

## *Rebuilding the Wall of Election Integrity*

By Bill Johnson



Are we really approaching days like we have never seen before? Even Tucker Carlson has started his *Tucker Carlson Network* messages by saying something like “It’s as if there is something in the air. Like something big is going to happen.” And, there are regular folks, like many of you and myself, who are saying the same thing.

There are certain warning signs all about us, are there not? Like the increasing lawlessness in our big cities; wide-open borders with masses of people – many of whom don’t mean us well; rising prices on main food staples; wars and rumors of wars. Just moments ago, my staff remarked that Gov. Whitmer is requesting that Michigan citizens take in illegal immigrants.

In recent days, for the first time, I excused myself from an ADA board meeting as I had received word that there was an election summit in Sturgis, MI. There were a number of national and local speakers that I knew were doing vital work in regard to election fraud. As a seasoned Christian, I know the difference between just an area of interest and an important need to make haste to “be there.” So Jan and I made our way on an early Saturday morning.

What I am about to write is very important. Many of you will remember that I was a voice calling out to fellow citizens and Christians to *pursue holiness without which no man shall see the Lord*. [Hebrews

12:10]. Our staff were activists, monitoring radio and television programs and contacting advertisers to discontinue sponsoring degrading television and radio programs. We had significant success after years of faithful activism, letter writing, and monitoring - driving Howard Stern from terrestrial radio. We also led a long-term legislative battle in passing anti-obscenity legislation against great odds as the State House for the longest time was led by Perry Bullard as the Chair of the Judiciary Committee.

That was child’s play compared to what we face today – as it relates to the very question of whether our country survives or not as a free country. (Though many say we have already lost that battle.) Many fear to voice their deep-seated views that our election has been corrupted and that it is fraudulent.

Americans are concerned that if our elections aren’t fairly executed that we will never again – save for God’s grace and mercy – ever experience a fair election and we will slip into being a third world country as Venezuela, once a prosperous country in South America.

I join with others, including those who met in Sturgis, and millions of citizens across America who are beginning to more vocally call for a return to paper ballots and ridding ourselves of electronic poll books and electronic Dominions machines (and the other

similar and related devices). Similarly, it isn’t enough just to be more vocal, as important as that is, but also to organize together in our local communities and counties – one by one to peacefully but numerically let our voices be expressed and received with integrity and honesty from listening ears.

On page two I give a brief overview of highlights of several of the presentations as they explain the vote irregularities and therefore the need for working together – by God’s grace – to take our concerns to our authorities and help them see what has become increasingly clear – the counting of our ballots from beginning to end is not being done judiciously and ethically. The inclusion of electronic machines and electronic poll books can too readily and easily be vulnerable to manipulation and sabotaging of voting data.

But, now the call is upon us – many of you and me. Will we as individuals rise to the occasion and come together to push back against this corruption?

***“So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.” ~ Nehemiah 4:6***

## Personal Note from the President



We at ADA are off and running as we have taken a few early steps to begin to reach out to others – including those in position of leadership at the township level and county level – regarding election integrity. In the weeks ahead, we will be showing a documentary to shed light upon our shared concern and which also shows what happens if America continues to be taken over and led by those who, on every point of decision, incrementally destroy America. Our time is short, so every day is important. We will be standing by to take your call to discuss steps to lay the groundwork for developing an action plan to combat election fraud. Call (231-924-4050) or email me at [bjohnson@americandecency.org](mailto:bjohnson@americandecency.org).

Just to give you an idea of the kind of momentum that is starting to take place, I'll give you the example of the Voting Summit that Jan and I just returned from. An audience gathered at the Arts Center in downtown Sturgis, MI (February 16-17) to hear the presentations of a core of regarded individuals who have given much of their lives over these recent years in researching the 2020 presidential election and the concerns of election interference that have been reverberating across the country by massive numbers of individuals from various stripes and persuasions. **One of the presenters is affectionately known as “Johnny Appleseed,” as he has traveled to 48 states, sowing the seeds of kindness, grace and truth, while passionately and expertly giving the message to audience after audience to rise up and systematically and prayerfully take back their local elections.** This is why I am calling out to you – to prayerfully seek God's help and to support others to build a caring network of people that will rebuild our voting system by working to replace machines with paper

ballots, counting by hand, and same day voting. May God help us! Without His help, our efforts will be in vain.

Speakers for the summit included: Patrick Colbeck, Dr. Douglas Frank, Joe Oltmann, Mark Finchem, Professor David Clements and Michael Butz.

Patrick Colbeck's immense findings are very well documented in his book, **The 2020 Coup: What Happened, What Can We Do.** I encourage you to get a copy and see the convincing documentations. See the enclosed card for ordering details.

**Dr. Douglas Franks:** “We will need a movement to accomplish anything.” Franks travels the entire country, as but one example of the caring sacrifice individuals all across this nation are engaging in. Franks receives no pay and doesn't ask for money. He is a very effective communicator with a powerful presentation as well. Franks exemplifies the selflessness of the presenters and people across the country who have taken up the great concern that if we lose voter integrity, we lose constitutional America to those who have been plotting against our country for years.

He goes to amazing lengths to help define the problems facing us, while also laying out the remedies: in short, he tells why we face an emergency situation. We need to return to paper ballots and rid our elections of electronic poll books and voter machines, i.e. Dominion and other similar purposed machines - machines created to manipulate the elections by enemies within and abroad.

As stated above, Dr. Franks' word to me and others like me: **“You will need a movement to accomplish anything.”** He also indicated that he is open to come and speak to groups. If interested in bringing him into your area, please contact his scheduler, Michelle, at: [micrep@protonmail.com](mailto:micrep@protonmail.com).

Next up was Mark Finchem who is a former police officer and firefighter. He formerly lived in Delta (just outside of Lansing), Michigan. He was visibly saddened at the condition of Michigan. He has fought hard and in many exemplary positions in Arizona since leaving Michigan years ago, including

as a state representative in Arizona.

**The Swamp's philosophy has been: it doesn't matter who votes as much as it matters who counts the votes.**

The issue isn't so much protecting our country, but taking back our country.

Pennsylvania example. 765,000 more votes were counted than actually voted. When it was pointed out, they said those votes are still coming in and within days, despite the fact that the votes didn't come in, they certified the election anyway. Finchem stated that he thought as soon as he/they told the "officials" they would clear things up, but they didn't. Our elections are not under our control and the clerks have been duped into believing that their machines aren't online! What they don't know is that the modem is an interior modem, called a telet modem – it is wireless and connects with an outside/nearby tower.

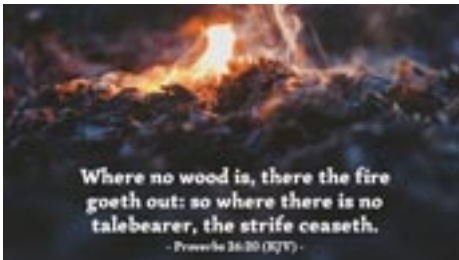
The deceit can vary from location to location and the deceit is different in large cities from smaller locations.

For example, in a large city, when the number counts go down in the early morning (like Detroit) it's because they need to do a correction (utilize the machines). They then pull up the dormant list of those who supposedly left the state, died or haven't voted for years. And, dip down into that dormant list and add them to the rolls and they "vote" - thus the major swing in voting totals - like in Michigan - 650,000 votes.

We are prayerfully taking steps in our own county. However, we can't cover every county. We may not be able to take action in your county, but you can, with the help of others. Let us help you get started. There are many citizens all across this country rising up and looking to God to help them be prayerful and faithful – that God would be glorified. Please let me hear from you. (231-924-4050 or [bjohnson@americandecency.org](mailto:bjohnson@americandecency.org)).

# The Pot-Stirring CCP

By Steve Huston



We all know pot-stirrers; they love to cause discouragement, division, and disarray. One might be close to making peace with another and that pot-stirrer comes along to “shake the beehive,” resulting in dissension rather than peace. Our nation had made several steps in overcoming “racism” in America, but the Left has kept “shaking the beehive,” arousing feelings among all classes and ethnicities which were tantamount to sharp stings of hatred and division, making it nearly impossible for the fact that unity and love must prevail, or else the resulting division would only move us further down the road to collapse. And the “Pot-Stirrer-in-Chief” has done all within his power to bring greater division to this nation than most have been able to do, nationally, in a long time.

“United we stand. Divided we fall” is more than a Churchill quote or *Brotherhood Of Man* song; it’s a Biblical truth. Jesus told us in Mark 3:24-25, “**And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.**”

Recently, the Epoch Times (ET), pointing to “a declassified intelligence report and multiple private-sector investigations,” revealed how the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has taken our “racism” and other divisions, turned them into political weapons of mass destruction through unrestricted warfare, and thereby influenced and interfered with American elections in the 2022 midterms. “*The effort included a broad array of techniques...including retaliation against U.S. lawmakers, the promotion of divisive content, and the impersonation of American voters online.*” (ET) Our electoral process is only one of the guarantees afforded to citizens of the United States, allowing them to play a role in their self-governance. When that major role is

jeopardized by America’s enemies, **either foreign or domestic**, it’s an attack on the ideal of American government and, particularly, upon each of us, her citizens.

## Retaliation against U.S. lawmakers

The CCP correctly identified the legislative branch as having the power and being more likely to take action against its core interests, “*As such, the regime hoped to ensure that pro-China candidates won their races, regardless of party affiliation, according to Sam Kessler, a geopolitical adviser at the North Star Support Group risk advisory firm.*” (ET) As though the CCP applied its social credit score to our own political process, this report revealed that if a congressional candidate had anti-China views, they would take action to “punish” those candidates, while rewarding others “for their perceived support of Beijing.” Mr. Kessler believes that the CCP felt it could take such bold actions because “the regime likely ‘perceived themselves being under less scrutiny’ since the 2020 election.” (ET)

## Promotion of divisive content

“*[T]he regime also sought to covertly use social media accounts, proxy websites, paid influencers, and public relations firms to manipulate U.S. public opinion about China, according to the report.*” (ET) The CCP used more than 50 platforms to “spread pro-Chinese communist and anti-U.S. propaganda.” Pinterest, Reddit, X, and YouTube are a few of these platforms and were also focused on key U.S. allies. These were used “*to sow division in the United States and inflame tensions about divisive social issues...as well as disparaging democracy and claiming that voting isn’t useful.*” Last August, Meta revealed that it had purged more than 7,700 Facebook accounts that were linked to China.

## Impersonation of American voters online

Last September, a Microsoft report revealed, “*Chinese-based hackers impersonated American voters online and used artificial intelligence (AI) to create and promote divisive content during the 2022 midterms.*” (ET) Lest one thinks that the CCP

is only targeting one party, this report states, “*These accounts posed as Americans across the political spectrum and responded to comments from authentic users.*”

## This is NOT simply about the midterms!

Mr. Kessler expects increased “*malign influence operations by China and other countries like Russian, Iran, and Cuba*” meant to disrupt and influence the upcoming 2024 presidential election.

The legislative branch of our government was designed to wield the most power in this system of checks and balances. **We must insist that Congress takes the necessary steps to put a stranglehold on the CCP and other foreign influencers. In addition, Congress needs to take the necessary steps to strengthen election integrity, domestically speaking.** When they fail to do their duty in representing the will of the people **within their constitutional bounds**, they play a role in attacking our right to self-governance.

When elections are influenced by foreign elements, it’s not surprising. But when **domestic players within the populace, government, or businesses – like social media platforms – play active and secondary roles in election tampering, it’s traitorous.** Righteous indignation should well up within each of us over such a prospect and we should demand justice regarding these enemies of liberty. One of the greatest ways in which our own government is attacking us is through the open border crisis; it does have direct and indirect influences on our elections, our safety, and culture.

Even if justice isn’t served in **this** lifetime, we know it will be meted out in eternity. **In the meantime, we must take every step possible to protect election integrity.**

Don’t yield to the temptation to treat these reports as “old hat” or give in to despair. Even though our government is far removed from that which our founders blessed us with, we must continue to strive for truth and righteousness, so far as it lies within us and the affect we can have as we play our active role in self-governance, on the state and federal levels.

# What Can We Do?

By Chris Johnson



Our organization has held many events over the years in a desire to bring awareness to different areas of concern which are easily overlooked. We've held events on radical Islam, the influence of the Chinese Communist Party in the United States, the encroachment of our own government on our lives, election integrity, the liberal drift of the evangelical church, and of course – as our organization's name implies – the moral rot in our own society.

No matter the subject, one question is raised at almost every event: "What can WE do about it?" And, I must admit, as gifted communicators as many of our speakers have been, I have rarely heard a satisfying response.

"Call your representatives, share this information, and vote in November" sums up just about every answer I've ever heard to that troublesome question. Sometimes there's a march to go to or a company we can avoid. Of course pray.

Recent or inexperienced recruits to cultural conflicts may accept that advice with excitement informed by naiveté. But when passion has been blunted by years of this activity only to see the world grow darker, more wicked, and more foolish, many begin to feel that there is *no* answer to the question, "What can WE do about it?"

When this question arises at our events, it's often because someone just had their eyes opened to something that the government is doing that is either stupid or wicked or both. We see that our problems are political, so our minds are naturally drawn to what we learned way back in civics class about our representative form of government and the three branches and the bicameral house and the two-party system and the electoral college and the judicial system and so on. We look to the mechanisms of political process

for a return to normalcy. How do we put someone in charge who will fix this?

A common theme on the presidential campaign trail goes something like this: "The American people know what's right, and I trust them to make the right choice in the ballot box this November."

Seldom has an assumption been proven more wrong at every available opportunity.

The American people do not know what's right. And so, we shouldn't at all be surprised that our form of government has been co-opted. After all, as John Adams, the author of the Massachusetts Constitution which was the model for the United States Constitution, famously said, "*Our country is made for a moral and religious people. IT IS WHOLLY INADEQUATE TO THE GOVERNANCE OF ANY OTHER.*"

And so we find, when we look closely, that we are not governed by it. Our elected officials - and the higher you go, the truer it is – are no longer competing for the favor of the voters; they're competing for the favor of those who can manipulate the voters. Specifically, they're competing for the favor of major donors who can make contributions that will pay for effective advertising to inform the impressionable and ignorant which candidate is the "reasonable" choice.

The essence of this problem – and, I believe, it's solution – can be boiled down to these paragraphs by Blaze columnist Auron MacIntyre, "*Conservatives like to believe that restoration of constitutional governance will fix our woes, but the founding document cannot make a people virtuous or grant them liberty. The Constitution was only ever the formalization of a way of life present in America's founding stock, and without that shared character, our most precious documents become meaningless. The Constitution was never meant to objectively mediate the differences of two sides with radically different moral visions, and it never will.*"

"*Protestant Christianity was central to the identity of the United States and the formation of its Constitution. Until the nation reforges a shared moral vision on that anvil, it will continue to be governed by the cor-*

*rupt progressive theocratic oligarchy that currently terrorizes its people.*"

In other words, until we have restored the moral and religious norms held by those who wrote the Constitution, this government *cannot* function according to it.

We can't vote our way out of this constitutional crisis. So, what can we do? We have to rebuild culture. We have to reestablish norms. We have to disciple our way out of it. Which, wouldn't you know it, is just what Jesus said we should be doing anyway.

So many in the generation currently entering adulthood have no idea of the basics of family life or of church community or of self-governance, or even how to be the sex God created them to be.

Here's how I think we can be most effective, not only for the good of the country, but for the people closest to us. Are you a man? Study what the Bible says a man should be. Are you a husband? Find out what the Bible says that God requires of husbands. Are you a father? Find out what the Bible says a father's responsibilities are. Are you a property owner? What does the Lord require of property owners? Neighbors? Employers? Employees? Civil office-holders? Church officers? Church members? What Biblical examples of those positions are there for you to follow? Study the responsibilities that God expressly gives you, and when you have a handle on them, pass on your knowledge and experience to those who will follow in your footsteps.

Start with yourself and work out from there, prioritizing what God has ordained you to have a real affect on. Of course pray - and not just in election years.

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# Immigration Invasion

By Lisa Van Houten



In our modern history, the U.S. has never experienced an invasion of its homeland. However, we're now seeing an invasion of enemy combatants at our southern border. These aren't all just "huddled masses yearning to breathe free;" rather, many are military-age men seeking to wreak havoc and undermine our nation from within. The Biden administration's open border policy is an engraved invitation to our nation's enemies to infiltrate the U.S., putting Americans at risk.

In addition to criminals, gang members, and known Islamic terrorists taking advantage of the free-for-all entry, since the 2024 fiscal year began more than 20,000 Chinese nationals – mostly single men - have illegally entered the country. Some of these are known to have ties to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and its People's Liberation Army. Experts warn that this is a planned CCP invasion using our open border to plant spies and sleeper cells in the United States.

China expert Gordon Chang stated: ***"When I first saw that, the surge in Chinese migrants, that's the thought that came to my mind that these are either Ministry of State Security agents or Chinese military, who are coming to this country to commit acts of sabotage against the US."***

Considering that the CCP tracks every activity of its citizens, it seems highly unlikely that tens of thousands of Chinese managed to escape the surveillance of the communist regime and fly to Central or South America to make their way to our border. The Chinese government must be complicit. The CCP has already infiltrated America's major institutions, bought up land around our military installations, floated a spy balloon across the continent, and established illicit Chinese "police stations" in the U.S. – so the likelihood that many of these Chinese

nationals crossing the border are CCP plants is not at all far-fetched. ***"A smart strategy by the People's Liberation Army would be to mix in trained soldiers and spies with those nationals. If war breaks out, just a squad-sized unit would wreak havoc inside our borders,"*** Gordon Chang warns. China is engaged in "unrestricted warfare" which involves using every means possible to defeat the enemy.

In addition to the security threat from Chinese nationals, Americans are already suffering the consequences of the invasion of criminal gang members. You may not have heard of the Venezuelan criminal gang Tren de Aragua, but their presence is being felt by residents of cities such as New York, and soon perhaps in your community. The Tren is "the fastest-growing transnational criminal organization in the world," according to security experts. This brutal Venezuelan gang is taking advantage of the open border to send its members to set up shop in the United States. In December alone, 47,000 Venezuelans – 27,000 of them single adults - unlawfully crossed the border. In 2022 Department of Homeland Security confirmed that Venezuelan dictator Nicolas Maduro was emptying Venezuelan prisons and sending violent criminals to our southern border.

Most of us saw the horrific video of a group of Venezuelan illegal immigrants who violently attacked two New York police officers and were then released from custody by a leftist district attorney, only to get on a bus and leave New York for who knows where. Venezuelan gang activity is responsible for a rash of thefts and violent crime that is plaguing New York City. In 2023 grand larceny was up over 83% from 2022 in New York. Democrat New York Mayor Eric Adams, has said the migrant crisis will "destroy New York City." NYC police said they are "essentially ghost criminals" – often with no way of determining their actual identity. When illegal immigrants are "processed" at the border and then sent to the U.S. city of their choice, border agents have no means of verifying if they have a criminal background or even if the name and date-of-birth they give is accurate. If illegal aliens give fake names and are then released, they can disappear into the country with no way of keeping track of them.

In Michigan, Democrat Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's "Office of Global Michigan" is urging Michiganders to take illegal immigrants into their homes. According to The Midwesterner, Michigan citizens "who participate must make a 90-day commitment to apparently meet every migrant need." We've already established that it's impossible to vet illegal immigrants entering our southern border, so Michiganders are being asked to take in unvetted migrants, reportedly from Venezuela, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Cuba. On a side note, why does the state even have an Office of "Global" Michigan? We already know that Gov. Whitmer has ties to communist China and is working to bring Chinese companies affiliated with the CCP to Michigan.

After 9-11 we asked, why did no one see the warning signs? However, now we can't miss the warning signs as unvetted foreign nationals stream across the border. Last year alone the equivalent of two Marine divisions of Chinese nationals entered the U.S. illegally. How many have been trained to attack designated targets – such as our infrastructure? Gordon Chang again warns: ***"China intends to fight the next war on American soil. Our neighborhoods will be battlegrounds."*** In addition, Border Patrol has issued an official warning of potential Hamas and Hezbollah terrorists crossing our open border. National security experts also warn of the possibility of attacks upon unsuspecting Americans, similar to what Israel experienced. However, here the terrorists don't need to parachute in – we've opened up our border to them. Along with the national security crisis Biden's border policies have created, Americans can expect a growing crime wave in their cities and towns as criminals flow into the country.

The Biden administration is willfully ignoring the threats to American citizens and grievously failing in its duty to protect our nation. Our current government won't protect us, the police are undermanned, overwhelmed, and often thwarted by leftist district attorneys. As long as those who seem bent on undermining America from within are in power, there is little hope for a human solution. As David, pray that God will cause the wicked to fall into their own nets. (Psalm 141)

# In the midst of trouble, LET NOT Your Heart be troubled

By Steve Huston



My dear mother was a woman who could always seem to find the best in things. She wasn't ignorant of the troubles that surrounded her personally or nationally; she just chose to believe Psalm 46:1, that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Even when trouble came from being misdiagnosed, which allowed cancer to cut her life short, mom found God to be her refuge and strength, a **very present help** in trouble. **Her troubles weren't taken away, but they didn't trouble her** because she believed God is sovereign and her hope was in Him. This view allowed her to be a great help to others during her hospital visits, she was an encouragement to others and would point them to Christ.

This may seem to be a strange way of beginning this article, but it's vital that we have our focus in the right place before I share the following information with our readers. **When trouble comes from any quarter, LET NOT your heart be troubled.** That **doesn't** mean that we ought not to be prepared or not do what is in our power to avoid trouble. It just means that God is our refuge IN trouble when it comes.

Most of our readers know that our southern border has turned from a sieve into a funnel, inviting foreign enemies to take up residence and wait for the right time to attack. From within, we've empowered LGBTQ activists, putting our children, military, and culture at risk. The current administration not only supports these endangering efforts, but strongly opposes any who take the common-sense approach of protection. There's no doubt that our nation is in trouble.

"I'm not here to alarm you, but to arm you." These are the words spoken by Sheriff Rick Jones of Butler County, Ohio, as he held an important press conference after re-

turning from a national sheriff's training in Washington D.C., where he was briefed by FBI Director Wray and several federal agencies. President Biden refuses to meet with the U.S. sheriffs or the police chiefs regarding the border issue or the crimes which stem from it.

He denies being "Doomsday Jones;" he just wants us to know what he knows. There are people here in this country that want to harm us. FBI Director Wray warned that **there are more red flags going off now than there were when 9-11 hit. "It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when."**

The government agencies warned that our foreign enemies will attack our elections, not just national, but local too through cyber-attacks. In Butler County alone, the Chinese are attempting to attack their computer/electronic system five times a day while the Iranians are doing so three times every day! These attacks are meant to bring disruption and chaos. "I don't want to cause fear; I don't want to cause panic, but I want the public aware that you ARE under attack. And when they're attacking, they're trying to get our cyber-system. We have a grid system..." Several times Sheriff Jones mentioned that we're on the defense – there's no offense, warning, "You can't pump gas or water without electricity."

He talked about the massive number of illegals crossing our border daily with backpacks; "there's a strong possibility that they are here to cause us harm." "China has safe houses in every state in the United States."

**Taking Action:** "We need to get on the offense. If our government isn't going to stop it, we gotta do it here in our county." Here are three things Sheriff Jones is asking the state of Ohio to do (being on the offense, not just defense). He's asking for legislation to be introduced that will: **1.** Build a border security task force. "Every state is a border state." **2.** Form a full-time, 24-hour-a-day cyber security. "For every one person we have in our government that deals in cyber, **the Chinese have fifty.**" **3.** Change the law. "If you're pulled over you can be charged with a state felony charge for being here illegally and you can be arrested and

charged."

**How can we best prepare?** When Sheriff Jones was asked what people should do to be prepared, he gave the following list: Keep enough food and water on hand. You might look at solar charging devices and survival foods.

To the above suggestions I would add: If you own a firearm, stock up on ammunition. Remember Hamas' invasion of Israel? Build community connectivity and find other means of communication (ham radio, etc.) But **most importantly**, get and stay grounded in Christ; know and share the Word. Don't neglect the spiritual well-being of your family. **Whatever you store up will one day expire; our hope, if it is in Christ, has no expiration date.**

Realizing an uncertain future or personal troubles some are facing, I offer these words by F.B. Meyer. "But faith cleaves its way through the murky mists and driving cloud-wrack, and establishes a sure connection with the throne of the eternal Father. This is what the New Testament calls the anchorage of the soul, and however severe the storm that sweeps over the earth, the soul that shelters there is safe. 'Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses.'"

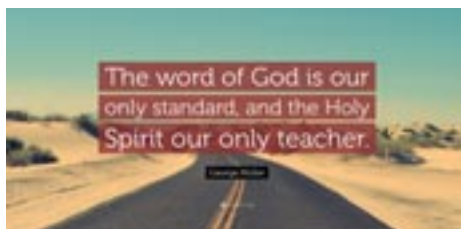
"At this moment you may be passing through a storm of outward trouble. Wave after wave beats upon you, as one calamity is followed by another, until it seems as though the little barque of your life must be overwhelmed. Look up to God and cry to Him. He sees you and will not allow you to be engulfed.

"Or you may be experiencing inward sorrow. Your affections have been misplaced; the one you love has deceived and failed you, and the sky is now dark and stormy. The one resort of the soul, when it is hard driven, is to look up to Him who holds the winds in His fist, the waters in the hollow of His hand, and who cannot forget those who cry to Him."

In the midst of trouble, **LET NOT** your heart be troubled

# God's Word is Man's Standard

By Lisa Van Houten



In January, a prominent, respected pastor made headlines for encouraging a grandmother to attend her grandchild's transgender "wedding." His unbiblical advice shocked the conservative evangelical community because this pastor has a 40-year history of solid, uncompromising Biblical preaching – including speaking strongly and forthrightly on issues of homosexuality.

This article is not intended to "bash" the pastor, who up to this point had shown himself to be a careful handler of God's Word, but rather to discuss why the counsel he gave in this instance was so grievously unbiblical.

For those who missed the online firestorm that has ensued, here is the gist of what caused the initial controversy. A Christian grandma (not a member of his congregation) contacted this well-known pastor asking for counsel on whether she should attend her grandchild's transgender "wedding." He first confirmed that the grandmother had previously expressed her Biblical convictions to her grandchild regarding the sinful lifestyle in which the grandchild is engaged. He then encouraged the grandma to attend this transgender wedding and bring a gift to show her love. He stated: *"Your love for them may catch them off guard. But your absence will reinforce the fact that they said these people are what I always thought. Judgmental, critical, unprepared to countenance anything."*

So, should a Christian attend a LGBT "wedding" as a means of demonstrating love for that family member? I Corinthians 13 says, **"love does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth."** Is it loving to affirm someone in their sin? Those who attend weddings are referred to as witnesses and celebrants. What kind of witness to the truth would one have by celebrating such an egregious attack on God's design of marriage - condoning, by one's attendance, that

which He calls an abomination.

God's Word makes very clear that marriage is a sacred, covenantal union ordained by God between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:18; Mark 10:6-9). There's a reason marriage has often been referred to as holy matrimony. Furthermore, God uses marriage as a symbol of the covenantal union between Christ and His bride, the Church.

An LGBT "marriage" makes a mockery of God's created order and design and is an open act of defiance and rebellion against Almighty God. Hebrews 13:7 says: ***"Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous."***

To attend a homosexual or transgender "wedding" is giving tacit approval of a union that God detests, as well as affirming and celebrating the LGBT person in their sin. What would a Christian do if the question were asked: *"Should anyone present know of any reason that this couple should not be joined in holy matrimony, speak now or forever hold your peace."* Whether or not the question is asked, remaining silent is an endorsement and validation of the "marriage" and is a direct violation of Ephesians 5:11 – ***"Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them."***

For the Christian, love for Christ should be greater than anything or anyone else – including our family. Jesus makes that clear throughout the New Testament (Luke 14:25-27, as one example). Our primary allegiance must be to God and His Word. Preserving a relationship with a family member can never supersede our obedience to Christ.

Some have wrongly argued that the example of Jesus eating with tax collectors is the equivalent of attending a gay "marriage." Jesus ate with sinners, but not to celebrate their sin, but rather to call them to repentance. Do you really think that Jesus, who flipped over tables and used a whip in His Father's house because they desecrated it by turning it into a market, would respectfully attend such an unholy ceremony, which defies God and desecrates His design of

marriage?

However, Jesus did not shun those lost in sin, and neither should we. We are to seek their salvation and repentance from sin, but affirming a loved one's gay "marriage" is not the way to do so. Rather, attendance at an event that is so clearly contrary to God's Word compromises one's witness and sends the message that we are willing to set aside our faithfulness to Christ and our biblical convictions in favor of a family member.

Love must be coupled with truth (Ephesians 4:15). We shouldn't cut off our loved ones lost in sin, but strive to maintain communication and a relationship with them, if possible. Pray diligently; share the Good News. Better counsel for the grandmother would have been to invite them to her home, show love, but also express concern for the sinful road they are on, while telling of the forgiveness and new life that can only be found in Christ. It may cause alienation with those who refuse to hear. Yet Jesus told us that following Him will cause separation (Luke 12:51-53). Continue to pray, and by God's grace, one day those lost ones may remember how their grandma loved them enough to tell them the truth.

The Biblical definition of love is far different than the world's. Christians should love holiness and hate sin, while the reverse is true for unbelievers who love sin, and hate holiness. That will lead the lost to view Christian love as "hate." In our post-Christian culture, the LGBT have gone from asking for tolerance to now demanding our affirmation of their sin. Anything less than that is considered "hate." However, we can't make decisions based on what those lost in sin think of us. We shouldn't strive to win their approval, but God's. As much as we love our family members, we can never put a loved one's feelings above our love for Christ and His Word.

We may be maligned and hated for our stance, but as I once read, "when the wind blows fierce only the deeply rooted trees will stand." This concern is a reminder for each of us to guard our Christian testimony and our walk, looking to God's Word as our only rule for faith and life.

## Kamal Saleem coming to Fremont - Friday, March 15

By Bill Johnson



Kamal Saleem: Terrorist turned Christian. Many of you will remember the first time you heard his name and ultimately came to hear him speak at one of many locations throughout Michigan.

There were many that were naysayers. Dubious. Some perhaps even thought that he was coming as a tool of Satan and/or a tool to subtly bring Shariah to West Michigan if not interfaith dialogue.

Did I have questions? I had read his powerful testimony in his book: The Blood of the Lambs. I had heard him speak in Washington DC at the Values Voter Summit. I also knew that he had been overwhelmingly endorsed by the former war hero and one of America's most decorated military officers: General Jerry Boykin (retired).

Still there were efforts to undermine him and degrade his name including the Grand Rapids Press who were attempting to do an interview with me days before he came for the first time; trying to put a seed of doubt in my mind and, too, into the minds of their readership.

We haven't seen Kamal for years now. The fear factor surrounding Islamic Terrorism, the Muslim Brotherhood, Shariah, Interfaith Dialogue has died down since those days, though it has only been four years since Phil Haney, one of America's most effective and brave whistleblowers regarding the Muslim Brotherhood, has been gone from this nation that he loved so much.

But the issues of the day have shifted so resoundingly from Shariah and the Muslim Brotherhood to – you fill in the blank – \_\_\_\_\_ etc., etc. etc.

The last time we had Kamal here was in 2019. We brought Kamal into Michigan and scheduled him to speak in nearly 20 lo-

cations over the course of a month from western Michigan to the Saginaw area and in several locations in the greater Detroit area including Brighton, Holly and other locations.

His mission was speaking on how to share the Gospel with Muslims. As always, he was so very well received. I have often said that Kamal is one of the sweetest, kindest, godliest people that I know. His love for Jesus radiates. He has never forgotten how Jesus saved him and radically changed him.

Join with me in praying for Kamal and his time with us. Here are some of the questions that I will ask him to address.

- \* Please share your testimony once again.
- \* Is Islam still on the move in America?
- \* If so what are the evidences of it?

\* In the past, you always believed that the American church was going to rise up and that we would see a great revival. Do you still believe that? If so what are evidences of that?

\*Years ago when you spoke at Calvin College (it wasn't a university yet) there was a professor that organized a protest of you there in Grand Rapids. What was the reason for that?

\* What do you see happening in America today? Are you still so hopeful?

\* Give us counsel as your Christian brothers and sisters as to what things should we be doing to prepare for the spiritual warfare that is rising up before us?

**We hope you can join us! Seating is limited, please RSVP by calling Kimberly at 231-924-4050 or email [kimberly@americandecency.org](mailto:kimberly@americandecency.org).**

**Friday, March 15, 2024  
at 6:30 pm**

**Location:  
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## We Still Hold to These Purposes



At the end of this month, we'll already be a quarter of the way through 2024. Even as the election looms before us, we wonder what the landscape will look like in the next few months. How will all of the political turmoil happening at every level come to a head?

From our earthly perspective, this election is of vital importance for the future of this nation. From a Christian perspective, we wonder what God is doing in all of this cultural confusion and wickedness. Will He allow us to destroy ourselves with our foolishness or will He bless the work of His servants' hands in bringing our country under the Authority of His Word once more?

Of course, we pray and serve, alongside with you, that God would make us fruitful and grant revival and restoration to the purposes of our founders. Consider these words from the Mayflower Compact, explaining some of the Pilgrims' motivation for traveling to these shores: "...for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian Faith ..." As far-removed as our nation is from those purposes today, we at ADA still hold to them. And we are honored to stand alongside our supporters who hold to them as well.

Our organization exists only because of the generosity of our donors who stand with us against the wickedness of our times and because of God's calling, grace and mercy. If you are able to contribute to our efforts as we seek to inform, educate, and inspire our fellow citizens as we wade deeper into election season, we would be grateful.

Our mission is not only to keep our readers and audiences up-to-date on what responsible citizens and Christians should be aware of, but also to always point to Christ as our one and only hope. We hope you'll stand with us.