

## *Don't Throw in the Towel!*

By Steve Huston



Day by day my concern for our nation grows as I watch it become more and more unrecognizable. I never would have imagined, in my younger years, that I would witness such an extreme of moral degradation in America and that it would be deemed acceptable by a large percentage of Americans. Neither could I have ever imagined that mainstream denominations would fall in line with such thinking, regardless their reason. Yes, I know there are many people who still lend a helping hand, with varying degrees of compassion, when trouble hits even a stranger. Neither am I like Jeremiah, lamenting that “I am the only one left in the land;” there are still many churches and preachers who remain faithful to the Word of God. It IS a precious treasure! Yet, there’s no denying that the “fear of the Lord” has diminished greatly and continues to do so at an alarming rate. My own thoughts often echo those of Thomas Jefferson’s: “*God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever.*”

Though specifically spoken to condemn institutionalized national slavery, who can deny that a national “slavery to sin” exists and that instead of the apathy it’s often met with, such heinous disregard for our Creator God and His commands ought to produce

the same trembling “when [we] reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever.” We should be moved to tears and repentance, calling upon the name of the Lord for salvation and transformation.

We needn’t wonder at the rapidity of sin’s increase or the decline in ecclesiastical and personal holiness. David clearly warns in Psalm 12:8, “*The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.*” C.H. Spurgeon illustrates this warning as only the “Prince of Preachers” could: “*When those in power are vile, their underlings will be no better. As a warm sun brings out noxious flies, so does a sinner in honour foster vice everywhere. Our turf would not so swarm with abominables if those who are styled honourables did not give their countenance to the craft.*” (Treasury of David)

The noxious flies of Egypt’s plague seemingly pale in comparison to the swarm which infests America today – societally, judicially, ecclesiastically, politically, educationally, etc. A short list naming several of these “noxious flies” should suffice to bring a trembling to our souls.

Abortion abounds even though Roe v Wade has been overturned and many hardly bat an eye when it’s called murder for, as leftist Bill Maher said, they’re “just okay with that.” Marxist and LGBTQ+ agendas are being taught and pushed in public schools

while righteousness and our Creator are blasphemed. Our history is being rewritten, replaced by lies. Truth is fallen in the street and much of America is not only fine with leaving it lie there, many step on it, kick dust at it, and would bury it as deep as humanly possible. (I’m so grateful that God’s sovereignty is able to overcome the machinations of man.) Concerns over food, the US dollar, and the dismantling of our Constitution by Leftists abound.

These noxious flies infest our political/electoral system too and the wicked are doing what they can to keep us from swatting them, for that would bring back transparency and fairness.

Though many local township clerks clean their rolls and conduct elections rightly, they have no idea what happens when they send their rolls and results up the chain. Michigan Secretary of State Benson ignores the rule of law and strangleholds the First Amendment, particularly when it comes to our election processes and those seeking truth. Both Benson and Kamala Harris threaten to “Come after you” who deny official election “results.” There exists a climate of political oppression; we still have J6ers in jail with threats of the same for those who spread, according to Leftists, “misinformation.” It’s estimated that thousands upon thousands of illegals will vote

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## Personal Note from the President



How Shall We Sing the Lord's Song in a foreign land? *"By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our lyres. For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!' How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?"* (Psalm 137:1-4) It is a picture of a vanquished people under judgment being carried away captive and adding insult to injury being mocked and cajoled, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion," or more to our present day perhaps: "sing us 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty.'"

I am a watchman on the wall. Those who have supported and followed our ministry know that this is a clear mark of this ministry. We watch. We follow trends. We watch and pray and report and take action as circumstances arise, where and when we sense that we are being led. We have enemies without and within - which has been planned and some parts of our country are experiencing it. A weakening resolve to push back against evil. Accommodating to wrong doing.

I am writing this personal note burdened to encourage you to be on your guard as best as you can. We have not been led well over these recent years. By now it should be recognized that we are being led by people who are purposefully leading us in directions that run counter to where a democratic republic should go. They are in control and they mean to keep us under control for a long, long time. (understatement) The sin upon our land has caused cracks in so many of our systems. The pages of this newsletter list just a few, to awaken you to our plight.

There are people who are operating in dif-

icult places here and abroad who are urging people like us to tell others to pray and to find ways to engage; to call upon the name of the Lord to come to our aid and preserve our constitutional America. However, I also think if we are honest with ourselves, we need to acknowledge that we need Christ desperately and that we are an undeserving people! Because of the sins of our state and nation we are deserving of God's wrath. By God's grace and mercy may it be that He will find a remnant amongst our many people and that He will hear and see broken hearts, and yes, tears - sincere tears calling out to God! Heal our land, Lord God! Please heal our wicked and troubled land once again. Free us from the encroaching bonds of Marxism, Communism, Socialism, globalism: and those with evil intents for we, the people. In our elections, Father God, rule and overrule - raise up watchmen on the walls throughout our land who will neutralize and prevent evil actions that would be executed in our voting centers throughout our land.

Psalm 137 was introduced to me by a treasured mentor of mine in the '70s and '80s. His name was David Mains, who hosted a daily radio show out of Wheaton, Illinois for many years. As a young couple, Jan and I, with the blessings of our church at that time, invited him to come to Fremont, MI and he spoke on the subject of revival; particularly of America's need for revival. One of the passages that he referenced was Psalm 137. His heart-cry for America and the church was filled with love and concern - recognizing before most did that our beloved America was in serious spiritual decline. We were like Israel of old - living in sin and ripe for God's judgment. Many times David Mains caringly shared his concern with his listeners. I caught it and have been burdened for America ever since.

Here are the lyrics of a powerful song from 1980 by musician Ken Medema messaging Psalm 137 in a modern rendition (1980): *By the waters of luxury, we sat and tried to sing again. Hung our harps on the traffic signs because the music would not come. In our capital captivity, heated and cooled by central air, in an alien land that we made for ourselves, we tried to remember home. We*

*tried to remember home. Did we really forget so soon. We were strangers in a foreign land. Sent as insurgents by the Prince of Peace to work for Kingdom Come. Were we seduced by the enemy and taught to play in the oppressors band and in the wrangling and the jangling sound the songs of the songs of home. Come ye rich now come and play with a Hallelujah - Amen. Bellies full now come and pray with a Hallelujah - Amen. Wealth is yours to have and hold with a Hallelujah - Amen! Bow before your cross of gold with a Hallelujah - Amen. Jesus loves me this I know with a Hallelujah - Amen! Middle Class bank book tells me so with a Hallelujah - Amen! Faith begins prosperity with a Hallelujah - Amen! And a little left for charity with a Hallelujah - Ahhhhhmen!!!*

*By the waters of luxury, we sat and tried to sing again. Hung our hearts on the traffic signs - But the music would not come. In our capital captivity - heated and cooled by central air - in an alien land that we made for ourselves, we all but forgot our home. We all but forgot our home.*

*Tis a gift to be simple. Tis a gift to be free. Tis a gift to come down where you ought to be. And when you find yourself in the place just right we'll be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained. To bow and to bend we will not be ashamed - to turn - turn will be our delight til by turning - turning we'll come round right.*

What does it mean? We have been lulled asleep. Fat cows of Bashan. Many have lost their first love. Those who have ears let us hear: Bow and bend your knee. Turn. Turn back to Him!

Join with us for a time of prayer in repentance and on behalf of our nation. **Thursday, October 24 - 6:30 P.M.** - Three pastoral voices briefly speaking regarding our great need for repentance and calling out to God for grace and mercy. **Saturday, October 26 - 10 AM - 12:00 PM** - A prayer vigil in front of our building. We seek brothers and sisters to join us at **American Decency, 203 E. Main St, Fremont MI**. More information will follow or call us at 231-924-4050.

# When the Third World Comes to America

By Lisa Van Houten



Citizens in Springfield, Ohio are quickly learning that when we import the third world, we increasingly become like the third world. Springfield has been reeling from the impact after the Biden-Harris administration allowed 20,000 unvetted Haitian immigrants to be dropped into this small city of only 60,000. No city can absorb a number of illegal immigrants equal to one-third of the current population without detrimental ramifications.

The massive influx is crippling Springfield's municipal and social services, where it's estimated that Haitians waiting in line for taxpayer-funded welfare, Medicaid, and food stamps outnumber citizens nine to one. Clinics and hospitals are overwhelmed with Haitian patients, with the CEO of one health center stating that the strain is "not sustainable." This clinic went from spending \$43,000 on translation services four years ago to spending \$436,000 in 2024. Public schools are bursting at the seams, the school system has had to come up with funds to hire two dozen Haitian-Creole interpreters, and 16-year-old Haitians are placed in classes with 10-year-olds.

Safety concerns are also an issue. Last year, a Haitian driving without a license crashed into a local school bus, killing an 11-year-old boy and injuring more than 20 other children. Another woman, while retrieving her trashcan, was struck and killed by a Haitian driver, who received no punishment. Those who have visited third world countries can attest to the chaos that often typifies the roadways, with apparently no rules for motorists. Such chaos is now wreaking havoc on the streets of Springfield where unlicensed and uninsured Haitians, with no understanding of U.S. traffic laws, are somehow obtaining vehicles and driving as they would in Haiti, causing traffic accidents to skyrocket. Ohio does not have no-fault insurance, so when an uninsured Haitian causes an accident, the victims are

left holding the bag financially.

However, a more far-reaching and insidious consequence is the clash of worldviews. Haiti is a failed state where violent gangs control the country and has been in chaos for decades. Every attempt by the U.S. to bring stability has failed and the barbarism has never been eradicated. But it's not just violence that's being exported to the U.S. – it's a way of life which is worlds apart from Western culture.

Of course, what has gained the most attention is the claim that Haitians have killed and eaten pets and geese from the city park, which the media used to pivot away from the consequences of mass immigration to instead paint Trump and Vance as "racists" for repeating these supposedly bogus reports. Yet, as Ohio Senator J.D. Vance stated, *"In the last several weeks, my office has received many inquiries from actual residents of Springfield who've said their neighbors' pets or local wildlife were abducted by Haitian migrants. It's possible, of course, that all of these rumors will turn out to be false."* However, multiple police reports have now verified that Springfield residents have reported such accounts. Then, when numerous bomb threats were made against Springfield schools, etc., the media again cast blame on Trump/Vance and their "racist" supporters – that is until Ohio Governor DeWine reported that these threats were hoaxes, originating from a foreign country.

However, considering that slaughtering and eating such animals is part of Haitian culture and ritual animal sacrifice is part of the occultic practice of voodoo - the dominant religion in Haiti - it wouldn't be all that surprising if this is occurring in Springfield. In fact, it seems likely that Haitians would bring that practice with them. The New York Post reports that "animal sacrifices are on the rise" in Queens, NY and back in 1993 the Supreme Court case, "The Church of the Lukumi Babalu Aye vs. Hialeah," dealt with the ritual sacrifice of goats by Haitians in Florida.

Lincoln Brown of PJ Media, writes: *"Haiti is a failed state, and crime and chaos reign. But these people are no longer in Haiti.*

*They are in the United States, and what is SOP [Standard Operating Procedure] in Haiti is not SOP in the U.S. Well, given the headlines over the last few years,... it is rapidly becoming SOP here." It's not racist or xenophobic to be concerned about the ramifications from the influx of millions of unvetted illegal immigrants and the deleterious impact upon cities such as Springfield. **The point is, we do not want America to become like Haiti or any third-world country.***

In our nation's history, America was considered the great melting pot as immigrants, with no expectations of a handout, assimilated to our shared culture and values, living out the motto on our nation's Great Seal: E pluribus unum – out of many, one. However, a vast number of the illegal immigrants have no interest in assimilating and do not share the values of Western Civilization upon which our nation was built. There is a reason we don't sacrifice animals to evil spirits in America.

Yet, the goal of leftist ideology is to undermine our unique culture and radically transform our nation - and they are well on their way to succeeding. As John Daniel Davidson writes at the Federalist: *"...our leaders actively seek out the dissolution of the nation, the American people as such, so that they might rule over a heterogeneous mass of atomized and powerless individuals with no customs, no shared affinities or loyalties or history, and no future except to be ruled by their betters."*

Our Judeo-Christians values call for compassion for those suffering; yet, as a nation, we cannot thrive when immigration policies cause harm to our communities and when the needs of those from other nations supersede the welfare of American citizens. America was established, as it says in the preamble to the Constitution, *"in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity"* Justice, domestic tranquility, national security, the welfare of citizens, and the blessings of liberty are rapidly being eroded, not only for ourselves, but for generations to come.

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this November, as will countless dead. We're told that regardless of November's outcome, civil war or great distress is likely to take place.

As I sat down to write this article, here are a few headlines that came across my screen: "Biden's DOJ Threatens Election Offices: Cleaning Voter Rolls May Be 'Discriminatory,'" "Merrick Garland's DOJ Pep Rally Proves Trump Won the Debate;" "When Asked 'Why Should I Vote For Donald Trump?' Meta AI Offers Reasons Not To;" "Google Directs Americans Searching For Voter Registration Info To Left-Wing Elections Group." Regardless which candidate one might support, these things should greatly concern any truth-seeker and those who desire transparency and election integrity. As AND Magazine wrote, "Someday is Today – 'Our freedoms are gone, Bannon is in prison, and the Democrat Party is trying to imprison Donald J. Trump.' Get up, move, and do something..."

Yes, a Jezebel spirit is strong in America today, but it isn't a time for wringing our hands in worry; it's time to fold them in prayer. It's not time to throw in the towel; it's time to throw ourselves into righteousness, do our civic duty, and encourage others to do these things as well. It's not a time to throw ourselves down to the ground in hopelessness; it's time to fall on our faces before God with tears of repentance. Impossible to manufacture, perhaps our first prayer needs to be, "O Lord, show me the depth of my failings and bring me to repentance. Conservatism won't get the job done, only brokenness and humbly returning to the Word of God – obeying it and guarding it in our hearts – will.

We see the Jezebel spirit everywhere, but where are those who would wear the mantle of Elijah today, having his spirit and boldness to stand against wickedness in the land.

Where are those who would boldly declare to "King Ahab": "It's not me who troubles the land; it's YOU, 'in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.'" (1 Kings 18:18) Where are those with a Phineas spirit who will stand boldly against the sin that pervades our land and the church? Why aren't there more of those with Isaiah's spirit who decry pornography, ungodly entertainment, drunkenness with alcohol and other addictive substances, wrath, bitterness, hatred, and those who refuse to teach the difference between the holy and the profane? (Perhaps they haven't had their own Isaiah 6 experience – a cleansing, being sanctified for service.) Where are those with the spirit of Paul who evangelize and call others to personal holiness?

Why this long list of "Where are" questions? After remaining close by Elijah's side, seeing him taken to heaven in a fiery chariot, and receiving the requested double portion, Elisha, coming to the Jordan River, asked, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" He knew that there was no "magic" in the mantle; the power was in Elijah's God, in our God. The changes that took place in the nation of Israel came from the Spirit of God working through humble men who loved God and trusted in His Word. If there's a change to take place in America; if this nation will divert from the path of destruction that it's on; if we are to escape being thrown into the dustbin of history and once more become the "City Upon a Hill," then we who are called by God's name must humble ourselves, and pray, and seek God's face, and turn from our wicked ways. **In the busyness of our life, do we take the necessary time to do these things?** Do we purposefully bask in God's presence, humbly presenting ourselves for the Spirit's poking, prodding, pruning, and purging? **It takes time to truly pray and seek God's face; it's only then we will be made aware of our wicked ways and feel the desperate need to turn away from them. Without this, we will remain on a national path toward destruction because God's promise is that only after those four things will he do these three: hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land.**

This doesn't deny the importance of voting rightly and doing what we can legislatively and judicially, but **without a national turning to God, we are doomed.** You see, the biggest can of RAID won't get rid of those noxious flies that swarm when the vilest men are exalted, but the glory of God will. Truly, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." (Prov. 14:34) Spurgeon continued to opine contrarily to the vilest men, saying, "**Would to God that the glory and triumph of our Lord Jesus would encourage us to walk and work on every side; as like acts upon like, since an exalted sinner encourages sinners, our exalted Redeemer must surely excite, cheer, and stimulate his saints. Nerved by a sight of his reigning power we shall meet the evils of the times in the spirit of holy resolution, and shall the more hopefully pray, 'Help, Lord.'**"

None of us know what God may choose to do with November's election or this nation he raised up more than two centuries ago. What we do know is that believers who live in a nation which is under God's judgment will also find themselves in hard times. Whether we receive a reprieve or we get "carried away to Babylon," our duty remains the same: "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" "...Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;" (Matt. 5:44) "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." (2 Tim. 4:2)

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# The Real Threat

By Chris Johnson



In a recent interview with Hillary Clinton about the former presidential candidate's newly released book, Katie Couric read aloud the following excerpt: *"When you start viewing the other party as traitors and criminals or otherwise illegitimate – for example, if you spread the lie for years that our first black president wasn't actually born in the United States or if you lead 'Lock Her Up' chants at your campaign rallies, politics becomes a blood sport. Soon enough, actual blood gets spilled."*

If these words had been published prior to either of Donald Trump's two (at the time of this writing) attempts on his life, they might be taken as a threat – especially from Hillary Clinton, whose political inconveniences have died prematurely at a notoriously unusual rate.

That they were allowed to be, not only published, but read aloud at a public event in the immediate context of the second assassination attempt on her former opponent illustrates the contempt this class of people who view themselves as "elites" has for Donald Trump. Hillary's threat, or "warning" as she'd probably prefer, of course applies to the half of the country, at least, who find themselves Trump's supporters, as well.

If you oppose the figurehead chosen by the governing bureaucracy, "blood gets spilled." And it's your own fault when it happens.

In fact, during her interview, Couric asked Clinton to respond to this message tweeted by Donald Trump, in the immediate aftermath of the shootout that prevented his September 15 assassination: *"The Rhetoric, Lies, as exemplified by the false statements made by Comrade Kamala Harris during the rigged and highly partisan ABC Debate,*

*and all of the ridiculous lawsuits specifically designed to inflict damage on... ME, has taken politics in our Country to a whole new level of Hatred, Abuse, and Distrust. Because of this Communist Left Rhetoric, the bullets are flying, and it will only get worse..."*

The response of the liberal audience for this Washington, D.C event to Donald Trump's pointing out how the media, including Hillary Clinton, has painted him as a target for two violent leftists SO FAR? Hoots of laughter.

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, President Joe Biden tweeted this about his political opponent: *"Donald Trump is a genuine threat to this nation. He's a threat to our freedom. He's a threat to our democracy. He's literally a threat to everything America stands for."* On July 12<sup>th</sup>, Thomas Matthew Crooks took action to end that "threat" with a bullet; Trump's life was providentially spared, but one of his supporters was killed for supporting Trump's ideas.

In the days after the September 12 Trump/Harris debate, the media blamed the Trump/Vance team for bomb threats on Haitian immigrants. On September 15, Ryan Routh, after waiting for nearly 12 hours for Donald Trump to come into range, was spotted by Secret Service agents as Trump was golfing the previous hole from where the shooter was waiting. Secret Service agents exchanged gunfire with him, meaning *again* the lives of those around the president were put at risk because this shooter believed the rhetoric of Harris, Biden, and their friends.

In response to Trump's denunciation of the language that painted him as a target for violence, Clinton said this: *"It is so regrettable that the former president would take what is a genuinely terrible event... and turn it into a political attack on his opposition and literally everybody else who does not support him. And it really does come down to everything that he talks about is about himself... and this is really just another incident of that."*

The nerve of Donald Trump to make his attempted assassination all about himself.

A July 2024 poll by the Chicago Project on Security and Threats revealed that 26 million, or 10% of Americans could justify the use of force to prevent Trump from reclaiming the presidency. That's an awful lot of actual threats.

FOX News' Peter Doocy confronted the White House when, two days after the September 15 assassination attempt, *"It's been only two days since somebody allegedly tried to kill Donald Trump again, and you're here at the podium in the White House briefing room calling him a 'threat.' How many more assassination attempts on Donald Trump until the president and the vice president, and you pick a different word to describe Trump other than 'threatening?'"*

Pierre's reply was to double down, insisting that it was "dangerous" for him to suggest that the White House was promoting violence themselves, in spite of the fact that the person they keep calling a "threat" is the one that keeps getting shot at.

The side that has produced two presidential assassins in the past two months, billions of dollars of damage to private property and the attempted takeover of federal buildings in Seattle during their "mostly peaceful protests" in 2020, an assault on Senator Rand Paul in 2017, a mass shooter targeting Republican congressmen who nearly killed Rep. Steve Scalise in 2017, and a mass shooter at the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C. in 2012 – that side wants the side getting shot at and beaten to tone down their rhetoric.

We are one month away from the election and there is nothing that would make the gaslighting left happier than to have even one legitimate example to pin on anyone who even smells like a Trump supporter leading up to November 5. But the right can only win by continuing to demonstrate to our fellow Americans that ours is the side of peace and prosperity.

The left owns the violence and corruption.

# Teaching Treason

By Steve Huston



Catrin Wigfall (American Experiment) writing on Minnesota’s deplorable academic situation: *“Not helping academic challenges is the infusion of critical social justice ideology into K-12 education through new social studies standards and an overtly political brand of ethnic studies that is now part of state law.*

Minnesota has been sinking in each of its “10,000 lakes” since Tim Walz became governor. From his first executive order, the current vice-president nominee has implemented Marxist ideals into his state and its education system; the results have been devastating. If he and running mate Harris win the election in November, expect similar implementations throughout the nation with the same tragic results.

*“The essence of tyranny is the enforcement of stupid laws”* (Edmund Burke). Here are a few “tyrannical” and treasonous things Governor Walz has enforced:

His first gubernatorial Executive Order was to install a Diversity Council (i.e. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion). This DEI agenda is state-wide, affecting the schools specifically. Former Minnesota state legislator Allen Quist notes that *“The radical Walz administration Department of Human Rights has also forced school districts to report student discipline by race and require equal outcomes (equity) in discipline. The results have been horrific chaos and violence.”*

No longer teaching to academic excellence, the goal of education in Minnesota is now *“transforming the students’ values, attitudes, and beliefs into the woke worldview.”*

*“To implement his DEI agenda, he appointed woke members to the teacher licensing board (PELSB). His appointees revised academic social studies standards, instituted radical ethnic studies, and issued Marxist teacher licensing standards.”*

Seeing the negative effects that DEI policies have had on business, it should come as no surprise that this same Marxist agenda would produce worsening results on education, destroying and “dumbing down” our children, and in turn, the ruin of our nation.

*“‘Historic’ education funding increases have not brought meaningful change to the state’s education system, and early estimates expect around half of the latest new money to go toward a slew of new mandates. (These mandates include requiring schools to stock menstrual products in boys’ bathrooms and provide free meals for all students regardless of income, which could impact the compensatory revenue intended to help students who are ‘under-prepared to learn’ and who perform below academic standards for their age group.)”*

Ryan Walters, superintendent of the Oklahoma State Department of Education, states in a *Federalist* article: *“Tim Walz is the kind of educator who thinks that your children actually belong to the local school district. In his case, ‘anti-parent’ isn’t just an adjective; it’s a noun.”* He continues, *“Anti-parents like him believe they should be the final deciders in what your children learn, how they learn it, and what they’re supposed to think about it.”*

In Superintendent Walter’s school system, they’ve “focused on education, not indoctrination,” removed things like “critical race theory and pornographic materials in schools;” aggressively teach reading and math; and “attract top talent through merit pay and signing bonuses,” rather than “catering to unions.” The results? *“Within one year of these changes, more than one dozen schools have been removed from a list of failing schools.”* With this testimony and other headlines like *“No Politics’ Classical School Opened By Conservative School Board Rocks Colorado Tests,”* it’s easy to see that woke, Marxist ideologies don’t work any better in education than they do in business.

**SILENCE ALL OPPOSITION!** Minnesota has implemented new regulations: pro-

spective teachers must “affirm” transgenderism and Marxist critical race theory in order to get a teaching license. Beginning July of 2025, any true Christian, devout Muslim or Jew would either be refused a teaching position or be forced to teach against their conscience.

*“In this election, parents have a choice: they can choose to be in the driver’s seat of their children’s education, or they can be shoved in the trunk. That’s not an exaggeration by any means, and Walz’s record proves it.”* (Ryan Walters)

The election is not so far away, but our children are already in school. As you think about the education your child receives, by your hand or another’s, I urge you to consider an excerpt I recently wrote for a homeschool newsletter and recognize its importance for building a community, state, or nation as well.

*We’d do well to start our school year off, taking a lesson from David: “Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep (guard) the city, the watchman waketh but in vain” (Psalm 127:1). We have a responsibility to do our best, but we must realize that it’s God who does the actual building and guarding of our homes, teaching, and children.*

*To expect God to build ‘the house’ and guard ‘the city,’ we must build with His materials and tools. There may be a lot of planks we do NOT want to use in our ‘house;’ our focus must be on the real question: What planks DO we want to use? Two verses from Psalms well describe the materials and tools that Christ encourages us to use in ‘building our house’: ‘The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.’ (19:9) and ‘The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.’ (111:10)*

*To partner with the Lord, diligently using His materials and tools, is to help build a life-long teaching relationship with Jesus. That’s success.*

# Truth or Consequences

By Lisa Van Houten



***“Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter.”*** Isaiah 59:14

One of the many examples where truth has stumbled in the public square was the shameless bias on full display during the September 10 presidential debate. Seemingly gone are the days of journalists showing even a modicum of impartiality and fairness. That bias was stunningly apparent as the ABC “moderators” jumped into the fray to erroneously “factcheck” Donald Trump, yet never doing the same to Kamala Harris, allowing her not only to deflect from answering question after question, but also letting stand numerous debunked lies she spouted about Trump. It’s not a surprise considering that the Media Research Center, in reviewing campaign coverage on ABC News, found that 100% of ABC’s coverage of Harris was positive – not one negative comment; yet 93% of their coverage of Trump was negative.

It’s evident that Trump isn’t just running against Harris; he’s running against the entire corporate media, D.C.’s administrative state, and most of Big Tech. And with the media now little more than a one-sided propaganda arm of the Democrat party, the American people lose out on an opportunity to meaningfully vet the candidates. Voters deserve to know the truth about Kamala Harris in order to make an informed decision, so let’s do a little of our own fact-checking.

On abortion, Kamala Harris attempted to deny the fact that the Democrat Party supports late-term abortions. Harris claimed, *“Nowhere in America is a woman carrying a pregnancy to term and asking for an abortion.”* The grievous fact is, 21 states allow abortion until birth, and six of those states have absolutely no restrictions on abortion. According to recent data from the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 56,000 late-term abortions were performed after 21 weeks gestation. Harris went on to claim Trump was lying when he spoke about babies being killed who survived an abortion, as debate moderator Lindsey Davis falsely “factchecked” Trump, stating: *“There is no state in this country where it is legal to kill a baby after it’s born.”* Yet under legislation signed by Tim Walz as governor of Minnesota, at least eight “aborted” babies born alive were then left to die. Walz repealed a measure which had required doctors to protect the infant’s “life and health” who survived abortion. In addition, the state is no longer required to keep track of how many babies are born alive from an attempted abortion. One can play semantic games with the word “kill,” but what would you call leaving a helpless baby to die and denying medical treatment?

Jill Stanek, who served as a nurse at Christ Hospital in the Chicago area, testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2020, stating: *“In the event a baby was aborted alive, he or she received no medical assessments or care ... One night, a nursing co-worker was transporting a baby who had been aborted because he had Down syndrome to our Soiled Utility Room to die—because that’s where survivors were taken. I could not bear the thought of this suffering child dying alone, so I rocked him for the 45 minutes that he lived. ...”*

As senator, Kamala Harris served on the Judiciary Committee and would have heard that testimony. So, not only is she the one lying by claiming this practice doesn’t happen, but she then voted against the Born Alive Infant Survivors Protection Act in 2020, which would have required medical treatment for babies born alive from an attempted abortion. If elected, Harris has vowed to make it her mission to pass federal legislation legalizing abortion through all nine months of pregnancy nationwide.

Harris’s past radical record on a number of other issues also gives indication of what she would do if elected. We’ve seen what she’s done on illegal immigration – nothing (other than making it exponentially worse). In addition, her current policy page shows that she intends to give the millions of ille-

gal aliens who crossed the border on her watch a “pathway to citizenship.”

On the economy, Harris dodges the question: “Are you better off than you were four years ago?” while falsely claiming that Biden-Harris policies have led to economic recovery. In reality, their administration has been a catastrophe on the economy. In fact, Harris was the deciding vote as vice president, breaking the tie in the Senate, on the ridiculously named “Inflation Reduction Act” which experts blame for the skyrocketing inflation. Since Harris and Biden took office, gas is up 51%, groceries up 22%, electricity up 32%, and car insurance up 54%. Yet her plan for an “opportunity economy” is to give every new business \$50,000 and every new homeowner \$25,000; not only would these redistribution schemes cause even more inflation, they’d also add to the trillions of dollars of national debt.

When it comes to her opponent, Harris has repeatedly claimed Trump is a threat to “our fundamental rights and freedoms.” Yet it is Harris and Biden – not Trump – who have sought to censor the American people; weaponize federal agencies; and pressure social media to censor free speech. Tim Walz has claimed, *“There’s no guarantee to free speech on misinformation or hate speech ...”* Yet, if the First Amendment doesn’t protect so-called hate speech and misinformation, then it doesn’t protect free speech. And, of course, what’s labeled “misinformation” and “hate” is typically an opinion that the Left doesn’t like. Government-approved speech is not free speech. As the New York Post opined: *“American voters must decide if they want the government to limit what they can hear and read, censor the scientific information they can receive and restrict the political views they’re exposed to — because all that is part of how Kamala Harris defines ‘freedom.’”*

**“Righteousness stands far away” in our nation, as the above verse from Isaiah states. However, that same chapter reminds us that “the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear.” Pray that we will once again see truth prevail in our public square and in the hearts of the American people.**

## A Few Thoughts / Upcoming Event

By Bill Johnson



### On prayer: “The Valley of Vision” – a classic book on prayer

Spending time in the morning is a very important thing in my and my wife Jan’s life. Holiness by J.C. Ryle is a book that I spoke highly of in recent months. A number of you took me up on that. I believe that as you stick with it, reading each page, that you will find it ministers to you in your heart. Now I come to you to tell you of another book that ministers into our lives every day and that is the book entitled The Valley of Vision; a Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions. The daily devotion consists of 405 pages from Puritan writers David Brainerd, John Bunyan, C.H. Spurgeon, Thomas Watson and others. Each page draws you to thought and self-examination in the Lord. (See enclosed response card for ordering.)

### Financial Trends and the American Decency Association



Aren’t we all aware of the changing times that are upon us? Our culture is faltering on many fronts: Economically, spiritually, judicially, legislatively, militarily. We are a vulnerable people! Prices of food, housing, automobiles, utilities are on the increase. And here we are – American Decency Association, a non-profit, Christian-centered organization - truth tellers, obeying our calling of warning, informing, admonishing, stirring hearts to understand the times in order to know how to live Biblically. So, in the last quarter of this year of increasing tensions and turmoil, we seek your continued support as we partner together with you. Please keep us in your prayers as, by

God’s grace, we remain committed to truth and good stewardship of the gifts that you have entrusted to us.



### Thursday, October 17, 2024 “The Great Reset Part II” with Jay Jusino

Many of you have heard the term “The Great Reset” and have wondered what that is, what it means. Last February, we had the great opportunity to have former Michigander Jay Jusino speak on this complex and concerning subject – The Great Reset. We are pleased to offer another opportunity to hear from Jay Jusino as he further expounds on this growing concern.

Jay is a long-time educator having taught in both the public schools and Christian schools. He is burdened for family, children and our nation. In the spring and summer months, his seasonal occupation is as the owner and operator of a lawn care company. In his available time, he has dedicated himself to warn any and all audiences of international trends brewing, which intend to take away American sovereignty and to place us under the authoritarian control of globalism - destroying once and for all American sovereignty and individual liberty.

His presentation is marked by a large dose of video clips exposing the agenda of world governance organizations - such as the World Health Organization, United Nations and World Economic Forum – and globalist leaders and influencers, including Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director General of the WHO; Bill Gates; Klaus Schwab, and many others.

We should have learned during the Covid fiasco that we gave authority to unelected bureaucrats, global leaders, and individuals

deemed to be experts, who collaborate in creating shock events. These same individuals and people create the emergency and then create both the “solution” and the control mechanism which is put into place by both the governments and by international organizations. As we have seen, the American people largely failed the test to understanding what is truth and what isn’t and willingly handed over their freedom and constitutionally-guaranteed rights. The goal of these globalists is international control over the American people.

Jay Jusino’s message will include addressing the globalist agenda, including the matter of population control and their quest of reducing the worldwide population and the various ways in which there have already been efforts to “eliminate” by subtle and not so subtle means.

He will also make us aware of shock events which could be anything that will enable them to accomplish their worldwide goals: war, climate change, gun control, health related concoctions. As with Covid, such events are designed to cause citizens to pass off their rights to unelected authoritarians who would once again create mandates or dictates on “we the people” which would affect our ability to travel, do commerce etc. and further empower a Marxist and socialist agenda. There are already proposed agreements under which nations would submit their sovereignty to international groups such as the United Nations, led by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, which would give them unilateral powers to tell every nation in the world what they must do in response to such shock events.

Jay’s earlier presentation was focused, strategic and included a time of “Q and A.” It was very well received by our large audience, who expressed positive feedback.

**Join us Thursday, October 17 at 2:30 P.M. at American Decency Association, 203 E. Main St, Fremont, MI.**

**Reserve your seat by emailing us at: [kimberly@americandecency.org](mailto:kimberly@americandecency.org) or calling 231-924-4050. Seating may be limited despite it being an afternoon event.**