

“The People Are Responsible For The Character of Their Congress”

By Bill Johnson



I trust you see that we minister seeking first the Kingdom of God, as we strive to bring much needed understanding regarding our nation. That understanding includes calling out our brothers and sisters and a very large swath of many well-meaning people who don't bother to vote, don't understand that we could easily lose our country, and/or don't want to know the urgencies before us. One of those urgencies I am addressing below.

Increasingly, those with allegiance to foreign nations and anti-American ideologies are being elected to positions in government: such as Minnesota's Ilhan Omar, Michigan's Rashida Talib, and now our state is at risk of electing pro-Hamas candidate Abdul El-Sayed to the U.S. Senate.

On a recent Sunday afternoon, I received a call. The caller had an urgent tone to his voice – it was Frank Gaffney out of Washington, DC. Gaffney served in the Pentagon during the Reagan administration and founded Center for Security Policy. Frank asked: *“What do you know about Abdul El Sayed?”* and asked about possible ties to the Muslim Brotherhood. You may remember that our newsletters and events several years ago raised concern about the growing influence of the Muslim Brotherhood in America - which is linked to terrorism, teaches that jihad is an obligation for Muslims, and is now designated as a terrorist group.

When Abdul El-Sayed unsuccessfully ran

for governor in Michigan in 2018, Republican candidate Patrick Colbeck raised concerns about El-Sayed's connections to the Muslim Brotherhood. His parents had ties to the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, while El-Sayed served as vice president of the Muslim Student Association at the University of Michigan, a group connected to the Muslim Brotherhood. In a debate, Colbeck raised these concerns, but also made clear that he didn't hate the Muslim people. Abdul El-Sayed responded: *“You may not hate Muslims, but Muslims hate you.”*

El-Sayed, the most far-left Democrat candidate running for the Michigan senate seat, has peppered his messaging with pro-Hamas propaganda - including a fundraising email he sent on the second anniversary of the October 7 Hamas terrorist attack against Israel, in which El-Sayed attacked Israel, claimed Israel had committed genocide, and said nothing about the heinous atrocities committed by Hamas.

The last several weeks I've been receiving information from my longtime friend and New York City lawyer, Bob Peters, who once headed the regarded anti-obscenity organization Morality in Media (recently discontinued). Peters, having lived many years in New York City, had watched firsthand the emergence of Zohran Mamdani as the newly elected New York City mayor and is raising concern about Abdul El-Sayed. Peters, alarmed at the penetration of Islamic ideology in New York City, recognizes the

similar strategies exerted by the Islamist/democrat El-Sayed. In fact, the National Republican Senatorial Committee characterizes El-Sayed as the "Michigan Mamdani."

You may remember the beloved Philip Haney, who we had speak numerous times throughout Michigan. Perhaps you purchased his book, [See Something Say Nothing](#), in which he shares his powerful story regarding his successes as a member of the Customs and Border Patrol and also as one of the founding members of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in identifying hundreds of Islamists seeking to penetrate American borders. During the 2018 Michigan gubernatorial election when El Sayed was running for governor, Philip Haney documented his campaign and the growing Islamic influence in the Dearborn/Hamtramck area. Philip knew as well as anyone the threat of Islamic ideology that has taken root.

Dearborn, by a wide margin, has the largest per capita population of Muslims in the U.S., most of them from the same Shiite branch of Islam as those in Iran. Dearborn became the nation's first Arab-majority city in 2023 and its mayor, Abdullah Hammoud (D), has called for the destruction of Israel.

A day after the Iranian terrorist leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was killed by Operation Epic Fury strikes on March 1, El-Sayed was caught telling staffers he was not going

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to comment on it because "there are a lot of people in Dearborn who are sad" about Khamenei's death. Not only was Khamenei responsible for the death of countless Americans, he murdered over 30,000 of his own people. Yet El-Sayed appeases Muslims in Dearborn with terrorist sympathies and who chant "death to America," rather than siding with the United States.

Recently in West Bloomfield, Michigan, Ayman Mohamad Ghazali rammed his vehicle into a Jewish synagogue, where children were gathered for preschool, and opened fire, before being shot and killed by security personnel. The attack was determined by the FBI to have been a Hezbollah-inspired act of terrorism against the Jewish community. Ghazali's brother was a Hezbollah terrorist commander in Lebanon who was killed by an Israeli strike against Hezbollah.

Speaking at a rally days later, El-Sayed seemed to excuse Ghazali, stating that it's *"critical for us to understand that hurt people do hurt people, and the circumstances happening 6,000 miles away can affect the lives that we live here, and if we stand against violence, we've got to stand against violence, all violence."* The "hurt" person El-Sayed was referring to and sympathizing with was Ghazali, implying that because his terrorist brother was killed in Lebanon, we should "understand" why Ghazali wanted to kill Jewish children in West Bloomfield. By stating we should "stand against all violence," he equates terrorist acts with national defense.

Previously, at a July 2025 campaign event, El-Sayed also showed terrorist sympathies when he stated that terrorists commit "heinous act[s]" because they feel "pain and frustration and a level of lack of agency"

due to "hypocritical" U.S. actions that are "creating pain." Yet where is his sympathy for the innocent lives killed by those terrorist attacks?

El-Sayed is also being criticized for his close association with radical leftist podcaster Hasan Piker. Piker has a huge following and growing influence among Democrats. His podcast on Twitch has millions of followers, which features hate-filled rants. Piker has said that America "deserved" 9/11 and said "give Saudi Arabia a nuke so they can do 9/11 2." He has said "I do not support the United States of America" and said it "doesn't matter if rape happened on October 7." He is a vocal supporter of the terrorist group Hamas, stating: "Hamas is a thousand times better" than Israel. Yet El-Sayed is campaigning with Piker across Michigan and has welcomed his endorsement. El-Sayed doesn't see anything wrong with Piker's rhetoric, stating "I'm not here to disavow people's views." El-Sayed recently campaigned with Piker at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, where El-Sayed claimed the U.S. is engaged in a "genocidal" war in Iran because of money from the "Israel lobby."

All of these examples demonstrate a radical leftist candidate whose sympathies lie not with the American people, but with terrorist sympathizers and radical Islamists.

Yet this is who may represent Michigan in the United States Senate? U.S. Senators take an oath, which states in part: *"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic ..."* Iran, Hamas, Hezbollah, the Muslim Brotherhood – and all who support them here in the U.S. - are enemies of the United States, yet El-Sayed has defended them. In addition, Sharia Law cannot coexist with the U.S. Constitution. They are incompatible and therefore, as Jesus said, one will "hold to the one and hate the other; you cannot have two masters." Which oath would El-Sayed honor?

We have a Fifth Column in our nation, seeking to undermine America from within. **Michigan voters need to be aware of**

what's at stake and get out the vote! Recent polls show that Abdul El-Sayed is leading in the Democratic Party primary race.

Spiritual warfare abounds all around us, perhaps to no greater degree than in the political forces which surround us and in those candidates which are put before us to elect. Do they stand for righteousness or will they persuade us to move further from God and truth? Will they uphold the type of government which pleases God, "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty"?

We must be informed and spiritually vigilant. Perhaps no one has stated this better than preacher turned president, James A. Garfield: *"Now more than ever the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave, and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the national legislature. ... If the next centennial does not find us a great nation ... it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces."*

In closing, please read Chris' article on page 3 for the first great difficulty in Michigan (but elsewhere similarly). Michigan and other battleground states are facing voter fraud again in the fall. The fox guarding the hen house. Two honorable men and experts and many others are saying it straight out. **Michigan's voting results are rigged by Jocelyn Benson!** Our podcast also covers this at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ge_sWsbYkr0&list=PLCQqiBxIogi7IaXktBnJ-nXb5waWAxgCh

Verify the Vote

By Chris Johnson



William F. Buckley famously quipped that, *“I’d rather entrust the government of the United States to the first 400 people listed in the Boston telephone directory than to the faculty of Harvard University.”*

Although Buckley, who is credited with founding the modern conservative movement, meant that as a joke, the very first democracy on earth did very nearly exactly that. Rather than a phonebook, the democratic prototype – Athens - used a device called a *kleroterion*, meaning “allotment machine” to randomly select citizens to fill roles of public office.

Here’s how it worked: each citizen had something comparable to an ID card. The cards would be placed in slots carved into a large stone tablet in rows. Then, small black and white cubes would be mixed up and poured into a slim tube from which one cube would be released at a time. Each row was represented by one of these cubes. When a black cube was released from the tube, the citizens whose cards were in the row it represented were released from service. When a white cube was released, the citizens in that row took up their duties.

The Athenians used this method of selection to prevent bribery and manipulation in the selection of their representatives. These pioneers of the democratic process were so concerned about corruption in the election system, they invented a bronze age lottery machine to keep things fair.

However, when we fast forward two and a half millennia to the current year, the impulse for corruption-free elections that was exhibited by the inventors of self-government in 500 B.C. seems to have waned in democracy’s current form.

The ancient Greeks understood that the ability to wield political authority would attract people who wanted to use that authority to benefit themselves and they took drastic

measures to prevent that. Twenty-first century Americans consider that very idea to be the realm of “conspiracy theorists.”

And what is it that causes the modern denizen of Western Civilization to relegate the idea of a corrupt electoral system to the realm of over-active imaginations and fantasy? Is it our intimate knowledge and understanding of each state’s vastly complex and unique election systems that inspires this confidence? Is it our faith in the character of our politicians that surely no one spending years and tens of millions of dollars running for office would stoop to fraud to ensure a return on their investment? Perhaps we are so trusting in our fellow man that we feel we know they would never look for ways to ensure the election of candidates who would give them free stuff or protect them from prosecution.

Of course, those are all ridiculous assertions; the more we learn about the election process, the less confidence it inspires.

There is nothing bulletproof about our elections, politicians are universally recognized for being almost inherently corrupt, and in many states, there’s no way for anyone to confirm whether the people in the booths next to you even have a right to vote. Why would we have any confidence in the system?

We recently sat down with election researcher and digital manufacturing validation expert Tim Vetter to talk about these issues in an episode of Finally: a Decent Podcast.

Tim’s day job is validating digital parts manufacturing data for Stellantis, the corporation which evolved from Chrysler and owns Jeep, Ram, Fiat, and other major auto manufacturing companies. In other words, Tim is at the top of his field.

His passion is applying his thirty-plus years of expertise to Michigan’s voter data. He sees a massive vulnerability for voter fraud in this piece of the election process alone. So much so, that he insists that without ballot count validation, Michigan’s current Secretary of State who’s running for governor as a Democrat will inevitably win – simply because she runs the election sys-

tem.

His concern is that constantly changing voter data means you can never get the same voter roll from a county clerk twice.

He tried with his own clerk, and what he found shocked him. When Tim initially requested the Qualified Voter File from his clerk and then requested the *same list* a few weeks later, the data coming from the state had changed, which the county clerk could not explain. Not only that, but there’s no data trail to reveal who made the change.

Tim says the more recent QVF had flipped thousands of voters from “in-person” to “absentee.” And guess what happened when this discrepancy was pointed out? The state stopped supplying that data entirely.

Flipping a voter’s record from “in-person” to “absentee” manipulates the system to expect absentee ballots which were not cast, or were fraudulently cast.

The icing on the cake is that Secretary of State/ Democrat Gubernatorial Candidate Joselyn Benson sent a letter to county clerks instructing them to delete e-poll book data within days of elections, which erases the evidence which would refute manipulated Qualified Voter Files.

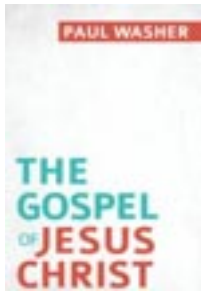
We encourage you to go listen to Tim’s own explanations in the episode at [YouTube.com/@theAmericanDecency](https://www.youtube.com/@theAmericanDecency). You’ll find it under the Finally: a Decent Podcast tab; it’s episode 43.

If Tim’s evidence and logic is valid (and if one of the Big Three auto companies trusts his data analysis, who am I to doubt him?) Michigan’s elections are frighteningly vulnerable, particularly in an election where the person in charge of the voting system is herself running for governor.

It leaves me wondering how a bronze-age democracy had a more valid selection process than our supposed government “of the people, by the people, and for the people.”

Share the Gospel!

By Steve Huston



The Westminster Shorter Catechism asks: “*What is the chief end of man?*” To which it answers: “*Man’s chief end is to glorify God, (1) and to enjoy him for ever. (2)*”

What is it that keeps us from glorifying and enjoying God, both here and throughout eternity? Simply put, **it is SIN**. We are born in sin, thanks to our first parents (Adam and Eve), but we’ve committed multitudes more of our own since birth. As the Apostle Paul wrote to the Romans: “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Rom. 3:23) Because of our sinful state, we are enemies of a most holy God; there is no peace for us. Sin keeps us from glorifying God – our Creator – and neither can we enjoy Him now nor forever, being at enmity with Him.

That’s the universal problem; sin has condemned every man, woman, and child of every culture around the world to eternal damnation and has ruined each one’s relationship with God. What can we do? That’s the glory of the Gospel – God’s grace and love: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (Jn. 3:16)

With such wonderful news and having experienced the grace of God through the atoning work of Jesus upon the cross, bringing us to peace that we’ve never known before, why do so many find it difficult to share with others how a sinful man can be made right with a holy God? Yes, we can share our own personal experience, but when it comes to deeper questions, some people want more than, “All I can tell you is that I was once blind, but now I see!”

“In fewer than thirty pages, Paul Washer’s *The Gospel of Jesus Christ* answers the

most important question we can ask with the simple, unadulterated truth of God’s word. Presenting passage after passage from the Bible, **Washer proclaims the holiness of God, the sinfulness of man, and the person and work of Jesus Christ**, calling all who read it (to) **repent and believe** for salvation.” (Taken from Reformation Heritage Books online description)

There is nothing that can save us except faith in the atoning work of Jesus which was accomplished upon the cross. This booklet, however, will strengthen, inform, and stir its readers (by the prompting of the Spirit) to better understand what was done for those who believe and give a clear evangelistic call to “believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.”

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the Lord with humble, sincere, simple, spontaneous, prayers of brokenness and a congregational song. It’s the **first Thursday of May (5/7) at noon.**

The urgency of the hour is great, as are our national burdens, yet so many seem oblivious to them as they live their temporal lives, giving little to no thought of the dangers from within and without, including the tepid to cold spiritual temperature which best describes our nation as a whole. But praise the Lord, there are still people who have a heart and are burdened for our nation and its people. They know that our God is the only help and hope; He alone can change things.

Of course, there’s a great burden for the lost, including those deceived souls of the Islamic religion which is pushing its way deeper into the government, schools, and our other institutions. There’s great division and a focus on hate rather than love and unity; we call out to our great Healer of nations and people. So much willful blindness, may God bring light and direction for each of us in this land. Join us in praying for God to mightily make Himself known:

“Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence! For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.” (Isa. 61:1-2, 3)

National Day of Prayer - May 7, 2026



Our United States of America has a rich heritage of calling upon the Lord in times of trouble: calls of both national and local prayer, fasting, humility, and brokenness. It’s a privilege to live in a country which has and currently upholds a National Day Of Prayer (NDOP). Once again, The American Decency Association will open its building (**203 E. Main St. in Fremont, Michigan**) for people to humble themselves and seek

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A Republic, If You Can Keep It

By Lisa Van Houten



As Benjamin Franklin left the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787, he was asked what kind of government had just been established. His reply: ***“A republic, if you can keep it.”*** By God’s grace, for nearly 250 years we’ve been able to keep it, but with the ever-growing assaults upon our constitutional republic, one wonders how much longer it will stand.

One recent assault came from Virginia Governor Abigail Spanberger, who ran as a moderate Democrat, then once elected proceeded to implement almost every item on the far left’s wish list. Spanberger recently signed a bill committing Virginia to the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPV) - moving our nation one step closer to upending our republic.

One of the top items on the leftist wish list is to eliminate the Electoral College, which the founders established to ensure fair representation in the election of presidents. The left’s scheme is to replace the Electoral College with the NPV. The NPV is a compact among a number of states which requires them to allocate their electoral votes to whichever presidential candidate wins the popular vote nationwide, rather than to the winner in their own state. In other words, the majority of voters in Virginia might vote for one candidate, but their state’s electoral votes would be given to a different candidate.

This agreement takes effect when the NPV compact controls the needed 270 electoral votes to win the presidency. With the addition of Virginia, the compact now has 222 electoral votes and includes 18 states – bringing the NPV perilously close to disenfranchising millions of American voters and forcing this unconstitutional scheme on the majority of states which never consented to it.

The NPV has been described as a coastal elite power grab – essentially giving control of our presidential elections to a handful of densely populated states, such as California and New York, despite such states having vastly different interests than states in middle America.

The Electoral College was wisely designed by the Framers of the Constitution to ensure that rural, less-populated states still have a voice in presidential elections. Higher populated states get more votes in the Electoral College, but every state can have an impact in an election. We’ve all watched on election night as reporters run various scenarios in which a candidate can reach the threshold of 270 electoral votes, where, for example, Wyoming’s mere three electoral votes, can help secure a presidential win. This forces presidential candidates to build coalitions across the nation and take into consideration the interests of *all* states, not just the largest ones. If not for this system, candidates could ignore the vast majority of states and the American people in them and campaign only in states with the largest populations.

James Madison, the Father of the Constitution, said that the Electoral College was designed to prevent the **“tyranny of the majority”** which, as he warned in Federalist No. 10, could lead the majority to “sacrifice to its ruling passion or interest both the public good and the rights of other citizens.” We often hear that the United States is a democracy, but we’re actually a constitutional republic – a government with checks and balances, protecting the rights of both the majority and the minority. The Framers wisely were just as concerned about mob rule as they were monarchical rule. In a pure democracy, the 49% are at the mercy of the 51%, easily leading to political tyranny. I once read this apt analogy: **a democracy is two wolves and a sheep voting on what’s for dinner.**

The NPV isn’t about “democracy,” but is an attempt by the left to secure unchecked power. Democrats have proven time and again that they are no respecters of constitutional limitations. Should just a few more states pass legislation to join the NPV compact, only the Supreme Court could stop what could be the downfall of our constitu-

tional republic.

Michigan is one that is in the sights of NPV advocates. NPV legislation passed in the Michigan Senate, but was stopped only because Republicans held a slim majority in the House. That could easily change with the next election. My representative, Joseph Fox, stated: *“... the National Popular Vote Compact will disenfranchise the people of Michigan. ... [W]ith NPV, pretty much any state that’s not named New York or California becomes a flyover state, leaving suburban and rural voters ignored.”*

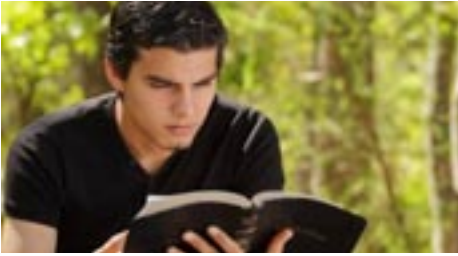
It’s no surprise that every state that has joined the NPV compact is under one-party rule, where voter ID laws are nearly non-existent and ballot harvesting schemes are rampant. The NPV would give even more incentive for election fraud in order to boost the national vote tally.

It’s important to remember we are a union of individual states. As delegates at the Constitutional Convention deliberated throughout the summer of 1787, **it became clear that without protection for smaller states from the potential tyranny of larger states, the Constitution would not have been ratified and the United States as we know it would not exist today.**

During these deliberations, Benjamin Franklin stood and appealed for daily prayer, stating: *“I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth- that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that ‘except the Lord build the House they labour in vain that build it.’ I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided ... and shall become a reproach and byword down to future ages.”* **The United States could not rise without God’s aid, and we can’t survive without it.** As Franklin called for “imploping the assistance of Heaven” to establish our constitutional republic, **may we continue in prayer for its protection.**

Will There Be a Comeback for America's Demoralized Men?

By Steve Huston



A perplexing dichotomy in the “war of the sexes” has been brewing for decades, one which affects all of society. We’ve witnessed both the empowering of the fairer sex to the bashing of manly behavior. As many men have withdrawn from their God-given roles, polls, over the years, have shown that men have lost their moorings: less Bible reading and prayer and a decline of Biblical, male leadership within and outside the home. Several generations of men have given up the real battles against societal evils to take up pseudo-battles against fantasy evils, vanquishing hosts of digital villains from every genre one can think of. This hasn’t taken place without its negative effects. It’s more than just killing time in their parents’ basements and staying out of the Left’s political crosshairs; it’s attacking society and affecting their souls. Due to the way in which God has hard-wired men, and the mostly successful attempt of feminists to bully men into weakness – even within the church, **perhaps** men are thrown into a demoralized tailspin more so than their female counterparts who have been “strengthened” and emboldened by this cultural shift.

As society’s men, in general, have become demoralized and disillusioned, one might imagine that there is little hope for America’s men, which means little hope for America herself. But, before we draw any final conclusions, remember it’s not the right, the left, social engineers, educators, political programmers, entertainers, preachers, online influencers, or anyone else who has the final say in where America, its young men, or its institutions will end up – **the one true God has final say. He raises nations up or brings them to ruin. This is one reason why “men ought always to pray, and not faint.”**

The Institute for Family Studies (IFS) and YouGov released a new survey on the state of young men aged 18-29. It’s not the

brightest of outlooks, but it’s not the bleakest either. From its Introduction: “*Young men have higher rates of conditions such as ADHD and autism, and have more problems with drugs, gambling, pornography, and the law. Many young men today have lower earnings and career prospects compared to earlier cohorts. They have fewer friends, socialize less, and are less civically engaged...*” Now, let’s look at a couple of the positive findings:

* Young men are not impressed with online influencers, but view mothers (79%) and fathers (69%) as their top role models, followed by coaches and teachers (57%).

* 89% agree that manhood demands “a willingness to sacrifice for others,” and 85% agree that “manhood involves strength, responsibility, and leadership.”

We can also be encouraged by Barna’s November 2025 poll. Over half of Gen Z and Millennial men are reading their Bibles weekly, a major shift within the past decade. “**Younger men in particular have increasingly gravitated toward discussions of faith, discipline, and moral structure – topics that have gained traction across podcasts, social media, and alternative media platforms.**” We also notice that they are out-reading their female counterparts – an oddity to take note of.

While this is praiseworthy, it’s far from a Josiah moment (2 Kings 22-23). Whereas Josiah read and was ready to believe, repent, and act on God’s Word, “*Engagement is outpacing conviction. People are opening the Bible more often, but they’re still wrestling with what they believe about it. That gap between reading and trusting is worth paying attention to.*” (David Kinnaman, CEO of Barna Group) He cautions: “*We’re not necessarily witnessing widespread social transformation. But we are seeing Americans move back toward patterns of faith that had been fading. That in itself is hopeful.*”

What should these reports move us to do? As always, put Christ in the center. Come alongside some young men, speaking truth into their lives, helping them to rise above demoralization and disillusionment, urging

them to be fulfilled in Christ alone. That won’t happen by mollycoddling them or by playing footsie with the truth. We must proclaim truth boldly and lovingly while letting them know there is no truth but God’s truth. There is no manhood outside its Biblical definition and God is looking for real men, men who will take part in His Kingdom and contend for it. **We are to have a soldier’s purpose.** This is not only a benefit to the soul; it benefits our nation as well.

We are to be true Christians and contenders. For decades we’ve been too feeling oriented rather than founded on fact and boldly standing for truth. In Rev. John Witherspoon’s 1775 message given before Congress, *The Dominion of Providence over the Affairs of Men*, he boldly stated: “*...let us guard against the dangerous error of trusting in, or boasting of, an arm of flesh...If your cause is just, if your principles are pure, and if your conduct is prudent, you need not fear the multitude of opposing hosts.*”

“*What follows from this? That he is the best friend to American liberty, who is most sincere and active in promoting true and undefiled religion, and who sets himself with the greatest firmness to bear down profanity and immorality of ever kind.*”

“*Whoever is an avowed enemy of God, I scruple not to call him an enemy of his country.*”

Good and bad ideas are to be wrestled with by Biblical tenets, how else can we know if they are good or bad? Let’s pray that these men will wrestle with truth – guided by the Holy Ghost – and thereby make that truth a strong part of their own soul. “*Once you were a child. Once you knew what inquiry was for. There was a time when you asked questions because you wanted answers, and were glad when you had found them. Become that child again...Thirst was made for water; inquiry for truth.*” (C.S. Lewis’ The Great Divorce)

Inquire at the Word of God and thirst after righteousness like a deer that has run through the forest, finally finding, panting, and quenching its thirst at the longed-after brook (Book).

There is No More Mama

By Chris Johnson



Living in a farm community, one thing you have to make peace with is the smell.

This time of year, as fields dry, barns get cleaned out, and the receptacles where cattle waste gets stored begin to be emptied, the air is often thick with the smell of manure.

No one gets stuck behind a manure spreader and says, “oh man, I wish I had some of that!” And yet, mix it with some mulch, put it in a cute plastic bag where the smell can’t escape and call it “compost,” and suddenly there’s a market for it – sold at a gardening center near you.

This just goes to show the power that comes with being able to name or label something.

Speaking of bovine waste, a recent controversy was spun up on social media, when a homosexual couple uploaded a video of “their” child via surrogacy crying for “Mama,” who, the couple points out in the video, obviously isn’t in the picture.

“There is no Mama!” the couple laughs into the tiny, teary face, while giving the child it’s only options: “who do you want? Dada or Pop?”

“Dada” and “Pop” are successful songwriter Shane McNally and his “partner.” He’s written several hit songs and even won a Grammy. They live in a multi-million-dollar home in the Nashville area and have had several children by way of surrogacy.

But, in spite of their success, this pseudo-family is still unable to give the children what they want and need: their “Mama.”

No matter how you package it, Shane and his lover are just a couple of gay guys who paid a desperate woman, or several desperate women, to give them their babies, and when you call it what it is, it drives home

how much the whole arrangement really stinks.

They may call their relationship with each other, “marriage,” and with their children, “parenthood,” but their facsimile of family is just an array of abusive relationships and unnatural affection.

The video drew lots of attention from conservative commentators on social media, but none summed it up so nicely as Matt Walsh who said this on X:

“Gay surrogacy and gay adoption are predicated on the idea that gay men (or women) have a “right” to become parents. This idea is not only morally insane but also logically incoherent. It’s exactly like jumping off a building and claiming that you have the right to fly. Nobody has the right to defy the laws of nature. Where would such a right even originate? Two men cannot be parents. It’s impossible. Doesn’t matter how they feel or what they want. It cannot be. The only “right” at issue here is the right of the child. And the child has a right to be raised by a mother and a father, not two men masquerading as mother and father.”

In the best-case scenario, the kids grow up without a mom, which is always a tragedy, and a twisted sense of normal which inhibits their ability to experience a fulfilling life. In the worst case, the kids are groomed into a life of sexual dysfunction and confusion themselves.

Another old post which surfaced from the couple’s social media accounts may give a hint about the couples “parenting” techniques.

The post is a video of the couple asking their two older children some rapid-fire comparison questions about their “dads:” “Who yells the loudest?” “Who says ‘yes’ the most?” “Who’s the best dancer?” And then comes the weird question that would never even occur to most of us to ask our preteen children about ourselves and our spouse: “Who’s hornier?”

For context, the children in the video are twelve years old. Why would they even know what ‘horny’ means? If they do know, what kid wants to think about it in relation

to their parents, gay *or* straight? And if they are made to think about it, would they want their reaction posted to social media for others to laugh at?

These videos just serve to demonstrate the exhibitionist fetish that is inherent in the homosexual perversion. Like the vibrant colored Pride parades or the loud fashion choices of the archetypal homosexual, the point isn’t just that they be allowed to do the things they want to do, it’s that we have to watch them doing it. That’s part of the kink.

While the videos were shared in an attempt to be funny and relatable – perhaps even to demonstrate how relatable their “family” is – the result was not what they expected.

Instead, they inadvertently exposed millions of viewers to the consequences of the last several decades of social engineering. As homosexuality was popularized, then legalized, then incentivized, the nation’s marketers and influencers pulled off the most impressive sales pitch in history to what was once a thriving society.

They mixed their bovine waste with the good, honest mulch of kindness and tolerance and inspiration, but in the end, we’re still elbow deep in bovine waste.

Of course, the metaphor breaks down in that the compost we buy at the garden center brings life, while the lies pushed by our culture about gender and sexuality bring only death and destruction.

May this little teary-eyed face open the eyes of many. May it make clear that the “kindness” shown to sexual deviants like Shane McNally and his partner in going along with their sick pretense at parenting only serves to traumatize the children we allow to be placed in their care.

“It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble.” Luke 17:2

“When I look at your heavens...”

By Lisa Van Houten



For thousands of years mankind has looked up to the expanse of the night sky and echoed David in Psalm 8: **“When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him and the son of man that you care for him?”**

Last month, astronaut Victor Glover looked down from those heavens and gave his answer to that question: *“I read the Bible, and I look at all the amazing things that were done for us who were created ... you’re on a spaceship called Earth that was created to give us a place to live in the universe, in the cosmos. I think maybe the distance we are from you makes you think what we’re doing is special, but we’re the same distance from you, and I’m trying to tell you, just trust me, you are special. In all of this emptiness ... you have this oasis, this beautiful place that we get to exist together.”*

Glover’s statement that every person is special is not reflective of the modern-day notion of self-centered, self-esteem ideology; but rather points to the dignity and significance every human being holds as one created in the Image of God. Our worth comes not from ourselves, but from God - and that thought should not only humble us, but also cause us to glorify our Creator. Psalm 8 continues on to make that same point: *“Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ... O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”*

However, there are those in defiance of their Creator who were enraged that a NASA astronaut/scientist gave glory to God. Atheists posting online made comments such as: *“Disappointing amount of religious [expletive] being spouted by Artemis II astronauts.”* *“It was making my blood boil. ... It honestly depresses me that religion is still*

so prevalent in the year 2026 and among scientists.”

Yet Werner Heisenberg, German physicist and pioneer in quantum mechanics, once stated: **“The first gulp from the glass of natural sciences will turn you into an atheist, but at the bottom of the glass God is waiting for you.”** Or as famed scientist Louis Pasteur said: *“A little science distances you from God, but a lot of science brings you closer to Him.”*

For much of his career before his death, famed agnostic scientist Carl Sagan was involved with a project called SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) which uses numerous satellite dishes pointed to the sky to listen for signs of intelligent life. SETI scientists say they’re listening for a pattern of dots, beeps – something cyclical or repetitive. They say, **“Nothing like that happens randomly in our universe. A pattern, simple or complex, always indicates design.”**

Yet, they don’t need to listen for dots and beeps, but merely look to the heavens which reveal galaxies formed in mathematically precise spirals or look to the earth, teeming with complex patterns and design – all giving irrefutable proof of God. Our own bodies are awe-inspiring complex designs which could never happen by chance, including the most amazing pattern imaginable in a single strand of DNA.

Atheists think that dots and beeps would prove intelligent design, but willfully ignore the display of a Creator all around them. **And it is a willful denial.** **“For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”** (Romans 1:20)

If they want proof, all they have to do is look up: *“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.”* (Psalm 19:1) Or, as astronaut Victor Glover did, look to the Earth. *“But ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you; or the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the*

hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind.” (Job 12:7-10)

Several years ago, a tweet from the Atheist Forum circulated online, stating: *“CHRISTIANITY: Belief that one God created a universe 13.79 billion yrs old, 93 billion light years in diameter (1 light year is approx. 6 trillion miles), consisting of over 200 galaxies, each containing ave. of 200 billion stars, only to have a personal relationship with you.”* I’m sure the Atheist Forum thought their post was a clever mockery of Christian belief in a Creator who also is a personal, loving God.

However, their post unwittingly declares exactly that. Just as those opening verses of Psalm 8 reveal, God is far greater than we can comprehend, and yet He knows each one of us. We see the awe-inspiring expanse of the universe, and can have a relationship with the God who created it and us. He is all-powerful, majestic, and holy; yet His love for His children is personal - caring for the smallest details of our lives. He is infinitely vast, yet not distant. He calls the stars by name, and knows our names too.

Fellow Artemis II astronaut Reid Wiseman’s experience shows the impact of God’s revealed majesty. After returning to Earth, Wiseman said this in an interview: *“I’m not really a religious person, but there was just no other avenue for me to explain anything ... so I asked for the chaplain on the Navy ship to just come visit us for a minute and when that man walked in, I’d never met him before in my life, but I saw the cross on his collar and I just broke down in tears. It’s very hard to fully grasp what we just went through ... It was otherworldly and it was amazing.”*

God doesn’t just want us to be awestruck by His glory revealed in creation, but He is calling us to respond to His far more amazing gift – forgiveness of our sins and salvation through Christ.

As Victor Glover said before launching into space, **“We need Jesus, whether on Earth or circling the moon.”**