

Turn and Honor God

By Bill Johnson



There is a growing sense of urgency in our nation. You are feeling it. Seeing it. Thinking it. At the gas pumps and grocery store. The cost of fast foods. Have you bought a Quarter Pounder at McDonalds lately? Even if you aren't a supporter of Donald Trump for president, the way lawfare is so weaponized and manipulated against him is a frightening abuse of power. We are recognizing as never before the high importance of the November election - that if we don't have a fair election in November our position as the world's last hope for freedom will be no more.

The article below was produced by **Ligonier Ministries** out of Orlando, Florida. The article is from their monthly magazine called *Tabletalk*. The ministry emanates from their founder Dr. R.C. Sproul (1939-2017). We are unsure of the date. We believe that it was prior to 2001. Yet, we're sharing it with you because it gives a perspective that is so very applicable to our nation today and we believe is spot on! God is doing a work in our country. Is it to bless our nation or chastise it?

Last year America witnessed a virtual revolution. Forty years (unsure of specific date) of Democratic control of Congress ended as the GOP bulldozed through national elections. Democratic governors, senators, and representatives were sent packing as Republicans moved into Wash-

ington. Many Christians breathed a sigh of relief, naively believing the promised welfare reform, lower taxes, and less government is all it will take to get our nation back on track. But fiscal responsibility alone will not bring glory to a nation that has turned its back on God.

Solomon reminds us that a nation can only be restored through righteousness. "Not the wisdom of policy, extent of empire, splendid conquests, flourishing trade, abundant resources – but righteousness – exalts a nation," Bridges writes. "Righteousness is both 'the prop to make it subsist firm in itself, and a crown to render it glorious in the eyes of others.' Greece in her proud science; Rome in the zenith of her glory – both were sunk in the lowest depths of moral degradation." When a nation refuses to recognize the authority of God and to honor His law, when children are raised according to their own whims rather than by the principles of Scripture, when a nation profanes the Sabbath, when Christianity has been stricken from the curriculum of educational instructions, when prayer and morality are held in disdain, all the fiscal responsibility in the world will not bring dignity to a profligate nation.

The pagan politician Machiavelli saw the need for a nation to honor God: "Those princes and commonwealths, who would keep their government entire and uncorrupt,

are, above all things, to have a care of religion and its ceremonies, and preserve them in due veneration. For in the whole world there is not a greater sign of imminent ruin, than when God and his worship are despised." Even Plato recognized moral righteousness as the pillar and support of the city (de Legibus, VI).

As we seek governmental reform, let us not put our hope in those things that fail to bring a nation lasting glory, but let us remember that only through righteousness is a nation exalted. Pray for revival to sweep our country and for our nation to repent, honor God, and seek His righteousness.

Coram Deo: (before the face of God)

A country cannot institutionalize righteousness. It must flow from the principles of individuals. How can the principles of people change? Is true revival contained within a Christian community, or will it necessarily affect the nation as a whole? Are you praying for revival? Pray today that God's Spirit will open the hearts of the lost.

God is at work and will be at work whether it is in suffering, sorrow, persecution or in times of plenty and security. He will be strong for us in the cell, in the hospital bed, in our losses. God help us to yield and live and be used and useful that He would be glorified. Let us pray for repentance and revival!

Personal Note from the President



I am writing this on the morning of my 54th wedding anniversary with my wife, partner, and friend, Jan. I had prepared something else for my personal page but I felt inclined to go in another direction.

The front page gives a helpful construct to the travail that is before us individually, as a ministry and as a country. As I stated on the front page, the scenario presented there has been repeated in earlier years, yet it is so applicable today. God is in control. He is sovereign. Travail has come before and throughout our nation's history. In times past, our nation often turned to the Lord in difficult times, will we yet again do so?

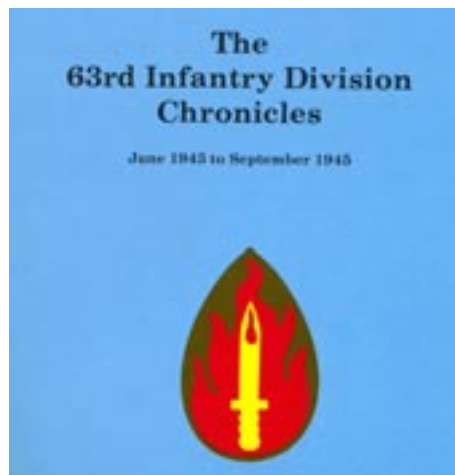
We can learn about our history through our own families and it can help us as we face uncertainties, hardship, depression, war.

Jan's and my parents went through great travail with the Great Depression, World War II, poverty, brokenness, but their marriages held together during the different seasons of life, including the raising of children like me (parents: Bob and Donna Johnson) and Jan (Dave and Geneva Van Sloten). Here is a short sketch of what I learned from the travail of my parents.

My dad, as a young boy and teenager, living through the years of the Depression with his parents, scrambled around to find work and did things such as picking cherries in the Leelanau Peninsula just northwest of Traverse City. They learned from the Indians how to make straw baskets to sell, they lived out of a tent for a time, they worked in a humble telephone office in Glenn, MI in the early days of the telephone company with party lines and all. Grandpa Johnson worked on the rail lines until his job was discontinued. When the Depression was ending, Grandpa Val Johnson bought an old

truck and had the idea to go south and pick up Florida fruit and bring it to Michigan to sell as he started a new venture. Unfortunately, without adequate refrigeration in the truck, the fruit spoiled. He tried again with adjustments. Over the course of time, profits came as well as World War II. Dad tried to get a deferment from the military, but Uncle Sam's call came and Dad had to leave his newly-wed wife (September 9, 1943) and joined with hundreds of thousands of other young men and joined the ranks of the U.S. military and within a year was shipped out to Europe and ultimately Nazi Germany.

I have written before how Dad's eyes would fill with tears as we would stand together and reverently sing the Star-Spangled Banner at sporting events. It never failed. Dad's heart would be moved and there was that solemnity and honor shown through his tears. He never talked much about the war, but I was honored on his death in 2008, as the oldest son in the family, when the military honor guard handed me the folded flag of the United States of America. Right next to my working area in my home is a book that he gave to me later in his life entitled: **The 63rd Infantry Division Chronicles (June 1943 to September 1945)**. In his handwriting at the end of the book he writes: *"While we were in combat I drove the parts truck and was a bazooka loader for Cpl. James V. Short."* Much more could be shared.



My mother, Donna, came out of a broken family. My mom never talked about her family life. We never met her mother or

father. We met one of her siblings, but little was known about their past. It has saddened each of us, her children, that we never knew. Even Mom's maiden name was never certain to us. We did find out that she had Indian blood. I think she was a quarter Indian – Mohegan/Brothertown Nation. She never talked about it. Travail and troubles, but there was joy and goodness and training and discipline and a little bit of church background. There was embarrassment, we have heard tell, about being an Indian, but we don't really believe that was the issue. We will never know.

Jan's dad, Dave Van Sloten, was born into a Dutch family. His mother and father and most of his siblings came directly out of the Netherlands. Their initial home in the United States landed them in Highland, Indiana. His family took a train up to Fremont, Michigan. After working in a factory for a spell in Muskegon, he began to engage in farming and initially used horses for doing farming work in those early days and as he went through the years of the Depression. I wish I could remember more of the details. I am thankful I can go back and review the video interview that I did with him not too many years before he died (2001).

I have my own story. You have yours. I have my many accounts of travail, and they are not done yet. What lies ahead we do not know. In many ways, as we have been heard to say, I'm glad I don't know.

We stand on the shoulders of those from the Greatest Generation. How our nation has so dramatically changed from the world they left us. Will we take up their torch and strive to instill in our children and grandchildren the values they taught us and the faith that carries us through the travails of life?

"He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments." Psalm 78:5-7

Biden's Betrayal of Israel

By Lisa Van Houten



As Israel fights for its very existence, Biden fights for votes. President Biden's foreign policy is dictated by what will appease anti-Israel campus protestors and Palestinian voters in Dearborn who chant "Death to America" and cheer when Israel is attacked.

Following October 7 - when Hamas terrorists savagely butchered, raped, and burned alive 1,200 Israelis and several Americans - President Biden claimed that the U.S. commitment to Israel was "ironclad." However, it didn't take long for Biden to betray Israel, putting our most stalwart ally at risk.

In November, Nihad Awad, executive director of the Hamas-linked Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), declared: **"No cease-fire, no votes. No votes in Michigan ... No votes for you anywhere if you don't call for a ceasefire now."** Well, guess what? It wasn't long before the Biden administration began pressuring Israel to accept a ceasefire, tried to dictate how Israel conducts its military operations, and seemingly undermined Israel and protected Hamas at every step.

Biden's latest and most egregious betrayal is withholding crucial military aid from Israel, which Congress recently approved. In 2019, Joe Biden stated, regarding Israel: **"The idea that we would cut off military aid to an ally... is absolutely preposterous. It's just beyond my comprehension anyone would do that."** Yet he has now threatened that if Israel entered Rafah, where Hamas terrorists are purposefully hiding among civilians, he will cut off promised weapons to Israel, selling out our closest ally while protecting barbaric terrorists.

Yet this is nothing new for the Biden administration, which has continued the Obama-era policy of kowtowing to terrorist regimes, while betraying the only democracy in the Mid-East. Just weeks after tak-

ing office, Biden reversed Trump's policies by removing the Iranian-backed Houthis from the terror watch list and releasing millions in funding to Gaza, knowing that any aid to Gaza is pilfered by Hamas to support its terrorist activity. While Obama sent Iran those infamous pallets of cash, Biden went further by giving Iran \$25 billion in sanctions relief. In March of this year - as Israel continued to fight Hamas in the south while facing attacks from Hezbollah in Lebanon to the north - the Biden administration released an additional \$10 billion to Iran, knowing that Iran funds Hezbollah and Hamas. Iran returned the favor by launching hundreds of missiles in an unprecedented attack upon Israel just weeks later.

The icing on the cake, the day before Biden announced he was cutting off vital weapons to Israel, his administration issued a sanctions waiver, allowing the sale of arms to terrorist regimes in the Middle East. That weapons waiver includes Qatar, an ally of Hamas which also harbors Hamas' top leadership, and Lebanon, an Iranian proxy. The Biden administration is ignoring Congressional restrictions which prohibit the sale of weapons to countries which boycott Israel. While Biden's State Department acknowledged that Lebanon and Qatar fit that bill, **they ridiculously claim that allowing the sale of weapons to these enemies of Israel is "in the U.S. national interest."**

This subversive foreign policy isn't coming just from our feeble president, but from the puppet-masters pulling the strings behind the scenes. This administration is replete with Obama holdovers, such as Antony Blinken and Jake Sullivan, who have long sought to undermine Israel. Another of those whispering in Biden's ear is Maher Bitar who serves as a special counsel to the President and is the director of intelligence and defense programs for the National Security Council. While a student at Georgetown, Bitar led the campus chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP). Noor Dahri, a counterterrorism expert, describes SJP as "the most violent student organization in the United States against Jews today." The pro-Hamas SJP calls for the elimination of Israel and is a major instigator of the student protests sweeping the

country. Considering Bitar's extremist past alliances and his current position of influence, along with other radical elements within the administration, it's no surprise that such anti-Israel schemes have made their way into our nation's foreign policy.

As Biden betrays Israel, the International Criminal Court (ICC) has felt emboldened to seek an "arrest warrant" for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for imaginary "war crimes." Neither the U.S. nor Israel recognize the ICC and, therefore, the ICC has no authority over them. However, if Netanyahu traveled to an ICC-member nation, he could be arrested. Like the United Nations, the ICC is adversarial toward Israel. The ICC has never issued warrants for actual genocidal dictators, yet it makes a moral equivalence between Israel carrying out a just war and the terrorism of Hamas. As Netanyahu stated, it's like equating Franklin Roosevelt with Hitler.

While the U.S. did condemn this ploy by the ICC, in April Biden's State Department included Israel on its list of the world's most egregious human rights violators. Israel was listed on page one of the report, along with terrorist regimes such as Iran, the Taliban, and Communist China carrying out genocide against Uighurs. According to John Spencer of West Point and chairman of urban warfare studies: **"Israel has taken more steps to avoid harming civilians than any other military in history. ..."** Yet this administration continues to site fake and disproven Palestinian casualty numbers provided by Hamas as their reasoning for labeling Israel as a "human rights violator."

In response to Biden's continued betrayal, Netanyahu responded, saying: **"If we need to stand alone, we will stand alone. ... if necessary, we will fight with our nails. ... and with that same strength of spirit - with God's help - together, we will win."**

Under Biden's feckless leadership, our enemies are emboldened, our allies fear the U.S. can't be trusted, the world is on fire, and the Mid-East is a powder keg. Yet Biden is more concerned with securing votes, than securing our nation. **Pray for God's mercy upon our nation and pray for the peace of Jerusalem.**

Superbowl Champ Harrison Butkers Speech Gives Hope to Conservatives

By Chris Johnson



Last February, all eyes were on the Kansas City Chiefs in the days leading up to the Super Bowl. In fact, that game would go on to be the most watched football game in history, and a lot of that was thanks to the relationship between quarterback Travis Kelce and celebrity singer Taylor Swift. Swift's reputation for her many short-lived celebrity relationships and her body of work which consists of singing about them, added an element of drama which isn't usually present for America's most watched sporting event. Kelce kept the drama flowing, screaming his frustration into his coach's ear for the world to see before the Chief's remarkable comeback, and smooching his famous girlfriend on camera immediately after the game.

This month another Chief has taken the spotlight by presenting a lifestyle that's essentially the opposite of that represented by Kelce and Swift.

Harrison Butker is Kansas City's kicker, but more importantly, he's a devoted Catholic. As such, he was invited to give the commencement address at a small traditional Catholic college graduation: Benedictine College. In his speech, Butker jabbed at politicians who call themselves Catholics like Biden and Pelosi, while supporting abortion and other modern anti-human practices. He poked at the Covid overreaction. He derided society in general as "disordered" and opined for a priesthood with the courage to speak out against it. He encouraged men to step into their vocations and perform them faithfully. But what garnered the attention and backlash was his address to women: *"For the ladies present today, congratulations on an amazing accomplishment. You should be proud of all that you have achieved to this point in your young lives. I want to speak directly to you briefly because I think it is you, the women, who have had the most diabolical lies told to you. How many of you are sitting here now about to*

cross this stage and are thinking about all the promotions and titles you are going to get in your career? Some of you may go on to lead successful careers in the world, but I would venture to guess that the majority of you are most excited about your marriage and the children you will bring into this world.

I can tell you that my beautiful wife, Isabelle, would be the first to say that her life truly started when she began living her vocation as a wife and as a mother. I'm on the stage today and able to be the man I am because I have a wife who leans into her vocation. I'm beyond blessed with the many talents God has given me, but it cannot be overstated that all of my success is made possible because a girl I met in band class back in middle school would convert to the faith, become my wife, and embrace one of the most important titles of all: homemaker."

This is the portion of his speech cited in the viral petition for the Kansas City Chiefs to fire Butker – a petition which has garnered over 200,000 signatures. This is what the NFL pointed to when they put out a statement to clarify that Butker did not speak for the league. It's inspired NFL cheerleaders, podcasters, and journalists to film reaction videos voicing their disgust at his "misogyny." It prompted the official Kansas City "X" account to create a dangerous post saying where Harrison Butker and his family's home was, although this post was quickly deleted.

The Babylon Bee took aim at the NFL for their denunciation with this headline: *"Harrison Butker Does Not Reflect Our Values," Says League Of Woman Beaters.* Their headline presents the starkest of contrasts between secular "values," and those of Butker, but those traditional values, which would be better expressed as a recognition and respect for God's design in nature, are diametrically opposed to our culture's ideals today.

While Butker's speech and lifestyle are deemed offensive by the NFL, a former Chief's player, Tyreek Hill, has received no such statement distancing the league from his lifestyle. Hill, now with the Miami Dol-

phins also made the news last month as it was announced that his new wife was pregnant with their first child together. That will be his eleventh child, however, by five different women, with four of them being born in the past year. This is much more emblematic of what the NFL is used to.

And, in accord with the Babylon Bee's headline, Hill has been accused of choking and punching a pregnant girlfriend in 2014 and hitting his 3-year-old son in 2019. Yet, the NFL has declined to make such a public statement regarding Hill.

Butker's viral commencement speech, and even the ensuing backlash, bring a sense of encouragement to Biblical Americans. Not only is it always encouraging to hear of a famous person who shares your worldview, but Christians have also grown so used to being "othered" for having these views, by the news media, the influencers, friends who can't believe we'd still stand on such old-fashioned ideas. But the reaction to Butker has been different in some ways. While the NFL put out their little statement distancing themselves from the Superbowl champion, the Chief's coach and owner have come out in strong support of his position. Arrowhead Stadium, the Chief's homefield, cancelled three concerts by rock legend, Pearl Jam, after their frontman bashed Harrison Butker for his statements.

This time, the support of his comments has flown as thick as their condemnation, and that encouraging change just might be enough to tempt traditionalists to hope that perhaps there's still a future for sanity in America.

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Creating Motherless Children

By Lisa Van Houten



The bond between mother and child is a marvelous and irreplaceable aspect of God's design. Yet untold numbers of babies are purposefully being robbed of that unique bond and extraordinary love. **Surrogacy is a rapidly growing industry in the U.S. which turns babies into commodities to be created for the purpose of being bought and sold.** Women are paid to sell their eggs, rent their wombs, and carry a baby for nine months only to hand it over to unvetted adults. With adoption, adoptive parents are required to go through extensive background checks to ensure the protection of the child. Surrogacy, however, is unregulated; there's no oversight. It's merely a contractual agreement to create a baby to fulfill the desires of adults, with no safeguards for the baby's well-being.

The normalization of LGBT identities has led to an explosion of commercial surrogacy – for obvious biological reasons. Male homosexuals make up a large percentage of those buying babies through surrogacy. Men without wombs renting wombs to create motherless babies. **It's an utter mockery of motherhood, sending the message that a mother isn't necessary in a baby's life; her only value is to serve as an egg donor and incubator.** Often these IVF-created babies are "designer babies" where DNA testing is done to create a baby of the desired sex, discarding embryonic babies which don't meet the criteria the baby-purchaser requested.

Immediately after birth, these babies are ripped away from the woman who carried and bonded with them for nine months. A baby knows his or her mom's voice and heartbeat and instinctively searches for the nurturing that only a mother can give. Studies have conclusively shown the importance of bonding between a mother and baby immediately after birth, which includes the creation of hormones and chem-

icals that help the baby's brain to grow. Another study shows that "when a baby is taken from its mother for even a brief period early in life, this traumatic event significantly alters the future, adult function of the brain." Long-term, that bond is essential for a child's social, emotional, and cognitive development. We treat puppies and kittens better than babies born via surrogacy. At least animals get to stay with their mother for weeks after birth before being sold.

Of course, in the case of adoption, children also lose the connection to their biological parents. However, adoption is a redemptive act – redeeming what has been broken through abuse, neglect, or a young mother facing an unexpected pregnancy and wanting a better life for her child. Even in adoption a hole is often left in the adopted child's life that can be difficult to fill. Intentionally creating a motherless or fatherless child is a selfish act, prioritizing the desires of the adult, while denying a child what it needs to thrive – both a mother and a father.

With commercial surrogacy, what's best for the child is never considered. Anyone can hire a surrogate to carry a baby and hand it over to the buyer – no questions asked. Recently, YouTube celebrity Shane Dawson and his homosexual "partner" contracted to create twin boys through surrogacy. Dawson has admitted to masturbating to pictures of minors and googling child pornography, calling images of nude babies "sexy." He'd never be approved to adopt a child, but there's nothing stopping him from creating one (or two) through surrogacy.

Who knows how many babies are created for vile purposes. Increasingly, we're seeing accounts such as what recently came to light in Chicago. As USA Today reported in March: *"A Chicago veterinarian ... was arrested and charged with knowingly distributing child pornography. This happened days before his surrogate was expected to give birth to his child, whom he said he was planning on sexually assaulting"* This man, Adam Stafford King, was caught by the FBI when federal agents seized another pedophile's phone and discovered King's messaging. Not knowing he was texting with the FBI, King reportedly shared "account images and videos depicting illicit

material involving children." King also allegedly admitted to having "previously drugged and sexually abused his nieces and nephews," and that he was planning to molest the baby boy he was obtaining through surrogacy.

With surrogacy being completely unregulated, there's no way of knowing how many babies have been created for the purpose of being horrifically abused and no one is ever the wiser. In a very real sense, surrogacy is child trafficking. Because it exploits women and commercializes the sale of babies, surrogacy is banned in most European countries. However, there are still countries where it's a lucrative business, such as Ukraine, where 25% of all international surrogacy takes place. The Casablanca Declaration is a group seeking to ban surrogacy worldwide.

Here is the U.S., some states have banned surrogacy; however, in Michigan, Gov. Whitmer signed a law last month that reversed our state's ban on commercial surrogacy. As the Daily Signal states: ***"Our laws should encourage, whenever possible, married mothers and fathers to raise their children. We shouldn't legalize the buying and selling of children, especially when such contracts reinforce disordered sexual fantasies and serve as a vehicle for adult wish fulfillment."***

Babies aren't commodities to be bought and sold; they're image-bearers of God and how and by whom they're nurtured is vital to their well-being. Our culture says that "love is love" and any grouping can be a "family." **However, God is the author of family we're not free to define it in any way other than that which our Creator has designed.** A mother and a father each have a unique and vital role to play in a child's development; those roles are not interchangeable. Even secular studies acknowledge what has long been recognized: the nuclear family unit is indispensable to maintaining a healthy society.

A culture that arrogantly taunts God's authority is a culture deserving of His judgment. As Billy Graham reportedly once stated: ***"If God doesn't punish America, He'll have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah."***

We Must Learn Much from the Dutch

By Chris Johnson



In these pages, we often focus on the degradation of American culture – the existential fight of traditional America vs. Marxist amorality. As much as there is to focus on in our own country it's easy to forget that our nation is only one front in a worldwide ideological war. In the big picture, the lines are drawn between elites angling for worldwide, top-down coordination and control and those in support of decentralized authority, national sovereignty, and localized control.

In this fight, we have many allies in defending their own nations around the world, but perhaps none so notorious as Holland's Geert Wilders. Wilders burst onto the international political radar in 2008 with his film *Fitna* which he created to warn about overwhelming levels of Islamic immigration to Holland and its threat to Dutch citizens and culture. It was these positions which earned him the titles given by his liberal opponents: *Islamophobe* and *far-right*.

It was also these positions that blasted Wilders to power, sixteen years later, in Holland's most recent elections. The Dutch are finding out that all of Wilders' warnings are coming true, and he – very nearly, alone – has stood against it. So alone has Wilders been that in 2002, after being expelled from his political party for these views, he formed his own party and then promptly closed the membership rolls, making it a party of one in the Netherlands' national parliament. Wilders says he did this so that he could ensure that the party was not taken over by extremists. Thus, he writes his party's platform and selects his own candidates.

The Netherlands has a parliamentary form of government. The citizens vote to designate certain seats to their preferred party to represent them and a new government is formed with each election, as different ministry leaders are selected from those

seats by the winning party or coalition of parties which forms a majority.

Last November, Wilders' Party for Freedom won 35 out of 150 seats, 10 seats ahead of the closest rival, and this month it was announced that his party had formed a coalition with three other parties, including one formed by frustrated Dutch farmers we've reported on before in these pages.

In spite of campaigning and winning an election on policies like pulling Holland from the European Union and banning the Koran, Wilders abandoned these aspects of his platform and his opportunity to serve as prime minister to unite around limiting immigration to Holland. However, for member nations of the European Union, this decision is not only up to the citizens and national government; the Netherlands must ask the permission of the European Commission to disallow new immigrants or asylum seekers, a process which could take years, if it happens at all. The coalition intends, in the meantime, to make immigration difficult and thus unattractive for new comers.

The arc of the story of Wilders' fight for Dutch culture and citizens has many lessons for American conservatives. The warm-hearted Dutch citizens believed they were doing the right thing by allowing "asylum seekers" to settle in their communities in droves.

The Daily Mail interviewed a 59-year-old gentleman from a Dutch village of 9,000; a mile away sits a former NATO supply base and prison which houses 4,000 refugees plus another 1,500 who sleep aboard a docked ferry boat.

"The Netherlands is full and every year the population of Utrecht [400,000] arrives over the border," Mr. Nyenmanting said.

"There is a lot of crime in Ter Apel. Everywhere you go outside people's houses you see CCTV cameras. People are scared."

"The whole system is a mess. The doctors and hospitals are overworked. The schools are shut down and now children have to go further to learn."

"It is hard because there is a housing shortage and the migrants get priority of the

young people here."

Violence. Public services overwhelmed. Housing shortage. All of those complaints sound pretty familiar to Americans, particularly those living near the southern border.

Thankfully, America doesn't have an EU we have to ask permission from, but we can also hold far more immigrants. Donald Trump is running, in part, on mass deportation to deal with those same issues here. But we can only guess how successful such an attempt might be in our political landscape.

However, Holland is only one example of a rightward shift in European politics. Nationalist parties, rather the globalists, are on the ascendency across the continent to an extent that ruling elites are growing concerned.

Bloomberg reports: "*After a series of recent setbacks, Europe's far-right parties are aiming for big gains in elections to the European Parliament on June 6-9. A significant rightward tilt would thrust migration to the top of Europe's political agenda in the coming years, and complicate progress on the bloc's ambitious climate agenda. It would also serve as a warning signal to national governments by highlighting sinking support for leaders including France's Emmanuel Macron and Germany's Olaf Scholz.*"

The label, "*far right*," is now meaningless: it is simply the *far left's* word for those who oppose their policies.

After months of European farmers protesting overbearing restrictions on agriculture, years of headlines reporting on violent immigrants in European cities, countless coverups to sweep failures under the rug, Europeans have learned that opposing those policies is worth being called a nasty name. Perhaps Europe is still capable of waking up and restoring Western Civilization in their once great continent.

Let's pray for success for our ideological allies round the world, and pray that we can learn from their experiences in fighting this ideological war in our own country.

WHO will rule the world?

By Steve Huston



It's a matter of national sovereignty; it directly affects our freedom as U.S. citizens; it steals our personal governance regarding what happens to our bodies and the bodies of our children. What is this dastardly evil that attacks all we hold dear? It's not a what; **it's a WHO!** The **World Health Organization (WHO)** desires to control every aspect of "health" and is bucking for world-wide domination by urging the U.S. government and 193 other governments (known as member states) to commit to a new global treaty to prevent and manage future pandemics.

By the time you're reading this, one of two things will have already happened. Either the vote will have taken place to accept the articles of this "pandemic treaty" or they'll have kicked this can of worms down the road to be voted on later. The WHO knows that people are getting wise to them, so they'd like this treaty passed ASAP. To that end, they've **recently** made amendments using gentler language and they're rushing the vote. As David Bell, a U.S.-based public health physician from the Brownstone Institute, asks, "Why does the WHO consider it appropriate that its member states should not have a legally required time to review documents meant to bind them?" That's an appropriate question; they're violating their own legal requirements in rushing this vote. (Article 55 part 2 says that all State Parties will have at least four months to review proposed amendments.)

Someone once warned, "**Many things are worse than defeat, and compromise with evil is one of them.**" This is why some states have already "passed laws stating that state officials will not obey WHO directives," while others are considering similar legislation. (Epoch Times) This is why some countries have already withdrawn from the WHO; and this is why I pray that

our nation will adopt Rep. Andy Bigg's (R-AZ) H.R. 79, which would 1. Require the President to immediately withdraw the United States from the WHO and 2. Prohibit using any federal funds to provide for U.S. participation in the WHO.

All 49 Republican Senators and 22 Attorneys General recently wrote letters to President Biden, officially asking him to withdraw support from expanding the World Health Organization's pandemic authority, but they simply advocated for reform to the WHO and the IHR (International Health Regulations) amendments rather than calling for the president to withdraw from this globalist group.

Regardless the WHO amendments, "Practically all the bad things are still there." (Dr. Meryl Nass). James Roguski describes the WHO's relationship with the U.S. as "abusive." and warns: "*The WHO is actively doing the things that are supposedly being negotiated. So as far as they're concerned it's 'a fait accompli'* (an accomplished fact – a thing already done) ... *So, whether they adopt the treaty or they adopt the amendments in 2023 or 2024, they don't really care. They're implementing all of the things that are being negotiated. Do you think that they know it's a foregone conclusion, that they're going to get their way?*"

Roguski also informs, "*It's not a representative democracy. You don't get proportional representation based on how many people or how much money you give. Each nation gets one vote... we get one vote out of 194 nations. And then we're obligated to do whatever everybody else says they want.*" Do we really want the rest of the world to overrule our Constitution and dictate what we must do? We were wisely given a representative form of government by our founding fathers; it's been hard enough to protect our rights from an overreaching administration which is bound by our national rule of law. What might happen when others, who are not legally held back, are allowed to dictate what we cannot do and what we must do? Remember, the WHO gets to decide what is a pandemic: **guns, the Christian God, and God's Word are real "pandemic possibilities."**

Here are **some** of the issues we might potentially face if we remain a member state of the WHO and this treaty is passed:

In the aforementioned letter to the president, the Attorneys General rightly assessed the situation: "*Ultimately, the goal of these instruments isn't to protect public health. It's to cede authority to the WHO – specifically its director-general – to restrict our citizens' rights to freedom of speech, privacy, movement (especially travel across borders), and informed consent.*"

If passed, the WHO could also receive authority to dictate regarding: global warming, the environment, farming, and food supplies. They are also given the right to promote censorship – "committing members to take steps to 'counter misinformation and disinformation' about pandemics."

The Epoch Times reports: "*Other provisions that were toned down include an effort to place the WHO at the center of a global surveillance system to track potential diseases, regulations to expedite vaccine production, requirements for digital health passports, commitments by member states to fund the WHO's expanded pandemic infrastructure, and the transfer of medical technology and resources from rich countries to poor countries, including to China.*"

The above is just the tip of the iceberg and what's below no one but God knows. The member states are being asked to pass this treaty and all the powers that would be granted to the WHO aren't even fully spelled out yet! As Tony Perkins points out, "*the full breadth and scope of this agreement won't be fully established until 2026, two full years after it is potentially 'approved' at [the] World Health Assembly.*"

Take heart, Christian, even if the WHO succeeds, it will be comparatively short-lived. "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*" Rom. 8:18 **We KNOW Who** truly rules the world – **Jesus the Christ!**

A Pistol Packin' Preacher

By Steve Huston



“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”
2 Timothy 4:2

In a different day from a by-gone age, I could see myself as a pistol-packin', circuit ridin' preacher. It's more than a love of riding horses and shooting guns; **it's about having adoration for the Bible and Jesus**, our Lord and Saviour. It's having a burden for lost souls who need to know the grace of God and the power of the gospel message which can bring salvation, sanctification, and transformation to their lives.

Some of these men carried a gun as well as their Bible for protection from Indians, outlaws, wild animals, or to provide food for their needs, while others did not. Some were Methodists, others Calvinists, Baptists, or otherwise. Some were rough around the edges, others more cultured, but each loved the Lord, laying their lives on the line for Him and for the soul of their fellow man. Regardless their differences, they had a zeal for sharing the truth and readying souls for eternity. They all faced the unknown, dangers of men and Satan, and the hardships that travel and sleeping outdoors can bring. J.B. Wakeley, in Heroes of Early Methodism, aptly describes another similarity: “[They] were heroes in the loftiest sense of the word. With no sword but that of the Spirit, no banner but that of the cross and no commander but our spiritual Joshua, the leader of the Lord's host, they went forth to glorious war, having for their motto, *Victory or Death...* their great object to promote ‘Christianity in earnest.’”

Some, particularly those who preached in Texas, found that it was illegal to preach anything other than Catholicism, seeing it was still Mexican territory. Nonetheless, they preached the Word. Others would find

opposition from horse thieves, business owners, and unsavory characters that stood against what God stood for. Still, they preached the Word. In standing for righteousness they might find themselves looking down the barrel of a gun; in preaching the truth against slavery they may have their necks in a hangman's noose; yet they would preach the Word whether it was in season or out of season. They willingly would reprove, rebuke, and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine, for **this was their call, souls were their concern, and Christ was their passion.**

In an ever increasingly post-Christian culture, we will face similar challenges. We'll be told that it's illegal to pray in Jesus' name or to speak the gospel in certain areas. There will be businesses and enemies of the cross who will threaten you with harm or death if you speak the truth. Family may despise you and friends forsake you; “preach the word; be instant in season, out of season” anyway. “Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering,” but not from your personal feelings or your own desire; it must be done in love and must be according to the doctrine – truth – of God's Word.

Oh, Lord, may the Holy Ghost rekindle the spirit of self-sacrifice within us, causing us to love You and the souls of our fellowman more than life itself. May we be so moved to proclaim with Peter, “I must obey God rather than man.” May we feel blessed to sing in prison or to be counted as one “of whom the world was not worthy.” Father, put the name of Jesus on our lips to our dying breath, regardless the consequence! I plead these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear Reader, **work while it is day!** Share those gospel tracts and testify to the transforming power of Christ in your own life. As our culture devolves, resembling the old lawless west with its inherent and heathenish dangers, all who will live godly and “preach the Word” will find themselves to be a type of circuit riding preacher from by-gone days, packin' the “Gospel gun” (Bible) and shooting those blood-stained bullets that defeated the devil on Calvary's cross. As Elmer Kelton wrote, finishing his forward for Barbara Barton's Pistol Packin'

Preachers: “Today, when so many have lost their moral compass and there seem no longer to be absolutes of right or wrong, we can learn much from these men of great faith who endured all manner of sacrifice to answer the Lord's call and spread His teachings to the multitudes.”

Come to think of it, I guess each of us can be a “pistol-packin',” circuit ridin' preacher right now!

As God Leads ... By Bill Johnson



As I mention on page 1, have you gone through the drive-thru of McDonald's lately and seen the price of their Quarter Pounders, for example? Ouch. I have heard others comment upon such price increases that are seen across the board. However, my purpose here isn't to complain about increased pricing at the pump or at fast-food restaurants.

I am writing to say that we at American Decency are seeing those price increases too. Another place that we have concern is in the sharp decrease in the number of gifts in recent months. Three times upon going to the post office this week we had the highly unusual experience of discovering that we hadn't received even one gift on those days!

To be supported so generously and faithfully over these many years has been one of the great blessings and encouragements to us. At the same time, we recognize that inflation may also be impacting your ability to take care of your financial needs. We understand that and know some of you really are having to cut back somewhere. **As always, as you are able and as God leads, dear friends in Christ, please stand with us as together we continue in ministry! To God be the Glory!**