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The Real "State of Emergency"

By Steve Huston



Humpty Dumpty, as Lewis Carroll brings him to life, was a progressive Leftist and would be a perfect match as "spokes egg" for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), an LGBTQ+ activist organization. If you wonder at my meaning, let me remind you of a few things before quoting the infamous Mr. Dumpty.

* Arguably, the greatest theft of symbolism was when the LGBT camp stole the rainbow, a symbol of God's great promise of grace, only to tie it to PRIDE, that which God hates and from which all other sin stems.

* June once stood for Father's Day and Flag Day, now it claims the distinction of being "PRIDE month," an indirect, if not a direct, attack upon the family and our nation.

* A host of words have been hijacked by the progressives for redefinition, most recently the phrase "state of emergency" by the HRC. This LGBTQ+ organization for years has appointed itself judge of whether a business was worthy of your spending dollars solely defined on how that business deals with the LGBTQ+ community, through their specially crafted scoring system. (Oddly, everyone seems to desire a high score from a group that raises anti-family, anti-Biblical, and anti-national standards.)

* The Human Rights Campaign said its

emergency declaration is due to more than 75 anti-LGBTQ bills that have become law in various states this year, more than doubling last year's number which had been the worst on record.

Now, I think you'll clearly understand my meaning regarding Humpty as a perfect "spokes egg," as he poaches words: "'When I use a word,' Humpty Dumpty said in rather a scornful tone, 'it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less.... which is to be master that's all." (Through the Looking Glass)

The progressive Left, and, here specifically, the HRC are happy to hijack (poach) words freely, definitively, and surreptitiously, in an attempt to be master of the culture and the direction it is heading - that's all. We conservatives, generally speaking, allow them to get away with it and are rightfully accused, as described in Kenneth Collins reof Michael Knowles' view book Speechless: Controlling Words, Controlling Minds. Conservatives "do not fully appreciate the challenging verbal context in which they operate. As a consequence, they are often feckless in their basic approach to some of the leading issues of the day and woefully inept in their arguments."

One Christian thinker who is anything but "woefully inept" in discussing the truth behind such things as culture, theology, and the news at large is Al Mohler, particularly as he parses things out on his program *The Briefing*. In dealing with the current HRC "state of emergency," he explains why there has been a large uptick in states legislatively attempting to protect their children from the staggering success of "Humpty's" mastery, which is why the HRC has labelled these days as a "state of emergency".

From The Briefing (6/13/23):

"But here's the logical point, the sequential point we need to understand. The only reason why you have this raft of laws being considered by so many states and governments is because the LGBTQ revolution has been so successful at pushing so hard, so fast with such success that governments are actually behind in trying to come up with any way of, say, responding to this in terms of legislation. The moral vortex right now is pulling the entire culture within this LGBTQ revolution to such an extent that if you pause for a moment and say, 'Wait just a moment, maybe it's not a good idea to use hormones to interfere with an adolescent's pubertal development,' you are simply a part of the problem and you're a part of why this is an emergency." (added emphasis)

But let's look at the real "state of emergency."

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Personal Note from the President



Recently, I was energized and encouraged by the opportunity to speak in Calumet Township, Michigan to a group of people from such communities as Hancock, Houghton, Calumet, Chassell.

Only a few years earlier we had worked with Mary Sears, Calumet Township Christian activist, to help get our friend, Phil Haney (now with the Lord since February 2000) to speak at the UP C-PAC. Our friends from the Pilots for Christ, Michigan Chapter, flew Phil up to Escanaba for us for this special opportunity back in that day. Mary and her compatriots are still faithfully standing up for His righteousness in the upper northwest region of Michigan, the land of the embattled mine workers who served our nation so importantly back when copper mining was one of the nation's most vital and difficult demands as our nation faced growing needs for this vital element. These words below represent a small part of the heart of my message on Tuesday, June 21, 2023.

Years ago, while at a state director's meeting in Tupelo, MS with other directors from around the country, I knew in advance that I would be given an opportunity to share a few words. Knowing the love and admiration that we all felt toward our leader, the Rev. Donald E. Wildmon, founder and then President of American Family Association, I felt compelled to go back through some of Don's AFA Journal personal notes. They were prophetic then as they are now. Prophetic <u>and</u> powerful. Here are just a couple of a rather long list (each followed by brief comments):

<u>May/June 1985:</u> "George Gerbner, Dean of the University of Pennsylvania Annenberg School of Communications, said recently that in the past religion provided the values by which our moral behavior was determined but that today TV has taken over that role. 'TV is the new religion – before children get to be the age at which they go to church, they have already absorbed TV's moral code.'"

My comment: That gripped me as a young man in those parenting years. It impacted Jan and me in the raising of our four children. Oh, the struggle many of us experienced! How to both guard them from the growing tide of godlessness, sometimes subtle at other times heavy-handed and blatant? The challenge was immense! With great sadness, let me say, most failed miserably to recognize the import. How to teach them how to discern the difference between the holy and the profane? I believe most adults did NOT spiritually train their children in the slightest degree. Most importantly with prayerful hearts and sober mind, Lord teach us how to shepherd our little ones and then as teens to love the Lord thy God with all their heart, soul and mind and strength that they would desire to please God by how they lived - which would include that they would love God and what God loves and hate what is detestable to Him.

That challenge is seemingly heightened by the day with new "advances" of the cell phone, the tablet, the Internet and the many applications which titillate and manipulate with images, graphics, bodies, body parts, AI, Tik Tok, Instagram, Facebook ...

A young lady (early 20s), during the Q and A, got my attention by making it clear that pornography that we were leading the fight in back in those days ('80s, '90s and early 2000s) was child's play compared to what is inundating our youth today. Her passionate detestation of evil and concern for the youth was particularly appreciated.

The problem? We as a people cannot teach what we do not have!

Ezekiel 44:23. And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the clean and the unclean.

Ezekiel 22:26. Her priests have done violence to my law and have profaned my holy things. They have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and they have disregarded my Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them.

From pornography to homosexuality to homosexual marriage to bi-sexuality, to LGBTQ+ to cutting and castrating and puberty blockers to

Satan uses many devices to confuse, desensitize, addict, destroy.

In a world filled with dirty words and pictures potentially hitting us from every angle: cell phones, emails, reels, news clips, movies, advertisements here and there, magazines – how does one keep oneself unspotted from the world?

And we can't even answer the question, "What is a woman?" [referencing Matt Walsh's jaw dropping documentary.]

October 1986 (Donald Wildmon): The very future of not only our society but the whole of Western civilization depends on what those in positions of Christian leadership do or fail to do. The struggle will not be easy nor be won without great suffering and sacrifice. The cross is still at the very heart of the Christian faith. We must never forget that. Our own worst enemy is us. There is no glory in fighting a war, even a spiritual war. There is only suffering and pain. Does the Christian community have enough of what it takes to turn this tide, to stop the decay of Western Civilization? Do we have enough Christians who are willing to pay the price, to make the sacrifices necessary so that they can provide the leadership needed in their pulpits, in their homes, and in their communities? The answer to that question remains to be seen. And in the balance hangs the future of Western Civilization.

<u>My comment</u>: Activism is important. Doing. Fighting. Standing. Let it start first with self-examination. Here is a good place to start: *Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.* James 1:26

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When conservative teachers, preachers, shop-owners, doctors, or anyone who disagrees with the progressive Left's agenda, which seeks to normalize a small percentage of people overtaken by thought processes which were considered mental illness not so long ago, feel compelled to bow down to the god of this culture instead of bowing to the One True Creator God, we have a real "state of emergency."

When churches buy into the progressive Left's definition of love, which equals the acceptance and advocacy of a sinful lifestyle, instead of the Apostle Paul's definition of love - I Cor. 13:6, "[Love] rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth," we have a real "state of emergency."

History dictates that this path we are on is a real "state of emergency" and those nations who continue to travel its road will find itself deposited into the dustbin of history with all those nations who went before. **LGBTQ+-ism and Communism are** roads of demoralization and destruction; no one escapes. Like the nursery rhyme, when Humpty Dumpty falls, all the king's horses and all the king's men won't be able to put Humpty back together again. <u>We</u> <u>MUST, by God's grace, leave this path we</u> have travelled so very far down if we hope to be a free and surviving nation.

When we allow the three branches of our government, our military, and the various arms of our Justice Department (recognizing that there are still those within these areas who have not succumbed to such thought but are unable to make a <u>noticeable</u> difference) to adopt and push this LGBTQ+ agenda to the devaluing of our Constitution, the deconstruction of our nation, and the detriment of America's safety, **we have a real "state of emergency."**

When the church stops being the Church (Christ's body), stops being salt and light to a decaying and dark world, starts fearing man rather than fearing God, and compromises rather than stands fast, we have a real "state of emergency." In the face of our own "fiery furnace" today, whatever that may look like, might each of us find the strength promised by Jesus, to say with the three Hebrew young men, "We are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

Reader, by God's grace we mustn't bow down, giving worship to the devil through his twisting of the Scripture, twisting of gender and sexuality, and twisting of right and wrong. Hold tight to your shield of faith, for it is that which we shall use to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

The real "state of emergency" is the spiritual state of this nation and the spiritual state of the church. What's to be done? May the Holy Spirit bring us to repentance wherever we have strayed in the slightest. May He awaken us from apathy and slumber. It's time to take back God's symbols and speech. Words must mean what God says they mean regarding every topic: Marriage, gender, sexuality, education, Church, etc. People who claim the name of Christ must become real soldiers of the cross our weapons are love, truth, and grace. Our hope is in God and we call upon Him, although we ought to use our national rights, as Paul did, to call our nation to follow its own Constitution - the law of the land. We must, by the Spirit's leading and power, stand-having done all to stand in this evil day, preaching the word, being instant in season and out of season, doing the work of an evangelist; this is our responsibility. May God give great increase as we are faithful to our duty. In this way, even if our nation must perish, souls may still be saved. May God show mercy and grace in this REAL "State of Emergency."

Financial Word By Bill Johnson



Rainfall has been very weak in recent months here throughout Michigan (writing this on June 23). Living in a farming area, we see the dryness and the lack of growth. We recognize that these farmers have, by faith, plowed and then spent large sums of money for the seed - corn seed, for example – trusting God for His grace and mercy and rainfall and sunshine. Faith is needed by the farmer. God is faithful.

God has also been faithful to our heart cry and calling. He shows His good pleasure in His faithfulness to us.

You show your faithfulness to us through your words of encouragement, prayer and, yes, by coming along aside us through your financial gifts.

Summer is typically a "dry" season financially for ministries such as ours. I would like to add that during these summer months with so much distraction, remembering us shows your support of our going against the tide of darkness, filth, the trans movement - which is so heartbreaking and indicative of a world going against decency and, more importantly, against the image of God.

We aren't planting seeds like the farmer, but the seeds of Biblical Truth that we sow through prayer and effort, we desire and trust that God will use to bear fruit in countering the lies of Satan and encourage you, our friends and fellow believers in the faith, knowing that you are not alone in your living for Christ.

We are thankful for the rain, for His Spirit to whom all blessings flow, and your support of our ministry which we continually seek to unfold in His name.

The Firstfruits of Gender Identity Theory By Chris Johnson



As Christians, our hope for the future includes resurrected and perfected bodies. Romans 8 describes this: "we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved..."

The ailments and flaws, exhaustion and disabilities of our sinful bodies will not afflict us in the resurrection, and this is a great comfort to us as our aspirations are hampered daily by this fallen flesh.

Paul says in his letter to the Philippians, "For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."

This contrast that Paul makes between the people of God in Philippi and the pagans who surrounded them rings equally true in our own society. Our pagan neighbors are ruled by their appetites; they glory in the things they ought to be ashamed of, and this leads to destruction.

As we look to the resurrected Jesus as the firstfruits of what we have to look forward to in Christ, let's take a moment to examine one of the firstfruits of the pagan ideology which has taken hold of our culture in our day.

Let's take a moment to review the tragic history of one of the "firstfruits" of gender ideology: David Reimer.

David Reimer was born in 1965 along with his twin brother. After a botched circumci-

sion left his genitals mutilated, the consulting psychiatrist told his parents that the baby boy would be "unable to consummate marriage or have normal heterosexual relations; he will have to recognise that he is incomplete, physically defective, and that he must live apart."

Understandably distraught at this announcement, the parents thought they'd found a chance for a fulfilling life for their son when the mother happened to see Dr. John Money describing his work on a television program. Dr. Money was an early advocate of a radical theory that gender was malleable at early ages, with individuals younger than two adopting whatever gender role was placed on them.

The Reimer parents contacted Dr. Money and found him only too willing to take on their case. With the Reimer twins, John Money had hit the jackpot - the perfect test case to confirm his theory. One of the male twins, David, would be raised as a typical girl, complete with cosmetic genital surgery as an infant with future surgeries and hormone therapy planned as the child developed. Meanwhile, the other twin would be the perfect control for such a study: constructed of identical genetic material, raised in the same environment, and brought up as a typical boy. If his theory was correct, both children would grow up to have happy and fulfilling lives.

And, wouldn't you know it, that's exactly what his published study showed. It was considered a success and used to justify subsequent cases of sex reassignment surgeries in children.

But the Reimer boys' own remembrances of their upbringing, and particularly their time with Dr. Money, told a very different story.

David did grow up convinced that he was a girl, but he hated being brought up as one, nonetheless. He would abandon his dolls to play with his brother's trucks and guns. He resented being put in dresses. He (then known to himself and everyone else as "Brenda") was teased in school for his masculine tastes and characteristics. Even after hormone therapy produced breasts as he went through adolescence, he told adults that he felt like a boy. But, Dr. Money's insistence that the secret be kept prevailed for 14 years.

When a local psychiatrist convinced the family that "Brenda" must be told the truth, David quickly reverted to what God had made him to be. Extensive cosmetic surgery restored some semblance of what the medical professionals had taken from him, and he reintroduced himself to the world as David.

Throughout the course of all of this, his mother had attempted suicide, his father had become an alcoholic, and his twin brother struggled with drug use, crime, and depression – which would years later result in his own suicide.

David's realization of what had been done to him didn't lead to fulfillment either. He forgave his mother, partnered with another doctor to debunk the work of John Money, and was eventually married. Still, he attempted suicide twice before he turned 20, and went through with the awful act when he was 38, putting an end to Dr. John Money's great experiment.

Few will have such miseries thrust on them, as happened to David Reimer, but many in our day foolishly choose it for themselves, burdened by societal mandates to break tradition and be whatever they want to be, rather than what they were made to be.

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death," Proverbs 14:12 says.

May our testimonies remind our neighbors where their only hope truly lies.

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Perverted "Justice" By Lisa Van Houten



In Habakkuk chapter 1 the prophet laments to God, "Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted."

Perverted justice – what an apt description of what is occurring today. Government is supposed to restrain evil, not perpetuate it. Starting in the Obama administration with the IRS targeting Tea Party groups, we've seen the growing weaponization of the federal government against conservatives. The capstone of which was the recent federal indictment of Donald Trump.

No matter your opinion of Trump, Biden's use of law enforcement to target his political rival and influence the upcoming election is a breathtaking abuse of power and the rule of law. Yet, lest we forget, last November when a reporter asked Biden about Trump potentially running for president in 2024, Biden stated: "Well, we just have to demonstrate that he [Trump] will not take power by — if we — if he does run. <u>I'm making</u> sure he, under legitimate efforts of our Constitution, does not become the next president again." This was just months after Biden's DOJ raided Mar-a-Lago. Biden is certainly striving to 'make sure' Trump doesn't become president again - though he's not doing so legitimately, but by shredding the Constitution. The sitting president of the United States is seeking to put his leading opponent in prison or to intimidate him into not running on trumped up charges. This is what corrupt, third-world dictators do we're going from a Constitutional Republic to a banana republic.

And if you need further proof that the reason for this indictment is to get Trump out of the way before the election, a tentative court date has just been set for Aug. 14, giving Trump's lawyers just weeks to prepare. When have you ever heard of a case going to trial so quickly?

You don't have to be a fan of Donald Trump to recognize this as an egregious and unprecedented weaponization of our legal system to take out a political opponent. This selective prosecution is another example of our two-tiered justice system. No prosecution of Hillary Clinton, no late-night raids of Biden's garage. As Ben Shapiro wrote: "The choice to indict Trump is particularly egregious given the fact that in 2016, Clinton wasn't prosecuted for similar activity. Clinton, it should be remembered, held tens of thousands of emails on a private server, dozens of which were classified. James Comey, then head of the FBI, admitted that there was a good shot that foreign sources could have accessed that server.

"The emails themselves were then destroyed by Clinton's team, and her hard drive cleansed; nonetheless, months later, copies of those emails showed up on the laptop of moral derelict Anthony Weiner. Suffice it to say, Clinton undoubtedly engaged in both gross negligence in handling classified information and obstruction of justice. But Comey declined to prosecute, rewriting the law in order to reach that decision.

"And then there is the Biden family. Allegations surrounding corruption within the Biden family continue to abound—and yet law enforcement seems peculiarly unconcerned with such allegations. According to Republican members of Congress, a whistleblower has now revealed that the Biden family received millions of dollars in exchange for favors done while Joe Biden was vice president. And yet President Biden continues to receive not only the benefit of the doubt, but sycophantic treatment in the press."

And for yet another example of our twotiered justice system, look at the sweetheart deal Hunter Biden received for a federal gun charge and failure to pay \$1.2 million in taxes. Hunter walks away with charges reduced to misdemeanors and no jail time. If you or I failed to pay \$1.2 million in taxes, would we get the same deal?

Yet, as we all learned at our mother's knee, "two wrongs don't make a right." What about the claim that Trump took classified documents? As Gary Bauer explains: "Officials with the National Archives testified before Congress in March. They admitted that every president from Ronald Reagan on has had disputes with the federal government over whether certain documents belonged to them or the federal government. Some of those disputes have dragged on for years. ... And, of course, when it comes to presidents, they can declassify anything they want.

"So, from the dawn raid at Mar-a-Lago, involving dozens of agents with automatic weapons, to this indictment, Donald Trump is being treated differently than any previous president.

"Why? Because he speaks for at least 75 million Americans who are angry about the direction America is going and has been going for the past 40 years. The neo-Marxist left wants to get him and it wants to get us."

If justice is not applied equally to all, it's not justice, but tyranny. If those in power are allowed to unconstitutionally wield the law as a cudgel, they will continue to do the same to anyone they consider an enemy. The real threat to their power isn't Donald Trump, but people such as you and me. Those who love freedom are the last obstacle to their quest for absolute power. And that's why in two short years in office Biden has weaponized the FBI and the DOJ against parents and pro-lifers. It's why Biden's Pentagon has sought to weed out conservatives from the military. Imagine what the Biden administration would do with another four years in office.

"Tyranny ... is not easily conquered," Thomas Paine famously wrote in America's fight for independence. <u>The fight against</u> tyranny continues; our nation is teetering on the edge as the light of liberty is flickering.

As corruption abounds, we feel helpless. Yet when Habakkuk lamented about the lack of justice, God reminded him: "*I am* doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told." Our hope isn't in government, but in God. His purpose is unfolding and He will judge all men with righteousness and equity.

Vanishing Taboos – protect the children By Steve Huston



"They're coming after your children." This very real warning has brought eye-rolls from the Left along with denials and accusations of fearmongering. But let's face it, it's real, it's growing, and the Right has been slow to take strong actions against those who are "coming after your kids." Maybe the strength and rapidity of such attacks seemed unreal; perhaps we didn't believe that such evil could possibly be committed on a large scale, especially in America of all places; many likely assumed that government agencies had our best in mind and would offer the protection needed - what else could be done; but, let's look at some terrifying facts.

* The Left would now have us use gentler terms like "Minor Attracted Persons" (MAPS) instead of that dirty word pediphile.

* The Left attacks the bodies of our children through the promotion of abortion, crossgender drugs, and surgeries that irreparably mutilate their bodies. These things, to name a few, are being done without parental consent or knowledge.

* The Left attacks the minds of our children in the name of education, grooming them for both abuse and over-sexualization through sex-education courses that deal with various sexual content years before it's appropriate, school and public libraries that offer very graphic content meant to sexually stimulate them, and by bringing the LGBTQ+ agenda into the classroom and even normalizing it in textbooks.

* America's "entertainment" pushes sexualization, the LGBTQ+ agenda, and normalization of the same.

* The current administration and its political allies push all the above, attempting to criminalize anyone who stands against this stream of thought which is brainwashing our children and attacking our youths' very souls.

* Social media platforms lure our children in, strip away their self-esteem, and make them ripe for the picking of any degenerate who will pay them a little attention.

* We, as a nation, are no longer appalled by such things for, as Jesus warned, "because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

* America continues to be a part of the United Nations. Recognize the heinous results that this headline stands for: New UN report advocates for decriminalizing sex with minors.

Dear Reader, it doesn't matter what our political elites say; pay attention to what they are doing and to what they are NOT doing! Compare those actions to Scripture, the preamble of our Constitution, common sense and the "Golden Rule." If we are a Constitutional Republic, meaning we are self-governing, then we have a responsibility to protect our freedoms, our liberties, insist that our Constitution is upheld, and that our children are protected to the best of our ability. We the People must act prayerfully and decisively for the righteousness on which this nation and our Constitution was founded. We mustn't allow ourselves to be confused by progressive double-speak or ecclesiastical institutions succumbing to cultural demands in order to be accepted or left alone.

For some great insights into this pervasive and ever-growing problem of pedophilia, let's turn to Tucker Carlson and Gary Bauer.

Tucker Carlson's recent program urged his listeners to cling to their taboos, specifically that of pedophilia.

"One by one, with increasing speed, our old taboos have been struck down; those that remain have lost their moral force...So it probably shouldn't surprise us that the greatest taboo of all is teetering on the edge of acceptability – child molestation." After quoting from *The Wall Street Journal*'s expose on "kiddie porn" taking place on Instagram: Instagram "helps connect and promote a vast network of accounts openly devoted to the commission and purchase of underage sex content," Tucker went on to say, "The largest circulation newspaper in the United States revealed that one of the world's most influential companies was promoting pedophilia and nobody in power did anything about it. The Justice Department did not announce an investigation, Congress did not schedule hearings, the guy who runs Instagram – Adam Mosseri – still has his job."

Gary Bauer reports on this as well: "Working with the two teams of specialized Internet researchers from Stanford University and the University of Massachusetts Amherst, the *Journal* was able to quickly identify more than 400 Instagram accounts that sold child pornography. They were also able to determine that just a quarter of those accounts had more than 20,000 followers.

"Meta knows it has a huge problem. A company spokesman admits to 'taking down *490,000 accounts* for violating its child safety policies *in January alone*." [Emphasis added.] ...

"Mark Zuckerberg should be in front of a congressional hearing today! The Justice Department and the FBI should be all over this national scandal. Instead, they're busy indicting Trump and hunting down January 6th protesters and pro-life activists."

Tucker Carlson's explanation of why Washington can't take time to bring to justice those who are targeting and attacking our children follows: "So far this month the FBI's Washington field office has issued eleven press releases. Ten out of eleven have been about January sixth. Keep in mind that January sixth happened more than two and a half years ago. Now you know why the Feds were ignoring kid touchers on Instagram; they're too busy to respond. They've got much more important things to do, like finding 'white supremacists."

American Decency would like to remind our readers that <u>there are still many good</u> <u>agents in the FBI who put their lives on</u> <u>the line to protect children.</u> There are good men and women within its ranks who

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Weekly Radio Broadcast



Below are scripts to three of our *Decency Minutes*, words meant to share short newsbytes, encouragement, or exhortations to godliness. If you're unfamiliar with our one-minute radio spots that Bill Johnson records and which are aired on several radio stations, we would encourage you to visit www.americandecency.org, click on the "Radio Programs" tab, then choose a title you'd like to hear. We'd appreciate you helping us spread the word by sharing these links through email or posting them to one of your social media pages.

How to Find Joy in College Softball (or anywhere else)

Last week was the Women's College World Series and, at one point, the girls from Oklahoma University were asked in a post-game conference how they maintained the joy of playing softball.

Their response was refreshingly clear and forthright presentation of the gospel, with the three girls in the video all reinforcing each other's declarations that even if they were to lose: "it's not the end of the world because our life is in Christ and that's all that matters."

What am amazing witness to the world from some amazing athletes! They explained that winning brings temporary happiness, but only Christ could bring lasting joy.

This is the message our society needs to hear, especially in the midst of so-called Pride month, where millions are mutilating their bodies and destroying their lives in pursuit of lasting joy, only to grasp the vanity of temporary happiness which leaves them feeling even emptier than before.

WHO Was Wrong About Everything, Now They Want More Power

ganization (WHO) held its 10th annual World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland. Riding on the 'wake' of the COVID pandemic, WHO hopes to centralize authority in itself for future health emergencies. The United States, as well as other member nations of WHO, would essentially turn over our own sovereignty to the international organization.

"If they succeed, U.S. decisions on healthcare would not be made by the American people through our elected officials, but by unelected bureaucrats at WHO. These are the same bureaucrats and globalists who literally were wrong about every important decision they made in the COVID pandemic." Also, "...WHO seemed more concerned with protecting communist China from blame for unleashing COVID rather than finding out the truth."

Frank Gaffney, Michele Bachmann, and others have been sounding the alarm. Join them by contacting your legislature while they still have power to act.

America Has Blasphemy Laws

George Orwell wrote, "In a time of universal deceit - telling the truth is a revolutionary act."

Recently, Idaho high school senior Travis Lohr found that out. What truth did he tell? In a school assembly where seniors impart words of wisdom to underclassmen, Travis broke from his approved comments and instead stated: "Guys are guys and girls are girls. There is no in-between." For stating that biological fact, school officials prevented Travis from walking in his graduation ceremony.

While in Pennsylvania, a man standing on a public sidewalk, across the street from an LGBT Pride event, was arrested for loudly quoting Bible verses, while holding up a sign with the verse, "Go and sin no more."

If you blaspheme the state-approved LGBT religion, be prepared for consequences. Yet we Christians know the Truth, and we need to proclaim it - come what may.

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strive to do the right thing. What Tucker is referring to, and what most of us lament, is the agency as a whole becoming politicized and weaponized, leaving her "glory days" behind her. <u>Please take a moment to pray for</u> <u>God's protection over these agents who are</u> <u>doing a most dangerous job.</u>

While our federal government and many of its agencies may be slow to protect the innocence of childhood, there are some states taking action to protect their children. **KEEP IN MIND, though, YOU are your child's first line of defense. Teach** them the truths of God's Word, **pay attention** to where they are online and offline, **have difficult discussions** with them, and, **most importantly, share with your children God's great love for them** and let them know that you love them unconditionally.

Tucker closes his report, after discussing white supremacy, right vs wrong, and law, with words that ring true and are a call to personal action. In essence, he warns us not to drift with the cultural left regardless of how strong the current gets: "You know the outlines of right and wrong; you were born knowing them. So don't let them talk you out of what you can smell. Don't let them rationalize away your intuitive moral sense. Cling to your taboos like your life depends on them, because it does. Cherish and protect them like family heirlooms; that's exactly what they are."

To our readers who claim the name of Christ, I encourage you to recognize that most of our American taboos are founded in Scripture. More important than clinging to your taboos, cling to Scripture – cling to Christ – "like your life depends on them, because it does. Cherish and protect [the Word of God and your relationship with Jesus] like family heirlooms; that's exactly what they are!"

Gary Bauer reports: "The World Health Or-

Pride and Patriotism By Chris Johnson



As I write this, the calendar puts us just after Father's Day and just before Independence Day: a perfect season to ruminate on the legacy of our nation's Founding Fathers.

Articles in this vein have been written over and over, especially in this time of year; I've written a good many myself. I am always amazed in looking back at the oft-quoted prescience of men like John Adams and George Washington and John Witherspoon, who perfectly predicted the temptations to which the system of government they engineered would be vulnerable.

Various forms of self-indulgence would "break the strongest Cords of our Constitution like a whale through a net," John Adams said, and continued: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

We are no longer a moral and religious people. So, we ought not be surprised when the Constitution is inadequate to our government and our government is not constrained by the Constitution.

If we want our Constitution to fit us, we need to rebuild those "indispensable supports."

Presbyterian minister John Witherspoon said this: "Nothing is more certain than that <u>a general profligacy and corruption of</u> <u>manners make a people ripe for destruction</u>. A good form of government may hold the rotten materials together for some time, but beyond a certain pitch, even the best constitution will be ineffectual, and slavery must ensue. On the other hand, when the manners of a nation are pure, when true religion and internal principles maintain their vigour, the attempts of the most powerful enemies to oppress them are commonly baffled and disappointed. . . [H]e is the best friend to American liberty, who is most sincere and active in promoting true and undefiled religion, and who sets himself with the greatest firmness to bear down profanity and immorality of every kind. Whoever is an avowed enemy to God, I scruple not to call him an enemy to his country..."

To these men, to be opposed to the law of God was to be, at best, a weakness to the country and, at worst, a traitor to it.

That's especially poignant in light of the White House's decision to position the "Pride flag" in a place of prominence between two American flags last month. Our forefathers would have known exactly what that symbolism meant and felt their concerns to be wholly vindicated.

As Israel made ready to enter the Promised Land, Moses gave them this warning, which echoes in the sentiments of our great founders, and are found in Deuteronomy 8: "Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness... Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

This warning is repeated again on the individual level in Proverbs 1:29-33 as it describes those who reject the call of Lady Wisdom: "Because they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices. For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster."

It is echoed throughout the books of the prophets, as Jerusalem is continually chastised for her pride and "haughtiness."

Don't let that slip by you. Israel is condemned for her pride. They may not have been so bold as to make a "Pride Flag" consisting of the symbol of God's forbearance and hang it on their leader's home to shout their support for abominations, but they did convince themselves that their blessings came from their own efforts, from following their own devices.

In spite of the warnings of our Founding Fathers, we are guilty of all of this, and much more. As we celebrate our nation and seek to be patriots, let us first of all remember what patriotism meant to the men who passed this legacy of freedom down to us.

As George Washington said, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens."

President Washington's words echo the Word of God to His people in the Old Testament. When we sing "God Bless America," God says "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

The "pillars of human happiness" are being subverted, and we see the "happiness" or prosperity of our land on the decline. These times call for the kind of patriots for which Washington and Witherspoon called. Men and women who "promot[e] true and undefiled religion, and who se[t] himself with the greatest firmness to bear down profanity and immorality of every kind."

May we be such patriots.