

“Wise as Serpents ...”

By Bill Johnson



I am writing to you about the upcoming elections. To some, it will be controversial. But note, some of you yet see it as controversial because of the massive propaganda campaign that we have been under since November 2020. The propaganda line IS: ‘To be an election denier is equivalent to being a white supremacist.’

It is imperative that we have a fair election come November. If we again end up with fraudulent results and with fraudulent leaders we will continue to be led by those sabotaging us; our constitutional republic with all its biblical foundations will not only be further eroded, but squandered.

Below, in brief, are just some of the things that will be used to not only undermine, but also destroy, American vitality.

Buying up our farm land; attacking the cattle population in the name of reducing CO2 emissions; converting to bug protein in place of meat; getting rid of gas engine cars and replacing them with electric vehicles; opening borders to bring enemies into our cities and towns, including Communist Chinese and Islamists, making us vulnerable to terrorist attacks; eroding and ultimately destroying our economy, hastening the day when we will be operating as a third world country – i.e. breadlines, inflationary prices; helping to usher in digital currency and all which that foreshadows.

With so much at stake, may you heed the

overwhelming evidence that our 2020 election was a fraud, that, indeed, we face elevated attacks (using various means as in 2020) upon the voting process in the months ahead.

Grasp the obvious that our election process will again be hijacked without God’s intervention and unless, by the grace and mercy of God, we restore integrity to our electoral process in the swing states (but all across America) which otherwise will again be heavily targeted by satanic fraud, with little to no intervention or accountability!

Consider the following as brief observations of the obvious fraud in 2020 that points to election fraud in 2024.

1. As Joe Biden was campaigning for his presidential race, it was heavily reported that he was campaigning out of his basement. When he took to the streets or organized events, the number of attendees was minimal and like nothing ever seen before in the history of presidential elections – oftentimes unable to garner even an audience of 100 supporters. It was observable that Donald Trump’s campaign events repeatedly and often turned up tens of thousands - massive crowds from location to location.

2. *During the early hours of the day after the election closings, President Trump had a comfortable lead in all the battleground states. He led in Pennsylvania (56-43, a*

lead of just under 700,000 votes), Georgia (51-48, a lead of nearly 120,000 votes, Michigan (53-45, a lead of nearly 295,000 votes), Wisconsin (51-47, a lead of more than 116,000 votes), and North Carolina (50-49, a lead of nearly 77,000 votes).

That all changed after Florida was called in favor of President Trump at 12:34 AM.

Prior to this event, there was a consistent ratio of Trump to Biden votes being reported. The trendline for this ratio would have ensured Trump victories in multiple battleground states. After Florida was called, the frequency of the reporting intervals slowed. While Trump votes continued on the same basic trajectory, the Biden votes started narrowing the gap with a series of step changes that brought the Trump to Biden vote ratio to near 50:50 in multiple states. ...

Voter numbers were manipulated. Some sort of digital controller manipulating the results to achieve a specific objective. [Taken from [The 2020 Coup: What Happened. What Can We Do](#), by Patrick Colbeck, 2022]

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Personal Note from the President



Psalm 11:5: *The Lord tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.*

Don Wildmon - a man of God who stood against evil and rallied common people like himself to stand against evil - left his earthly home in the final days of 2023 (January 18, 1938- December 28, 2023). Buddy Smith (AFA VP), Don's right hand man and dedicated friend of Don's and mine, gave me an early heads up of his passing. When I heard of his death, I knew Jan and I would go to his funeral.

God gave Don Wildmon the eyes and insight to see how far America had fallen and was falling. Without a doubt, God used Don Wildmon's humble background, a southern country boy, raised by godly parents. Don took the Bible seriously, life seriously and God's call dead seriously. As he often said, he was a pulpit minister, but obediently following God's call led him to become a powerful force for the cause of Christ in his lifetime. God used this humble man of God to confound the wisdom of the world. Don had a call, and he answered it!

Don wrote these words early on explaining what initially God used as a huge call of spiritual dimensions. He was sitting around the television with his young kids and then this: "On one channel there was sex. On another there was profanity, and on the third a guy was preparing to work someone over with a hammer." [How many men and women today have such a high sense of protecting their children and family, let alone themselves?] Words can't do justice to the tone that he set in his expression of righteous indignation. In his little country church, he led his congregation to have a "Turn off TV Week" and his congregation signed up. He wrote an article in the small-

town newspaper, and how surprised Don Wildmon must have been when the Associated Press picked up the story and newspapers all across the country carried it. Rev. Wildmon was flooded with letters and telephone calls wanting to join with him in cleaning up TV!

By 1981, amazingly, he already had the attention of CBS. In looking in my archives, I found his early publication, NFD Informer (as the organization was called National Federation for Decency (NFD)). The article reported that CBS wanted to do an interview with Don. He told CBS that he was not interested in doing a taped interview which CBS would then edit. He referenced what 60 Minutes had done with others in censoring or editing. He wrote: "I think that I would have received the same amount of justice as a young lamb in the midst of a pack of hungry wolves."

Our humble organization affiliated with AFA when it was the NFD in 1987. By 1988, it became the American Family Association. In July each year, Jan and I and often Lisa VanHouten would make our way down to the AFA summer conference with other chapters of the AFA from all across America. Don Wildmon would always play a major role speaking to us. He spoke as a man of God who recognized that America was in a war for its very survival. This was 1987.

A powerful aspect of Don Wildmon's burden was this: "... Well, is the Gospel personal or social? It is neither. It is both. 'Faith without works is dead...' I am under no illusion about whether the Church of Jesus Christ will continue should we lose the battle for decency. Of course, it will continue. It is of God and will continue until the end of time. However, I am practical enough to realize the tremendous hurt and suffering which society will endure should we lose this fight. And right now we are losing this fight, losing by default. Next to leading people into a saving relationship with Christ, I am thoroughly convinced that the battle for decency is the most important battle we currently face in our society. The battle is not against dirty words and dirty pictures, but against religions which seek to make man God - humanism, hedonism, sec-

ularism and materialism. Indeed it is a struggle for the very foundation of Western Civilization". [Taken from NFD Journal, January 1986]

God used Don Wildmon mightily. He saw. He took action. He exerted a clarion call to the nation using whatever means of communication he could pull together, which later, starting in 1991, included a radio station and a radio network (now upwards of 180 outlets nationwide) to engage more people.

We picked up the gauntlet ourselves. Fighting battles in conjunction with Don Wildmon and AFA on a number of fronts.

Don Wildmon would on occasion end a message with: "If in the next five years, America's pastors fail to rise up and boldly address the expanding sin in America, I fear our country is destined to lose its spiritual moorings and our blood bought freedoms."

Don Wildmon was intense, focused, and filled with sincerity which endeared him to me. He tried to warn whomever he could of the sin that was being overlooked and that living out our faith included standing against things that were undermining our great country. When leaders got together in meetings, Don rose to the top in service and boldness. I have been missing him for many years as he was taken out of the battle several years ago by illness. Yet, his life still speaks to me and many others similarly impacted by this uncommon man of God.

Today the news is increasingly stark. As just one example, American cities are in turmoil, inundated with illegals pouring into their cities - overwhelming the populace with criminality, homelessness, and health issues. And, with no efforts to stop the flood at the border, we have no human answers to the orchestrated maelstrom.

I fear that Don Wildmon's worst fears are playing out in real time. I have taken these few moments to look back, but looking at the present and our future pleads for prayer, brothers and sisters. "Ruin lays right at our door. We need to rise, watch and pray." (Taken from John Owen) God help us!

Take Action Against TikTok

By Steve Huston



TikTok, time's running out – for the health and safety of your children, that is. **Do you have a child that's been harmed by TikTok? Near the end of this article we share a website that will help you take action against this deliberate attack on your teen.**

The late Donald E. Wildmon, founder of American Family Association (AFA) and American Family Radio (AFR), unapologetically believed that man was created in the image of God; that sin mars and distorts that image; that God's people are to live holy lives, abstaining from those things which would further distort that image and destroy America's culture; and that television's and media's humanistic programming was purposefully aimed at annihilating America, its people, and its culture – a country, people, and culture which had been founded by, on, and for God's good purpose. Recognizing the dangers, he asked, "What's at stake?" to which he prophetically wrote these words in his book, The Home Invaders:

"What is at stake in all of this goes far beyond sex and violence on television. What is at stake here is whether we will remain a country that accepts the Judeo-Christian concept of right and wrong, or turn our backs on centuries of progress to embrace practical atheism. The kind of society our children and our children's children will live in is at stake. Our nation will reap what we sow. That is a truth you can deposit and draw interest on.

"We can have a society that recognizes God and His moral standards, or we can have a godless society which recognizes the humanist religion with no absolute morals or values. We cannot, however, have both as equals. We cannot have a society where we recognize human life as both precious and a convenience." (p. 41-42)

It would be natural for you to wonder why I begin an article on taking action against TikTok with these words from 1985, thirty-nine years ago, long before TikTok or other social media platforms were a spark in their inventor's eye. It's simply this, **had we – the church or the nation – learned discernment regarding television habits and stood firmly on absolute Biblical truth, we would not be having such difficulty traversing the seas of TikTok and other social media and technologies being made available to us today.**

Due to warnings unheeded, here we are in 2024 with the chickens having come home to roost; our culture is crumbling around us and our children are the worse for it. The fault is not entirely TikTok's, but we must realize that this CCP "unrestricted warfare" attack on our most precious resource is taking a toll and taking prisoners – our children. We must also shamefacedly admit that we've not done a good enough job in the church of sounding a clarion call where holiness and social media are concerned. Finally, we must take corrective steps for our children's sake and hold our enemies accountable for the damage they've done.

American Decency Association has been sounding the alarm regarding the many dangers associated with TikTok. Regarding political warfare, "It seeks to advance the influence of the Chinese regime and its interests in every country where TikTok is allowed." This CCP tool is also well-known for its data mining of the American people. Perhaps most germane to our discussion here, the Chinese version of this app is geared for the educating of Chinese teens while American teens are unwittingly being dumbed down; put at physical, psychological, and emotional risk; and caught up in its addictive algorithms, with a different version of this app.

First Things magazine reports, in an online exclusive, that one company – ClaimsHero – has joined forces with a couple of attorneys "to target TikTok, arguing specifically that TikTok needs to be held accountable for allegedly designing its app to exploit and addict American children."

Within this article one can read that:

* According to Pew Research Center, after YouTube, TikTok is the most used social media app, with sixty-seven percent of thirteen to seventeen-year-old American teens using it.

* TikTok is a weapon targeted at America's youth, featuring violent, sexual, and suicidal content that targets children as young as 12 years old.

* One study showed that when US thirteen-year-old teens set up a new account with TikTok, they were **shown suicide content within 2.6 minutes and eating disorder content within eight minutes.** The Chinese version limits children to only 40 minutes a day and their content is of educational value.

The company ClaimsHero says parents whose children have been hurt by TikTok can join the fight by joining 46 out of 50 state Attorneys General in taking action against them.

ClaimsHero is "a consumer arbitration platform that helps little guys battle big guys in arbitration cases. ClaimsHero is not itself a law firm, only a service that helps people with claims get in touch with the right attorneys and that shows them how to manage the complex arbitration process." "Visit www.claimshero.io, where you can fill out a brief intake survey if someone in your family has been harmed." (*First Things*)

Parents and grandparents, we urge you to be aware of what is happening with your young one's devices. **Learn about the dangers, limit their time and what they can be on, and make the time to have intentional conversations with them.**

There is a great need for spiritual direction and technological boundaries for all of us, but particularly in those lives which have been entrusted to us for protection and teaching and training in godliness. Most importantly pray for them and with them regularly.

National Champions' University is a Big DEI Loser

By Chris Johnson



Michigan is celebrating the Michigan Wolverines' big win of the national championship for the first time in almost 30 years against Washington State.

But that wasn't the only news coming out of UM that week, and the other piece wasn't so positive.

A few years ago, in July of 2021, the Heritage Foundation released a report on nationwide state universities' adoption of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) ideology, specifically their hiring practices.

The three "Key Takeaways" from their report were: (1) "Promoting DEI has become a primary function of higher education, with DEI staff making up an average 3.4 positions for every 100 tenured faculty." (2) "But data show that colleges' vast DEI bureaucracy has little relationship to students' satisfaction with their college or their personal experiences with diversity." And (3) "State lawmakers should examine DEI efforts more closely to ensure public university resources are used effectively and appropriately."

So, state universities are hiring a disproportionate amount of DEI personnel in relation to actual faculty, but, when comparing the satisfaction of the student bodies of institutions with a high emphasis on DEI to the status of the student bodies of institutions that do not emphasize DEI, there is little to no difference. So, is that something state government really wants to waste their money on?

When that report came out in 2021, the University of Michigan was the worst of examples with 163 DEI personnel. The University of Virginia followed with 94 personnel, while the average was 45. UM had nearly four times the national average of staff devoted to this Marxist agenda.

That was two and a half years ago. Recently, a UM Professor Emeritus Mark Perry PhD., released his own report on the University of Michigan's focus on Diversity. According to Dr. Perry, UM now employs "241 paid staff members whose main duties are to provide DEI programming and services as either their exclusive or primary job responsibility. In addition, 76 faculty or staff members work part-time as 'DEI Unit Leads' advancing diversity efforts in one of UM's 51 schools, colleges, and units..." Perry is convinced that his university is still at the top of the DEI charts: "We know of no other school that comes close to UM's DEI headcount and therefore we are confident that UM has the notoriety as the No. 1 Diversity University in the country with no close competitors for that distinction." And all of that does not include unpaid personnel, which brings "the total number UM employees who advance DEI on either a paid or unpaid basis to well more than 500 and possibly as high as 600."

All of that adds up to a whopping \$30.7 million payroll for their diversity staff, with an average salary of \$96,443, while UM's Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion & Chief Diversity Officer, Tabbye Chavous Sellers receives \$402,800. I would just like to point out the inequality between the average salary and the chief diversity officer's...

While UM is paying over \$30 million a year for staff to push this divisive and hateful ideology, the state of Michigan provides the university with just over \$350 million a year, making their investment into DEI about 9% of the funding they receive from Michigan tax payers.

Meanwhile, Michigan's Democrat governor Gretchen Whitmer is pushing more college attendance and expanding the governor's office's influence in education at all levels. Last month, she launched a new department in the executive branch, the "Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential," which has as one of its primary goals an increase in college attendance.

That sounds good, right? Until we recall what Heritage concluded about universities these days, "Promoting DEI has become a

primary function of higher education." Is it any wonder that a radical liberal governor would launch a department with a primary function of increasing the amount of citizens receiving "higher education," whose primary function in turn is pushing DEI?

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, sounds like an official way of saying "be nice," but this is the ideology behind the "George Floyd riots" which led to violence and destruction of innocent people's property and businesses. DEI has made qualified candidates for jobs be unhireable and ended careers, because someone had the wrong skin color or the wrong opinion on LGBTQ issues. DEI is a hateful, divisive ideology which is being taught at our institutions of "higher learning," incentivized by our governments, and enforced by professionals and bureaucrats.

The University of Michigan is just one, if perhaps the worst, example. Universities are the factories for this kind of hatred of tradition and normalcy. It's time we stop sending our kids to be their raw materials when we know the product is a loss of unity and a loss of freedom.



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Never Let a Good Immigration Crisis Go to Waste

By Chris Johnson



In October of 2023, the House Committee on Homeland Security released a fact sheet of “Border Crisis Startling Stats,” laying out the Customs and Border Patrol Agency’s latest figures on border crossings. The number of total crossings in the last 3 years alone is mind-boggling: *“Since President Biden took office, there have been 7.5 million encounters nationwide and 6.2 million encounters at the Southwest border, in addition to 1.7 million known gotaways.”*

That’s at least an extra 9 million residents in the US just since the last election.

“Gotaways” is the term for what most of us may imagine when we think of people successfully sneaking across the border for any number of reasons, licit or illicit.

While the “gotaways” are obviously concerning because we have no idea who they are or what they’re here for, the “encounters” are equally concerning because of their sheer numbers and regardless of their reasons for being here.

Each “encounter” represents an illegal immigrant who presents themselves to a federal agent to be processed, usually to apply for asylum and be given a court date, often years in the future.

It’s the “encounters” which local, state, and federal governments get tangled up in knots trying to manage – and whom taxpayers’ foot the bill to provide food and housing for. Let’s take a look at the issues that must be dealt with in dealing with these individuals in such high numbers.

When CBP agents encounter a group of illegal immigrants, they are transported to a temporary facility before being processed and given a court date often in a city near their given destination. Their court date may be years in the future, however. In the

meantime, the immigrants have to find places to live and work.

Under President Trump, “Sanctuary Cities” were all the rage. Pretentious mayors and city councils of liberal cities patted themselves on the back for their charitable stances, contrasted with that of Republican leaders who have argued for tightening immigration policies for decades.

Those cities are singing a different tune today. Texas, having born the brunt of illegal entry over the decades, began in 2022 to demand that these “sanctuary cities” put their money where their mouth is. While many illegal immigrants will find their own way to these cities, Texas is happy to help as well. Following their processing, Texas happily buses the new US residents who are awaiting their court date to cities like NYC, Chicago, and Washington, D.C.

These cities’ residents and governments are now getting a taste of what Texas has dealt with for years. Just within the past few months, a Brooklyn school went virtual for a day, so that 2,000 migrants could spend the night in the school building. Residents of a Chicago suburb had to give up their field house to house migrants. Citizens of Massachusetts were asked to host immigrants in their own homes. New York City itself filed a \$708 million lawsuit against the charter bus companies which Texas hired to bring the immigrants, they’re so fed up with how much their sanctuary city policy has cost them. They’re not just housing these people, they’re feeding them as well. After all, until they are granted legal status, they can’t get legal work.

Texas is far from exporting the entire problem to other states, however.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has deployed the National Guard and allocated \$11.5 billion to securing their border in a necessary, if controversial, operation called Operation Lone Star, which CBS news sums up this way: *“Under his direction, Texas has bused tens of thousands of migrants to Democratic-led cities, arrested thousands of migrant adults on trespassing charges and fortified the Rio Grande with razor wire and floating barriers.”* Most recently, the Texas National Guard took control of a large park

in the city of Eagle Pass, refusing to allow federal agents on site as they “perpetuate illegal crossings,” and patrolling it themselves. CBP agents are so frustrated by their own orders that their union released a statement praising the governor’s move.

The Biden administration threatened legal action.

Also, in December, Governor Abbott signed a law allowing the state to arrest people for illegal entry and allowing judges to order them forcibly removed.

The Biden administration responded by filing a lawsuit arguing the state “cannot run its own immigration system.” As much as cities in the interior are being overrun, you would think they’d be as happy for the help as their agents are, unless, of course, they want cities to be overrun.

New York Congresswoman Yvette Clarke candidly explained her position in a two-year-old clip that recently went viral: “When I hear colleagues talking about the doors of the inn being closed, there being no room in the inn... I’m saying, I need more people in my district just for redistricting purposes.” Former Bush White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer shared the video with this sarcastic explanation, *“We need more people to come to America illegally - so I can keep my job in Congress. If you want to know why D[emocrat]s support illegal immigration, here’s your sorry answer...”*

Few politicians will be as open with their motivations as Congresswoman Clarke, but all these new people in the nation only helps one side.

Journalist James O’Keefe shared a video of himself asking a recently arrived illegal immigrant if he planned to vote; the man responded, in broken English, yes, and for Biden, because he did so much to help him get here.

Is it any wonder the Biden administration doesn’t want to crack down on illegal immigration?

Tyranny and Treason

By Steve Huston



Wow, the article I have been working on, as a warning, just last night (1/17/24) turned into an announcement of praise to God. When an attack on our national sovereignty would seem to be assuredly successful, God's grace and mercy come through – adding His hand of Providence to the voice of the American people – for without Him we can do nothing.

In case you are unaware of what I'm talking about, let me share with you Kevin Freeman's announcement, in part, then give some explanation to what these Natural Asset Companies (NAC) are, and, finally, give warning of another attack upon our nation's sovereignty. As the next paragraph quotes Freeman, keep in mind that speaking up for right and praying for God's merciful intervention can continue to yield positive results:

“IMPACT UPDATE! THEY HEARD YOUR VOICE. We asked our audience to take action and you did. The SEC (Security Exchange Commission) just announced the withdrawal of the fast-tracked rule change request to create the United Nations-backed Natural Asset Company (NAC) rule. **GREAT WORK EVERYONE!**” After sharing the announcement made by the SEC, he ended with: **“On January 17, 2024, the Exchange withdrew the proposed rule change (SR-NYSE-2023-09).”**

Wonder what this is all about? For a fuller understanding I would recommend to you The Epoch Times (ET) article *Inside Wall Street's Plan to Trade America's Natural Resources* 1/11/24 and a webinar hosted by Frank Gaffney at PresentDangerChina.org entitled *Stop America's sell-off – and sell-out* (PDC). I'll do my best to give you the gist of this attack on our national sovereignty which has been averted...for now!

Wall Street is helping Biden and his globalist friends gain a further stranglehold on Americans by attempting to bring “natural assets into the financial mainstream.” This puts our national sovereignty at stake and attacks the ownership of personal property. Under the guise of fighting “global warming,” they hope to turn a profit “by monetizing the right to control America's public and private land.”

“The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)... have proposed setting up a new type of company called a Natural Asset Company (NAC), which would pool investors' money from around the world to buy the rights to land in the United States with the goal of restricting its use to 'sustainable' endeavors.” (ET) **This is a prohibition on “unsustainable” activities** and, as the Gaffney webinar warns, it's an attempt to seize property and **turn intangibles into tangible assets**, which means **they can control and tax them.** James Lindsay summarized it as “a form of voodoo accounting where they're going to use whatever models they come up with to determine the value of natural assets, which seems to be something they could probably do on the fly to determine how much value is being extracted from not using a forest or not using mining rights on land or farming or whatever else.” (PDC)

Not only will this have the high potential of limiting food production by an already over-regulating regime (attacks on fertilizer, beef production, etc.), but it sets the stage for creating carbon credit, biodiversity credit, sustainability credit; these are means to control us. It's similar to the CCP's social credit score.

Margaret Byfield warns: “the end game is to acquire the resources and to acquire the property, with the NACs being the vehicle that is going to allow them to do that...It's important to know that there is one way that these NACs can be delisted. They have to manage the areas for sustainability. They cannot allow any activities on these lands that are not sustainable or cannot be replenished. The one way they can be delisted is if they do allow those activities. So, they can start once they get control of all of the assets. And if you have a sovereign wealth

fund, such as one owned by China, investing in these NACs, they can hold on to these NACs, squeeze out all the productive resources, and then once they have final ownership control of these resources, then they simply start to mine oil. You know, drill, extract all the resources, and the only penalty that they will receive on the New York Stock Exchange is to be delisted. And then all restrictions are off and you can do whatever they want with the land. That's really when you look at the long game, that's where we think they are headed with this is that complete control of the resources, which makes it terribly dangerous from a national security perspective, not only to mention what it's doing to the American people, in that it is taking our property, which is equivalent to taking our liberty.” (PDC)

Gratefully, this has been stopped for now, but the global warming “crisis” is what's driving this and similar nonsensical and dangerous attacks upon our nation and its citizens. They will keep using “crises” to either covertly or manipulatively move the masses to give up their freedoms. Epoch Times (12-30-23) has a helpful article on the CO2/climate change “crisis”: *Climate Scientists Say We Should Embrace Higher CO2 Levels.*

An even greater, immediate threat on America's sovereignty, which will affect every person within these United States, is the Biden regime's desire to give control of America over to the World Health Organization. I urge you to read our article on this at: <https://americandecency.org/2024/act-now-national-sovereignty-at-stake/>

Lord God, please help us again!

Our front-page article listed many of the crises we're facing. Why at this point of America's history are we so inundated by multiple crises, fake or manufactured, one on top of the other? James Madison boldly answers: **“Crisis is the rallying cry of the tyrant.”** Proving again that **“Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty” is more than a quote; it's a solemn truth which must be lived out, sought out, and prayed out.**

What's the Problem?

By M.D. Perkins, Producer of "In His Image"
(American Family Studios)



Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! – Isaiah 5:20

The ideas, attitudes, and expressions of "gay Christianity" will always work toward a political end because it desires to establish and normalize homosexuality. It cannot legitimately do it through the church, so it must attempt to do it through the state. It says that same-sex marriage must be affirmed – not only as legally permissible but as a civic good to be honored and cherished. It says that calling homosexuality a sin is the true sin – responsible for anxiety, depression, and even suicide. It says that expecting a transformation in a Christian's behavior and desires is unfair and un-Christlike – laying heavy burdens on others.

With all of those statements ringing in the ears of well-meaning Christians, what is the intended result? Change. Change of theology. Change of politics. Change of posture. Change of tone. Change of emphasis. As much as we might wish that politics are beside the point, politics are precisely the point. And politics have spiritual implications.

This is where Christians are feeling the pressure. Politics are the arena where the clash of worldviews between Christianity and secularism is most clearly felt. And many Christians are being worn down and won over in the fight. As future generations grow up immersed in a culture of LGBT acceptance, inclusion, gender confusion, and sexual autonomy, they will look at the values of previous generations of Christians as backwards, outdated, and bigoted. Indeed, it is already happening.

One LGBT activist on *HuffPost* explains: "In the final analysis, it's really simple. The homosexual agenda, indeed the LGBTQ

agenda, is the human agenda: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. If you oppose that, then you are a bigot, even if you believe that the creator of the universe agrees with you."

This is LGBT activism at its heart: loathing Christians for their biblical convictions and shouting them into silent submission politically. In an ironic twist, this push against Christianity is thought of by many as justice.

However, biblical justice is not simply perceived fairness or equity, as many people in our day like to define it. Justice is God's righteousness applied to all people and all situations without partiality (Deuteronomy 1:17). When we talk about the justice of God, we are talking about justice that is rooted in the truth of God, in line with His character as reflected in His law (Exodus 20:1-2). The law includes duties to God and duties to others (Matthew 22:36-40), and both aspects are inseparably tied together (Galatians 5:14). This is fundamental to any discussion of what it means for Christians to act justly or love our neighbor.

At the end of Romans 1, Paul describes humanity's blatant refusal to acknowledge God or to live by God's law. In their refusal, God gives them over to a debased mind. A long list of sins and sinful patterns is provided in verses 29-31, covering both outwardly wicked sins against others and secret sins of the heart. Then, in Romans 1:32, Paul gives a striking statement of just how deep the sin goes: "Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them."

It isn't just that individuals want to embrace sin for themselves. It is that they also want to be approved by others and give approval to others who practice sin. Society is being built in defiance of God; community is being shaped in defiance of God. This is the way of the world, and it is the endgame of "gay Christianity."

[Used with permission - M.D. Perkins, [Dangerous Affirmation: The Threat of "Gay Christianity"](#) pp. 204-206]

Great is Thy Faithfulness

By Lisa Van Houten



When my mom passed away last March, the ADA staff gave me a beautiful wall hanging with a verse that is a favorite of mine and perhaps many of you reading this: "***The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.***" Lamentations 3:22-23

Through both grief and the wonderful, sacrificial gift of a kidney from a brother in Christ and a friend of this ministry, I have experienced that faithfulness in incredible ways this past year. God has upheld me and strengthened me during times of sorrow, through dialysis, and then the blessing of a kidney transplant.

As I write this, it's been six weeks since the transplant. Both my donor and I are doing well, though I'm still regaining strength. **I give all thanks and praise to my loving Heavenly Father – truly His mercies never come to an end! Of course, I'm also so very thankful for my donor who responded to God's leading, desiring all glory to go to God!** I also want to thank each of our readers and supporters who prayed for me and for my donor throughout this process.

As I look back over the past year, I see the workings of a faithful God who provides and cares for our needs, yet also allows hardships to come into our lives, using them for His glory and to draw us closer to Him. As we go throughout another year, we can have complete confidence that His faithfulness will continue.

I have a little poem on my office wall written by Charles Spurgeon that has been a reminder to me over the years: "*Oh, let my trembling soul be still, and wait Thy wise, Thy holy will. I cannot, Lord, Thy purpose see, yet all is well since ruled by Thee.*"

Bro. Don Wildmon: Preacher of Righteousness, Visionary & Valiant Leader

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On Thursday, December 28, 2023, AFA's founder, Donald E. Wildmon—affectionately known to many of us simply as “Brother Don”—entered Glory. Because he believed the Gospel, we have every confidence that he is more alive today than ever before. Thanks be to God!

Bro. Don's authentic faith in God was exemplified through his life as a disciple, servant, and culture warrior. He was a humble man, a compassionate Christian, and a bold preacher of righteousness. He said “yes” to God's call in 1977, leading him out of the local pastorate and into the public square where he became a valiant leader in the pro-family movement.

I feel extremely blessed to have served on his board of directors for six years and then alongside him as my boss for decades. As his executive assistant, I learned much from him and was given a front row seat to see and experience God's miracles at work through the multi-faceted ministries of AFA.

The Bible—God's holy, infallible, and inerrant Word—gives us the *Great Commission*: to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and make disciples for Him. The Word also gives us the *Cultural Commission*: to become His change agents in this present world.

Since its founding, the mission of AFA has been about faithfulness to a message: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To understand the AFA message, it is instructive to understand the theology that shaped the worldview of our founder. I quote Bro. Don from an article he wrote in 2004 titled, *Christians and Culture: What Role Should We Play?*

“How should we Christians respond to our society that is largely turning its back on the very values that have made our country great? Should we be involved in the politi-

cal system to change laws and institutions so that they more closely reflect God's mind? Or should we only be concerned with changing hearts?

I believe the answer is that we should be waist-deep in both. As Christian activists we believe there is a biblical charge to restore our country to its godly foundation using the means that have been granted to us, means like voting and exercising our free speech rights to oppose those things God opposes. At the same time, Jesus clearly tells us in Matthew 28 that evangelism and discipleship are priorities.

So, for American Christians who take the Bible seriously, we have two mandates to understand and fulfill: restore our society to one that honors God, and at the same time, share with our neighbors how to find Christ and mature in Him. And while doing all that, we must remember that our success is totally in God's hands. As I've written many times over the years, our duty is simply to be obedient.”

Brother Don was reminding believers that we cannot simply bemoan cultural opposition to our faith. We are commissioned to stand against the lies and expose them for what they are while we also actively promote a biblical vision of the Gospel's flourishing. We hate evil. Yet when we stand in the public square it is because of love: love of God and love of neighbor. The second flows out of the first.

Leonard Ravenhill was an English Christian evangelist and author who focused on prayer and revival. He said this about prayer: *“I believe the place of prayer is not only a place where I lose my burdens, but also a place where I get a burden. He shares my burden and I share His burden. To know that burden we must hear the voice of the Spirit. To hear that voice, we must be still and know that He is God.”* Ravenhill said, *“Most Christians pray to be blessed. Few pray to be broken.”*

Through prayer, Bro. Don and his wife, Mrs. Lynda, gave their burdens to the Lord. They were also given a burden from the Lord. What about you and me today? Are we broken in this way? Do we hear the words of Jesus and the voice of the Holy

Spirit asking us to share His burden for our sin-sick, wayward nation and a world who so desperately needs Him?

About twenty years ago Bro. Don was addressing a group of Christian activists of which Bill Johnson and I were a part. He said, *“The greatest miracle in the New Testament (you may think I'm blaspheming but I'm not) is not the resurrection. The greatest miracle in the New Testament are the people Jesus entrusted His church to. And, with no plan B.”* Bro. Don was reiterating that all believers have a calling from the Lord and it is a vital and irreplaceable role. That is what the story of Bro. Don Wildmon—and the story of countless ordinary folks in Scripture—says to the church today.

The words “courage and boldness” come to my mind as I try to grasp the Kingdom and cultural impact of Bro. Don's life and legacy. His example inspired so many of us to enter the arena and become salty Christians, reflecting the light of Christ to this lost generation.

Billy Graham has been credited as saying: *“Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are stiffened.”* We could talk about Bro. Don's influence upon corporate America, presidents, governors, federal and state congressional leaders being called to guard the sanctity of life, defend the dignity of marriage as the union of one man and one woman, and to promote religious liberty. I feel safe in saying that his Christian witness, directly or indirectly, has influenced millions.

Those of you who know us are aware of how Bill and I often give testimony about Bro. Don's influence upon us personally as well as in our roles and places of ministry today. For this column, I will simply sum up his influence upon us in this manner: If Bro. Don had not been faithful to God's calling, you would not be reading this column. I would never have written it because there would have been no American Decency Association and there would have been no American Family Association.

[Later this year *American Family Studios* will release a feature-length documentary on the impact of our beloved Bro. Don Wildmon on America.]