

## *God told the Israelites not to forget ...*

By Bill Johnson



Forty-year remembrances. God commanded the Israelites not to forget His provision and victories – *“And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness ...”* (Deuteronomy 8)

So we, too, remember what God has done, saying with the Psalmist: *“I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.”* Psalm 77:11-14

The last several months we have highlighted our July 11<sup>th</sup> celebration of 40 years in ministry. As I do so once again, I fight off Satan’s darts with “his voice” resounding in my ears, *“Here you go again! You’re beating a dead horse.”* And, *“Who cares? Many of your supporters are elderly or have passed away.”* And, yet another, *“Pornography? Who cares? Nobody even thinks about pornography as evil.”*

And then we received this note: *“This is Carolyn J., daughter of Inez J., who respected, and often spoke of you very HIGHLY, before she went home to be with the Lord. Enclosed you will find a gift of \$41. The \$40 represents each year of your ministry, and the \$1 represents the future growth of your ministry. My mom would be*

*so pleased to see how God has used you, and would join me in believing God to continue to do great things through you.”*

We had a joyous time celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> year of ministry back in 2010. We have pictures and, more importantly, remembrances in our hearts, minds, and souls. Are we celebrating ourselves? Hardly. We are celebrating and thanking our God! And, secondarily, those who have trusted God in us and have stood with us over and over again – faithfully! Brothers and Sisters in Christ: That is reason to celebrate! And, by His grace, that’s what we seek to do with any and all – He will bring whom He will bring!

Yes, it is nothing short of a miracle that this ministry ever was raised up! The half has not been told. Perhaps you say yourself when something miraculous or providential happens, *“That’s a God thing!”* Well, the fact that ADA was raised up in 1985 WAS a God thing! The fact that this ministry stood fast and had some pretty amazing victories – that is a God thing! That a pretty amazing group of people stood with us helping get out mailings each month - both small and large mailings - is of God! That God would furnish us with a building to call our ministry home for our work, events, and to serve a church since our inception. That God raised up so many faithful supporters who enabled us to purchase the building debt-free - as we and our board of directors vowed, “we aren’t buying it if we can’t pur-

chase it debt free,” to show this was a God thing. Yes. God did it at a cost of \$207,000. That is the hand of God!!! And we haven’t even spoken of the miracles that God wrought through this humble staff of brothers and sisters in the Lord, united faithfully in fellowship and labor – that is a God thing!

So, Satan get behind me! The half has not been told! We hope to tell the rest (though we will fall short) when we gather together to celebrate our gracious and merciful God on July 11!

**What:** American Decency Association  
40th Anniversary Celebration /  
Thank You Dinner

**Where:** Faith Baptist Church  
auditorium and fellowship facility  
7729 W. 48th Street (1 mile west of ADA  
headquarters) Fremont, MI 49412

**When:** Friday, July 11 (5:30 – 8:00 PM)

**Why:** To give thanks with like-minded  
servants of God and friends of ADA –  
young and old

**Please join us! See the enclosed  
response card to register.**

## Personal Note



*The light shines in the darkness*, to use a portion of a powerful and familiar scripture. That is always a heartfelt hope and prayer of ours, that God is using us to shine the light and spread the Gospel. With God's help, that is something we strive to do with every endeavor of ministry – including our new podcast.

However, I am discovering that some have no idea what a podcast is. I think I may have been guilty of putting “the cart before the horse” by not explaining what a podcast is and what the purpose is behind this new outreach. A podcast is simply an interview, whether in person or by way of the Internet (virtually). Podcasting is not just isolated to people like Tucker Carlson, as numbers of everyday folks are recording in-home podcasts to be shared online.

In our case, Chris created a studio in our basement. He painted the wall and floor, and one of Jan's sisters gave us an electric fireplace which adds ambiance for our studio. We have named our interviews/podcast “*Finally, A Decent Podcast.*” One major aspect is we are interviewing and highlighting people who God brings to our minds - salt and light Christians living out their faith come what may.

My hope was and still is that our podcasts would serve as a further way of ministering to friends and supporters of our ministry and reaching out to others as well. But in some cases, it seems like our new outreach isn't completely understood. I am realizing that there are quite a few who don't know how to find the podcast and/or how to get on the podcast on the Internet.

There are many in Michigan, within range of our headquarters in Fremont, who have been drawn to attend one or more of our

events featuring outside speakers, such as: Frank Gaffney, Mat Staver, Gary Bauer, Stephen Coughlin, Jim Simpson, Kamal Saleem, Kevin Freeman, Sandy Rios, Stephen Black, Bill Federer, Michael Perkins, Donald Wildmon, Pat Trueman, Pam Stenzel, Dr. Joel Beeke, Philip Haney, Pat Colbeck, Rep. Joe Fox, Janet Porter Folger.

Those who attended were hopefully blessed, informed, warned, etc. As the pulls upon our lives expand, people are not as likely to give up an afternoon and/or evening to attend speaking events. A podcast is a way where we can bring compelling speakers right into your home for you to listen to at your leisure! Podcasts can be recorded and made available by email and websites such as Facebook, YouTube, X (Twitter), Rumble, etc.

We feel that with many of you we are “family.” You want to know what's going on, how to pray, what the Lord is showing us. If you have an email and you are on our email list, we would email when each new episode of our podcast is released and you would see that there is a link that you would simply click on and it would open up to our podcast. You can then easily watch it or just listen to it while you are making dinner or relaxing in your living room - and there is no cost to you. If you go to our website at [www.americandecency.org](http://www.americandecency.org), you could scroll down and see one or more of our podcast episodes and you would just click on the image of one of our “guests” and it would open up to the podcast.

At this writing, we have done nine interviews. Here is a brief summary: **Kenny Williams**, out of St. Genevieve, MO, is a man in his sixties who shares the Gospel with great hope. He tells his story of how God got him to get off his couch to serve the Lord. **Pastor Gene Walter**, an encourager and lover of Christ, shares some heartwarming experiences and also tells a few accounts of his days in Vietnam. Despite having brokenhearted experiences, he shares how God shepherded him into becoming an encourager. **Jacky Eubanks**, at just 27-years-old, is a graduate of Hillsdale College, was in Washington DC on J-6 serving in the Trump administration, and is now

a powerful young force working with Michigan Fair Elections bent on exposing election fraud. **Chad Sutton**, transparently shares his testimony of once being in darkness and how God led him out of sinfulness into the life of a devoted husband and father. In addition, we've interviewed **Ron Armstrong** of Stand Up Michigan; **Curtis Bowers**, the Christian thinker, movie producer of *Agenda: Grinding America Down*, effective weekly podcaster of *Agenda Weekly*, and, most importantly, home-schooling parent of nine children; and **Paul Saxton**, videotaped in hospital attire as he was rehabbing from a third degree burn. Paul is a former pastor, retired financial advertiser for Biblically Responsible Investing with the Timothy Plan, and is a voice boldly sharing the Gospel with those he meets. He has stood fast against pornography, telling how his dad warned him about the degradation of pornography. We also interviewed investigative researcher, author and speaker **Jim Simpson** who has labored faithfully exposing the darkness of communism. Recently, one of our highlights was the podcast with **Michigan State Representative Joseph Fox** regarding his impressive work as Vice-Chair of the Election Integrity Committee and his reporting on the massive victory to rid Big Rapids of Gotion, which would have brought Communist China influence to Michigan through their toxic battery plant.

As you can see, we are on the move seeking to inform and stir hearts with spiritual, educational, political and worldview commentaries, as well as a wide range of life-impacting matters.

If you would like help accessing our podcast, please contact us at 231-924-4050.

You are our supporters, our friends! We just so much want to deepen our relationship with you and be able to encourage, strengthen, and, yes, minister to you in this additional way. Careful thought and prayer go into the podcasts that we share. This is not meant to be fancy, but rather sharing things that matter to life and living – in Christ.

# Tackling Child Exploitation

By Lisa Van Houten



There are some things so heartbreaking and horrifying that many would just like to pretend they don't exist. One of those is the national epidemic of child pornography. It seems easier to just go about our lives and not think about the sickening reality of child exploitation. However, evil thrives in darkness and the only way to combat it is to shine light upon it.

One person combatting this evil is former NFL quarterback Tim Tebow who now fights human trafficking and child sex exploitation. The Tim Tebow Foundation helps rescue and care for victims of online child sex abuse and, partnering with law enforcement agencies, has rescued over 2,000 victims and assisted in the prosecution of more than 500 traffickers across 30 countries. In a recent interview, Tebow exposed the magnitude of child exploitation as he displayed a U.S. map from the Department of Justice, nearly covered with red dots – in total, **111,423 dots**. As Tebow explained, each red dot represents a unique IP address from which an individual had downloaded or distributed sexual abuse and rape images of children under the age of 12 – just in the last 30 days. Tebow also told of the grim reality that “55 to 85% are also hands-on offenders, and your average offender has 13 victims in their lifetime—13 victims. **Every one of those red dots, there's a boy or girl that is suffering on the other end of what they're sharing, downloading, or distributing.**” Tebow also reported that the U.S. is the number one payer of livestream rape of girls and boys around the world.

*“The market for CSAM [child sexual abuse material] among individuals with a sexual interest in children drives the demand for new and more egregious images and videos. The push for new CSAM results in the continued abuse and exploitation of child victims, and the abuse of new children every day,”* the DOJ states. *“When these images*

*and videos are posted and disseminated online, the victimization continues in perpetuity. Children often suffer a lifetime of re-victimization knowing the documentation of their sexual abuse is on the internet, available for others to access forever.”*

Now with the advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AI), AI-generated child pornography is being used as a way to normalize child pornography. Proponents seek to justify AI child porn by arguing, “no actual child is harmed” in the production, ignoring the fact that most pedophiles don't stop at viewing this sickening material, but escalate to molestation. This slippery slope argument was even affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court back in 2002 when the Court struck down key elements of the Child Pornography Prevention Act of 1996, with Justice Anthony Kennedy claiming that computer-generated child pornography “*records no crime and creates no victims by its production.*” The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children stated in response that the Court's decision “*will result in the proliferation of child pornography in America unlike anything we have seen in more than 20 years.*” Thankfully, Congress passed the Protect Act in 2003 which overrode the Court's decision. Chief Justice Rehnquist, in his dissenting opinion, also argued that: “*Congress has a compelling interest in ensuring the ability to enforce prohibitions of actual child pornography, and we should defer to its findings that rapidly advancing technology soon will make it all but impossible to do so.*” We are now to that point with AI.

We continue to see efforts to normalize pedophilia. The Left continues to follow its playbook to advance their ideology unmoored from Biblical morality. First, they pushed homosexuality and gay marriage, then transgenderism and genital mutilating surgeries for minors – claiming that morality is not tied to God's revealed, objective truth, but rather is determined by one's own feelings. “According to this corrupted way of thinking, nothing more than consent is required for a sexual relationship to have legitimacy,” writes John Daniel Davidson at the Federalist.

The next stop on the perversion express is

the push to sexualize children, lower the age of consent, and normalize pedophilia. We're seeing it happen in other countries such as Germany, which recently decriminalized the possession of child pornography. And demonstrating that America is on the same path, Democrats in California just blocked a sex trafficking bill that would have made it a felony to buy 16 and 17-year-olds for sex. The sexual revolution brought about the rejection of God's design for sexuality and the downward spiral has continued to the point where we may see pedophilia added to the growing list of protected perversions which the LGBTQIA+ ideology has ushered in.

The *City Journal* wrote an exposé on “B4U-ACT,” an organization that seeks to destigmatize pedophilic attraction. The group pushes for the use of the euphemistic term “MAPs” (Minor-Attracted Persons) to replace “pedophile” and argues for so-called “affirmative therapy.” This is what the left does – change language to foster acceptance and transform a perversion to an “identity” that must be affirmed – just as they've done with homosexuality and transgenderism.

It's also no surprise that many public schools are complicit in indoctrinating and destroying the innocence of children through the use of pornographic content in their “curriculum” – considering that modern-day sex education was built upon the fraudulent “research” of Alfred Kinsey, who claimed children were “sexual from birth,” basing his “data” on the records kept by a homosexual pedophile who raped children.

One measure of a civilization is how well it protects children and we are failing. We think pedophilia could never be normalized; 20 years ago many said the same thing about gay marriage. Christians can't sit on the sidelines this time. As Tim Tebow said, ***“Unfortunately, there are people that have the goal of hurting [children] ... That's also why I believe God has created some of us: to put us here so we can stand in the gap. So that boy or girl would know that some people love them enough [to protect them] and, more importantly, that their heavenly Father loves them enough that He has already stood in the gap for them.”***



# How Far Will Pride Go Before the Fall?

By Chris Johnson



It wasn't until 2009 that the average American was confronted with the proclamation of June as "Pride Month." Bill Clinton had recognized it in 1999 as Gay and Lesbian Pride month, but when Barack Obama expanded the recognition to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride month a decade later, it was accompanied by all the cultural sway that Obama carried.

Since then, the force of the "celebration" has swept through nearly every aspect of our culture: film studios shoot to have a certain percentage of "queer" characters, professional sports teams have "Pride Nights," stores have Pride displays, cities paint rainbows on the streets, American embassies fly the Pride flag, and - to our shame - even some so-called "Christian" churches host Pride events.

All of this, of course, has been an outrage and tragedy to Christian patriots who have been brought over the last decade and a half to wonder how far "Pride" could go before the fall, either of the Pride movement or of the country which preached it as a perverse gospel.

Yet, as I write this in the middle of May, looking ahead to June, I can only wonder if Pride has peaked.

Under President Trump, the federal government has done a complete U-turn. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) has been uprooted as a priority of government agencies by way of Trump's executive orders on his first day in office.

DEI is an umbrella term for racial and sexual minorities, which serves to equate people whose identities are wrapped up in their sexual fetishes with people who were born non-white to provide them with the same discrimination protections.

Also, this year, the organizers of Pride

parades themselves are starting to complain of a lack of corporate sponsorships.

From NBC News: *"The organizers of several of the country's premier Pride celebrations told NBC News they have also lost funding from corporate sponsors this year, to the tune of \$200,000 to \$350,000 each. For some larger organizations — like those in New York City and San Francisco — the shortage makes up about 10% of their total Pride event budget, while for others, like St. Pete Pride in Florida, it could be about half."*

*"Some organizers said past sponsors that are not returning or are reducing their sponsorship amounts this year have cited the political climate and the Trump administration's hostility toward DEI and the LGBTQ community..."*

Yet, the Guardian gives another explanation for the corporate walk-back of Pride support: conservative activists like you.

*"In a new survey of dozens of corporate executives across various sectors — from federal contractors to health care companies to consumer brands — roughly 2 in 5 said they were scaling back Pride Month engagement in 2025 compared to previous years. That includes both internal engagement like promoting workplace equity and public-facing participation like sponsoring or appearing in Pride events."*

*"'Conservative scrutiny is really the top driver of change,' said Luke Hartig, president of Gravity Research, which conducted the study. Six in ten companies cite pressure from the Trump administration — which has pushed policies targeting transgender and nonbinary people, while also cracking down on diversity, equity and inclusion, or DEI — as a key reason for their change. **Nearly 40% of all companies point to the threat of backlash from conservative activists and consumers, including more than three-quarters of consumer brands.**"*

**So, if you ever wondered if your feedback to these companies and voting with your dollars did any good, there's your proof.**

But, an even more effective weapon against the evils celebrated in Pride month is, iron-

ically, celebrated in the same month: fatherhood.

In June, we celebrate the men who bring us into the world, give us our first ideal of manhood, and hopefully provide for, protect, and disciple us as we grow. **A godly father intentionally discipling his children is the strongest immunization against the sexual confusion wreaking havoc on the lives of so many young Americans in our day.**

This month, we are offering a resource from the esteemed Dr. Joel Beeke, [How to Lead Your Family: A Guide for Men Wanting to Be More](#). We've been a big fan of Dr. Beeke's work for a long time, having offered his [Family Worship Bible Guide](#) for years, but just in time for Father's Day, we're happy to be able to offer this book specifically for fathers.

You can order on the enclosed response card or by calling us at 231-924-4050.

The Pride movement may or may not have peaked in our country, but the sin it represents can only be covered by the blood of Jesus. As more and more in our country realize how miserable that lifestyle truly has made them and those they love, more and more will be looking for an answer as to how they can live with themselves for the part they've played in it.

May we, as the church, be ready to share the good news of God's grace with those who've fallen to Pride.

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# Libraries: Centers of Learning - BUT Learning What?

By Steve Huston



Before the internet, when one needed information for research or to learn some new skill such as beekeeping, woodworking, small motor repair, a foreign language, etc., they would go to their local learning center – the public library. There one could find books on whatever topic, perhaps some audio-visual resource, or some novel – flying them to a distant land, allowing them to be a “Dr. Watson” to some “Sherlock Holmes” – oh, the places one might go, the things one might see, the experiences to be had or learn about.

It was considered to be a safe place for children to find good books that would hold them spellbound with interest. Unfortunately, many parents still think of libraries in the same way. Many would be surprised to find that lurking on the shelves, amongst “good” and “safe” books, are many Marxist monsters and “sexual predators” disguised as fun books and media, hoping to get their steely hooks into their child’s mind.

Even if you avoid the Drag Queen story hour or the pro-Islamic lectures which gather at these learning centers, if you’re a believer, **the library has become another place where worldviews collide.** We must be aware of that and guard our children from these prolific dangers. Perhaps it’s always been that way, but now it’s become overtly obvious. There are good ideas and bad ideas, each with their own consequences. More and more we are witnessing the fact that bad ideas not only have bad consequences, but also create victims as well. In our public schools and public libraries, these victims are most often our children – our gift from God and our nation’s greatest resource.

Now, expanding beyond R-rated films and children/teen books which teach as well as promote the perverse lifestyles and acts of the LGBTQ+, sadomasochism, pedophilia,

and the like, which are made available in most local ALA (American Library Association) affiliated libraries, there are twelve libraries in the Sacramento, CA area offering “Sexual Health Cabinets.” Beware; what happens in California, rarely stays in California.

These so called “Sexual Health Cabinets” are not monitored and are available for anyone of any age to access, picking up free condoms, free Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) tests, and free pregnancy tests. This directly circumnavigates a parent’s authority and careful teaching on these topics. Can you imagine your child going to the library to check out a book, coming back with a condom or STD test? These “Sexual Health Cabinets” are stocked by Planned Parenthood and have a QR code on their handouts, taking one to their website, which goes into more detail on what they believe and promote. Planned Parenthood’s worldview is in direct opposition to a Biblical worldview of marriage or sexuality.

Generations Radio reports that *“the American Library Association’s Top 10 Books, written for 8–10-year-olds are all themed around homosexual sex”* and *“sexual perversion.”* This should come as no surprise to our regular readers as we’ve previously reported that Emily Drabinski, self-avowed Marxist and lesbian, served as president of the American Library Association from July 2023 to July 2024, with a goal of “queering the catalog.”

Since Ms. Drabinski’s rise to power in the ALA and her call for “Solidarity!” several states’ legislatures have proposed bills to pull away from the American Library Association’s perverse and pervasive influence over their state’s local libraries. If your state hasn’t already joined this call to common sense, **contact your representative**, urging them to propose a bill that would join Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Missouri, Montana, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, and Wyoming in defunding public libraries with ties to the ALA. As Texas Rep. Brian Harrison wrote, *“Texas should fight Marxist ideology, not subsidize it.”* And as another supporter of these laws wrote: *“It’s time to stop using taxpayer money to fund*

*Marxist organizations corrupting our kids.”*

With the internet being available in most libraries, there is the added concern of pornography and role-playing games of which many parents may not be aware. Become aware of what is offered and/or allowed at your local public library. Take a walk through the children and young adult sections, look for titles that may raise red flags, and even choose seemingly innocuous books at random to skim through.

Parents must become involved in parenting again: Don’t just turn your children loose in the library. Be aware of what they are reading, watching, listening to, and all their online activities. There are countless stories of children being drawn into dangerous relationships and compromising situations through “safe” apps, when a predator came in through a “backdoor.”

My favorite library, growing up, was our church library. They invested in the lives of their children, teens, young adults, and older adults with God-honoring books. If your church doesn’t have a healthy library, consider purchasing books for it or invest in a library for your own home. It may mean forgoing some other entertainment choices, but the rewards are worth it! It’s an investment, investing in and taking steps to protect our children and grandchildren.

Where can one purchase good books that will help to develop strong, Biblical character?

**Brave Books** ([bravebooks.us](http://bravebooks.us)): *“Every BRAVE book is made for children ages 4 to 12. We believe that instilling strong morals and values at a young age is crucial.”* This site also offers a media streaming service.

The following sites offer books for all ages:

**Lamplighter Books** ([lamplighter.net](http://lamplighter.net)) includes book dramatizations. **Reformation Heritage Books** ([heritagebooks.org](http://heritagebooks.org)) **Generations** ([store.generations.org](http://store.generations.org))

A less expensive route would be to find a title you like and look for it on Ebay.

# Trump's deals in the Middle East reshape the world

By Chris Johnson



Every day, we get up in the morning and get our milk from the same refrigerator, put our bread in the same toaster, start up the same car and drive under the same stoplights. All of this mundane use of the same old technology masks the fact that we are living on the brink of a technological revolution.

If we don't see the evidence in our everyday lives, we can certainly find it in the actions of our political leaders. Much was made last month of Donald Trump's visit to the Middle East – who he did and didn't visit, our past attempts at “nation building” in the region, and whether or not he should accept a new Air Force One as a gift from a nation who is, at best, not antagonistic towards certain terrorist organizations.

What's easy to miss in all of these juicy stories is that the main focus of the trip was securing international investment in Artificial Intelligence technology, which means the bigger concern to the Trump administration than sidelining Israel while shaking hands with Saudi Arabia and cozying up to Qatar, is losing the AI race to China.

As the world seeks to diversify its energy sources, Arabic leaders see a need to diversify the products they export. Nations like Saudi Arabia and Syria see the development of AI technology as their opportunity to make a new name for themselves. To become the Silicon Valley of the Middle East, they need cutting edge semi-conductor chips, and to get those they have to turn to one of two sources: China or us.

Trump's trip to the Middle East was all about hooking their nations on America's tech before China got them hooked on theirs.

One option none of these world leaders seem to be considering is a future not being shaped by AI.

The sad fact is, no matter whether you and

I believe AI will be a benefit to humanity or not, so long as China is intent on developing it and providing it to the world, the US has no choice but to provide an alternative. With artificial intelligence's capacity for super-charging learning, data analysis, and problem-solving speeds along with China's reputation for using their cheap tech toys as a Trojan Horse for spyware and malware, leaving the authoritarian nation with no competitor is the worst option.

A world running on Chinese AI could quickly find itself on a world-wide social credit system, where they can keep their business/government/finance sustaining technology so long as they cooperate and fall in line with CCP priorities or share access to their discoveries. Besides that, is the upgrade AI provides to kinetic weapons.

In a recent interview with Glenn Beck, Vice President J.D. Vance expounded on the threat: *"I think a lot of people [believe] artificial intelligence is a chatbot. It's something that maybe helps the college student write a paper. No, no, no. The artificial intelligence that I am worried about, Glenn, is the kind of intelligence that helps [China] develop next-generation weapons, that helps their rockets and missiles hit their targets 99% more accurate than the weapons that aren't using artificial intelligence.... There are just massive defense technology implications of this."*

So, our government is not going to let the Chinese have that edge and thus, it seems, we are doomed to a future shaped by AI.

What, exactly, that means for the future only time can tell, although we can find hints in the developments of technologies pushing the boundaries of what was thought possible right now – things like self-driving cars, humanoid robots, and automated manufacturing.

But, thanks to Trump, the Arab world is now poised to play a big part in it all. The Gulf States are determined to have more to offer the world than oil, as they've evidenced with over \$2 trillion worth of deals with the US agreed to last month.

The irony is rich. Even as Trump now infamously condemned the neoconservative goal of spreading Americanesque “democ-

racy” to the Middle East, his deals tied our fates together more tightly than a shared form of government ever could.

In 2002, the question was, “can the Middle East build on Western style government?” In 2025 the question is, “can the Middle East build on Western technology?”

In 2002, the world seemed divided between the Middle East and the United States and in 2025, the division runs between China and the US, with the Middle East largely on the side of the US, strangely enough.

But the biggest question still looming over the Middle East with all these deals going on is will Iran be swept up in “the art of the deal?” Reports conflict about the progress of an agreement which would see the United States remove crippling sanctions on Iran in return for the radical Islamist state's ridding itself of the capacity for nuclear weapons, with both sides apparently eager to signal progress to their own press. But, what's clear is that talks are ongoing and both sides are eager to signal success.

The world no longer falls into the categories we've grown comfortable with. Possible/impossible, friend/enemy, conservative/ liberal – Trump's deals in the Middle East have boiled it all down to one issue: America/China.

The prevailing understanding is that the nation that wins the AI arms race will call the shots globally and if America wins, our values of liberty and equality will be baked into the “intelligence.” But as America has debated the very meaning of those words in recent decades – liberty and equality – Christians and other conservative groups can't afford to hope that even this outcome would be welcome.

Whether due to a “singularity” event where Artificial Intelligence liberates itself from the constraints placed on it by human intelligence or by the continued outsourcing of human intelligence to machine that we've seen in the past decades, the real issue we are all faced with isn't going to be America vs. China; it's going to be humanity vs. AI.



# A Drug that Costs Lives

By Lisa Van Houten



As Republican lawmakers seek to defund Planned Parenthood in Congress' budget battle - in what has to be the height of irony - the pro-abortion group "Reproductive Freedom for All" responded with this post: *"Our lives are not disposable. Period. Defunding PPFA [Planned Parenthood] will cost lives."*

In reality, funding Planned Parenthood has cost 402,200 lives just from 2023 through 2024. But to those pro-abortion activists, the lives of the unborn *are* disposable. And, their goal isn't to protect the health of women, but only to push unlimited abortion. If they're truly concerned about the lives of women, they'll join us in speaking out against the abortion pill, mifepristone.

Abortion proponents ridiculously claim that taking the abortion pill is as safe as Tylenol. The difference is, Tylenol gets rid of pain, while mifepristone gets rid of a baby. Yet now we know that in addition to killing the unborn, mifepristone is also dangerous for women.

A massive, comprehensive study by the Ethics and Public Policy Center [EPPC] reveals that more than one in ten women who take this abortion pill suffer life-threatening complications such as sepsis or hemorrhaging. This rate of adverse effects is 22 times higher than what the FDA-approved drug label says.

The FDA fast-tracked the approval of mifepristone for chemical abortions in 2000 after a limited study, claiming it was "safe and effective." While the FDA performed clinical trials with just 31,000 participants, the EPPC data "is based on analysis of data from an all-payer insurance claims database that includes 865,727 prescribed mifepristone abortions from 2017 to 2023."

Despite concerns about dangerous complications, the FDA, under Obama and Biden, eliminated any safeguards and reporting re-

quirements that originally had been in place regarding this chemical abortion drug. *"Today, chemical abortions can be prescribed in every state, without an in-person visit, by someone who is not a physician, and distributed through the mail. Women self-administer the abortion drugs at home without a required follow-up visit. Clinics or administrating entities are not required to report adverse effects,"* reports John Stonestreet from the Colson Center.

This do-it-yourself abortion drug is currently used for nearly two-thirds of all abortions in the United States. As Mary Szoch, director of the Center for Human Dignity at Family Research Council has said, "The consequences have been devastating. These women have met the crushing reality that what Planned Parenthood promised was just a clump of cells is really their visibly recognizable baby delivered into the toilet. ... Countless women desperately wish they could turn back time to the moments before ingesting the drug."

In addition, when mifepristone is not dispensed in person, there is no way to verify who is taking it or to ensure they are doing so willingly. The Federalist gives this example: *"Last year, a teenager in Louisiana ended up in the hospital after being coerced into an abortion by her own mother. The young woman wanted to raise her baby and was even planning a sex-reveal party. But her mother went online and got a doctor in New York to mail abortion drugs to her without bothering to have so much as a Zoom call with the purported patient. The mother then reportedly pressured her daughter into taking the abortion drugs."*

A number of pro-life states have laws prohibiting mifepristone, not only because it kills an unborn baby, but also because of the risk it poses to women. Yet, despite the longstanding federal law, the Comstock Act, which - if applied - would prohibit abortifacients from being sent through the mail, the Biden administration removed restrictions to allow the abortion pill to now be sent via mail. In addition, many Democrat-led states are trampling on states' rights by allowing mifepristone to be sent across state lines into states with pro-life laws which prohibit it.

A coalition of pro-life leaders is urging the Trump administration to not only enforce the Comstock Act, preventing abortion drugs from being mailed, but also to reconsider the approval of mifepristone.

In a recent Senate Committee hearing, Senator Josh Hawley referenced the EPPC study regarding mifepristone's life-threatening complications for women (let alone the life-ending implications for babies). In the hearing, Sen. Hawley asked Health and Human Services Director Robert F. Kennedy to look into the study's findings: *"You have said you will do a top-to-bottom review [of mifepristone]. Do you continue to stand by that, and don't you think that this new data shows the need to do a review is, in fact, very pressing?"*

*"It's alarming,"* Kennedy said of the EPPC data. Adding, *"Clearly, it indicates that at the very least, the label should be changed. I've asked the director of the FDA to do a complete review and to report back."*

In his Senate confirmation hearings, Kennedy had said that President Trump asked him to study the safety of mifepristone, stating: *"He [President Trump] has not yet taken a stand on how to regulate it. Whatever he does, I will implement those policies."*

Now is the perfect time to add your voice to those seeking to protect both the unborn and their mothers. Urge President Trump to take a stand to restrict this deadly drug. Call the White House at 202-456-1111.

Senator Hawley also introduced legislation that would at least reinstate safety regulations regarding mifepristone. *"I'm introducing the 'Restoring Safeguards for Dangerous Abortion Drugs Act' after a bombshell study revealed the truth about mifepristone: it's dangerous,"* he stated. Urge your senators to support the Restoring Safeguards for Dangerous Abortion Drugs Act by calling them at: 202-224-3121.

**Every image-bearer created by the Author of Life – both the unborn and their mothers deceived by an industry who cares nothing about their actual well-being – are deserving of protection.** Their lives are not disposable.

# Where Is America Headed?

By Steve Huston



## The trajectory for American Christianity appears tragic!

I'm pretty sure I just heard someone somewhere "harrumph" and say, "You've gotta be kidding me. I might have agreed with that statement during the last administration, but look at all the good that's being done and the return to common sense. Why, I could list off 100 things that point to better days ahead."

Most conservatives, including Christians, look at the political revival taking place around them, but fail to realize that it's nothing **compared to** the spiritual revival that America so desperately needs. Forget the political landscape for a moment; if "We the People" do not turn our hearts, minds, and wills back to God quickly, I'm not sure that there's any hope for America. That's not the same as saying there's no hope for individual Americans.

One may disagree with my assessment, but if we look at the generational downward trend, it should give us at least pause for thought. According to George Barna, the percentage of US adults who identify as Christian has decreased from 72% in 2020 to 66% today. In this same time frame, while Christianity dropped 7%, other faiths have increased: no faith (10%), Judaism (21%), Islam (12%), Buddhism (56%), and other non-Christian faiths (77%).

But it's even more disturbing when one considers that the Bible reveals who God is, what truth is, and yet, "the survey found that **fewer than one out of every five adults (18%) consistently rely upon the Bible to discern moral and spiritual truth.**"

As we consider the trajectory of true Christianity in America, the next part is the really scary part. Of these 18%, only 9% of the

youngest adult generation – Gen Z, 18 to 21 year-olds – hold to the "scripture first and foremost" mindset about truth.

Barna helps put this in perspective: *"Another way of viewing that information is to realize that although Baby Boomers represent just 24% of the adult population today, they constitute 36% of the U.S. adults who consistently turn to the Bible first and foremost to determine what they believe to be moral truth."* Dear Reader, we are failing to pass the Christian faith on to our children and grandchildren. **We are suffering from "Truth Decay!"**

Some of the other factors that weigh into the equation of American minds when deciding what truth is: Law/Public Policy/Political Leaders; Societal norms; Philosophical/religious views other than the Bible; Family/friends. Of the eight total factors, number one is one's own feelings and personal emotions (74%), with the Bible only coming in at 44%.

But what does the Bible – God's revelation of truth – say about this? "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the LORD, and depart from evil." (Proverbs 3:5-7)

If America would escape the undertow of secular humanism which is pulling her under, then we must fall in love with Jesus once again; we must love His Word and trust in Him instead of ourselves, government, society, or even AI.

Our founders were not perfect, they were but men; but they were, by and large, men who honored the Word of God and submitted to His ways when it came to building a nation. Their speeches, writings, laws, calls to prayer and days of humiliation, and foundation of government give proof to this.

It would seem that we, like the church of Ephesus in Revelation 2, have lost our first love. Do we have the humility to admit that we've fallen short in our efforts? Do we

have the intestinal fortitude to, by God's grace, strive to fulfill Christ's prescription for overcoming? In verse 5, Jesus takes them (and us) to school, teaching the 3 Rs. 1) **Remember** – look to your history (nationally, ecclesiastically, personally) as it relates to Jesus. 2) **Repent** – Turn from whatever is hindering you from fully returning to your first love of Jesus, turning to Him. 3) **Redo** – Start over again with those good works which God gave you to do, with the heart you once had for them.

This is not a call to traditionalism; it's a call to fall in love again with the written Word and the Word Incarnate. It's a call to be deeply rooted and built up in Jesus and to teach our children how to diligently add to their faith daily. It's a call to turn away from those things which will rob us of our spiritual riches: philosophy and vain deceit, following after the traditions of men, the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. In essence, it's a call to follow Paul's exhortation in Colossians 2:6-9. Such faith is a gift of God, but we have a responsibility to grow that faith, by His grace.

At one time, American families largely represented the mesquite tree, as described by A.B. Simpson: *"There is a very singular shrub which grows abundantly in the west and is to be found in all parts of Texas. The mesquite, sometimes called the 'mosquito tree,' is a very slim and willowy looking shrub and would seem to be of little use for any industrial purposes; but it has extraordinary roots growing like great timbers underground and possessing such qualities of endurance in all situations that it was once valued as pavement material. It is said that the city of San Antonio was once paved with these roots. The mosquito tree reminds us of those Christians who make little show externally, but their growth is chiefly underground-out of sight in the depth of God. These are the men and women that God uses for the foundations of things, and for the pavements of that city of God which will stand when all earthly things have crumbled into ruin and dissolved into oblivion."*

With God's help, may America build such families again. It must start with yours and mine.