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SANCTITY OF LIFE

THE LAW OF THE BYSTANDER:

Proverbs 24:10-12 If thou be faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small. [faint back and avoid responsibility] 11 Deliver them that are drawn to death, and wilt thou not preserve them that are led to be slain? 12 If thou say, Behold, we knew not of it: he that pondereth the hearts, doth not he understand it? And he that keepeth thy soul, knoweth he it not? Will he not also recompense every man according to his works.

In other words, we cannot ignore the evil around us, e.g., sodomy, abortion, &c., and continue on as though it does not exist. The law of the bystander falls under the eighth commandment, THOU SHALT NOT STEAL. That law requires us to sound the alarm anytime a crime is being committed. And crime is defined by God's law.

On **Sanctity of Life Sunday**, our attention should be directed toward those being delivered to death in the abortion mills.

• GOD'S LAW WORKS FROM THE BOTTOM UP:

Deuteronomy 22:1-4 required one to help his brother's animal when that animal was lost or in distress. If God's law requires us to render proper care and warning about our neighbor's animals, how much more must we sound the alarm concerning the killing of the unborn.

Abortion falls under *Thou shalt not commit murder*, and I assume everyone except the ungodly agrees with that assessment of abortion. However, this tome deals with abortion under ***Thou shalt not steal***, which holds the bystanders accountable before God. We as bystanders are to raise the alarm and sound out God's word concerning the wickedness and evil that is going on around us.

If we do not publically stand against abortion, we are held guilty of the murders before God. Obviously, we will not be held guilty as those are who are directly connected with the murder of the unborn, but we will be held accountable by God.

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Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. (Rom 14:12)

In Deuteronomy 22:24, we see that a woman assaulted in a city was presumed to have given her consent if she does not cry out. But if she was assaulted in the field, it was assumed that she cried out and no one heard her. In both cases, it was assumed that the bystander would have taken action to aid to the woman in distress.

What are we doing to aid those in the distress of abortion? Support or involvement with a **Crises Pregnancy Center** is a good means of aid. (Samaritan Ministries supports such a center in Memphis.)

God's law considers the non-interfering bystander worse than those who give a false witness. The false witness misrepresents the truth, but the non-interfering bystander becomes an accomplice to the crime by refusing to do what he can to stop the evil.

*Psalms 50:16 But unto the wicked said God, What hast thou to do to declare mine ordinances, that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth, 17 Seeing thou **hatest to be reformed**, and hast cast my words behind thee? 18 For when thou seest a thief, thou runnest wit him, and thou art partaker with the adulterers. 19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and with thy tongue thou forgetst deceit. Thou sit-*

test, and speakest against thy brother, and slanderest thy mother's sons. 21. These things hast thou done, and I held my tongue; therefore thou thoughtest that I was like thee: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thee.

1) v. 16, the Lord asks, "Why do you pretend to be my people and talk of my covenant, seeing that you are a hypocrite?" We say we are his people, yet we ignore the evils around us: we do not help the victims. We do not challenge the evil doers [such as letters to the editor], nor take any steps that might be within our power to stop it. **I believe that those who are willing to stand against evil will be given the opportunity.**

2) v. 17, *hatest to be reformed* (Geneva) *hatest instruction* (KJV) Note how much stronger the Geneva is: *reformed*, or changed by God's word, vs. *instruction*, or simply to be instructed by God's word. God's word calls for reformation from sin to him, and requires his people do what they can against wickedness and for godliness.

3) V. 18, the inactive bystander is identified with the doer of the wicked deed. Certainly, our meager voice will not stop abortion, only a return to God's word by God's people will do that. But we cannot remain silent nor inactive in this area. At the very least, we must know God's word in this area, and be ready always to give an answer in this matter at a moment's notice. (1 Peter 3:15)

4) V. 18, every Bible I have and all the commentaries give this cross-reference:

Romans 1:32 *Which men, though they knew the Law of God, how that they which commit such things are worthy of death, yet not only do the same, but also favor them that do them.* (Geneva)

Romans one tells us that every man has built within him the basic knowledge of God's commandment, both toward God and toward man. The natural man knows there is a "higher being" who requires sacrifice and obedience. Thus, failure to speak out against abortion at every opportunity identifies us as favoring the evil.

I can remember that when I was a child, I acted as a child: I would test my limits, and if my mother let me get away with my *test*, I assumed it was OK with her. But she would soon catch up with me, and make it clear that it was not OK.

At the very least, we are responsible to speak out with God's truth against evil at every opportunity. Ezekiel chapters 3 and 33:

33:8 *When I shall say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt die the death, if thou dost not speak and admonish the*

wicked of his way, that wicked man shall die for his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thine hand.

On the positive side:

V. 9, *Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, if he do not turn from his way, he shall die for his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul.*

But if he heeds the warning and turns, he has delivered himself from the wrath of God.

King Lemuel, or Solomon, was told this by his mother:

Proverbs 31:8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.

She told him that he had a responsibility to speak for those who could not speak for themselves. Is our responsibility toward the unborn any less?

5) Then we have Paul's warning:

1 Timothy 5:22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins; keep thyself pure.

Hastily placing men into teaching position is forbidden. If we see others in sin and do not speak out, we become partakers with them in their evil.

Deuteronomy 19:18 implies that the silent, inactive bystander is under the same penalty as the one who is committing the crime.

"Well, the law of the bystander is Old Testament. We are New Testament Christians." First, I have serious problems with those who believe that way, and **second**, we find the law clearly stated by Christ. He summed up the law of the bystander in the parable of the Good Samaritan. (Luke 10:29-37) Christ clearly condemned the religious leaders for ignoring the evil that had taken place against the stranger.

In Deuteronomy 21:18-21, parents were required to invoke they death penalty upon their child, but it was the men of the city who were to carry it out.

There are many implications from this passage, but I will only mention one.

Normally, it took 2 or 3 witnesses and a judicial inquiry for the death penalty to be applied. Yet here, only the parents' word was required before the civil authority could act. It was assumed that the situation was as the parents said, or they would not have brought him to the elders. Thus, there is a limitation upon the power of the family—the family cannot take the life of a child. (There was no penalty for not following his law, so I doubt if it was ever followed. We know that David certainly did not obey it against Absalom.)

It is significant that those who are against capital

punishment are for abortion. They condemn the innocent and free the guilty. It is like the US pouring multiplied billions into China, and then being upset that China is using those billions to make war against the US when China had proclaimed over the years that it intends to overthrow the US. Logical thought is impossible for the wicked.

In the surrounding pagan cultures of Old Testament days, including Rome, the father had the state's authority to kill his own children. God forbid that practice.

But most importantly, the family here is required to side with God's law against their own flesh and blood. If the parents refused to bring the complaint against their son, they were guilty of condoning or participating in his crimes.

By God requiring family justice against the son and heir, then it was obvious that justice is required against daughters, family members and surrounding neighbors.

God's hand is heavy against the church, for Christians refuse to side with God's word against the ungodly, particularly their own children. They have made the ungodly their gods.

Our neglect of the evil around us today – particularly abortion as in our attention this month – must lead to our own destruction. We must know what God's word says about the murder of the unborn, and then look for and even pray for opportunities to give that word to those involved. The desire to murder the unborn must be dealt with in the heart.

God's word of encouragement is for those who have had abortions that their sin can be forgiven in Christ; God's word of instruction and help for those considering abortion is the Holy Spirit; God's word of judgment is for the "dumb dogs that cannot bark", and thus support and encourage abortion. (Isaiah 56:10)

Can we give a godly answer to abortion at a moment's notice?

ABORTION & MONEY

Biotech Firm Sold the Skin of an Aborted Baby With Down Syndrome for \$325

Itemized in black and white on an invoice reviewed by the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee were two gruesome purchases: \$325 for the skin from an aborted baby with Down syndrome, brain from another aborted baby, and \$120 for FedEx overnight priority delivery, The Christian Post reports.

The most horrific aspect of all is that this is not an isolated incident and adds credibility to the undercover

investigation videos released by the Center for Medical Progress in 2015.

These two specific purchases involved Planned Parenthood and Advanced Biosciences Resources, a human tissue procurement group, according to the report.

"After paying \$60 for a 20-week old fetus at a Planned Parenthood clinic in June of 2014, ABR 'sold its brain to one customer for \$325; both of its eyes for \$325 each (\$650 total) to a second customer, a portion of its liver for \$325 to a third customer; its thymus for \$325 and another portion of liver to a fourth customer; and its lung for \$325 to a fifth customer,'" the report continues.

"And those costs were only for the fetal organs themselves. Before adding shipping and disease screening fees, on that one fetus alone the company charged its customers a total of \$2,275, netting a \$2,215 profit."...

<http://www.lifenews.com/2016/12/23/biotech-firm-sold-the-skin-of-an-aborted-baby-with-down-syndrome-for-325/>

CHRISTIAN ABORTIONS

"Christian" Abortion Doc Says: "I Love" Killing Babies in Abortions, "I'm Proud to Do So"

Carolyn Payne grew up in a good Christian home with loving parents and opportunities to make the most of her life.

Instead, she decided to become an abortion doctor.

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<http://www.lifenews.com/2015/12/29/christian-abortion-doc-says-i-love-killing-babies-in-abortions-im-proud-to-do-so/>

VARIOUS

** Fukushima nuclear plant RADIOACTIVE FISH found on west coast of US

RADIOACTIVE fish found off the United States has raised fears the country's food chain is polluted – and the Fukushima nuclear disaster is being blamed.

<http://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/latest-news/568924/fukushima-disaster-radioactive-fish-west-coast-oregon-salmon-tsunami-fall-out>

** THE HORROR OF FUKUSHIMA CAN NO LONGER BE CALLED A CONSPIRACY THEORY

<http://newswithviews.com/Devvy/kidd752.htm>

** It cited a wide range of statements, including claims that ISIS is a "CIA and Mossad operation," for which professors were disciplined.

<http://www.wnd.com/2016/12/school-that-lost-free-speech-fight-now-defending-prof-who-won/>

** Putin Criticizes Western Countries for Abandoning Christian Roots

<http://investmentwatchblog.com/putin-criticizes-western-countries-for-abandoning-christian-roots/>

**** Did you notice this year the almost total absence of any kind of religious Christmas music? The old Christmas hymns of the past were missing. I would not be surprised if the next step is a removal of the word “Christ” to be replaced with “Xmas”. We know they will not give up the holiday season because the money that is involved. The White House Christmas card this year only had a picture of Obama and his family. I find it interesting that both Trump and Putin wished the people “Merry Christmas.” Obama sure did not.**

**** Man Arrested After Demanding That McDonald’s Workers Turn Off “Christian Music” Playing In Eatery**
<http://thesmokinggun.com/buster/christmas/mcdonalds-music-arrest-284931>

**** The Browning of America**

Obama’s mission has been to turn America into a Third World Hell Hole through immigration and inter-marriage. (Congress has made no effort to stop him!)

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2015/05/26/ann-coulter-on-the-browning-of-america.html>

**** Fridges and washing machines could be vital witnesses in murder plots**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/2017/01/02/fridges-washing-machines-could-vital-witnesses-murder-plots/>

LA LA LAND

California’s birthrate falls to its lowest level on record

By Soumya Karlamangla

California’s birthrate dropped to its lowest level ever in 2016, according to [data](#) released by the state’s Department of Finance.

Between July 2015 and July of this year, there were 12.42 births per 1,000 Californians, the agency said this week. The last time the birthrate came close to being that low was during the Great Depression, when it hit 12.6 per 1,000 in 1933.

But, unlike after the Depression, birthrates haven’t bounced back quickly as the economy has picked up.

California has been experiencing a years-long downward trend that likely stems from the recession, a drop in teenage pregnancies and an increase in people attending college and taking longer to graduate, therefore putting off having children, said Walter Schwarm, a demographer at the Department of Finance. When people do complete their schooling, they’re interested in taking some time to pursue their careers or

other goals, he said.

“Eventually you think about having a child and by this point in time you’re in your early 30s,” he said. Because that’s also when women’s fertility begins to decrease, they end up having fewer children than if they’d started in their 20s, he said.

Similarly, the national birthrate began falling in 2008 and continued to do so through 2013, when it hit a record low of 12.4 per 1,000 people. The rate increased only slightly in 2014, the most recent year for which there is data, to 12.5.

There are a number of reasons for the low rates, experts say: teen pregnancies have fallen dramatically in recent years; the recession led to a decrease in immigration, and immigrants have historically had more kids; plus, immigrants are attending college more, with 50% of recent immigrants in California holding a bachelor’s degree, said Schwarm.

WHEN THY JUDGMENTS ARE IN THE EARTH,
THE INHABITANTS OF THE WORLD WILL
LEARN RIGHTEOUSNESS. ISA. 26:9

And for people in their 20s who would be expected to have kids, it’s probably been

particularly difficult to recover from the recession, experts say. That group attended college during the worst of the downturn and were likely primarily focused on finding jobs.

Between 2007 and 2012, birthrates among women in their 20s declined more than 15%, according to a report from the Urban Institute. That’s in part because fewer unmarried women in their 20s had kids on top of fewer choosing to get married, which is associated with having more children.

“If these low birthrates to women in their twenties continue, the U.S. might eventually face the type of generational imbalance that currently characterizes Japan and some European countries, but it is too early to predict or worry about that eventuality,” the 2015 report said.

Millennials could begin to have more kids in their 30s and compensate for the current drop, experts say. If that happens, people in their early 30s could make up the bulk of new parents for the first time in U.S. history, said Nan Astone, report author and senior fellow at the Urban Institute.

But she added that it’s been a while since the recession ended and, though birthrates may have increased a little, “I don’t think we’re at anything like compensation.”

For the U.S. though, generational imbalance isn’t

as big a concern because there's typically an influx of immigrants that keeps the working-age population large, she said. (Thus, we must have open borders, so Americans need not be bothered with children. "We" are breeding ourselves out of existence, ed.)

"It's a little too early to panic," Astone said. "The U.S. has a lot more room to have low birthrates than either Japan or Europe."

Schwarm pointed out that California is a little different from the rest of the nation. Already, people in their early 30s here have the highest birthrates.

"That might reflect greater opportunities or greater difficulties in setting up a family here in California," he said.

Schwarm said he expects the state's birthrate will continue to be low for the next few years — and might even drop a little further.

That will likely change, however, when people born in the late 1980s and '90s begin having children as they approach their 30s.

They're a giant cohort in the state — 1990 had the most births in California history, with 1991 and 1992 close behind. So, if and when they do decide to have children, it will likely affect the state's overall birthrate, Schwarm said.

"That will bring everything back up," he said.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-ln-birth-rate-20161220-story.html>

• TRUMP FACES GOP CHALLENGES TO BORDER WALL, DEPORTATION PLAN

http://www.newsmax.com/Politics/trump-republican-opposition-border/2016/12/30/id/766189/?ns_mail_uid=81002676&ns_mail_job=1701751_12302016&s=al&dkn_rbr=lc5x6she

Abortion has killed off the work force, so there are no new people to support the welfare state. Moreover, the welfare state has produced useless, drug dependant young people who only know how to use their thumbs to text.) Thus, neither the Democrats nor Republicans can afford to deport illegals, nor close the border. Avoiding the reality of the murder rate of the unborn future workers, the unreasonable political promises got the votes.

BIRTH WEIGHT

An interesting article about low birth weight in California: <http://www.kidsdata.org/export/pdf?cat=56>

Highest number of low birth weights, Blacks, 11.7%

Lowest number of low birth weights, Whites, 6.0%

Hispanics, 6.4%

Multiracial, 7.4%

WHY THIS TOPIC IS IMPORTANT

In addition to being at higher risk of death during the first year of life, babies born weighing less than 5.5 pounds are at increased risk of long-term disabilities, including developmental delays, learning disabilities, and autism (1, 2). Cardiac and/or respiratory distress, brain hemorrhaging, and vision impairments are also problems that low birthweight infants may face (3). Women who are more likely to give birth to low birthweight babies include those with low incomes or education, smoking habits, and those under age 17 or over age 35 (1, 3). Babies born prematurely may face adverse outcomes as low birthweight infants (4). Preterm birth is the leading cause of infant death in the U.S. (5). Some preterm babies require specialized care in a newborn intensive care unit (4). Women who are most likely to give birth preterm include those who have had a previous premature birth, those pregnant with twins, triplets, or more, and those with certain uterine abnormalities. In addition, demographic and behavioral factors can increase the risk of delivering preterm, including low socioeconomic status, being under age 17 or over age 35, receiving inadequate prenatal care, and smoking during pregnancy (6). About 1 in 9 pregnancies in the U.S. result in preterm birth (3).

VIRGIN BIRTH

Don't believe in Jesus' virgin birth? Not a problem, says Andy Stanley | Political Insider

(Daniel Malloy is a freelance writer and formerly was the AJC's Washington correspondent.)

December has apparently proven to be an interesting month for the Rev. Andy Stanley, son of a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and lead pastor of North Point Community Church in Alpharetta — one of the largest congregations in the country.

Though it is only now breaking in to the open, the Baptist world has been rocked by a [Dec. 4 sermon](#) in which the son of famed TV evangelist Charles Stanley discounted the importance of believing in the virgin birth of Jesus. His entry point:

"A lot of people just don't believe it. And I understand that. Maybe the thought is, 'Hey, maybe they had to come up with some myth about Jesus to give him street cred, you know, later on.' Maybe that's where that came from.

"It's interesting, because Matthew gives us a version of the birth of Christ, Luke does, but Mark and John — they don't even mention it. A lot has been made of

that....

“You’ve heard me say some version of this a million times, so this will be old if you’ve been around for a while. But see, if somebody can predict their own death and then their own resurrection, I’m not all that concerned about how they got into the world.”

Many Baptists were aghast at what they saw as an unexpected new front opening up in the war on Christmas. From Baptist Global News:

Albert Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., took exception to Stanley’s view in a Dec. 16 podcast describing the Bible stories about Christ’s incarnation as “the central truth claim of Christmas.”

“Just in recent days, one Christian leader was quoted as saying that if Jesus predicted his death and then was raised from the dead, it doesn’t matter how he came into the world,” Mohler said. “But the Bible insists it really does matter and the answer given from Scripture very clear in the gospel of Matthew and in the gospel of Luke is that Jesus was born to a virgin.”

We’ll let the religion desk at the Washington Post weigh in as well:

This is not the first time Stanley...has had to defend remarks from his sermons. Earlier this year, after critics accused him of downplaying the authority of scripture, the nondenominational pastor attributed the issue to his nontraditional preaching style.

“The real story is the handful of Southern Baptist professors and writers (not so much preachers) who seem to have nothing else to do but listen to bits and pieces of my messages,” he said in his statement to The Post. “Anyone who listens to all three [sermons in the series] will know that I stand firmly within the orthodox Christian tradition regarding the incarnation of Jesus — including the birth narratives as presented [in] Matthew and Luke.”

Stanley also said he believes people can become Christians without knowing the narratives around Jesus’ birth.

http://politics.blog.myajc.com/2016/12/27/dont-believe-in-jesus-virgin-birth-not-a-problem-says-andy-stanley/?ecmp=newspaper_email&user-access=eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.

• **COMMENT:**

My first wife’s uncle lived not far from FBC. When we went down to visit him in the early 90s, he told us of Charles’ wife, Anna, filing for divorce in 1993. It was because he had no time for her in his church ministry. Wikipedia: “Stanley’s writings and broadcasts address issues such as finances, parenting, personal

crises, emotional matters, relationships and Protestant Christianity. According to the ministry Web site, “Dr. Stanley fervently believes the Bible to be the inerrant Word of God, a belief strongly reflected in his teaching.” https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Stanley

Something does not add up here: parenting, personal crises, emotional matters, &c? His wife was emotionally abandoned and his son abandoned inspiration of Scripture. We must admit that he knows how to make money off of “religious speak”, and FBC will hang on to him. He draws the crowds and the huge offerings. Yet how many Christians still look to him for counsel in these areas of is personal failure?

CHRISTIAN ROOT OF ABORTION

READ THESE TWO SHORT PSALMS-127, 128

Introduction:

I must admit that I am like the vast majority of people. We become like those with whom we associate.

In the past, I knew what the Scripture taught, particularly about home education. (While I was still a pastor, I was saying that home education is the first choice, Christian Schools second choice, and locking the children in the garage was the third choice.) However, I was not vocal in these things because of my surroundings. I felt many times like a lone voice in the wilderness. However, I did deal with the Scriptures in these areas through the Examiner. But I was not near as firm nor vocal in my stand as I have become. Being around those committed in the Biblical areas of the family and education, I have more boldness to publically speak out. (Age gives more boldness also.)

I enjoy developing overlooked implications of Scripture passages, so I am going to deal with the abortion issue from a different perspective than you have probably heard. Though we all know the facts about abortion, let me give a short overview.

Let me develop the thought that it is professed “Christians” who finance and support the abortion industry

INCIDENCE OF ABORTION IN AMERICA

• A total of 699,202 abortions were reported to CDC for 2012, the most recent year numbers are available. (Reporting is voluntary and not 100%.) (That is 699,2032 young people out of the work and family force and numerous prospective mothers gone, ed.)

• In 2012, the total number of abortions decreased by 4.3% over 2011 numbers. In 2011, the total number of abortions decreased by 5% over 2010 numbers.

• The Associated Press reported [<http://www.operationrescue.org/archives/winning-ap-reports-abortion-decreased-in-nearly-all-states/>] in June, 2015, that nationwide the number of abortions decreased by an average 12% since 2010.

• CDC showed that 3,988,076 babies were born in the U.S. in 2014, the most recent babies year numbers are available.

• In the United States, about half of all pregnancies are unintended. (Maybe they do not know here babies come from, ed.)

• Of all unintended pregnancies, 4 in 10 are aborted.

• Twenty-one percent of all pregnancies in the U.S. end in abortion (not including natural miscarriages). (2011 numbers)

• There has been a steady decline in abortions since 1980.

• Each year, about 1.7% of all women aged 15-44 have an abortion.

• Of the women obtaining abortions in any given year, about half of them have had at least one previous abortion.

• By age 45, one third of American women will have had at least one abortion, although this figure is now in dispute and may be much lower.

• Some 1.06 million abortions were performed in 2011, down from 1.21 million abortions in 2008, a decline of 13%.

• The U.S. abortion rate in 2011 was 13.9 abortions per 1,000, down from 19.4 per 1,000 in 2008.

• 88.7% of all abortions take place by the twelfth week of pregnancy.

• 12% of abortions in the U.S. occurred in teenagers.

Outcomes of unintended pregnancies in the USA

Give Birth 47%

Miscarry, 13%

Abort 40%

WHY WOMEN GET ABORTIONS

• Some 1.06 million abortions were performed in 2011, down from 1.21 million abortions in 2008, a decline of 13%.

• Women who have never been married account for one-third of abortions in America.

• Less than 1% of all abortions take place because of rape and/or incest.

Women give an average of 3.7 reasons why they are seeking an abortion including the following (Notice the prevalence of self-centeredness, ed.):

• 21% Inadequate finances

• 21% Not ready for responsibility

• 16% Woman's life would be changed too much

• 12% Problems with relationships, unmarried

• 11% Too young and/or immature

• 8% Children are grown; she has all she wants

• 3% Baby has possible health problems

• <1% Pregnancy caused by rape/incest

• 4% Other

92% at 13 weeks Gestation Age

69% D&C (Dilation/Suction. 13 weeks)

ABORTION BY RACE

• Blacks comprise only 13% of the population of America but account for 37% of all abortions.

• Black women are five times more likely to abort than white women.

• 69% of pregnancies among Blacks are unintended, while that number is 54% among Hispanics and 40% of pregnancies among Whites.

• Planned Parenthood, the largest seller of abortions in the United States, has located 80% of its abortion clinics in minority neighborhoods, disproportionately targeting minorities for abortion.

ABORTION BY ETHNICITY

White, 39%

Black, 28%

Hispanic, 25%

Asian/Pacific Islander, 5%

Other, 3%

ABORTION BY RELIGION

No Religion, 38%

Roman Catholic, 24%

Mainline Protestant, 17%

Evangelical Protestant, 13%

Other Religion, 8%

<http://www.operationrescue.org/about-abortion/abortions-in-america/>

SAD CONCLUSION

Only 38% claim to have no religion, so 62% claim to be "Christian". It is professed "Christians" who finance and support the abortion industry, and depend on taxpayer subsidies to make the killing of their children more affordable and convenient. (How many pro abortion people have complained about Hitler's death gas chambers to rid the nation of the "unwanted"!)

Keep in mind that the above is according to voluntary reporting. Thus, we understand why we must have open boarders: "Christian" parents have killed off the work

force at the rate of about a million a year, leaving no American work force, and no one to continue paying into the Ponzi scheme called Social Security. I doubt that those who pushed off the scheme on the American people counted on killing off the future generations who would keep the scam going.

• **LET US LOOK A LITTLE AT THE CAUSE OF ABORTIONS. I BELIEVE GOD'S WORD IS CLEAR ON TWO POINTS:**

First, the reason for a corrupt society is because of Christian corruption.

Second, the Christian attitude toward children is acted out in the abortion mills.

First, the reason for a corrupt society is because of a corrupt Christian society. A commonly used passage is:

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

We hear of all kinds of excuses to dismiss this passage as being applicable today. But when it is ignored, we must also ignore:

Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Romans 2:6-11; 9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; 10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:...

Isaiah 24:2 and Jeremiah 5:31 tell us that God gives leaders after the hearts of his people. We cannot avoid the fact that the Christian's attitude toward every area of life shall be reflected in the general attitude of society. When the salt loses its savor and the light goes out, darkness will fill the void.

Second, the Christian's attitude toward children will be acted out in the general society — that is, in the abortion mills.

Too many Christians see children as an inconvenience, or we would see many large families with many children, as many as the Lord provides. The Christian's view of children is reflected in the world's view of children, and the world now sees children as at least an inconvenience and at the most, a curse.

Sanctity of Life Sunday. It is a day to remember the Roe v. Wade decision that "legalized" the murder of unborn babies in the US. The US has exported its murdering ways throughout the world by financing Family Planning.

Yes, we as Christians must stand against murder

of the unborn. However, Abortion is the logical implication of the Christian's attitude toward children. Many Christians see children as an inconvenience that prevents their pursuit of their personal peace, prosperity and happiness, so they frown on large families. There can be no change in the world's view of children and abortion until there is a change in the Christian's view of children.

• **WHAT CAN WE DO?**

First, examine our own attitude toward children. Start believing God, and recognize that children are a blessing only God can give. And the more children in a family, the more that family is blessed by God.

Second, though not every Christian couple will be blessed by God with children, every Christian couple can encourage, pray for, support and help those couples who are blessed by God with many children. Offer your services so the mothers can have a break, even if it is a simple break so she can go grocery shopping without all the children while the fathers earn the living.

Third, new babies must be joyfully accepted and treated for what they are — GIFTS FROM GOD.

Fourth, treat the parents of many children as being specially blessed by God.

The ungodly see children as a curse, many times to be killed. Many Christians see children as an inconvenience that prevents their pursuit of the good life that can be purchased with two incomes. Children can certainly be considered a curse when they are given over to the pagans to train.

How can we expect the world's view of children to change when we are unable to see the blessings of God in large families where children are trained in the ways of the Lord?

AN INHERITANCE FROM GOD

Psalms 127 is commonly attributed to Solomon, the wisest man to ever live. Psalms 128 is so closely connected with 127 that it was also probably written by Solomon. (I wish I had time to develop both Psalms, but as usual for any preacher, I have too much to say, and too little time to say it.)

Observe:

First. Three of the five verses, vv. 3-5, of this psalm deal with the joys of having a lot of children.

Basically, Psalm 127 deals with the glories of a large family. It also deals with the necessity of the Lord building and keeping the family. Neither a large physical estate, a good career, nor lots of money is

listed as his reward to the righteous.

Second. Solomon's psalm ends with *Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.* Godly children will hit the mark they are aimed at by the father, as he trains them in the way they should go.

Solomon's Book of Ecclesiastes sums up both from personal experience and from careful observation, that there is nothing but vanity in the life and labors of man. Solomon comes to the conclusion that there is nothing better for a man in this life than that he should become less extreme or intense in his cares and labors, enjoy what he has, and fear God and keep his commandments – to this end he directs all that is debated in Ecclesiastes.

Psalms 128:1 continues the theme of 127, opening with the whole duty of man is to fear God and keep his commandments, i.e., *“that walketh in his ways.”* Chapter 128 goes on to tell us that the blessings of a large family which result in many children, is being able to see grandchildren, v. 6.

We can conclude that Solomon himself said that a house full of children is better than a house full of gold and silver. How many Christians see children as an inconvenience? They see children as a hindrance to their being able to obtain the good things of life. They see children as a hindrance to being able to live a life style not possible with many children. We must conclude that because many Christians see children as an inconvenience, if not a curse, we have a murder rate of the unborn of $\frac{3}{4}$ million a year just in the US.

Third. Psalms 127:2, *He giveth his beloved sleep* is understood by Thomas Brooks (1608-1680) to mean:

It is a peculiar rest, it is a rest peculiar to sons, to saints, to heirs, to beloved ones. “So he gives his beloved rest”, or as the Hebrew hath it, dearling, or dear beloved, quiet rest, without care or sorrow. The Hebrew word *akv, shena*, is written with a, a quiet dumb letter, which is not usual, to denote the more quietness and rest. This rest is a crown that God sets only upon the head of saints; it is a gold chain that he only puts about his children's necks; it is a jewel that he only hangs between his beloved's breasts: it is a flower that he only sticks in his darlings' bosoms. This rest is a tree of life that is proper and peculiar to the inhabitants of that heavenly country; it is children's bread, and shall never be given to dogs.

Keeping the verse within the context of the chapter, which deals with the blessings of many children, it implies that many godly children will bring rest to the parents in their old age.

Example: My first wife's aunt had 9 children. The main thing I remember about her was that when it came time, all of her grandchildren got together and built her a debt free house where she could live on her own, as they took turns looking in on her. Thus, it was the many children, not the state nor insurance policy, that gave the aunt rest in her old age.

On the other hand, my first wife's mother only had one child. Carol's dad would not let her mother drive, so when he died, she became completely dependent on others who were not related. She certainly had no rest in her children in her old age. Carol died several years before her mother, so Bettie and I took her into our home until the end.

Bettie has 3 children, and each of the 3 have a “quiver not yet full” of children—35 total and counting. Between her 3 children and my 2 (5 grandchildren), we should have no problem with care when the time comes.

God's welfare system for a Christian's old age is children.

Fourth. Psalms 127:3, how is the house of v. 1 built up? By leaving many descendants to keep our name and family alive upon the earth. Without the many descendants, what is the purpose of accumulating wealth? Why build a house if there is no one to keep the house after we are gone?

Spurgeon tells us that,

The great Napoleon, with all his sinful care on this point, could not create a dynasty. Hundreds of wealthy persons would give half their estates if they could hear the cry of a babe born of their own bodies. Children are a heritage which Jehovah himself must give, or a man will die childless, and thus his house will be unbuilt. (Treasury of David.)

Fifth. *And the fruit of the womb is his reward, or a reward from God.* We could read it, is his – the Lord's – reward. Despite the prevalent thought of our day, even among Christians, God gives children not as a penalty nor as a burden, but as a favor.

No doubt the happiest moments for my wife, Bettie, since we have been married is to have her, and my, grandchildren around her. Since we moved to OH, we now have 15 close at hand, and get to see her 10 often when we go to the VA hospital. She does not view her grandchildren as her old age security, but

she certainly sees them as God's blessings upon her and her first marriage. She sees her grandchildren as the fruit of the womb, and praises God for them. She has said publically that the biggest mistake she and her husband made was to decide to stop having children after the three. Years later, they confessed that sin to their children.

Again, quoting Spurgeon:

They are a token for good if men know how to receive them, and educate them. They are "doubtful blessings" only because we are doubtful persons. Where society is rightly ordered children are regarded, not as an incumbrance, but as an inheritance; and they are received, not with regret, but as a reward. If we are over crowded in England, and so seem to be embarrassed with too large an increase, we must remember that the Lord does not order us to remain in this narrow island, but would have us fill those boundless regions which wait for the axe and the plough. Yet even here, with all the straits of limited incomes, our best possessions are our own dear offspring, for whom we bless God every day.

When expecting their fifth child, Bettie's oldest child, Jennie Chancey, was in a crowded grocery store with her children. A Mexican lady came up to her and seeing her expecting another child with already a good group of children, the lady asked if they were all hers. When Jennie said yes, the lady patted Jennie on the stomach and said, "You are a very blessed lady".

Latino Catholics see children as a blessing from God. Why cannot we who claim to believe Scriptures far more than do Catholics see children as a blessing from God?

It is sad that American Christians see children just the opposite, as they say in a derogatory manner, "Don't you know where babies come from?"

How many Christians see a large family as an inconvenience that prevents them from pursuing the lusts of their own hearts, rather than a blessing from God to be trained up in the ways of the Lord. The result is that the world around us sees children as a curse to be killed before they are born.

Example: I have mentioned this in the past, but it fits here again: We attended Bettie's college reunion in 2007, King College in Bristol TN. Of course, we met many of her former classmates. One couple stood out to us particularly. They said that as time passed, they "woke up" and found they had no children. They were not at all sad about that fact. In fact, were telling of the "joys" of being able to

live their life together without the encumbrance of children. However, Scripture considers the lack of children a sign of God's curse, and a cause for shame and mourning.

I saw a picture in a magazine of a family taken in the early 1900s. It was a super large family with parents, children, grand children and great grand children. I did not take time to count all who were in it, but if there were less than 150 in the picture, I would be surprised.

Americans of the past, particularly farm families, had large families. Look at the old farmhouses with their many chimneys as you drive through the country. (Many modern houses are also large, but those are more for show than for function. The parents both work, communicate with notes on the refrigerator, and their one or two children are sent to a government "child indoctrination center where they are taught to question their gender".)

What happened to the Christian large family mentality? Where did we lose our large families of children to the world? Statist education, which started in the early 1900s, made pagans out of the children. They have been indoctrinated with the world's philosophy, the myth of overpopulation, global warming, career woman mentality, &c. Statist education made them consumer oriented. Being consumer oriented, they want nothing to hinder their consumption of various things that provide the "good life", and children hinder that pursuit.

Career women as defined today is not an occupation found in Scripture. I have been quite surprised at the pastors who will go as far as to part fellowship over even grey areas of theology, yet will not stand against clearly unscriptural issues, such as career women and statist education. Strange indeed. (Titus 2, Deuteronomy 6, Psalms 78, all of the Proverbs & Ephesians 5.)

Sin, basically self-centered covetousness as found in both men and women, has forced many single women to be self-supporting, and many mothers out of the home.

Many mothers who do not have to work outside of the home have been convinced by the enemy that statist indoctrination is best for their children, or convinced of the exalted position of a "career woman". The result has been the removal of Christianity from society.

Our society can be reclaimed if Christians will again see the blessing of children, and the requirement to give a truly Biblical education to those children God has created for them.

Sixth: Psalms 127:3, *children are an heritage of the Lord* implies that children are an heritage belonging to the Lord, given to parents in trust, to be trained in the ways of the Lord.

We must stand against the world's view of children. We must encourage those who can to have large families to trust God to supply their needs. If children are an heritage of the Lord, then there is no reason to be worried about God's supply for our needs. Adam Clarke said, "He who gave them will feed them."

Psalms 37:25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

Note that children are an heritage of the Lord. Our materialistic society, even among Christians, believes that gold, silver, houses and land are the true heritage to be passed down from generation to generation.

New babies in the church and home are a cause of rejoicing. Pastors and people must make parents feel they have the entire church behind them as they carry out God's purpose of marriage, procreation and populating the earth with many godly generations.

The church where my youngest daughter goes had a special Mother's Day program. They brought all the new mothers with their families from the past year forward, exalted motherhood and children, and encouraged large families.

Do the math. Within three generations, Christians can take over our nation simply with the sheer numbers of large families, say 8 children per Christian family.

Psalms 127:5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

However, the "arrows" must be faithfully trained in the ways of the Lord, which is where Christian home education plays such an important role.

I speak from experience: The church I started pastoring in 1983 had a Christian school when I went there. Less than half the children were our church children, and the church considered the school an outreach into the community. The situation was terrible. The second year I was there, we changed the requirements to children of faithful church members, not necessarily our own church, and over half the children were then our church children.

But that still did not solve the problem. The wrong

kids were getting evangelized, so we shut it down completely, and encouraged them to go to a Christian school about 20 miles away. However, there was a small percentage from that school that did not go to the devil. My sad experience has been that a large number of Christian schooled and homeschooled children go the same route as the public school children – the way of the pagan world.

Certainly, not every Christian couple will be blessed by God with a quiver full, or they may see the importance of a quiver full too late to do anything about it, but every Christian family can encourage, pray for, support and help those couples who are blessed by God with many children. New babies must be accepted and treated for what they are — GIFTS FROM GOD.

A real problem, however, is that Christian women, by choice and not by dire circumstances, work outside the home, so they do not have time to fulfill their Biblical responsibility to help other Christian women with many children in their times of need.

Seventh. V. 4. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

I have a pastor friend who had 8 children, and another with 10. They sent their older, single daughters out into the community to help families in need. They effectively shoot forth their arrows into the heart of the world.

Children of the youth. God commonly encourages early marriages.

There was a businessman in the church where I was on the staff in Maryland in the early 70s. When I met him and his family, he had a crop dusting business, as well as several hundred acres of "truck garden" in NJ. He even purchased a helicopter to fly back and forth to church, and a DC3 so he could get contracts for spraying forests. He was also "uneducated," dropping out of school after the sixth grade. He married quite young, in his teens. He told me that when he purchased his first crop dusting plane, he and his wife had to refabric the plane. With his helpmeet's help and encouragement, he became very successful, even in the world's eyes. He lived well, and did not forget from where his prosperity came.

A young man should be prepared for his life's work by his late teens, and ready to marry.

18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. 19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant

roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. 20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger? (Proverbs 5:18)

Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. (1 Corinthians 7:2.)

The McClintock & Strongs Cyclopedia implies under "Marriage" that when a young man is old enough to be strongly influenced by thoughts of being with a girl, he is old enough to seriously start seeking a wife. (Marriage of 14 & 15 year olds was not uncommon in the early days of this nation.)

Wardlaw says that "Where there are the means at all of anything like comfortable subsistence, there is not a more desirable preservative from personal and diffusive vice, than early wedlock."

Charles Bridges says on Proverbs 5:19, "Tender, well-regulated, domestic affection is the best defense against the vagrant desires of unlawful passions."

Throughout the Old Testament period, marriage was regarded as the indispensable duty of every man. There was no hindrance seen in marriage to reaching the highest degree of holiness. In the interval between the Old and New Testament periods, a spirit of asceticism (strict self-discipline, avoiding any sensory pleasures or luxuries) evolved, probably in response to surrounding pagan influences of unbridled lusts. Celibacy is strongly spoken against in Colossians 2:16-23, and specifically in 1 Timothy 4:3.

Writing in 1876, Alfred Edersheim tells us that in Christ's day, ordinarily a young man was expected to wed at the age of 16 or 17, with 20 being the upper limits, unless he was absorbed in study. Still, it was thought better even to neglect study than to remain single. (Sketches of Jewish Social Life, Mothers, Daughters, and Wives in Israel, p. 147. Or, chapter 9, Online Bible.)

Again, quoting Edersheim (p. 105)

There is a passage in the Mishnah (Aboth. v. 21), which quaintly maps out and, as it were, labels the different periods of life according to their characteristics... "At five years of age, reading of the Bible; at ten years, learning the Mishnah; at thirteen years, bound to the commandments; at fifteen years, the study of the Talmud; at eighteen years, marriage; at twenty, the pursuit of trade or business (ac-

tive life); at thirty years, full vigour; at forty, maturity of reason; at fifty, of counsel; at sixty, commencement of agedness; at seventy, grey age; at eighty, advanced old age; at ninety, bowed down; at a hundred, as if he were dead and gone, and taken from the world."

What does God say about the matter?

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. (Genesis 2:18.)

We understand from Adam's example in the Garden, with extremely few exceptions, that a young man is not equipped for his life calling—occupation—without a wife. He needs the wife of his youth to help him continue his study, or encourage him as he starts in his occupation. It is common to read of successful men who had wives who said, "Honey, though it didn't work this time, don't give up. I am with you all the way!"

Is this not what Solomon said?

Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 9:9)

Obviously, one is not to be motivated to marry by youthful lusts. Rather, those lusts are to be brought under control by God's Spirit. (2 Timothy 2:22) What we do have is encouragement to work toward maturity in a godly marriage as soon as is possible and practical. As we saw above, such a marriage should be a young man's number one goal.

I have referenced this previously: The movie, Nicholas Nickleby (UA) opens with a scene with his father speaking seriously to young Nicholas (maybe 10) that the greatest thing in his life will be finding a wife. The movie then follows Nicholas as a young man of very high character through many distressing and discouraging situations. The movie concludes with him telling a young lady of equally high character of what his father told him many years previously, and they marry.

This writer can attest to the fact that a man later in life, 30 or so, is pretty much independent, can care for himself, and is saddled with bad habits that can cause problems.

Eighth. Ver. 5. *Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them.*

Obviously, a large number of children means a large number of trials and very hard work, but it also means a large number of joys. We have seen that in

a properly educated large family, the older children pretty much take care of the younger ones, and of the household duties

Ninth. *They shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.*

The picture I saw with a multitude of family members in it! No one in their right mind would want to cross “swords” with even one of those family members, if the family was close knit. Of course, our mobile society has scattered families world wide.

A lady in our church in Linden was from a family of 12 children, and almost all of them settled in the Crawfordsville area. So there are cousins by the dozens, all with good reputations. Thus, the family was very well known in the community. One of the nephews became upset with the political climate, so he ran for State Representative from his district. He was totally politically unknown and, to everyone’s surprise, he came in third with very minimum expenditure. He then ran for local County Council, and won it hands down.

Why? Because he came from a large family, well known in the gates, and now he helps control the gates of the enemy.

We must also apply this psalm to a large number of spiritual children. Converts are also the heritage of the Lord, and the Lord’s reward for the Christian’s hard work and travail.

Just three generations of Christians with large families – families who will train the children in the ways of the Lord – can take over a community and a nation itself.

Is it any wonder that the enemy works so hard to keep Christian families small by whatever means possible? He not only uses pressure from expected sources, the world, flesh and the devil, but he uses pressure from the very source that should be encouraging and supporting large families, the Christian community. “Don’t you know how many children are enough?” “You need a rest.” “Enough is enough.”

However, even as Christians might have large families, they many times turn them over to the state to be raised as you would raise a bunch of hogs. The result is that the children turn out to be a curse, for they have been trained by pagans. And we wonder why Christians become paganized in their thinking. Thus, if the children are going to be left to the State to be trained in Greek paganism, then the fewer

children the better.

Movie Review

GREATER

“The incredible true story of the greatest walk-on in the history of college football.”

I heard Rush Limbaugh mention this film with a great amount of praise some time ago, so I tried to find it playing at a theater within driving distance. No luck! But it is now available for rental, Netflix, and purchase. We found it at Walmart.

“When Brandon Burlsworth arrived on campus in 1994 as a Walk-On, he had no money, (his mother took out a second mortgage to pay his first year, ed.) no famous last name, and absolutely no Division I scholarship offers. Through his unbelievable work ethic and ceaseless determination, Brandon not only earned a scholarship, but became team captain. All-SEC 1997-1998. First Team All-American in 1998, and the first All-American from the University of Arkansas in a decade. His success was not limited to the gridiron. He was also named to the All-SEC Academic Honor Rule 1995-1998 and was the first football player in the entire history of his University to earn a Masters degree “before” playing his last game. Brandon was selected by the Indianapolis Colts as the 63rd overall pick in the 1999 NFL draft. After minicamp, he was projected by his coaches to start as a rookie.” That is, he was told that he would be in the starting lineup in the Colts’ first game of the next season. However, on his way home from the minicamp with the Indianapolis Colts, a truck crossed the centerline and hit him head on.

The movie has a “Faith Friendly” Dove on the cover. (Unlike “Blindside”, there are no drugs, “skin”, off-color words, nor action.) Brandon was a committed Christian, and that fact was clearly evident throughout the movie. The name of our Lord “Jesus Christ” was actually used in its proper context. Brandon had such a strong Christian witness that in his final college year, his teammates joined him in going to Bible study. Brandon’s Christian witness is strong enough it could be a witnessing tool to the lost or even to “half-way” Christian. His Christian character is obviously the basis of Brandon’s success, and that is clearly presented.

If you like true stories, particularly sports in this case, with a strong Christian emphasis without compromise, you will find this movie well worth the time to rent or purchase. I have no problem purchasing films like this in order to encourage more films like this.

DIGITAL HEROIN

KIDS TURN VIOLENT AS PARENTS BATTLE ‘DIGITAL HEROIN’ ADDICTION

By Dr. Nicholas Kardaras

On August 28, The Post published a piece by Dr. Nicholas Kardaras, “The Frightening Effects of Digital Heroin,” that was based on his book “Glow Kids.” In it, he argued that young children exposed to too much screen time are at risk of developing an addiction “harder to kick than drugs.” The response was overwhelming, generating more than 3.3 million views on The Post’s website and hundreds of letters from anxious parents. Now Dr. Kardaras writes about this parental revolt against digital heroin and reminds readers of the worst effects of the obsession.

Experienced sailors, Barbara McVeigh and her husband exposed their children to the natural beauty near their home in Marin County, Calif. — boating, camping and adventuring in the great outdoors. None of this stopped her 9-year-old son from falling down the digital rabbit hole.

His first exposure to screens occurred in first grade at a highly regarded public school — named one of California’s “Distinguished Schools” — when he was encouraged to play edu-games after class. His contact with screens only increased during play dates where the majority of his friends played violent games on huge monitors in their suburban homes.

The results for Barbara’s son were horrific: Her sweet boy, who had a “big spirit” and loved animals, now only wanted to play inside on a device.

“He would refuse to do anything unless I would let him play his game,” she said. Barbara, who had discarded her TV 25 years ago, made the mistake of using the game as a bargaining tool.

Her son became increasingly explosive if she didn’t acquiesce. And then he got physical. It started with a push here, then a punch there. Frightened, she tried to take the device away. And that’s when it happened: “He beat the s-t out of me,” she told me.

When she tried to take his computer away, he attacked her “with a dazed look on his face — his eyes were not his.” She called the police. Shocked, they asked if the 9-year-old was on drugs.

Modal Trigger Barbara McVeigh Handout

He was — only his drugs weren’t pharmaceutical, they were digital.

In August, I wrote a piece about “digital heroin” for the New York Post, and the response was explosive.

More than 3 million readers devoured and shared the piece — though not everyone agreed on its message. Some readers felt that the notion of comparing screens and video games to heroin was a huge exaggeration.

I understand that initial response, but the research says otherwise. Over 200 peer-reviewed studies correlate excessive screen usage with a whole host of clinical disorders, including addiction. Recent brain-imaging research confirms that glowing screens affect the brain’s frontal cortex — which controls executive functioning, including impulse control — in exactly the same way that drugs like cocaine and heroin do. Thanks to research from the US military, we also know that screens and video games can literally affect the brain like digital morphine.

In a series of clinical experiments, a video game called “Snow World” served as an effective pain killer for burned military combat victims, who would normally be given large doses of morphine during their painful daily wound care. While the burn patient played the seemingly innocuous virtual reality game “Snow World” — where the player attempts to throw snowballs at cartoon penguins as they bounce around to Paul Simon music — they felt no pain.

I interviewed Lt. Sam Brown, one of the pilot participants in this research who had been injured by an IED in Afghanistan and who had sustained life-threatening third-degree burns over 30 percent of his body. When I asked him about his experience using a video game for pain management, he said: “I was a little bit skeptical. But honestly, I was willing to try anything.” When asked what it felt like compared to his morphine treatments, he said, “I was for sure feeling less pain than I was with the morphine.”

Sure enough, brain imaging research confirmed that burn patients who played “Snow World” experienced less pain in the parts of their brain associated with processing pain than those treated with actual morphine.

The Navy’s head of addiction research, Cmdr. Dr. Andrew Doan, calls screens “digital pharmakeia” (Greek for pharmaceuticals), a term he coined to explain the neurobiological effects produced by video technologies.

‘I feel like there is a war going on against our children. And it’s come so fast that we’re not even questioning it.’

While this is a wonderful advance in pain-management medicine, it begs the question: Just what effect is this digital drug — a narcotic more powerful than morphine

— having on the brains and nervous systems of 7-year-olds addicted to their glowing screens?

If screens are indeed digital drugs, then schools have become drug dealers. Under misguided notions that they are “educational,” the entire classroom landscape has been transformed over the past 10 years into a digital playground that includes Chromebooks, iPads, Smart Boards, tablets, smartphones, learning apps and a never-ending variety of “edu-games.”

These so-called “edu-games” are digital Trojan horses — chock-full of the potential for clinical disorders. We’ve already seen ADHD rates explode by over 50 percent the past 10 years as a whole generation of screen-raised kids succumb to the malaise-inducing glow. Using hyper-stimulating digital content to “engage” otherwise distracted students creates a vicious and addictive ADHD cycle: The more a child is stimulated, the more that child needs to keep getting stimulated in order to hold their attention.

Research also indicates that retention rates are lower on screens than on paper and that schools without electronics report higher test scores. And then there’s Finland. A standard bearer of international excellence in education, Finland rejected screens in the classroom. According to Krista Kiuru, their minister of education and science, Finnish students didn’t need laptops and iPads to get to the top of the international education rankings and aren’t interested in using them to stay there.

Yet in the US, there is a national effort to give kids screens at younger and younger ages as parents worry that their little ones may somehow be “left behind” in the education technology arms race — the data be damned.

But not all parents are drinking the screens-are-wonderful Kool-Aid — some are fighting back.

Cindy Eckard, a Maryland mother of two, is launching a grassroots campaign to create legislation to limit screen time in schools and is testifying in front of a state Senate subcommittee hearing this month.

“I was shocked to learn that the Maryland State Department of Education had no medically sound health guidelines in place before they put so many of our children in front of a computer every day . . . The schools keep encouraging more screen time in the classroom without any regard for our children’s well-being,” Eckard told me. “Our children are owed a safe classroom environment, and right now they’re not getting one.”

Some parents are opting out of public schools for less

technology-dependent schools. Many Silicon Valley engineers and executives, for example, put their kids in non-tech Waldorf schools.

Others, like longtime educator and consultant Debra Lambrecht, have decided to create new tech-free school models. Debra has created the Caulbridge School, a distinctly “Finnish-style” school that is intended to serve as a template for future schools throughout the country.

“The argument for technology in the earlier grades is often rooted in the fear of children falling behind. It is true that most children will use technology in their jobs and everyday life. It is also true that most children will learn to drive a car,” Lambrecht said. “Certainly we would not give a 7-year-old child the car keys to give them a jump-start to be a more skillful driver. In the same way, we want to ensure children can effectively use technology as a tool and will bring all of their best thinking, creativity and innovation to bear.”

A Long Island mother recently contacted me because her 5-year-old son in kindergarten was going to be forced by the school to use an iPad. When she complained and threatened to pull her son out of school, her school district threatened to call child protective services. I spoke to her school’s superintendent, and he agreed to let her son opt out of using an iPad. But all the other kindergartners still need to use iPads for standardized-testing purposes. That Long Island mother has already reached out to her local legislators.

That seems to be the key. Parents need to educate themselves, find their voices and speak up. If enough parents organize, push for legislation and put pressure on their schools to limit screen time in school — as well as to delay the grade levels that screens are introduced into the classroom — then we might have a chance to slow down this digital epidemic.

Indeed, even the respected AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics) has just this month modified their screen recommendations suggesting more tech-cautious guidelines: Children younger than 18 months, no digital media; ages 2 to 5, no more than one hour daily, to be “co-viewed” with parents.

But many, myself included, think these recommendations still don’t go far enough. Because of what we know about screens as “digital heroin,” I believe that kids below the age of 10 should have no interaction with interactive screens (iPads, smartphones, Xbox). There should be warning labels on such interactive screens that read: “Excessive Screen Usage by Children May Lead to Clinical Disorders.”

Meanwhile, back in Marin County, Barbara pulled her son out of his suburban tech-filled public school and enrolled him in a more rural, less tech-oriented school. So far, she's seen huge improvements in his behavior.

She just found out last week that all fourth-graders in her son's new school will begin learning the increasingly popular skill of "coding" to design video games. Even in this rural hamlet school, kids were allowed to play violent video games indoors rather than having to go outside to play during recess.

She is now hoping to get political about this issue and to reach out to legislators to end the digital madness in elementary schools. "I am prepared to go to war with our public education over technology use. This is wrong," Barbara said with the determined voice of a mother fighting for her child's life.

"I feel like there is a war going on against our children," Barbara said. "And it's come so fast that we're not even questioning it."

Dr. Nicholas Kardaras is executive director of The Dunes East Hampton, one of the country's top rehabs. His book "Glow Kids: How Screen Addiction Is Hijacking Our Kids — and How to Break the Trance" (St. Martin's Press) is out now.

nypost.com (http://nypost.com/2016/12/17/kids-turn-violent-as-parents-battle-digital-heroin-addiction)

PERSONAL

We did not get out any kind of a Christmas greeting, so this will be kind of a year-end summation. Like all of the rest of you, I cannot believe another year is over.

After a year of being here in Ohio, we are starting to unpack the many boxes still left from our move. After about nine months looking for the "right house", our daughter and her family were able to move out of our home about six weeks ago. They are closer to where he works and only about 20 minutes from us.

One of the first things Bettie did after they moved out was to paint the kitchen cabinets; the upper cabinets white and the lower cabinets a shade of gray. The paint made the kitchen look much larger.

Of course, the big news this year has been medical. Though I certainly am not "retired" from writing, I am from full-time pastoring (though I love being a pastor). So it seems like we have spent an inordinate amount of time on the road for doctor, hospital, and dental visits. Cataract surgery for me, and we are still trying to deal with the swelling behind my left retina. And of course the pacemaker, and getting my blood pressure under control.

There are two VA hospitals about the same distance from us here. The one I chose to use when we moved here is in Chillicothe, for it is only about 20 minutes from Bettie's youngest daughter's family with their soon to be 11 children. That has permitted us to enjoy many visits with them over the past year of many hospital and doctor visits. Grandchildren have certainly made the move worth while.

There are several things on our medical calendar for 2017:

* Pain Management to see if there is some way to deal with the pain in my back — there is no surgery that will solve the scoliosis problem. I have not been told to restrict using my back, so I do as much as I can before my back hurts so bad I must stop, e.g., walking, chainsaw, &c.

* Retina Specialist about the swelling still behind the retina in my left eye.

* They did another scan on the unwelcome growth next to my spleen, and I am being sent to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base hospital for biopsy — I am cautious about biopsies, because it has been shown that a biopsy allows cancer to spread, if there is cancer.

* It seems that the list goes on and on, but it will end one day

We have found a "community spirit" here in our neighborhood, where everyone is considered "family". We are now burning the wood that a neighbor not only gave us, but brought two farm dump truck loads over for us. We should have enough to last us for a couple of seasons. God has been gracious.

Sadly, we had to put a new metal roof on last year. It is our own fault for not checking the roof more thoroughly before we bought the house. (Metal roofs are the only way to go.)

Thank you for your support and encouragement over the past year.

Thornton

THE PROGRESSIVE DISINTEGRATION

The self-destruction of so many failed progressive gods.

[Though I am not fond of Piers Morgan, he certainly properly described what we have in this generation]

...As Piers Morgan—no conservative he—said recently, "The tragic truth is that America's millennials are a bunch of phone-addicted, selfie-obsessed, hashtagging, snapchatting, kale-munching, twerking,

lazy, whining, ill-informed, politically correct, cosseted narcissists who find absolutely everything mortally offensive and believe there are 165 ways to sexually identify.” It follows that your politics are merely symbolic, expressions of your inflated self-regard, privileged life-style, and arrogant pretensions to sophistication and intelligence. Unsurprisingly, as Morgan points out, according to the National Institutes of Health, 40% of you think you should be promoted every two years despite performance, 77% of you can’t name a senator from your home state, and 80% of you think you’ll be richer than your parents, even as you pile up student debt earning junk “studies” degrees utterly useless for employment in the real world....

<http://www.truthrevolt.org/commentary/thornton-progressive-disintegration>

CHURCH MILITANT

POLAND OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMS CHRIST AS KING

Stefan Farrar is a staff writer for ChurchMilitant.com.

KRAKOW (ChurchMilitant.com) - The bishops of Poland have formally recognized Jesus Christ as King of Poland. The bishops, in the presence of Polish president Andrzej Duda, performed an official act of recognition on November 19, at the Church of Divine Mercy in Krakow.

The act was repeated in all Polish cathedrals and parishes on Sunday. The action of the Polish bishops is consistent with Pope Pius XI’s 1925 encyclical “Quas Primas,” which solidified the devotion to Christ the King.

In the encyclical, Pope Pius XI wrote, “When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony.”

He continued, “Our Lord’s regal office invests the human authority of princes and rulers with a religious significance; it ennobles the citizen’s duty of obedience.”

“Nations will be reminded by the annual celebration of this feast that not only private individuals but also rulers and princes are bound to give public honor and obedience to Christ,” he explained.

The episcopate of Poland, in its official statement regarding the act of recognition, said,

We profess in face of God and Earth, that we need your rule. We profess, that you and only you have holy

rights to us that never expired. Therefore with humility we bend our heads to you, The Lord of the Universe, and we recognize your rule over Poland and our whole nation, that lives in the motherland and away in the wide world. Hereby Poland in the 1,050th anniversary of its baptism, solemnly recognizes the rule of Jesus Christ.

The action by the bishops, with the apparent blessing of Duda, follows on the heels of Peru’s consecration to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts earlier this year.

The President of Peru, Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, officially consecrated Peru at the National Prayer Breakfast on October 21, in Lima.

In his speech, Kuczynski remarked, “By the authority vested in me, I make an act of consecration of myself, my family and the Republic of Peru to the love and protection of Almighty God through the intercession of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”

The action echoes that Ecuadorian president Gabriel Garcia Moreno, who consecrated Ecuador to the Sacred Heart on March 25, 1874.

Ecuador’s official act of consecration read, “Prostrate before your divine presence, all the public powers of the Church and of the State offer and consecrate to Thee now and for always the republic of Ecuador as Thy exclusive possession and property.”

Moreno also added these articles to Ecuador’s constitution:

Art. 1: The Republic of Ecuador consecrates itself to the Holy Heart of Jesus, proclaiming it as Patron and Protector.

Art. 2: The Feast of that same Sacred Heart of Jesus is prescribed as a civil first-class holy day, to be observed in every cathedral of this Republic by diocesan prelates with all possible ceremony.

<http://www.churchmilitant.com/news/article/christ-recognized-as-king-of-poland>

It would be interesting to know how the rule of “King Jesus” works out in their legal system.

TELL THEM WHAT THEY WANT TO HEAR

Markets remain in their holiday torpor, moving lazily sideways for the most part. Reminds me of trading this time last year, when silver & gold lay prone like worn out pug boxers on the mat, & stocks were just a-jukin.’ That all changed in January.

When in the early 1920s Vladimir Lenin wanted to create a false anti-Soviet front to draw out the

regime's opponents, he told his secret police head Felix Dzerzhinsky to organize it. "How will we get them to believe it is genuine? What will we tell them?" he asked Lenin.

"Tell them what they want to hear," Lenin replied.

As these two practiced, world class liars knew, it's always easier to convince the victims when you tell them what they want to hear. For all their doubt, people will believe the lie.

Today we are watching the stock market's Trump Rally, built on the -- dare I say it? -- lie that somehow Trump will make things better by doing -- what exactly? The same moronic socialist/crony capitalist nostrums that got us in this mess in the first place, more government spending, more debt, more government "helping" the economy.

Land o' Goshen! How can folks so readily ignore government & private debt at all time highs, pension funds waiting to bust, a gazillion dollars of mal-investment left over from the Fed's 8 year money creating binge, a bursting bond bubble, stocks at never-before-seen all-time-high valuations -- and on this bucket of ripe hogwash the lemmings are buying hand over fist, BECAUSE THEY ARE BEING TOLD WHAT THEY WANT TO BELIEVE, not the truth.

'Tain't gonna end well.

Franklyn Sanders, Daily Commentary, 12/27/16

TRUMP IS EXACTLY WHERE THE ELITES WANT HIM

... NO ONE gets into the White House without being vetted by the elites, even Trump. ... In light of Trump's clear goal to entrench banking vampires within his administration, I think that the elites always intended for him to "win" the election... Trump's chief strategist and Breitbart executive Steve Bannon is also a former Goldman Sachs investment banker... No matter the administration, there is ALWAYS a high level globalist behind the curtain."

<http://alt-market.com/articles/3095-trump-is-exactly-where-the-elites-want-him>

Remember what the establishment and the media did with Ron Paul. They can "kill" any candidate they desire any time they want to do it.

Read the article, and I believe you will agree that he is a fake.

Soros: Trump is a "Would Be Dictator" Who Threatens the New World Order

Billionaire globalist pens panicked rant. ("Fake

News" or False Flag". Both Bushes openly promoted the NWO. Several of Trump's choices have worked for Soros. Ed.)

<http://www.infowars.com/soros-trump-is-a-would-be-dictator-who-threatens-the-new-world-order/>

Unknown to the "elite", the Lord is the One who is the threat to the New World Order, which is simply the dream of the Old One World Order in modern dress. His curse is still against the effort to unite all men under a central head. Is there anything that happens on the international scene that is not pre-planned? Remember, the Builderburger meeting took place shortly before the election season started, and Trump has many bankers in key areas. Why could he not appoint some financial men who are not Banksters. It was the bankers who united at Jekyll Island that gave us the private Federal Reserve system for controlling all financial dealings in the US. What would make us think they would give up the control of our money supply?

LIVING AT HOME

Almost 40 per cent of all young adults are living with their parents

Number of millennials who have failed to move out of their parents or grandparents homes has climbed steadily to be highest point in 75 years

The only other time in American history where the share has been higher was back in 1940, when the economy was recovering from the Great Depression

Current trend apparently started shortly before 2008 Great Recession

It's tied several factors, including economic headwinds, Americans delaying marriage, society shifts low wage paying jobs, and student loan debt.

By Regina F. Graham For Dailymail.com. 21 December 2016

For the last 10 years, the number of millennials who have failed to move out of their parents or grandparents homes has climbed steadily, according to new data.

Nearly 40 per cent of young adults are either living with their parents or other relatives, which is the highest point in over seven decades, new data from real estate analytics company Trulia states.

This is the highest point in 75 years where young adults have just stayed at home with no plans on moving out.

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For the last 10 years, the number of millennials who

have failed to move out of their parents or grandparents homes has climbed steadily.

This current trend of millennials who are still living at home apparently started shortly before the Great Recession of 2008.

However, it accelerated quickly during the downturn and recovery.

The occurrence is seemingly related to several factors, including economic headwinds, Americans delaying marriage and society shifts, CBS News reported.

Another issue is the fact of low wage paying jobs, increased rent and student loan debt.

‘Even though unemployment rates have decreased and the economy is picking up, we know wages are stagnant, so this will impact this generation of home buyers,’ Cheryl Young, senior economist at Trulia told CBS News.

‘The millennials are getting married later and having fewer children, and that’s particular to this generation.’

Earlier this year, the Pew Research Center found that 32.1 per cent of 18-to 34-year-olds lived with their parents in 2014.

That percentage exceeded the 31.6 per cent of young adults who lived with a partner or were married in their own household.

‘For most people who take the traditional trajectory, you might rent, then you are ready to buy a home,’ Young said.

This is the highest point in 75 years where young adults have just stayed at home with no plans on moving out or buying their own place.

‘But if people are living with relatives, it means they aren’t even able to rent.

‘The rental prices are very high in some urban areas, and those are barriers for people to move out.’

According to Pew, millennials are making less money than Generation X.

In 2014, millennial households earned a median income of \$61,003 compared with the inflation-adjusted \$63,365 for those in Generation X in 1998.

According to Harvard’s Joint Center for Housing Studies, home ownership rates for Americans in their 20s and 30s have decreased significantly, and will likely worsen as millennials who have deferred their loan repayments will have to start paying on the huge debts since grace periods are coming to an end.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4056874/Almost-40-cent-young-adults-living-parents-hitting-75-year-high-America.html>
east.com/articles/2015/05/26/ann-coulter-on-the-browning-of-america.html

Our society has been reformatted into a drug induced welfare society. Viet Nam created a whole generation of drug users. The Christian character and work ethic that once marked this nation has been intentionally removed in order to produce a lower class that cannot think for themselves.

CHRISTIAN RECONSTRUCTION.

The term “Christian Reconstruction” normally excites negative thoughts and words from “Christians”, as modern Christians (many are Antinomian) dread any thought of living under a Christian law-code. But they do desire a Christian social order. They certainly will not work to institute such a system though the means we have been given in this nation, *e.g.*, evangelism, godly discipleship and our unique political system--running for office, and supporting godly candidates. Though they reject any thought of living under what they consider the bands and cords of Christian law, they have no problem working for and living under a humanistic law-system that has only bondage and death in it.

Rather than God’s law, the natural man, including many “professed” Christians, desire humanistic, or man-made and man-centered law, *i.e.*, anti-Christ or anti-Christian law. (Luke 11:23) The problem is that when men reject His law, they must accept whatever oppressive law God sees fit to use to replace His law: *He shall choose our inheritance for us*, (Ps 47:4).

We can be assured that resisting His law will result in a *whirlwind*. (Hosea 8:7) Unless there is a return to a love for God’s law, it appears that Sharia law is God’s *whirlwind* for the “Christian” West.

Psalms 119:97 MEM. O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

Psalms 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. (Ps 144:15)

Law reveals the god of a nation: humanistic, and man centered laws, or righteous, Biblical God centered laws?

Thus, cursed by God is the nation that turns from the Lord to serve the humanistic gods of this world. His curse of destruction is upon those who reject, despise or mock His moral law in society, particularly rejected by those who claim to be his people:

Proverbs 1:31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

8:36 *But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.*

Hebrews 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.

I find it very distressing to hear negative words about working for a Christian law-order in this nation that at one time was a distinctively Christian nation.

Though saving faith in Christ and his righteousness delivers us from the everlasting wrath of God, His righteousness did not free his people from their responsibility to do righteous works as defined in His law-word.

Christ freed his people from the eternal curse of the law, but from the beginning of sin, the law was never presented in scripture as a means of righteousness. Christ is our righteousness before the Father concerning eternal life, but we are **required** to do righteous works:

If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. (1 Jn 2:29, 3:10)

“God is righteous, and therefore the source of righteousness; when then a man doeth righteousness, we know that the source of his righteousness is God, that consequently he has acquired by new birth from God that righteousness which he had not by nature. We argue from his doing righteousness, to his being born of God. The error of Pelagians is to conclude that doing righteousness is a condition of becoming a child of God” (JFB. A righteous life is required of the Children of God, ed.)

That every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. Or rather, is begotten of him; is truly a child of God. This truth is everywhere taught in the Bible, and is worthy of being often repeated. No one who is not, in the proper sense of the term, a righteous man, can have any well-founded pretensions to being regarded as a child of God. If this be so, then it is not difficult to determine whether we are the children of God.

- (1.) If we are unjust, false, dishonest, we cannot be his children.
- (2.) If we are indulging in any known sin, we cannot be.
- (3.) If we are not truly righteous, all visions and raptures, all zeal and ardour, though in the cause of religion, all

that we may pride ourselves on in being fervent in prayer, or eloquent in preaching, is vain.

(4.) If we are righteous, in the true and proper sense, doing that which is right toward God and toward men, to ourselves, to our families, to our neighbours, to the world at large, to the Saviour who died for us, then we are true Christians; and then, no matter how soon he may appear, or how solemn and overwhelming the scenes that shall close the world, we shall not be ashamed or confounded, for we shall hail him as our Saviour, and rejoice that the time has come that we may go and dwell with him for ever. (Barnes)

1 John 3:4-10. “*sinneth not*”; that is, the child of God is not antinomian. He cannot live a life of sin, for the Spirit of God will bring him to repentance.

He shall choose our inheritance for us, and we will have no choice but accept *our inheritance* for rejecting God’s law from over us, *e.g.*, Sharia law.

Israel and Judah abandoned God’s law, and they had no choice but to submit to the pagan law God chose to enforce upon them. Germany and Britain have turned their backs on Christian law, and look at where they are now. God will not allow chaos to reign. He will have a law-order. The choice is ours — will it be His law-order, or a demonic law-order? By rejecting God’s law-order, we have chosen Satan’s law-order, Sharia law in this case. Remember Israel of old and Syria followed by Babylon.

House Democrats Just Moved to Implement SHARIA LAW in America...

Comment: The wicked would rather live under the horrendously oppressive, and deadly, Sharia law than live under Christian law.

<http://toprightnews.com/house-democrats-just-moved-to-implement-sharia-law-in-america/>

Sharia Law In America - Texas, Michigan, Florida, Minnesota, California

<http://www.billionbibles.org/sharia/america-sharia-law.html>

Sharia Law Is Attempting to Replace the U.S. Constitution

Yes, we should be concerned about how Islam is being exported in a wholesale fashion to the modern nations of the world. Muslims have before settled in European countries before, and with disastrous results.

As the world fixates on Muslim migration throughout Europe, we are losing sight of what is happening in our own backyard. As we fixate, courtesy of the mainstream media, on the events in Europe, American communities are being overrun by a group of radicals who are dedicated to wreaking havoc. ...

“Omar Ahmad, co-founder the Council on American-

Islamic Relations (CAIR), made his anti-Christian bias crystal clear in a July 4, 1998 San Ramon Valley Herald article in which Ahmad stated **“Islam isn’t in America to be equal to any other faith, but to become dominant. The Qur’an should be the highest authority in America.”**

This philosophy, commonly dubbed Sharia law, is being systematically implemented right under our American noses and in a multitude of local venues.

<http://freedomoutpost.com/sharia-law-is-replacing-the-u-s-constitution/>

Dearborn, Michigan: First City In The US To Enforce Sharia Law

“in Sharia law, it is forbidden for non-Muslims to openly proclaim their beliefs to Muslims and Muslims can’t leave Islam under penalty of death. As Sharia law is the guiding force for Muslim behavior – we ultimately have the makings of conflict as Sharia law is not completely compatible with our Constitution.”

<http://www.truthandaction.org/dearborn-michigan-first-city-us-enforce-sharia-law/2/>

Obama makes JAW-DRIPPING statement about Sharia law

Speaking from the White House, Obama said, “We’re going to win this fight by building, by never giving up on diplomacy to end the Syrian civil war, by working with partners around the world, including Muslim communities to push back against hateful ideologies that twist and distort Islam, a religion that teaches peace and justice and compassion.”

<http://www.allenwest.com/analytical-economist/obama-makes-a-jaw-dropping-statement-about-sharia-law>

Germany Submits to Sharia Law

“A parallel justice system has established itself in Germany”

<https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/9461/germany-sharia-law>

Obama is bringing in enough Muslims that Sharia Law will soon be here, especially since Christian law is condemned, and has been rejected by a vast majority of Christians. Christians’ refusal to be involved in “politics”, including school boards, is delivering their children to Muslim authority and law.

Muslims say they will make it legal to rape white women when they take over Europe.

According to an editorial comment in the German newspaper *Westfalen-Blatt*, police are refusing to go public about crimes involving refugees and migrants because they do not want to give legitimacy to critics of mass migration. As a result, one recent rape was hushed up by the police for nearly three months, leaving other potential victims ignorant of the danger. (Notice the term is migration and not immigration. To me, migration is a stronger word, meaning moving a whole society elsewhere. That certainly is what the Muslims are doing as they are turn-

ing the “Western” nations into Muslim nations.)
<http://www.bareknakedislam.com/2015/09/28/muslims-say-they-will-make-it-legal-to-rape-white-women-when-they-take-over-europe/>
<https://www.jihadwatch.org/2014/12/uk-muslim-abducts-rapes-woman-you-white-women-are-good-at-it>

What makes “us” think that “Germany” will not come here considering the fact that Obama is making sure that the tens of thousands of Muslims he is bringing in, with the full support of congress, cannot be traced. A renewal of the love of God’s law is the only thing that will stop Sharia law.

Moreover, Muslims welcome children as another arrow to literally launch against “infidels”, to kill those who deny Allah. Their children are trained in murder and rape from the earliest age.

Boko Haram teaching kidnapped children how to rape as jihadi soldiers

<https://www.jihadwatch.org/2016/12/boko-haram-teaching-kidnapped-children-how-to-rape-as-jihadi-soldiers>

The article I saw showed a young teen boy in a car with a gun in his hand, with the article describing the details of how the boys are to carry out the rapes.

On the positive side

Check these web sites to learn of God miraculous working in the Muslim community:

Dreams and Visions: Revival Hits Muslim N. Africa <http://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2014/July/Tired-of-Islam-Iranians-Ask-Who-Is-This-Jesus>

The Underground Revival in the Middle East That Might Take Down Islam

<http://www.charismanews.com/opinion/53443-the-underground-revival-in-the-middle-east-that-might-take-down-islam>

Habakkuk 2:14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

ABORTIONS IN MODERN ISRAEL

By Thomas Williamson

Christian Zionists urge us, as Christians, to provide political and military support to the modern nation of Israel, which is regarded as a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. But they say very little about the embarrassing subject of violations of Old Testament Law as a matter of official policy by the Israeli government.

For instance, while the Israeli government begs Jews from around the world to move to Israel in order to help win the demographic war with the Palestinian Arabs, the government also pays for the abortions of thousands of unborn Israeli Jewish children every year, in violation of Exodus 21:22-23

According to the Jewish Virtual Library (taken from

Jerusalem Report, February 12, 2001) a 1977 law provides for free or inexpensive abortions to Israeli women. In 1999, 19,674 applications for abortions out of 20,581 were approved by the Israeli government, and 18,785 pregnancies were terminated. In addition, 16,000 abortions were illegally performed that year.

Binyamin Zev Kahane, a right-wing settler leader, estimated that there were 60,000 abortions a year in Israel, a total of 1,000,000 from 1948 to 1991, and described this as a “genuine Holocaust.”

Rabbi Yehuda Levin of “Jews for Morality” estimates that 411,000 Israeli children, or 13% of all pregnancies, were aborted from 1979 to 2002, and that the total death toll from 1948 to 2003 may have been as high as 2,000,000.

The article “Bill Sparks Abortion Controversy” in Christianity Today of April 7, 1997 states, **“With the army providing free abortions for female soldiers, and social workers actively promoting abortion as a cure-all for emotional and economic woes, abortion in Israel is a widely accepted practice. . . Rabbinic rulings allow for abortion for a variety of technical reasons.”**

Sean D. Mac an Airchinnigh, in the article “Israel’s Slaughter of Israelis - Abortion and a Double-Minded People” on the “We Hold These Truths” web site, notes that **“There is another awful aspect to abortion in Israel, and that is that the Israeli government to which we send our tax dollars not only keeps the statistics, but actually decides who can and who cannot have a government-financed abortion, and it then performs the abortions.”**

Since a large chunk of Israel’s budget comes from the United States, that means that American Christian Zionists, who lobby strongly for our continued financial support of Israel, are helping to pay for the Israeli abortion program (while they piously oppose abortions here in America). Very few Christian Zionists, who demand total, unquestioned support for Israel, utter even a word of protest against abortions in Israel.

One honorable exception to this rule is Tom Hess, who in 1987 wrote a book entitled “Let My People Go” in which he entreated all American Jews to embrace the Zionist cause and move to Israel. At least he is honest about what these emigrants will face in Israel when they “make Aliyah.” In his article “Abortion - the Second Jewish Holocaust” written in July 2002, he criticizes Israel’s liberal abortion policy, as well as the high rates of abortion among Jews in Russia, France, USA and

Great Britain, as part of Satan’s strategy to exterminate the Jewish people.

Hess says, **“Military service is mandatory for all Israelis over the age of 18. When young women join the army, sexual activity is an assumption and they are automatically authorised two free abortions during their military service.”** He says, **“We must pray for the rabbis, politicians and other Jewish leaders who influence the legal and social systems. We must pray that they take this second holocaust more seriously and end it before millions of other Jewish babies are killed.”**

Some Israeli Jewish politicians and religious leaders have made commendable attempts to restrict government-funded abortions in Israel, but to no avail. The liberal policy established in 1977 remains in effect, resulting in the deaths of tens of thousands of Jewish children every year.

Meanwhile, Palestinian Arabs with their large families and very high birth rates will soon become the majority in Israel (pre-1967 Israel plus the Occupied Territories). The Israelis are very aware of the fact that they will soon be overwhelmed by this population bomb, and the preferred solution is not restrictions on Jewish abortions, but rather “transfer” or ethnic cleansing of the Arabs.

The oppressive treatment of the original Palestinian Arab population of Palestine by the Jews is a very clear violation of another Old Testament law, which provides for just treatment of the *ger toshav*, or alien residents in the Promised Land. The Law of Moses clearly forbids oppression of non-Jewish inhabitants of Israel (Exodus 12:49, 22:21, 23:9, Leviticus 19:33-34, 25:35, Deuteronomy 10:18-19, 23:7, 24:17, 27:19).

This concept is very familiar and well-known to the Israeli Jewish people, and was obeyed to a certain extent, with respect to the Arab people, by Israel during the first several decades of the Israeli state. Those Arabs who managed to stay in Israel during the Nakba or Catastrophe in 1948 (during which hundreds of thousands of Arabs were forcibly driven from Israel, sometimes at gunpoint) found themselves fairly well-treated by the new Israeli government, and were allowed to vote and hold Israeli citizenship. While they did not attain to full equality with the Jewish Israelis, they did have a relatively free and prosperous existence. Israeli Jews in general supported the proposition, based on the Old Testament, that the Arabs in their midst deserved basic human rights.

Even the far-right extremist Zionist settler's organization, Gush Emunim, issued a statement in 1974 affirming that **"The Arabs of Eretz Yisrael and other alien minorities living there ought to be given the complete private and legal rights every person deserves. These include the right to emigrate, to own property, to free trial, and all the other individual civil liberties. These rights cannot be abrogated, except for direct security reasons. The possibility of granting Israeli citizenship to every alien resident who will be ready to assume all the obligations involved (including service in the Israeli Defense Forces or a substitute) should be examined."**

Ehud Sprinzak, in his book "The Ascendance of Israel's Radical Right," says that this statement "was based on the Torah concept of *Ger Toshav* (alien resident) ... In the Bible, non-Jewish inhabitants of Palestine were accorded the status of resident aliens, enjoying some privileges but never obtaining rights equal to those of the Jews."

As late as 1982, Rabbi Shlomo Aviner decreed, **"We are obliged to grant the *Ger Toshav* (alien resident) civil rights, and the decent social respect and an option to buy houses and land in the country."**

In the 1980's there was a hardening of attitudes against the Arabs among radical right Israeli Jews. Talk of "transfer" or ethnic cleansing of the Arabs, which had been dropped since 1948, was renewed, while some Jewish rabbis even proposed extermination of the Arabs. The principles of Old Testament law were gradually forgotten, and as a result we see the brutal treatment of Arabs today in the Occupied Territories; missiles lobbed into crowded streets and residential areas; unarmed children gunned down by snipers; house demolitions in the middle of the night with no warning, the use of Palestinians as human shields, the widespread shortages of food and water, the oppressive curfews which forbid Palestinians to travel to work, school, places of worship or for urgently needed medical treatment. (This is defended as a necessary part of the so-called -war on terrorism)."

All of this is avidly supported by Christian Zionists in America, who follow the lead of the most extreme elements of Jewish Zionism. In 2002, when President George W. Bush asked the Israeli government to pull back from its rampage of destruction in the Jenin refugee camp, followers of Christian Zionist televangelist Jerry Falwell flooded the White House with more than 100,000 e-mails demanding that the Israeli sack of Jenin be allowed to continue.

It is sad to observe the many American Christian televangelists and U.S. Congressmen who are cheering and egging on the violence inflicted against innocent Palestinian civilians by the Israeli Defense Forces. The recent history of Israel shows that the Israeli people are capable of much nobler treatment of their Arab neighbors, but Christian Zionists in America keep urging them to violate the most basic human rights of the Arabs and even to expel all of them from their homeland.

It should be noted that the massive destruction by Israel of thousands of fruit-bearing trees owned by the Palestinians is also a violation of Old Testament law, Deuteronomy 20:19-20.

Christian Zionists in America, who avidly support Israel and demand that all Christians do likewise (in spite of the massive rejection of Old Testament Law in modern Israel), should be asked to clarify their position on the application of Old Testament law in modern -Israel. Many of them are dispensationalists who say that the Old Testament Law is not for today - some even say that the Ten Commandments are not for today (even though the Apostle Paul said in Romans 13:9, 1 Timothy 1:8-10 and elsewhere that they are for today). If the Old Testament is not for today, then how is it that they demand support for Israel, based entirely on the Old Testament land grants to the Jews that were abrogated when Jehovah sent the Romans to shut down the Jewish state in 70 AD? (Matthew 21:43, 23:35-39, Luke 21:20-24)

The purpose of this article is not to suggest that the Israeli or Jewish people are worse than any other people in the world. We have plenty of abortions in America, and we have committed shameful injustices to our original Native American people. Some Israelis have used the bad example of our treatment of the Indians as an excuse for their oppression of the Palestinians. (Adolf Hitler, in a speech in the Reichstag in 1939, also excused his warlike policies by referring to our treatment of the Indians). We are not in a very good position to take a holier-than-thou position towards Israelis, Arabs or any other people on earth.

As Americans, we have to admit that we have been guilty of injustices to our Indians, African Americans and other minorities. We must resolve to never repeat such lapses of Christian principles in our own land, nor to support a repeat of such oppressions in Palestine or anywhere else. Let us encourage our Jewish friends in Israel to conduct themselves according to the highest principles of their religion and culture, rather than to

imitate the worse excesses of the Gentile nations.

ELECTING LOVE!

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.

Whatever may be said about the doctrine of election, it is written in the Word of God as with an iron pen, and there is no getting rid of it--there it stands!

Long before time had begun, God loved His chosen ones, and predestined them unto eternal life.

I can never understand why a man should cavil at another's being chosen--when he himself does not himself wish to be saved!

Some men cannot endure to hear the doctrine of election. I suppose they like to choose their own wives--but they are not willing that Christ should select His bride, the Church!

Those who cavil at the doctrine of election should answer this question: "Why is it that God has left devils without hope--and yet has sent His Son to redeem mankind? Is not divine sovereignty manifested here?" Answer me, you that deny God's sovereignty, and hate His election--how is it that angels are condemned to everlasting fire--while to you, the fallen children of Adam, the gospel of Christ is freely preached? The only answer that can possibly be given is this: God wills to do it.

If the Lord should choose to show mercy to only one man in the world--He has the perfect right to do so.

If He chooses to show mercy to a few, or if He chooses to show mercy to all--He has the right to do so.

How is it that some of us who were once drunkards, swearers, and the like--are now sitting here to praise God this day? Was there anything good in us which moved the heart of God to save us? God forbid that we should indulge the blasphemous thought! I never met with any Christian who ever thought that he deserved to be chosen unto salvation; the very fact of the choice, proves that it must have been all of grace.

Electing love has selected some of the worst--to be made the best!

I shall never understand, even in Heaven--why the Lord Jesus should ever have loved me!

There is no more humbling doctrine in Scripture than that of election--none more promoting of gratitude, and, consequently, none more sanctifying. To me, election is one of the sweetest and most blessed truths in the whole of Revelation--it is one of the highest notes of heavenly music!

The man who is not willing to submit to the electing love and sovereign grace of God, has great reason to question whether he is a Christian at all--for the spirit that kicks against election is the spirit of the devil, and the spirit of the unhumiliated, unrenewed heart.

II Thessalonians 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

(Charles Spurgeon via Bob McCurry.)

SCRIPTURE

James 4:5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

Scripture: "The word is used more than fifty times in the New Testament, and is never applied to any books but those which were regarded by the Jews as inspired, and which constitute now the Old Testament, except in #2Pe 3:16, where it refers to the writings of Paul." (Barnes)

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