, folded lead tablet – only 2 centimeters in diameter - that couldn't be opened without damaging whatever inscription was inside. Researchers were able to use modern imaging - tomographic scans – to discover 40 alphabetic letters within the tiny tablet and a recently released peer-reviewed article concludes that this discovery contains the oldest Hebrew text ever found, as well as the name of God. The inscription reads: **"Cursed, cursed, cursed—cursed by the God YHW. You will die cursed. Cursed you will surely die. Cursed by YHW—cursed, cursed, cursed."**

The name "YHW" or "YHWH" is the word "Yahweh" (often written without vowels in Hebrew), meaning "I Am that I Am" - the name that God gave Himself when Moses asked for God's name at the burning bush.

Scientists date the tablet to approximately 1300 B.C. – which, according to historians, coincides with the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. Remember, this tablet was found on a site of ancient altars on Mount

Ebal.

Now this is where things really get interesting. Turning to Deuteronomy 11:26- 29 we find some of the last instructions Moses gave to Joshua and the people of Israel before they entered the promised land, stating: ***"See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known. And when the Lord your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal."***



After Moses died, Joshua did exactly what Moses commanded; Joshua 8:31-35 reads: ***"At that time Joshua built an altar to the Lord, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded the people of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, 'an altar of uncut stones, upon which no man has wielded an iron tool.' And they offered on it burnt offerings to the Lord and sacrificed peace offerings. And there, in the presence of the people of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written. And all Israel, sojourner as well as native born, with their elders and officers and their judges, stood on opposite sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, half of them in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded at the first, to bless the people of Israel. And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. There was not a word of all that***

Moses commanded that Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners who lived among them."

Moses used the compelling visual of two altars on two opposite mountains – Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal – to depict the choice before the people of Israel. Would they obey God and His commandments and receive His blessing or turn away from God and go their own way, following after the gods of this world? One choice leads to blessings, and the other results in curses. What a picture every man, woman, and child had as they stood before those two mountains.

Yet that choice wasn't just for ancient Hebrews; it's a choice for every man, woman, and child today.

Collectively, as a nation, we have turned aside from God's commandments and have gone our own way. Abortion; the redefinition of marriage and gender; lawlessness and corruption; the profaning of God's name – we've committed these atrocities and so much more. Last year in the United States there were over 900,000 abortions; nearly 1 million women chose to kill their unborn baby. In 2021 alone, 689,308 couples chose to break their covenant of marriage through divorce. What God has called a perversion is taught to children as a lifestyle choice and is celebrated, not just in a designated month of pride, but every day and in every aspect of culture. The image of God in mankind is denied, as we're told our gender identity is our own to choose. God's name taken in vain is commonplace in entertainment, social media, and casual conversation. What were once mainline churches now deny the infallibility and authority of scripture and mock a Holy God by incorporating drag queens in worship, ordaining homosexuals, and supporting abortion. Many Americans worship at the altars of money, self, pleasure, and power.

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May we daily cry out in repentance, seeking God's mercy for a wicked nation and an apathetic church.