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REFORMATION'S 500TH ANNIVERSARY

Introduction: Those who have been on our mailing list for some time know that I enjoy Bible history so much that I can bore a reader to death. I hope you will not find the following too boring, as we follow through some serious implications of history.

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,...

Everything that has taken place since Adam, and will take place until the angel proclaims that time shall be no more happens according to God's fullness of time; that is, everything happens according to God's predetermined, foreordained timetable. He alone controls history, down to the falling of a sparrow. Accordingly, in His fullness of time, he stirred up a Roman priest, Martin Luther:

October 31, 2017, is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. 500 years ago, Luther challenged the Church of Rome about its serious errors that kept the people of the day in bondage. His challenge laid the foundation for Western Civilization, and we today are the heirs to his work. According to Wikipedia:

The Reformation (from Latin *reformatio*, literally "restoration, renewal"), also referred to as the Protestant Reformation and the European Reformation, was a schism from the Roman Catholic Church initiated by Martin Luther and continued by John Calvin, Huldrych Zwingli, and other early Protestant Reformers in 16th century Europe. The period is usually considered to have begun with the publication of the Ninety-five Theses by Luther in 1517 to the Thirty Years' War and ended with the Peace of Westphalia in 1648.

The Ninety-five Theses or Disputation on the Power of Indulgences (NK" https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Latin_language%20Latinlanguage" Latin: *Disputatio pro declaratione virtutis indulgentiarum*) are a list of propositions for an academic disputation written in 1517 by Martin Luther, professor of moral theology at the University of Wittenberg, Germany, that started the Protestant Reformation, a schism in the Catholic Church which profoundly changed Europe.

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Luther sent [his 95] Theses enclosed with a letter to Albert of Brandenburg, the Archbishop of Mainz, on 31 October 1517, a date now considered the start of the Protestant Reformation and commemorated annually as Reformation Day. Luther may have also posted the Theses on the door of All Saints' Church and other churches in Wittenberg [Germany] in accordance with University custom on 31 October or in mid-November. (The old B&W Martin Luther film is worth purchasing if you do not have it.)

America, as well as Western Civilization, is a product of Luther's stand against the world-dominating power of Rome. That power had killed many "reformers" before Luther. Moreover, notice where the devil's point of attack today is against what is left of Western Christianity. Rebellion against God's law-word has willingly given Satan the authority to invade and destroy the West, as he moves his army of Muslim (Allah) hordes into the world through Germany. Former President Obama not only welcomed them into the US, but also paid them to come with free "entitlement" programs; they were and are even now being met with applications for Medicare, food stamps and welfare payments. He also paid groups to help "resettle" the Muslim hordes he paid to come here.

• OBSERVE

Hebrews 9:10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

Galatians 4:4 In His fullness of time, He sent forth His

Son.

reformation; ... of putting things to rights by the law, rule, and ordinance of Christ, the work of this special point of time. He, the great church reformer, thoroughly righteth things to God-ward, by removing and taking away what was faulty, not in itself, but by man's abuse of it, even all the Mosaical economy and church-frame, which carried men about to God, by opening and making that to be seen with open face, which was well veiled, and so mistaken, even the mystery of Christ hid from ages, by manifesting and establishing that which was the truth itself, instead of the shadows that did but represent it; even that true church-frame intended first by God, and now fully revealed and settled by his Son as a standing rule and pattern to all for ever; which unmovable kingdom of his is described further, #Heb 12:22-28. (Matthew Poole)

Reformation: in a physical sense, a making straight, restoring to its natural and normal condition something which in some way protrudes or has got out of line, as broken or misshapen limbs (Greek Lexicon.)

diorthosis. This word, which originally means "straightening," is variously used for "correction," "arrangement," "setting up" states, and "settlement" (debts or taxes). #Heb 9:10 argues that the OT cultus, which can have only temporary and external effects, is set up only until the time of the true order (diorthoseos). When this comes, the cultus finds its own fulfilment in the dawning age of consummation. (TWOT. Cultus: A system of religious beliefs and rituals.)

According to the counsel of His own will, and according to the covenant agreement between the Tri-une God:

First, time started in the beginning when God established a true, perfect and straight order, a perfect arrangement. That perfect order lasted long enough for Adam to name (classify) all the animals. (Ethics is man's attempt to return to Adam's pre-fall state and his covenant of works by human reason; that is, philosophy. Biblical Theology, John Owen, p. 90 .)

Second, through one man, sin and death entered into the world. Sin made crooked that straight order, or the perfect arrangement established by God; the close, personal fellowship between man and Himself was broken.

Third, God established another arrangement, the sacrifice of an innocent victim to allow man to have a limited fellowship with his Creator. That sacrifice contained several promises, among which were:

1) a promise he would reform man with a new heart and spirit, and a renewal of the close, personal fellowship with his Creator through justification (Ez 11:19, 36:26, Isa 45.);

2) a promise that God would straighten out, reform, the crooked path of sin (Isa 40:4, 45:2, Lu 3:5);

3) a promise he would reform creation with a new creation through Christ; that is, the restoration of the paradise that Adam lost in the fall (2 Cor 5:17);

4) a promise of a reformed new nation to replace the old nation of God, and provide an army to go forth against the gates of hell. That new nation, new army shall, according to God's predetermined time table, subdue the world to Christ for the Glory of God (Ps 110:4, Ps 45, Ez 37ff, Mat 28:19, 20, Gal 6:16 &c.), and other promises. In Jesus Christ's work on the cross, all the promises of God are fulfilled. (2 Cor 1:20)

Fourth, the path established by God became so crooked by sin that God sent a flood upon that old creation, and started over again.

Fifth, the flood did reform man, but not his sin problem. It reformed men by shortening his lifespan. A 600 to 900 year lifespan gave the ungodly an abundant amount of time to develop his evil devices, especially since his mind was much "sharper" than it is today after 4000 years of corruption.

Genesis 11:6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

If man still had this "sharp" mind after the flood, we cannot imagine what he was like before the flood when the whole human race, which may have numbered about what it is now, was of one mind and language. Today, that one language is digital, and the dream of one world against the Lord and His Christ is very much alive. (Ps 2)

The earth was divided in the days of Peleg. (Gen 10, 11) If that division was a linguistic division, it means that the Tower was built a little over 100 years after the flood, when Nimrod was probably 70 years old.

By man's days being shortened to three score and ten, his opportunity to develop evil is greatly limited. (If David, Asaph and Jeremiah complained about the long life in modern terms, and the prosperity of the wicked, imagine what the wicked could do in 900 years today.)

Sixth, the flood did not reform, or straighten out, the crooked path. So a temporary law was given through Moses to restore a very limited means of fellowship:

"#Heb 9:10 argues that the OT cultus, which can have only temporary and external effects, is set up only until the time of the true order (diorthoseos)"

Seventh, that "cultus" could not reform the crooked

path with a new heart and spirit; that “cultus” was only in place until the promised True Reformer came. Galatians 4:4 tells us that in the fullness of time, God sent forth His True Reformer:

Hebrews 9:10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

carnal ordinances: which belonged to the flesh, and not the spirit or soul, and therefore could not affect that; besides, these were only imposed on them until the time of reformation; they were enjoined on the Jews only, though by God himself; and were put upon them as a burden, or a yoke, and which was on some accounts intolerable, but were not to continue any longer than the time of the Gospel, here called “the time of reformation,” or of “correction,” and emendation;* in which, things that were faulty and deficient are amended and perfected, and in which burdensome rites and ceremonies are removed, and better ordinances introduced: or rather of direction: in which saints are directed to Christ, the sum and substance of all types, shadows, and sacrifices, and in whom alone perfection is. (Gill)

Eighth, the New Covenant simply corrected or updated the faulty Old Covenant made with the blood of bulls and goats. The New Covenant retained the original covenant-laws for God’s new creation, his new nation of Israel. The warfare for the future has been and is between the seed of the old fallen Adam and the seed of the new Second Adam.

Observe: Christ changed nothing of the covenant made with Adam and Eve, and which he confirmed to the saints of old. Rather, he reformed, or corrected it by removing the things which were faulty and deficient, i.e., various rites, rituals, ceremonies and ordinances. He did not replace the covenant-promise, but reformed it by His sacrificial work on the cross. (Col 2:13-15)

IMPLICATIONS FROM HISTORY.

I certainly am not following the “Christian Identity” idea of establishing doctrine from “divine history”, but seeing as how history works out God’s divine purpose and divine will, the date of Luther’s reformation deserves attention.

I heard a speaker refer to Rehwinkel’s book “The Flood”. His mention sparked an interest concerning the upcoming 500th anniversary of the Reformation. That is, the start of the flood corresponds with the date of the start of the Reformation 500 years ago which is celebrated in our present Halloween.

HALLOWEEN’S ORIGIN

We continue in knowledge that God sovereignly

moves everything that takes place in time and history according to His predetermined timetable; that is, every event in time takes place according to His “fullness of time”. Thus, we extensively quote Rehwinkel from his chapter IV, “Warning of the Coming Flood” :

When the ark had been completed and the period of grace had expired, Noah received instructions to enter the ark with his own household and with the animals which were to be kept alive. At the beginning of the 600th year of Noah’s life the ark was finished, and on the tenth day of the second month of that year he entered the ark. This raises the question what was the first month? If, as some hold, the first month corresponded to the end of our month of September and the beginning of October, it would mean that the Flood began, according to our reckoning, about November of the 600th year of Noah, or the 1,656th year of the world. And with Noah went into the ark his three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and their wives, eight souls altogether. They took two of every kind of animal, but of the clean animals they took seven, which, according to Luther and other interpreters, means three pairs to continue the species and one male for the purpose of sacrifice. (P. 63)

Chapter X, “The Babylonian Flood Account”:

Here, then, is another interesting and stubborn fact which must be met honestly, for all these ever-recurring incidents found with so many people so widely separated with respect to both time and place cannot be accounted for as a mere accident. These traditions, differing in some of their details, evidently have a common source in the same historical facts.

But there is another tradition found with many peoples in widely separated areas in both ancient and modern times which bears witness to the historical fact of the Flood, even to the extent of pointing to the season of the year in which this fearful cataclysm destroyed the human race. That season is the festival of the New Year, observed at the disappearance of the Pleiades at the end of October or the beginning of November. Urquhart, who reports these traditions, says that a new-year festival connected with, and determined by, the Pleiades seems to be one of the most universal of all customs. It is not only the fact that New Year’s Day was observed by so many people at about the same time which makes this significant, but that the observance of this event was always connected with the memory of the dead or was observed as a feast of the ancestors.

The natives of Australia observed this day at about the season mentioned. On this occasion they painted a white stripe over their arms, legs, and ribs, and dancing by the light of the fire appear like so many skeletons celebrating. The same custom is found among the savages of the Society Islands, where the closing of the old and the opening of the new year were celebrated about November. At the

conclusion of this celebration each man, returning to his hut, was expected to offer a special prayer for the spirit of the departed relatives.

In the Fiji Islands a commemoration of the dead takes place toward the end of October.

In Peru the new year came at the beginning of November and was called Ayamarka, which signifies "carrying a corpse." The festival was celebrated in memory of the dead and was observed with songs and music and by placing food and drink upon the graves of the dead.

The Hindus celebrate their Durga, a festival of the dead, which originally was their New Year's Day and was observed on the 17th day of November.

The Persians called November Mordad, that is, the angel of death, and the feast of the dead, which took place at the same time as in Peru, was considered a New Year's festival.

With the ancient Druids the night of the first of November, in which they annually celebrated the reconstruction of the world, was full of mystery. According to a custom connected with this event, the priestesses were obliged at this time to pull down and rebuild each year the roof of their temple as a symbol of the destruction and renovation of the world. If one of them, in bringing the material for the new roof, let fall her sacred burden, she was seized by her enraged companions and torn to pieces. On this same night the Druids extinguished the sacred fire, which was kept burning throughout the rest of the year; and at the signal all the fires in the community were put out, and it was believed that, in the complete darkness that followed throughout the land, the phantom spirits of those who had died during the preceding year were then carried by boats to the judgment seat of the god of the dead.

A strange relic of this Druidic festival has survived in our present Hallowe'en (Hallow Eve) on the last day of October and All Saints and All Souls Days on the first and second of November. In former years the relics were even more numerous in the Hallowe'en torches of the Irish and the bonfires of the Scotch and Welsh, while in France it was customary to visit the cemeteries and graves of their ancestors at this time.

The Mexicans to this day observe a day of the dead in much the same way and at the same time. They still place food and drink upon the graves of the departed ancestors, as modern travelers in that country have observed.

In ancient Egypt the day of the dead was observed on the 17th day of Athyr, which corresponds to the 17th day of November. On this day the Egyptian priest would place an image of the god Osiris in a sacred ark and launch it into the sea until it was borne out of sight.

Now it must be admitted that the origin of these

strange traditions is not as clearly traced as the Flood traditions, and yet there seems to be a connection between these strange events and that great event in the history of the human race.

The date of the festival (of the dead, ed.) corresponds to the date of the Flood if, as some hold, the year began in the fall of the year. There are others who question this. All these traditions have in common a remembrance of the dead, which seems to point to a major calamity of the human race. Then there are echoes of a perishing world and the rebuilding of another. Customs and traditions found so widely scattered and with so many people must have their origin in some great experience in the past history of man. There is no common experience of the human race which would so well account for these strange customs and traditions as the Flood. And we may therefore well agree with Urquhart, who in concluding his remarks on these traditions says: "Here the traditions not only unite in bearing down to our own times that awful cry of anguish which once shook earth and sky, but also fix

upon the very month and the very day which the Scriptures have recorded. (Rehwinkel, *The Flood*. Concordia Publishing House, 1951. Thirteenth printing, 1972.

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

Pp 168-171.)

Accordingly, Rehwinkel makes a good case that the worldwide "festival of the dead" was and is in remembrance of the wicked who perished in the Flood.

Do we see here that in God's Divine providence, the date identified as the start of the "Reformation" back to the orthodox faith could well be on the date of the world-wide celebration of the "festival of the dead"; that is, Hallowe'en (Hallow Eve)? The world was perishing under the heavy load of sin, so God sent the Flood to correct things, and start over again. The world was perishing under the heavy load of sin and bondage to a corrupt religious system, so God sent a reformation to correct things, and call men back to the only Way, Truth and the Life as revealed in His Word.

Obviously, those who celebrate Halloween have no idea of its original purpose, though it is common knowledge that it is a celebration of the dead; many Christians knowingly participate in that celebration in one form or another, maybe by renaming the "party". By the way, Halloween is the number one income-producing holiday for retail, or at least number two after Christmas.

Remember when Daylight Savings Time was promoted as a way to save gasoline? However, it was retained by the retail industry. An extra hour of "daylight" meant shoppers would remain shopping longer, and

more gas would be sold. (We are a consumer society, not a wealth-producing society. Then a few years ago, the candy manufacturers lobbied for an extended date (after Halloween) to return to standard time, so they could reap the benefit of the “Hallweeners” having more time to beg for candy. As a youngster, our mother used to take us “trick or treating” for candy.)

• **CONCLUSION:**

Everything that has taken place from the beginning, and will take place until the angel proclaims that time shall be no more than what happens according to God’s fullness of time; that is, everything in time happens according to God’s predetermined, foreordained timetable. He alone controls history, down to the lowest sparrow that falls to the ground, and the very hairs of our head that wash down the drain. What can escape the attention of the Everlasting God of Scripture? He established the time for Luther’s actions.

Reformation: diorthosis. This word, which originally means “straightening,” is variously used for “correction,” “arrangement,” “setting up” states, and “settlement” (debts or taxes). #Heb 9:10 argues that the OT cultus, which can have only temporary and external effects, is set up only until the time of the true order (diorthoseos). When this comes, the cultus finds its own fulfilment in the dawning age of consummation. (TWOT)

TIME OF REFORMATION:

First, God established a perfectly arranged world.

Second, sin corrupted that arrangement, and fellowship with the Creator was broken. The animal sacrifice was given to restore a limited fellowship until the fullness of time when the True Reformation would come.

Third, the flood was sent to reform that corruption, but the heart was not changed, “for the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth;” (Gen 8:21)

Fourth, the law was given through Moses which codified the sacrificial law to reform man’s fellowship with the Creator God.

Fifth, that law was only temporary until the “fullness of time” when the True Sacrifice was made which activated and fulfilled the many promises.

Sixth, that Sacrifice was the true reformation that straightened out or corrected the damage done by sin.

Seventh, the truth of the True Sacrifice was corrupted beyond recognition by Rome.

Eighth, 500 years ago, is the date that God sent a reformation; that is, a spark to return to the truth of His Word. We are living in the flame from that spark.

Regardless of what appears, righteous judgment tells us that “the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea”. That filling will be through the preaching and teaching of the Gospel and all its implications from the entire Word of God, regeneration. (Jn 7:24, Isa 11:9)

October 31 is the date that the world without Christ celebrates the remembrance of the dead, and according to Rehwinkel, those dead are the wicked who perished in the Flood. (Whether his connecting date is right or not, Halloween remembers the dead, and the dead are not those who died in the Christian hope.)

However, October 31 is the date the Redeemed should celebrate life and freedom, the reformation from the bondage to Roman formalism (Jewish or Hebrew formalism in the Hebrews context) and death. It is a date to rejoice in the new life of victory in the true reformation through Jesus Christ. Let us rejoice in that day, and be glad in it; it represents rekindling of the fire of the renewal of the hope as proclaimed by prophets, the Lord himself, and the authors of the New Testament.

The redeemed have no part in celebrating the dead, Hollow Eve. October 31 is a time for a “festival of new life in Christ.”, and for rejoicing that the time of reformation came 2000 years ago. Believers have abundant cause to rejoice, and again I say rejoice, regardless of what denominational tag one bears.

A NEW RELIGION

A personal note: The following is probably one of the more important thoughts we have presented. I would, therefore, ask the reader to consider the following treatise very seriously before dismissing it. Those who have followed these mailings for any length of time know that I do not advocate Christian withdrawal from society and social issues. I have been, and will continue to be, Lord willing, very active in local political issues as opportunities present themselves. I am firmly convinced that Christians have no choice but try to confront evil at every opportunity, and then go through every legitimate channel to replace evil with good. I have found very few pastors who are willing to take a public stand against local evil and corruption even though their people are some of the victims. However, normally unbelievers readily see the danger, and will take a stand against “political” misdeeds. This nation was founded after the Biblical model of the authority of 10s, 100s, 1000s, making all politics local politics. (In the past, the local powers rested in the local Justice of the Peace, who was just what his name implies.)

I published this article in 1995. However, the election of a **Populist president** and the rise of other **Populist leaders**

in the West require we revisit the French Revolution. The application of this article is even clearer today than it was 22 years ago. The following is quite strong as it attempts to kill a sacred cow. Those who take the following seriously may want to help kill that cow.

In order to get the reader's attention, we will ask a question up front,

“ARE WE PATRIOTS OR CHRISTIANS?”

The French Revolution is considered the turning point of Western Civilization: It turned Western Culture from God-centered to man-centered.

Like many others, upon obtaining a book, I may not at the time read that book. Such was the case with a book I acquired a few years ago - Robespierre, The Voice of Virtue. (Otto J. Scott, © 1974, Mason & Lipscomb Publishers, New York. Page numbers are in the end notes.) Hearing so many references to the French Revolution in my research for *The Death of the Church Victorious*, I concluded it should be examined. I realize that one book does not an expert make, except, of course, the Bible. But one book can certainly give a general overview of a subject.

Mr. Scott follows the life of a key figure in the Revolution, Robespierre, from his very small, humble beginning as a young man in 1774, through his becoming a lawyer in a small town in France, through his rise to power in the Revolution, to finally his death, at age 36, at the hands of the machine of destruction he helped create: the Revolution and the guillotine, July 28, 1794.

The French Revolution was more than simply a revolution against a constitutional monarchy: It was open warfare against Christian culture, holding that religious leaders must be defrocked in order to “create a new world society.”¹ The Revolution could thus be defined as the modern revolution and triumph of humanism and humanist law over Christianity and Christian law. After Robespierre's death, “The war went on with its revolutionary rhetoric; its talk about Liberty and Equality; its fight against the Christian religion; its worship of efficiency no matter what the human cost.”²

It was the French who introduced and developed the Communism so warmly embraced by Lenin and company. The French Revolution developed the idea that the individual is of no importance in the name of the “People.” “What we learn from the study of the Great Revolution is that it was the source of all the present communists, anarchists, and socialists conceptions,” said Prince Petr Kropotkin in *The Great*

French Revolution.³

Though the French Church was Roman, the Revolution was obviously against EVERY hint of Christianity. The Revolution was French, but its ideas spread “Across the face of European culture”.

Taking place only a few short years before the early “Brethren” appeared on the scene, it prepared Europe's “secular and sacred” societies to readily and gladly imbibe the “Brethren's,” in Dr. Ironside's words, “distinctive school of Christian thought.” That is, the idea of a “Great Escape” from all troubles, an any-moment rapture of the church. The French Revolution prepared Europe for the dream of escape from the world of toil and trouble, upon which they built fantastic false hopes. America rejected that “distinctive school of Christian thought” until after the great “War of Northern Aggression”, c. 1865. (All of this is developed and traced in *The Death of the Church Victorious*, by this writer. Contact me for more information.)

In the Revolution, Louis the Sixteenth was guillotined in January, 1793, and buried without a funeral, his Queen, Marie Antoinette, was guillotined in October, 1793, and uncounted tens of thousands of innocent people perished in the name of “the Right's of Man.” Many extremely important and unique concepts developed in the Revolution, and those concepts influenced every corner of European society. The Revolution provided a ready audience for the new “distinctive” ideas formulated by the early “Brethren.”

The Revolution was encouraged by a liberal church which itself fell victim to the Revolution.

The Revolution broke up the ground to be further cultivated by the liberal church of the early 1800s; the fertile ground was ready for the seeds of “Brethrenism's distinctive ideas.” “Brethren propaganda has been world-wide, and thousands have accepted their views on many lines who are not openly identified with them.”⁴ The Revolution, followed by the liberal church of the early 1800s, permitted the “distinctive school of Christian thought” to deeply root and bear much fruit.

The new and unique ideas introduced by the Revolution are still very much with us today. Included among the many ideas newly introduced by the Revolution were:

The religion of Patriotism replaced the church and Christianity. (There is nothing new under the sun. Wicked national leaders from the Revolution forward have clearly followed the pattern established in the Revolution.)

Patriots were seen as the social changing force rather than preachers proclaiming the Biblical, Christian Gospel of Christ; the “Republic,” France, became the new god, so, therefore, sin and blasphemy was defined as any move against the State; the mark of the true Patriot was swearing allegiance to the new god, the “Republic’s” Constitution; Left, Right and Center became political terms; “purge” changed from a medical to a political term; poverty was considered proof of one’s sincerity and virtue, and thus lack of success was not due to inability but to injustice; charges of secret conspiracies were used to unite people to follow the desires of those making the charges, e.g. conspirators were the source of all the nation’s ills; the “Rights of Man” were exalted above everything, and multitudes of innocent people died in the name of “the People;” equality was equated with liberty; “spontaneous,” nation-wide demonstrations sprung forth at key times in key places to further the Revolution’s goals, e.g. to destroy people, ideas and Christianity; propaganda was used to change social ideas, *i.e.* words were seen as weapons of warfare, so truth was ignored; innumerable pamphlets and journalists mysteriously appeared, speaking in a united voice to mold public opinion, and truth was unknown from fiction; the mandatory title was outlawed; the duty of the State was to support the poor at the expense of the rich; every vestige of Christianity was abolished, churches destroyed, priests killed, metric system imposed (that system is a part of the war against Christianity), and the calendar changed; the Revolution was seen as the means to bring the people to Paradise, so the Revolution had to be spread world-wide for world-wide Paradise to arrive (“the rest of the world would soon topple its monarchs and nobility, defrock its religious leaders, and create a new world society.”); the Government was only interested in controlling “Political crime,” and finally, for our mention here, children over five were considered State property.⁵

Note the state’s claim is enforced in its sometimes violent efforts to get all children under its control through the education system starting while children may even still be in diapers. Then the ungodly state forces the public to finance their efforts.

“The Canadian government may legally remove children from families that refuse to accept their child’s chosen “gender identity” thanks to new legislation passed by the Ontario province. <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/06/06/new-ontario-law-enables-govt-to-seize-children-from-parents-opposing-gender-transition/>

Canada is even today forcefully removing children from their parents

(Most of the older people talk about their grandchildren’s sports activity rather than academic activity. Thus, they will continue to support high property tax so their grandchildren can play basketball, volleyball, soccer or football. It is the sports programs in various education facilities that keep the anti-Christian institutions functioning.)

Obviously, a great many fled the horrible situation in France, taking with them the news and influence of the Revolution. Accordingly, European society and the early Brethren were greatly influenced by what had happened just a few short years previously to their arrival in the various nations to which they fled. As they fled, they took with them their unbiblical escapeism faith in a rapture to rescue them from the horrible events of the day.

The early 1800s were pregnant with the concepts of the Revolution, and the Revolution brought forth ideal conditions for militant, world-changing Biblical Christianity to be replaced by powerless, mystical Christianity. Christian men of great character and abilities, later known as “Brethren,” came upon the scene, ripe from the Revolution, who made the change. How they felt, what they believed, the way they reacted to surrounding events and the public’s general attitude at the time of their arrivals must all be considered in the light of the times: They, as are men of all ages, were children of their time.

THE NEW RELIGION IS BORN

But the “Brethren” and the world-wide spread of their “propaganda” is not our present concern. What we want to point out is that the Revolution introduced a new religion, *i.e.* PATRIOTISM. In Mr. Scott’s words, “Catholic rituals had vanished in the wake of clergy and the new religion was Patriotism.⁶ Though not condoning Romanism, note what took place in this revolution against what was known in France as Christianity: The religion of Christianity was replaced with the religion of “Patriotism.” Accompanying the Patriot religion’s replacement of Christianity was the rise of all that Christianity stands against: sexual perversion of all sorts, open occultic practices, gambling, orgies, seances, Black Masses, prostitution, pornography, sodomy and claims of advancing “liberty while extending sensual slavery.”⁷

With exceptional evangelistic fervor, Robespierre charged that conspiracies were being formulated against him, against the Revolution’s cause and leaders, and against the “Republic” of “the People.” His charges

stirred the general population to both support and join the new religion, viz. "Patriotism." Knowing the power of the fear of secret conspiracies, the leaders of the Revolution blamed all the nation's ills upon conspiracies: conspiracies against the "Republic," conspiracies against the "Constitution" and conspiracies against the leaders of the Revolution. The fear they nurtured enabled them to retain and strengthen their power in the "People's" revolution. "Patriots appeared strangely prosperous,"⁸ and seemingly had more than sufficient funds to print their messages as long as the messages corresponded to what seemed to be a predetermined agenda. Their funds could, and did, just as mysteriously and quickly disappear.

Robespierre had become a power. His methods were both subtle and exciting. His charges of conspiracy evoked the uneasiness of his audience because they knew that hundreds of thousands of dispossessed emigres had very real grievances - Robespierre brought these fears into the open and rode the emotions they aroused.⁹

A call went out from Paris for patriotic volunteers to help the armed forces resist enemies without and within, to eliminate aristocratic leaders inside the armed forces, and to promote patriots in the Army and Navy. These exhortations combined lures of opportunity with the appeals of patriotism.¹⁰

Robespierre expounded on the perils of patriots and proposed the creation of a sans-culotte army to be paid for by the rich and armed by new munitions factories. Such a revolutionary army of patriots, said the speaker, would purge the [nation's, ed] ministries and the military of traitors, and arrest all aristocrats and "blasphemers against the Republic." That opened a very large door, whose yawning recesses were partly obscured, for the moment.¹¹

A new Constitution was formed, promising Liberty and Equality for all. The mark, accordingly, of a true patriot was swearing allegiance to the Constitution of the new "Republic." Church leaders were not exempt from having to pledge their primary loyalties to the new Constitution; a very few leaders took the pledge, but far more fled the country. The ones who did not flee and did not pledge their loyalties to the Constitution were arrested:

When the priests arrived Maillard and his men, sabers ready, went out and met the carriages. They began to chop and stab, slash and cut as soon as the priests descended from their vehicles. September 2, 1792.¹²

There were, therefore, some very basic premises

established by the French Revolution for its new religion. A few of the more obvious doctrines it developed were:

First, zeal was required. The zeal and fervor of those involved in "Patriotism" and its tenants could be described by no other term than by "religious zeal." "Patriots" were out to convert everyone around them to their way of thinking as they took their messages everywhere. Moreover, they were totally unafraid of offending others as they took the offensive in the name of the "Republic" and "Constitution." Though anti-Christian, they clearly applied Mat 28:19, 20, expecting to conquer the world: "The revolutionary leaders believed England was on the brink of overthrow and that the rest of the world would soon topple its monarchs and nobility, defrock its religious leaders, and create a new world society."¹³

Second, primary allegiance had to be to the Republic's Constitution. Anyone who would not swear to uphold that Constitution was not a true patriot. Some of the patriots lived good, moral lives, but morality was not required of a good patriot. A patriot's actions may have been morally reprehensible: Though many patriots enjoyed killing non-patriots and parading their dismembered bodies through the streets of Paris, as long as they supported and defended the Republic's Constitution, they were pure in the eyes of their religion. The nation had been officially "Christian," though Roman, so no doubt some of the patriots revered the Word of God, but "Patriotism's" rallying point was to study and defend the Republic's Constitution.

Third, leaders had to speak in a united voice. According to the patriots, secret conspiracies were the cause of all the Republic's ills. **People gladly united and supported the patriots who laid the nation's ills on something other than individual sin.** (Sound familiar?) Therefore, it was possible for moral degenerates to be members in good standing in the Revolution's new religion, "Patriotism."

Zechariah 7:14, along with a multitude of other passages, exposes conspiratorial theories for what they are: a smoke screen to hide the real problem. The plans of conspirators have nothing to do with the destruction of people and nations any more than did the plans made in far distant Babylon have to do with the destruction of Jerusalem which the customs mentioned in vv. 3-6 commemorated: Sin laid the pleasant land desolate. As was the French Revolution encouraged by a liberal church, so is every revolution a result of unBiblical Christianity from the pulpit. Sin has laid our pleasant land desolate. The blame cannot be placed anywhere

else but on the pulpits' indifference to sin.

Fourth, a good patriotic citizen willingly united to defend the Republic and its Constitution. Under "Patriotism," private armies were formed to protect the "Republic" and its "Constitution." It only followed, accordingly, that the new religion of "Patriotism" gave sin and blasphemy new meanings: Sin was the transgression of the Constitution as both public servants, e.g. Louis the Sixteenth, and private citizens were held accountable to the Constitution. Blasphemy was defined by "Patriotism" as actions and words against the Republic.

Note the militancy Patriotism had against God. The immoral sinner could be justified in the Revolution through patriotic action protecting the Republic's Constitution. Many patriot leaders in the Revolution were immoral beyond description, yet they were exalted in the eyes of the people because they "loved" the Republic and the Constitution. The patriot's standing in society was no longer determined by his attitude and actions as compared to God and His Word, but by his attitude and actions toward the Republic and Constitution. The replacement of Christianity in society by the Revolution's new religion could not be clearer than at this point.

Fifth, perversions and immorality may have been discouraged, but they did not exclude one from the Revolution's new religion. "Patriotism's" replacement of Christianity permitted the rise in sexual perversion of all descriptions, occultic practices, gambling, prostitution, pornography, sodomy, &c. In other words, the "Patriots" promised liberty while actually promoting and producing slavery: Society became slave to the fallen natures of its citizens.

Clearly, the "Patriots" offer of freedom had to be a lie, for true freedom is found only in the Biblical Religion, i.e. genuine, life-changing, world-changing, Christianity: **John 8:32** *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.* The patriots' goal was not to develop the truth and to direct their followers to the truth; rather, their goal was to make everyone know and conform to the Constitution.

Though there are many doctrines we could develop from the Revelation's religion of Patriotism, we will only mention one more, and urge the reader to study the effects of the Revolution for himself. We saved the Revolution's most telling new doctrine for last.

Sixth, patriots were confident that "Patriotism" would change society and obtain paradise on earth. The

Revolution outlawed the church, and in doing so, the many church supported agencies collapsed. There are two crucial points here:

A. The new religion of man saw the Word of God as powerless [it may well have been in the hands of the French Romanist], so it replaced the church with "Patriotic action" as the force of social change. The Revolution's religion replaced the preaching of the gospel, the whole counsel of God, with "Patriotic action;" it saw no hope of changing nations for good; it saw no need to change them for God according to Matthew 28:19, 20. Therefore, "Patriotism" united around "Patriotic" causes as it studied the "Republic's Constitution" and how to hold others accountable to that document. Maybe the Word of God was mentioned or even used, but, ostensibly, its use was little more than symbolic. The focus of all attention, activity, speaking and study was the "Constitution" and how to defend the "Republic."

We should note here that the Revolution's "Patriotic" hope was indisputably a direct result of the powerless "Christianity" offered by the church of the day, the French Romanist. The Roman religion offered, no doubt, little more than a ritualistic religion: It offered no hope for Godly social change through the proper application of the Word of God.

Ezekiel 34, though speaking primarily of the religious leaders of Christ's day, applied extremely well to the Roman Church of the Revolution - as well as to most "Evangelical" churches of our day. The Church, offering only a hopeless, powerless, ritualistic "Christian faith," not only prepared the way for the new religion, but it drove the "flock," hungering for freedom and social change, to "Patriotism" and the Republic's Constitution to satisfy its hunger. Accordingly, the Church offered no hope of Godly social change through the proper preaching, teaching and application of the Law-Word of God, which brought about the bloody French Revolution.

Even the ungodly clearly understand the change in "Christian faith," U.S. News & World Report, Dec 19, 1994. In the excellent article, The Christmas Covenant, pp 62-71, they place the destructive change at Darby's (1800-1880) door, p 66, rather than at the French Revolution's door. Darby was the key figure in transforming the church from its conquering Post Mil position to its present defeated Pre Mil position. The "Religious" climate of the American Revolution was significantly different, for it was motivated by a Godly

religious zeal. The Mayflower Compact is clear in its proclamation of the Biblical faith to conquer the world for Christ. Therefore, what we see today is more in line with the French Revolution than with the American Revolution.

B. The new religion saw the Christian religion, though Roman, as a threat of its goal to create “a new world society,” known today as the New World Order. (The “Paris Accord” is a giant step toward that NOW.) Therefore, it silenced the Christian religion with death or with “Patriotism” as preachers proclaimed Patriotism rather than the Christian gospel to solve the nation’s ills.

The vast portion of modern “Christian thought” was formulated in the atmosphere of this newly developed French religion of man. The seeds of the “distinctive school of Christian thought” planted in the field prepared by the Revolution’s new religion of man resulted in a hopeless Christianity: The average, modern Christian sees no hope that evangelization and application of God’s Law-Word can change society. If he desires to see society change, he is, therefore, left with no choice but to abandon the Biblical Christianity that turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6) and take up the religion formulated in the French Revolution, “Patriotism”. Preachers now look to “Patriotism” rather than the world-changing Christian gospel.

Accordingly, one of the only two weapons against the “new world society” was effectively silenced by the Revolution, *viz*, faith, or the loss of confidence that the God who created everything out of nothing, can create a new man and society through the atoning work of Jesus Christ :

1 Timothy 1:18 *This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:*

The nations that have abandoned Faith in the Christian God are “made shipwreck.”

Faith: The confidence that the gospel message of the Lord Jesus Christ and His applied Law-Word will change the world was replaced by the message of “Patriotism.” Can we deny that “Patriotism” offers another means of salvation for our nation? Can we deny that the Lord has allowed this trial of our faith? (1 Pe 1:7) Do we really believe that the Word of God and Holy Spirit conviction, conversion and instruction are the only hope for our families, communities, nation and for the world? How are we doing in this season of the

trial of our faith?

• **ARE WE PATRIOTS OR MEN OF GODLY FAITH, CHRISTIANS?**

The question must be answered according to the Word of God: Do we see the means of social change for good through preaching, teaching and applying the Law of God, or through conservative, political, patriotic action, and maybe even force of arms?

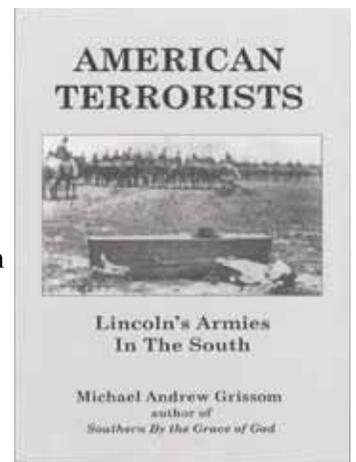
Unquestionably, Godly, conservative, political action is commendable and required in the system of government provided to us by our founding fathers. However, our only hope must lie in the entire gospel--preaching, teaching and applying of all the Law-Word of God to every thought and action of human existence. (How many preachers/teachers today develop and apply the commands of God for every day usage?)

Notes:

1. P 167; 2. P 233 ; 3. New York: Putnam's Sons, 1909, P 258 ; 4. A Historical Sketch of the Brethren Movement, H.A. Ironside, pp 7, 9, 1985 reprint. Loizeaux Brothers, Neptune, New Jersey. ; 5. Pp 76, 92, 107-110, 114, 117, 124, 125, 131, 135, 140, 147, 148, 161, 163, 167, 168, 186, 188, 194, 200, 213, 215, 216, 224, 227, 233, 258. ; 6. P 114 ; 7. P 92 ; 8. P 135 ; 9. P 125 ; 10. P 148 ; 11. P 168 ; 12. P 163 ; 13. P 167

Introduction:

I was born and reared in the North and properly indoctrinated in the Union tradition about slavery. However, as an inquisitive and reading adult, I soon realized the real issue of the “War” had nothing to do with slavery. (Slavery was a dead issue; the issue was religion, money and power. Homeschoolers, beware. Check your “Christian Curriculum” for its historical accuracy concerning the Lincoln’s war of Northern aggression. See Dabney’s *Discussions*, Sprinkle Publications.) I, as should be every American, am greatly distressed at the wicked efforts to rewrite history, and remove all evidences that might “hurt” people’s feelings. What about the feelings of the descendants of those being written out of history? What about those states terrorized by the North when Lincoln released his terrorist army on them, as Syria is releasing its terrorist army on the West?



WHO IS SAFE

By Patrick J. Buchanan

On Sept. 1, 1864, Union forces under Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, victorious at Jonesborough,

burned Atlanta and began the March to the Sea where Sherman's troops looted and pillaged farms and towns all along the 300-mile road to Savannah.

Captured in the Confederate defeat at Jonesborough was William Martin Buchanan of Okolona, Mississippi, who was transferred by rail to the Union POW stockade at Camp Douglas, Illinois.

By the standards of modernity, my great-grandfather, fighting to prevent the torching of Georgia's capital, was engaged in a criminal and immoral cause. And "Uncle Billy" Sherman was a liberator.

Under President Grant, Sherman took command of the Union army and ordered Gen. Philip Sheridan, who had burned the Shenandoah Valley to starve Virginia into submission, to corral the Plains Indians on reservations.

It is in dispute as to whether Sheridan said, "The only good Indian is a dead Indian." There is no dispute as to the contempt Sheridan had for the Indians, killing their buffalo to deprive them of food.

Today, great statues stand in the nation's capital, along with a Sherman and a Sheridan circle, to honor these most ruthless of generals in that bloodiest of wars that cost 620,000 American lives.

Yet, across the South and even in border states like Kentucky, Maryland and Missouri, one may find statues of Confederate soldiers in town squares to honor the valor and sacrifices of the Southern men and boys who fought and fell in the Lost Cause.

When the Spanish-American War broke out, President McKinley, who as a teenage soldier had fought against "Stonewall" Jackson in the Shenandoah and been at Antietam, bloodiest single-day battle of the Civil War, removed his hat and stood for the singing of "Dixie," as Southern volunteers and former Confederate soldiers paraded through Atlanta to fight for their united country. My grandfather was in that army.

For a century, Americans lived comfortably with the honoring, North and South, of the men who fought on both sides.

But today's America is not the magnanimous country we grew up in.

Since the '60s, there has arisen an ideology that holds that the Confederacy was the moral equivalent of Nazi Germany and those who fought under its battle flag should be regarded as traitors or worse.

Thus, in New Orleans, statues of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America, and General Robert E. Lee were just pulled down. And a drive is underway to take down the statue of Andrew

Jackson, hero of the Battle of New Orleans and president of the United States, which stands in Jackson Square.

Why? Old Hickory was a slave owner and Indian fighter who used his presidential power to transfer the Indians of Georgia out to the Oklahoma Territory in a tragedy known as the Trail of Tears.

But if Jackson, and James K. Polk, who added the Southwest and California to the United States after the Mexican-American War, were slave owners, so, too, were four of our first five presidents.

The list includes the father of our country, George Washington, the author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, and the author of our Constitution, James Madison.

Not only are the likenesses of Washington and Jefferson carved on Mount Rushmore, the two Virginians are honored with two of the most magnificent monuments and memorials in Washington, D.C.

Behind this remorseless drive to blast the greatest names from America's past off public buildings, and to tear down their statues and monuments, is an egalitarian extremism rooted in envy and hate.

Among its core convictions is that spreading Christianity was a cover story for rapacious Europeans who, after discovering America, came in masses to dispossess and exterminate native peoples. "The white race," wrote Susan Sontag, "is the cancer of human history."

Today, the men we were taught to revere as the great captains, explorers, missionaries and nation-builders are seen by many as part of a racist, imperialist, genocidal enterprise, wicked men who betrayed and eradicated the peace-loving natives who had welcomed them.

What they blindly refuse to see is that while its sins are scarlet, as are those of all civilizations, it is the achievements of the West that are unrivaled. The West ended slavery. Christianity and the West gave birth to the idea of inalienable human rights.

As scholar Charles Murray has written, 97 percent of the world's most significant figures and 97 percent of the world's greatest achievements in the arts, architecture, literature, astrology, biology, earth sciences, physics, medicine, mathematics and technology came from the West.

What is disheartening is not that there are haters of our civilization out there, but that there seem to be fewer defenders.

Of these icon-smashers it may be said: Like ISIS and Boko Haram, they can tear down statues, but these

people could never build a country.

What happens, one wonders, when these Philistines discover that the seated figure in the statue, right in front of D.C.'s Union Station, is the High Admiral of the Ocean Sea, Christopher Columbus?

Happy Memorial Day!

THE DEFENSE OF SOUTHERN HERITAGE

Ray L. Parker

A CONTEMPORARY BATTLEFIELD

Across the nation, Southern heritage is under bitter and unrelenting attack. Southern monuments are being removed. The names of streets, parks, and schools are being changed. Southern flags are being lowered. War Between the States' Battlefields are being rearranged without Southern symbols. Those with a high view of Southern heritage are being disgraced. As Southerners we are told that we are to sit perpetually upon the stool of shame with eternal apologies coming from our lips. We are told that all things Southern are to become "invisible." It is to be as though the Confederate States of America never existed and our ancestors were not brave defenders of family and home.

The reality is, Southerners have nothing to apologize for. Our ancestors sought to sustain the Constitutional realities birthed out of the American Revolution of the 1700s. The Southern States recognized the un-Constitutional direction of the Federal Government and thus sought to form a governmental system based upon the American Constitution. It was Southern desire to do this peacefully. One of the first acts of President Jefferson Davis was to send a peace delegation to Washington, DC. This delegation President Lincoln refused to see.

The War Between the States was an unnecessary conflict -- it was a war that did not have to be. It was a war fought for only one reason. The Federal Government sent armed troops to practice total war against the Southern population. If Federal troops had not marched South, there would have been no war. The Southern Government and the Southern Army had no designs to destroy the Northern States. The South only wanted to be left alone.

Many, of course, seek to convolute the reasons for the war. The current "politically correct" reason for the war is slavery. Thus they "say" that Southern monuments praise "white supremacists" and bigots who fought the war "to keep their slaves." They are "reading into history" what is not factually there.

It is certainly true that slavery was part of the nineteenth century US culture and was discussed with much emotion. The US Constitution protected the institution of slavery. The US Supreme Court defended the rights of slave owners. The US Congress passed laws regarding the protection of the institution of slavery. Abraham Lincoln in his election campaign stated that he did not desire nor did he have the power to alter the practice of American slavery. Lincoln believed that the white race was superior to the black race. Slave labor was used in the construction of the US Capital building during the War itself. How hypocritical it is to point to the South and declare that the 1860s American conflict was about Southern slavery. Slavery was a national problem in the nineteenth century not a Southern problem.

And if (as is being said) Southern monuments must be removed because they represent white supremacists (which they do not), then to be consistent we must remove statutes of Abraham Lincoln. He specifically stated that the white race is superior to the black race -- but, we do not hear about that. If I made that statement, you would hear about it. Abraham Lincoln made that statement and all is silent. This establishes the reality of prejudice in decisions made regarding Southern monuments.

• A CONTEMPORARY RESPONSE

As Southerners we cannot be silent and we will not become "invisible." At every Southern home a Confederate Flag should fly. In every Southern city defense should be made for our Southern monuments; and if these monuments are removed by the overreach of government all of our efforts must be used to secure and place these monuments in a prominent place -- on private land, of course -- to continue their visibility. We must not allow these monuments to disappear -- to become "invisible." This is exactly what our detractors desire. Let's make ourselves visible.

We must be involved in the political arena of our community. We must attend the City Council meetings and we must allow our voice to be heard when Confederate items are on the agenda. We must fight for street names, park names, and school names. We must defend the battlefields and the Confederate symbols that are there. We must do our duty. Let's make ourselves visible.

We must place flags in prominent places -- on Interstates and other major roads. We must place billboards with the Southern message all across the South. For example, would it not be impressive as you

enter (say) South Carolina on every Interstate to see a billboard that says, "Welcome to South Carolina -- the first Confederate State." Now multiply that with these billboards in every Confederate State. What a sight that would be! These symbols must be continually obvious to those traveling Southern highways. Let's make ourselves visible.

Let us write the Governor of each Confederate State and express the reality of what faces us in the South. Let the politicians know that we expect them to protect the history of the State. They must do what is right. Let them know that we are watching. Let's make ourselves visible.

Below I share a copy of the letter I am forwarding to the Governor of each Confederate State. Feel free to use the information in this letter and form your own correspondence for each Confederate State Governor. Let's mail these letters this week to every Confederate State Governor. Let's make ourselves visible. ----

(Same Letter to the Governor of Virginia -- change the details as you write the other Governors)

Thousands of young Virginians gave their lives in defense of their State in the War Against Southern Independence. These young men answered Virginia's call in a time of armed invasion and defended her borders, cities, and citizens. They endured the horrors of the conflict because they loved their State and families. They sought not honor or geographical expansion, only peaceful self-determination in a time of cultural upheaval. The hoped for peace was broken by invading armies.

It is only right and proper that each Southern State remember with dignity, honor, and propriety these young champions. They gave their highest sacrifice for the State they loved. No honorable State would ignore, belittle, or politicize the depth of their devotion.

The Flag under which they served their State should be publicly evident. Their battlefields should be preserved and their graves and monuments maintained. In the history of our country, these are the only ones to die in defense of the State of their birth and in which they lived. How inappropriate it would be for the State they loved so dearly to convolute the bold sacrifice they made.

Virginia will want to honor her soldiers in the most public venues possible – the best of their generation. These young men died in the War Between the States for their beloved State. They gave the full measure of devotion for Virginia.

Respectfully,

Ray L. Parker, PhD ---

• **A CONTEMPORARY POWER**

All of these efforts must be baptized in prayer. Prayer allows us to unleash the power of God into our lives, for prayer is not what we can do but rather what God can do. R. A. Torrey wrote: "Prayer is the key that unlocks all the storehouse of God's infinite grace and power. All that God is and all that God has is at the disposal of prayer."

Truly there is enough of God's power available to answer every prayer ever prayed in His will. Leonard Ravenhill wrote: "One might estimate the weight of the world, tell the size of the celestial city, count the stars of heaven, measure the speed of lightning, and tell the time of the rising and the setting of the sun -- but you cannot estimate prayer-power. Prayer is as vast as God because He is behind it. Prayer is as mighty as God because He has committed Himself to answer it." Virginia Whitman stated: "Other activities produce what we can do. Prayer output is what God can do."

Prayer is not some psychological exercise to make us feel better about ourselves. Prayer is not some magical formula or incantation. Prayer is not some religious endeavor to answer some superstitious belief. Rather, prayer is the means through which the power of God can be released within our experience. It provides us enough power to handle whatever has come before us.

Let us individually spend time in prayer. And would it not be appropriate in every SCV Camp Meeting for the Chaplain to lead in a prayer regarding heritage defense. These are uncertain times. We face a dedicated enemy. We need the direction and protection of God as we make ourselves visible

H.W. Beecher

A "SALESMAN OF HATE."

"They ought to, make the entire South as God found the earth, without form, and void."

Such "Salesmen of Hate" as Brownlow and Henry Ward Beecher and others, who were disseminating this withering blight through the North against the South had only one thing in mind, that the Government would attempt a negro republic in the Southern States, after killing all the white people, that such people as they would be able to exploit the free negroes and fill their pockets with their earnings.

The Ku Klux Klan—by the help of God—outwitted

these fiends in human form, and saved the South and its noble traditions, even the Powers of Darkness, led by them, could not prevail against the men of the “Invisible Empire.”

The views of the Minority of the Committee to Investigate Affairs in the Southern States given to the United States Senate, March 10, 1871, signed by Frank P. Blair, and T. F. Bayard, contain this statement with regard to the officials of the United States Government at that time: “From cruel men they are transformed into savage beasts, with no vestige of reason left, but what serves to furnish the invention and refinement of ferocious subtlety for purposes of which beasts are incapable and at which fiends would blush.”

Among the firebrands of hate for the South sown throughout this country and Europe at that time was a book, “Uncle Tom’s Cabin,” written by that archfiend, Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, a shrewd Yankee woman who many years before the Civil War was in need of money and conceived that novel which led to this war. In 1853 Dr. A. Woodward, a Northern man who lived in Knoxville, Tennessee, in a review of this book, said: “Should Mrs. Stowe’s vile aspersion of Southern character and her loose, reckless and wicked misrepresentations of the institution of slavery ever become accredited in the Northern section of our country, I fear the consequences. I will not say that Mrs. Stowe had designs on the liberty of her country but, in writing ‘Uncle Tom’s Cabin,’ she gave much comfort to England, who is thankful to her as she is being now royally entertained there.”

Henry Ward Beecher, Mrs. Stowe’s brother, said, during re-construction: “The negro is superior to the white race. If the latter do not forget their pride of race and color, and amalgamate with the purer and richer blood of the blacks, they will die out and wither away in unprolific skinniness.”

Wendell Phillips said, from Henry Ward Beecher’s church, about the Civil War, just after the surrender: “I know it means something like barbarian conquest, I will allow, but I do not believe there will be any peace until 847,000 men of the South are either hanged or exiled.” Such hate as this passing over the North towards the South led the Ku Klux Klan to strengthen its numbers continually, that it would have an “invisible and invincible second army,” should the United States Government attempt to fulfill the intentions of such men as these, and start a war of extermination for their benefit.

Susan Lawrence Davis, Authentic History of the Ku Klux Klan,

1865-1877. Pp 122, 123. 1924, American Library Service, New York. Reprint by William G. Mori, The Confederate Shoppe, 928 Delcris Dr, Birmingham, Al 35226 205 942 8978 / F-295 942 7881 confederate@wwisp.com www.pointsouth.com/cshippe.htm

Note that the “Klan” of that era was totally disbanded. The “Klan” of today has no similarities nor ties with the “Klan” of old.

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VACCINE INJURIES

Federal government releases financial settlement figures for vaccine injuries, shattering media’s false claim that vaccines never harm anyone

... there are at least 63,000 vaccine-injured children in America from 2017 alone, making vaccine injuries a leading cause of injury in children. This is all hidden and denied by the pharma-controlled media, of course, which wants you to focus on 48 children with measles in Michigan rather than 63,000 vaccine-injured children all across America.

<http://www.naturalnews.com/2017-05-11-federal-government-releases-financial-settlement-figures-for-vaccine-injuries-shattering-medias-false-claim-that-vaccines-never-harm-anyone.html>

See HRSA, Data and Statistics, archived at http://www.naturalnews.com/files/monthlywebsitstats04_01_17.pdf

Confirmed science shows that vaccinated children have 420% higher risk of ADHD compared to non-vaccinated kids

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Science paper on vaccines accidentally admits most flu shots don’t work

(Natural News) All healthy persons six months of age and older should get a routine flu shot, according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Mounting research, however, systematically proves that the flu shot, otherwise known as the influenza vaccine, doesn’t work and may cause severe damage to the body. Nonetheless, for many Americans, adults and children alike, the flu shot remains a yearly ritual imposed by their doctor, employer, or school. ...

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Big Pharma is contaminating nearly all the water in America with toxic drugs that alter biology, fertility and even gender expression

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New Studies Reveal Vaccine Harm

Story at-a-glance

* Two new studies offer evidence that vaccinated children have more health problems than unvaccinated
* Among unvaccinated premature infants, no link to neurodevelopmental disorders (NDD) was found. However, a significant link between vaccinations and NDD was detected, regardless of whether the child was premature or full-term * The combination of preterm birth with vaccination was associated with a 660 percent increased odds of NDD, suggesting a synergistic effect

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KELLOGGS

Report: Kellogg's Spent Millions to Fund Research Undermining Warnings About Sugar in Cereals

24 Apr, 2017 24 Apr, 2017 Jon Ungood-Thomas and Mason Boycott-Owen report in The Sunday Times that cereal giant Kellogg's has been funding studies that undermine official government warnings about the link between sugary cereals and obesity.

• FROM THE SUNDAY TIMES:

Kellogg's, the world's leading cereal manufacturer, has spent millions of pounds on research to counter claims that its sugar-laden products are fuelling the obesity crisis.

The food giant has been attacked for putting more sugar in some of its breakfast cereals than is found in cakes, doughnuts and ice creams. A bowl of its Crunchy Nut cereal can contain more than half the recommended maximum intake of added sugar for a six-year-old.

Now The Sunday Times has established that Kellogg's helped fund a report, published in a medical journal in December, attacking the UK government's recommendations to cut sugar intake. It has also funded British studies suggesting that eating cereals may help children stay a healthy weight.

No GUILT

Professor: Trump's Refusal to Feel Guilty Stole Liberals' Main Weapon

M.J. Randolph

For years, conservatives have been told that just by existing, we're wrong. We've been told to "check our privilege," so we have. We've been told that American exceptionalism is rude to other countries, so we've tempered it. We've been told that everything we've been brought up to believe is somehow racist, patriarchal, and bigoted, so we've paused and evaluated our beliefs. Then came Donald Trump who absolutely obliterated the way the Left tries to make the Right feel.

An excellent article by Emory University English professor Mark Bauerlein at American Greatness discusses how Trump stole the left's main weapon:

In the last 50 years of culture wars in America, there has been no stronger weapon than guilt. It is the Left's great hammer of progress. It figured powerfully in the Civil Rights Movement, the anti-war movement, women's liberation, and same-sex marriage. Guilt runs through the teaching of U.S. history from 5th grade through college. It colors controversies over affirmative action, transgender bathrooms, and the glass ceiling. The entire careers of Leftist commentators from the self-righteous Bill Moyers to the self-regarding Ta-Nehisi Coates rest upon it. If we add up the successes guilt has brought to progressive causes and identity politics, we realize just how important guilt is to the Left agenda. Without it, in fact, the Left fails.

So how did Trump destroy their guilt-inducing power? By refusing to accept it.

He has no white guilt. He doesn't feel any male

guilt, either, or American guilt or Christian guilt. He talks about the United States with uncritical approval—“America First”—and that’s a thought crime in the eyes of liberals. It ignores slavery, Jim Crow, the Indian wars, Manzanar . . . Donald Trump would never refer to America as beset by the original sin of racism, as Barack Obama did frequently, and that makes him worse than a conservative. President Trump is a bigot.

He enjoys the company of attractive women and makes no apologies for it. A man of proper male guilt would have bowed out after the bus tapes were released during the campaign, but there he was in the second presidential debate talking about jail time for Hillary.

And he wouldn’t say, “Black Lives Matter,” either, a slogan that implies whites don’t care about black lives, but insisted, “All lives matter.”

Finally, while Christians, especially Catholics and Evangelicals, are supposed to feel guilty for their doctrine on gender roles and abortion, President Trump quickly dropped gender identity from Title IX and nominated a religious conservative to the Supreme Court.

Bauerlein goes on to write, “If you can persuade an opponent that he’s wrong about a political issue, you can win the day’s debate. But if you can make him feel guilty about his opinion, you’ve got him on the defensive forever.” Philosopher and theologian Ravi Zacharias is fond of using the old adage, “Any stigma can lick a good dogma.” And so the left stigmatized us, and we cowered. No more.

The gift Trump has given the Republican party is the power to reject the guilt. He doesn’t care about the labels, he doesn’t care about the stigma, he doesn’t even care what they think of him. Or, as Glenn Reynolds summed up, “He rejects their assumed position of moral and intellectual supremacy. Which is both fair, and painful, because that position has always been a lie.”

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A GENERATION STILL WAITING FOR TRUE LOVE

By Thomas Williamson

In 2012, blogger Grace Thornton attracted attention with a post entitled “I Don’t Wait Anymore,” which

noted the failure of the hopes of young Christian women who pledged to maintain their chastity and virginity until marriage, under the auspices of the “True Love Waits” movement.

After many years, many Christian singles, mostly women, were still waiting for true love that never came.

“There are a lot of girls out there who don’t know who God is anymore - the God of their youth group years just isn’t working out. Back then, that God said to wait for sex until they are married, until He brings the right man along for a husband. They signed a card and put it on the altar and pledged to wait. And wait they did.

“And waited and waited and waited.

“Some of them have prayed their whole lives for a husband, and he hasn’t shown up. They’ve heard the advice to ‘be the woman God made you to be, focus on that, and then the husband will come.’ They’ve read ‘Lady in Waiting,’ gotten super involved in church and honed their domestic skills. And still they wait.

“More than a decade ago, a youth leader handed them a photocopied poem in Sunday School written to them from ‘God’ that said, ‘The reason you don’t have anyone yet is because you’re not fully satisfied in Me. You have to be satisfied with Me and then when you least expect it, I’ll bring you the person I meant for you.’...

“Many of them - if they’re honest - will tell you that time has passed, and it’s wrecking their view of God. If this is who God’s supposed to be, then He’s tragically late.

“So some decide to chuck ‘Lady in Waiting’ out the window - and possibly their virginity with it. Church goes next. God might go next, too. If He doesn’t answer these prayers after they’ve held up their end of the bargain, why would He answer any others?”

Thornton gives some excellent advice to such disillusioned young women. They were, and still are, supposed to abstain from premarital sex because of their love for God, not as part of a deal that would guarantee them wedded bliss. She quotes J.C. Ryle, “Follow Christ for His own sake, if you follow Him at all.”

True Christian faith will motivate us to live a holy life because it is the right thing to do, and because the God who has redeemed us commands it, regardless of whether or not it leads to health, wealth, prosperity, a new Cadillac, a clear complexion or the marriage of our dreams.

Having said that, however, there is every reason to be sympathetic to lovelorn singles, male and female, who are pining away for true love and marriage. By helping them to find a mate, we are helping our entire movement.

My observation over the years has been that young people who get married usually stay in the church, but those who remain single tend to drift away and become unchurched.

Demographers report that more young men and women than ever (ages 18 to 34) are still single and living with their parents, as opposed to getting married. Young people are getting married later in life, or not at all, and those who do get married have fewer children, possibly because they are getting married later. Is that even anything to be concerned about, or should we just shrug it off?

A preacher who visits many churches to raise funds for a parachurch ministry reports that “Many, if not most of today’s Fundamental churches seem to be 60 members or fewer . . . these memberships are also often devoid of young adults, teens and children.”

There are various possible explanations for the disappearing act by young people in some churches. Lower rates of marriage and childbearing will naturally result in lower numbers of attendance by young people in our churches, and in Christian colleges. In some cases, young people may be staying away from churches that emphasize the “Old Time Religion” with its strict codes of dress and hairstyles, and the bans on modern music, modern Bible versions, women’s slacks, etc.

Singles in these dwindling, dying congregations have little chance of meeting a suitable mate within their own church. It seems that we should be making every effort to help match willing and eligible singles with mates, especially young men who always seem to be in short supply, even if we have to reach outside the local church to find someone.

The traditional solutions, such as herding all the young people off to Bible college, may no longer work as well as they once did. Not all young Christians can or should go to Bible college, and not all who do will find a mate there.

We can do ourselves, and our young people, a lot of good by developing creative and compassionate solutions to the problem of young people looking for love.

Or we can shrug it off, say it isn’t our problem, tell lovelorn singles to keep a stiff upper lip, and watch our

congregations continue to shrink and die out.

CAPTURE

Brethren,

Reformed Baptist churches today lie in a state of confusion and disarray. While some are genuinely conservative and faithful to the Word of God and the historic Baptist faith that forged the 1644 London Baptist Confession and the 1689 London Baptist Confession, much that carries the label “Reformed” today amounts to little more than a stale intellectualism where scholarship and academia serve as a smokescreen for worldliness, carnality and even flagrant heterodoxy. The Bible tells us that “Knowledge puffeth up” (I Corinthians 8:1), and certainly that principle finds vivid demonstration in the inflated attitude of self-congratulatory self-indulgence so flagrant among many who wave the “Reformed” banner most vigorously and most vocally.

In striking contrast, the Lord Jesus Christ, “in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Colossians 2:3), never suffered his infinitely transcendent insight and understanding to rob him of the burning drive to “do the will of him that sent” him (John 4:34). Rather, that drive burned within his heart with such vehement intensity that the Scriptures observe of him that: “The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up” (John 2:17). For the Lord Jesus Christ, knowledge never served as a channel for his own self-indulgence and self-aggrandizement, but as a guide whereby to “do the will of” his heavenly Father and “to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). In Christ, fathomless wisdom and knowledge met with immeasurable love and the perfection of self-sacrificial service and suffering. Truly, “Mercy and truth are met together” in the incarnate Son of God, and in him, “righteousness and peace have kissed each other” (Psalm 85:10).

Therefore, at a time when the “reverence and godly fear” so utterly essential to the acceptable service of God (Hebrews 12:28-29) have given way to the irreverent and self-indulging “holy hip-hop” of performance professionals such as “Lacrea” and “Sho Baraka”, the need emerges for a new voice that will carry on the torch lifted by our Baptist forefathers of the seventeenth century. In plain language, we don’t need any more hipster Calvinists out to put their catalogue of theological terminology on display for the world to see, trading the names of Puritans and Reformers with one

another like boys swapping baseball cards. We need humble servants of Christ who, like Paul, would rather “eat no flesh while the world standeth”, than create a cause of offense for a brother or sister in the Lord. In other words, the time has come for something a bit more authentic.

After some discussion with two fellow pastors, the decision has been made to launch CAPTURE, which stands for

Coalition for the Advancement of Puritan Theological Understanding, Revival and Evangalization

CAPTURE draws from the Scriptural declaration that “the weapons of our warfare are not carnal” (II Corinthians 10:4). We will never succeed by arming ourselves with the entertainment appeals employed by Hollywood and the music industry, or by copying or adapting their philosophies and strategies. We will never overcome by writing screenplays, producing movies or holding dance competitions. Rather, we arm ourselves with mighty weapons and armor - Scripture, prayer, truth, faith, salvation, righteousness and the preparation of the Gospel of peace. Those spiritual weapons described and defined in the Word of God, and those alone, are “mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds” (II Corinthians 10:3-6) and have the promise of God’s blessing and of good success.

I have drafted some preliminary guidelines for CAPTURE which I intend to share soon. More content needs to be developed, but these will serve for initiation. Our first conference is currently scheduled for September 21-22, at Dayspring Baptist Church of Central Indiana, with the theme of “Inspiration and Interpretation”. We covet your prayers as we seek to reclaim and restore the banner of truth and holiness once held faithfully aloft by our Baptist forefathers.

Your Friend in Christ, Pastor Peter Baugh

Lord willing, I will be speaking at this conference. Hope to see you there if you can make it. Bro Need

PERSONAL

This has been a difficult two months. I had the spleen surgery May 5, and I was doing well, so they sent me home May 8. (There was no evidence of cancer.) However, on May 13, I had a sneezing spell, and evidently ruptured some blood vessels. I bent over to put on my socks Sunday the 14th, and blood poured out of the incision site. I pressed on it with my bloodied T-shirt, and Bettie rushed me to the emergency room in Hillsboro. They immediately transferred me to Wright-Patterson where the surgery had been done. The nurse

there pulled out a major and very thick blood clot. In fact it was so thick she could pull it out with tweezers. I had forgotten to ask for morphine, so it was not a pleasant experience. They sent us back home two days later after showing Bettie how to dress the open wound they left. They said it must heal from the inside, and that will take several more “painful” weeks. The dressing must be done every morning after I take a quick shower to wash the wound out.

The “praise the Lord” news includes Wright-Patterson’s place for families to stay if they have to drive over certain distance. We are 60 miles and about two hours away. The “Fisher House” was established by Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, and is basically maintained by their trust fund, though there are several other organizations that bring in supplies. The facilities are more than one could hope for being away from home. Ideally, one makes reservation for how long they think they are going to be in the hospital, which we did on our first trip. But one can show up there totally unexpected, as we did the second time, and everything is there to supply for as long as they need to stay.

I must say that the last several weeks has certainly taken the “spring” out of my step. However, on our follow-up visit on June 1, the surgeon said the “wound” looked fine, and told me I could do whatever I feel like doing, which certainly does not include chopping wood nor using a chainsaw, but it does include study and preaching. My back greatly hinders walking, but I can ride a bicycle, which I do for exercise as I try to regain the strength I lost through this entire ordeal. (The MRI on my lower back showed some unwelcome nodules on which could be cancer. I am waiting to see an orthopedic surgeon.) But as all of us older people know, it is far more difficult to recover than it was when we were 50 or 60 years old.

A verse that has become especially meaningful to my wife and myself is Job 23:10 *But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.*

We ask for your prayers for quick and total healing for me, and for a calm spirit for my wife who has been especially precious during these trying weeks.

I have a good ways to go yet, but the Lord will see us through.

- **LETTER**

Good Day!

Appreciate your studies. They are a blessing.

I printed and am reading the 5th “Victory in Psalms”

study.

Thank you, L.L., Nordman, Idaho

Bitcoin “end game” a mathematical certainty even as Japanese and Korean boobs convince kindergarten teachers they’ve stumbled upon a magical source of endless wealth

<http://www.naturalnews.com/2017-06-05-bitcoin-end-game-japanese-korean-kindergarten-teachers-magical-source-endless-wealth.html>

THE PORNIIFICATION OF SOCIETY

By Rob Slane

THE APPALING FACTS ON PORN

Science is only beginning to study it, but we know that pornography can literally restructure and shrink the brain. FightTheNewDrug.com, founded to publish research and raise awareness, says porn is a public health issue that transcends mere religion.

Studies show that two thirds of Christian men regularly use porn and more than half of pastors view it.

The average age of exposure to pornography is 11. There’s a new sexting scandal at a school every week.

Here’s some irony for you. Playboy magazine quit publishing nude photos because it can’t compete with ubiquitous porn online. The porn production industry is in decline because so many amateurs now produce and share it for free.

“Sex week” at several elite universities features “workshops” by porn stars specifically themed around certain perversions. Course credit is often available.

Recent horror stories in the news include the busting of a child porn ring that resulted in 200 prosecutions, and live-streamed gang rapes on Facebook.

The latest article on this topic to catch my eye came from Rod Dreher on The American Conservative website. You can almost hear him weep in sorrow:

“This society has a death wish. I wish I had some idea how it could be saved. What concerns me most of all right now is the horrifying complicity of conservative, even conservative Christian, parents in the spiritual, moral, and emotional ruin of their children and of their moral ecology because they, the parents, are too damn afraid to say no, my kids will not have a smartphone, I don’t care what they and society think of me.”

I hope that all Christians reading these words

share his sorrow, and that it will induce some parents who have perhaps been blasé to take a long, hard look at their situation and take whatever action they can to protect their children’s innocence.

The issue of pornography is a difficult one to even talk about, but we must. This month I’ll consider the societal phenomenon, addressing what I believe is one major way we are being deceived and then briefly looking at why pornography is so destructive. Next month I’ll look at the issue more at the individual level, first asking what the root of the problem is and then looking at some possible remedies.

• THE NEW DEFAULT POSITION

An article by Conor Friedersdorf in The Atlantic quotes one of the world’s biggest “porn stars” expressing concern that we’re not doing enough to stop pornography getting in front of children. Yet the same article states that “accessing hard core porn is (properly) legal.” This now seems to be the default position: Pornography is fine for adults, but we just need to keep it from children.

Now it is of course true that pornography filtering down to children is a very great evil. Young minds are more susceptible to habit-forming from new stimuli in ways that adult minds are perhaps not. Nevertheless, if we concentrate all our efforts on simply stopping pornography getting into the hands of children, we miss the point completely. The problem is not primarily that pornography is falling into the hands of children, but rather that as a society we have opened the floodgates to allow porn in and we have normalized it.

It is absurd to think that it is possible to normalize something like this and for it not to filter down to children. Children, by their very nature, want to grow up to be adults, and they often want to do adult things before their time. So if we have largely normalized pornography among adults—and we have—then no amount of paywalls and banning of smartphones or anything else is going to make much difference. We have become a pornographic society, and children, who aspire to do what adults do, will generally find ways of getting their hands on it by hook or by crook.

Look at it like this. There are two types of activity that adults seek to protect children from. First, there are perfectly good activities that we want them to grow up into, but for which they need to come of age before we allow it. For instance, driving a car.

Then there are activities which are bad in and of themselves, and which we try to protect them from not just because they aren't old enough to do them, but because we don't ever want them to do them. Taking heroin would fall into this category.

So which category does porn fit into? Is it like driving? Or is it like heroin? Is it something a child should one day be able to do, only not just now? Or is it like heroin; something that no sane parent would ever want their children to get into, no matter how old? If our culture puts it in the same category as driving a car, something to be avoided as a child, but something that is perfectly normal once you turn a certain age, then it can be safely said that we have lost all moral compass and are quite sick. If, on the other hand, we see it in the same category as heroin, then at least we would be acknowledging it as a problem to be dealt with.

Just so you know, in 2004 an expert psychiatrist testified before Congress, "Modern science allows us to understand that the underlying nature of an addiction to pornography is chemically nearly identical to a heroin addiction."

Sadly, I would say that we have moved in the last 10 years from treating it in the heroin category to the driving category. "We don't want you to touch it now, but of course there will come a time when it becomes your right to consume as much of it as you like," is essentially the message. And yet the schizophrenic nature of this is obvious when you think about why it is we don't want children seeing it. Isn't it because we know it pollutes their minds? Isn't it because we instinctively know that it demeans and degrades them? Isn't it because we are well aware that it will give them a terribly unhealthy and warped view of the opposite sex? Of course it is, but are we really naïve enough to think that it doesn't have the same sorts of effects on adults?

But they're adults, and we can't stop their rights, can we? Well, I am not suggesting that we suddenly enact a law that bans it all. Such a law at the point we currently find ourselves at would be as effective as King Canute commanding the sea to go back. But I am suggesting that our culture urgently needs to stop looking at the main problem as preventing pornography falling into the hands of children, which is in reality a byproduct of a much larger problem. Instead we need to focus on the acceptance and normalization of pornography among adults.

Why it's so destructive

A Christian culture would understand the problem instinctively. It would see that pornography, by its very nature, cannot be anything other than dehumanizing, not just for the people making it, but for the viewer and—crucially—for the whole of society. We would understand that just as the continual watching of extremely violent films or computer games is bound to desensitize people (no matter how much the makers of such things try to convince us otherwise), so too pornography cannot fail to desensitize us, not just to sex itself, but to people in general. We would understand that you cannot have people watching this stuff, which objectifies and commoditizes people, and expect them to come away from it with a view of people which does not at some level objectify and commoditize other people.

In other words, a society that normalizes pornography has already sown the seeds of its own destruction. If we defend the rights of people to view this stuff, ultimately all we are doing is defending the rights of people to destroy society, since the health of that society very much depends in the long run on people not objectifying and commoditizing one another.

Of course, none of this gets to the root of the problem or suggests remedies for individuals who have fallen into the grip of pornography. The fact is that it has an astonishingly magnetic lure, and is a notoriously difficult vice to overcome. I hope to return to this next month.

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<https://samaritanministries.org/blog/the-pornification-of-society-part-1>

Get those "smart phones" out of the hands of those who might use them for pornography. Place the computer in a very visible area of the home, and restrict its use to when others are around. Conversion does not immunize a Christian against the desire to fulfill the lusts of the flesh. (Rom 13:14)

No doubt the number one weapon today to destroy Christian manhood, womanhood and the family is pornography.

BUILDING TRADES

Ratzenberger: Go to Vocational School and Become 'Essential' to Civilization Or just major in gender studies and waste good money.

Most people put a lot of importance on getting a

college education. But with the average American campus turning into an aimless progressive utopia, most will graduate with a pointless degree, a mountain of student loan debt, and move back in with their parents until they sort out life. Becoming a skilled tradesman was never an option for them as vocational schools are generally looked down upon as less prestigious institutions.

But that's too bad, says actor and skilled carpenter John Ratzenberger (*Cheers, Toy Story*).

In an appearance on *Varney & Co.* on FOX Business, Ratzenberger shared his inspirational thoughts on why more young people should ditch the liberal arts and become "essential" to civilization. The actor has been a fierce proponent, much like Mike Rowe, for blue collar industries. And in the wake of President Trump's visit to Snap-On tools this week to sign his "Buy American, Hire American" executive order, Ratzenberger had this to say about the negative view of people who work with their hands:

"A lot of parents are against it, because they think if their child goes on to be a brick layer, or a welder, that somehow they're not as intelligent as the kid that went on to a four-year liberal arts college. But in fact, if you're an apprentice plumber, or an electrician, or a carpenter, your road for the next four years is much more difficult than a four-year college. And at the end of the day, you're going to be making a lot more money, too."

Ratzenberger went on to say he has always "bristled" at the term "blue collar worker" and has a better name for what they do:

"It's 'essential worker.'

"If every actor, or everybody in the media -- sports, celebrities -- disappeared tomorrow, our families would be sad but that's about it. The world would carry on just fine. But if all the electricians, welders, carpenters, truck drivers decided not to go to work for one day, civilization would grind to a halt. So, I always use the term 'essential worker.' These people are essential to our civilization. Without them we don't exist, frankly."

In a hilarious contrast, noting how the Democratic Party has shifted and lost a large chunk of its blue collar base, Ratzenberger said it's not hard to imagine former Democratic speaker of the house Tip O'Neill working on his lawn mower on a Saturday afternoon.

"Well, try to imagine Nancy Pelosi doing the same thing," Ratzenberger said.

Ratzenberger also noted how that same shift is seen

in schools with the cancelation of shop classes and home economics to make room for arts classes. Not that there's anything wrong with acting, Ratenberger said, he loves it, but it's always nice to be able to fall back on a trade. If you're a skilled carpenter, you can go work anywhere.

<http://www.truthrevolt.org/news/ratzenberger-go-vocational-school-and-become-essential-civilization>

At every opportunity, I have tried to tell young men to learn a trade. Unless they are seeking to be a scientist, doctor or other very specialized occupations, it is a waste of time and money to go to college. Why acquire a huge debt when the only thing they might be qualified for is working in a fast food Emporium?

We have lived around the Amish for a good number of years now. They must be complimented on teaching their sons an occupation, and then doing all they can to set their sons up in their own business. It works, and we like being around and using these expert craftsmen.

From the time I was old enough to sit in a tractor seat, about 12 or 13, my goal was to be in the trades. My dad was one of the best welders and fabricators in the Indianapolis area, and had a contracting business with his brother. I wanted to join with him. However, Divine Providence changed my plans in 1970, much over my objection, I might add.

*Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, **working with his hands** the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.*

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Does the State have an interest in what goes on in one's home, in the bedroom, behind closed doors or in other private areas? What does the law-word of God say?

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Note "rest for your souls." Christ took the phrase from Jeremiah 6:16.

Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

When Christ used that phrase, the people clearly understood what he was saying. Look at the context:

Jeremiah 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way,

and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. 17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Harken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken. 18 Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them. 19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it. 20 To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me. 21 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish.”

This passage shows us that “judgment cannot be turned aside by mere sacrifice without a change of heart”—that is to say, there must be genuine conversion of the mind, will and emotions, a life-style change that comes from the heart. (Keil-Delitzsch) Christ called for such a change in his message in Matthew 11.

The Lord through Jeremiah is saying to his people:

1. Look back to ancient history, and see how success and prosperity forsook our fathers when they left God’s way, and followed the way of the heathens. (1 Corinthians 10:1) However, his people refused to consider and change.

2. God raised up prophets from among his people, sounding the warning of impending doom if they did not return to the Lord’s law-word in their thoughts. However, they refused to hear and change.

3. He calls to HIS covenant congregation to hear and understand what is about to come upon them for their sins, and for rejecting his plea to come to return to Him for their rest.

4. God calls the entire earth to witness the evil he will bring against his people for their opposition and rejection to his law-word. Notice that God’s action against them is not in response to their actions. Rather, it is in response to their thoughts—Fruit of their thoughts. (See Matthew 12:35, Hebrews 4:12, &c.)

5. There was no shortage of sacrifices in the temple, but those sacrifices were mere outward service. The hearts of those offering the sacrifices were in rebellion against “my words, ... my law.” The judgment was not a result of not doing, but of not changing the heart. To obey is better than sacrifice, 1 Samuel 15:22.

6. Stumblingblocks cause people to fall. The Lord himself promises to put things before his disobedient people that will cause them to fall. They would not fall

if their hearts were stayed upon him:

Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

But their hearts were set and hardened in their own ways.

7. Note the length and depth of God’s judgment:

Jeremiah 7:19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces? 20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

Every area of creation suffers for man’s sin.

Jeremiah tells us that the Lord offered his people rest for their souls, if they would return to him and walk in his ways. They refused. He sent prophets to sound the warning, yet they still refused. His call to return was more than simply bring their actions into conformity to his words and law. Rather, it was a call to convert the thoughts and intents of the heart, which they refused to do. It was the unlawful, secret things of the heart that were causing God to move against his people. He moved against them by placing stumblingblocks before them.

I think we can identify many stumblingblocks today, as people have embraced many evils in their mind, evils that have God’s promise of death attached to them. Destruction comes much like easy credit causes one to run up an unpayable bill that will come due.

Starting with Ezekiel chapter 8, we see God exposing the secret things of the heart. Because His people would not deal with those secret things of their heart, God sent out men with slaughter weapons in their hands. (*Slaughter weapon* is released upon the population that claims to worship God. What might that *slaughter weapon* be? Maybe a tick that carries the *Powassan* virus which kills 10 percent of its victims and permanently disables another 50 percent. http://www.wnd.com/2017/06/creeping-death-tick-virus-explodes-across-u-s/?cat_orig=health)

I think that any man would find it quite disturbing when female “Worship Leaders” dress in skintight and revealing clothing, and then gyrate with the beat of the “music”.

Christ brought the entire thought of the evil fruit of the mind bringing destruction forward when he offered rest for your souls. The rest Christ offered can only come from genuine heart conversion; conversion from

hating and rejecting the Lord's yoke, His Word and His Law. Psalms 2 tells us that the wicked desire to break God's bands asunder—that is, get away from the yoke of his laws.

Is it too late to turn God's judgment aside? Probably, for Jeremiah 5:31, before the message of chapter 6, tells us that even those called by his name love the prophets who prophesy falsely; they love the man-centered worship services, messages and music. The stumbling blocks are all around us, and his people are falling victim to them like flies.

DO SECRET THINGS MATTER?

A common saying today is that the state has no business legislating what happens in the bedroom---behind closed doors.

The sodomites, adulterers, whoremongers, drug users, prostitutes and pimps, sinners of every description raise the same cry: As long as I am not hurting others, what right do you have to stop me.

Proverbs 14:34 tells us that the State that does not legislate morality in the secret places faces extinction. The State does have a vested interest in legislating morality behind closed doors, for God judges according to the heart as much as he does according to the actions.

Due to the public pressure by the wicked, the State has withdrawn from those secret, wicked actions, and now legislates against unimportant things like smoking indoors. Smoking indoors will not condemn a nation to God's judgment, but the wickedness of God-defined sins will certainly pass a nation into history. The secret things certainly matter before God, just as much as those things done openly.

John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

It is the Lord who brings judgment upon individuals and upon nations. The secret things that are done out of the sight of others are not hidden from God, and he judges righteously. We must conclude therefore, that the actions "behind closed doors" have very public consequences. The unsavory fruit of the secret dwelling and mediating on wickedness will come to pass.

Luke 12:2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. 3 Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the

light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

"I am harming no one but myself" is the enemy's lie. We not only harm ourselves, but all of society pays the price for the secret rebellions against God's word and law.

Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin (public or private) is a reproach to any people.

First, let me define righteousness as used in this verse: Basically, it is conformity to the ethical or moral standard established by God in his word. (Righteousness: Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament)

However, righteous living does not result in eternal life, for that comes only through the applied righteousness of Christ.

God considered Job a righteous man, chapters 1, 2. Then in chapters 29-31, we see how righteousness should work out into society through an individual. Moreover, Job made it very clear that he was not depending on his outward righteousness to result in his salvation. In 19:25-27, Job clearly stated that he was at all times looking toward his Redeemer.

True morality in individuals or nations comes only from the righteousness of Christ placed in individual hearts through faith, and then that faith lived in every day affairs.

Isaiah 60:21 Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

Isaiah prophesied concerning the Gospel Church. He speaks of the indwelling Spirit of God through faith in Christ, and that Spirit working out in His people's lives, righteous actions that glorify God. When righteous actions are missing, then we must assume that the righteousness of Christ is also missing.

Second, any people. Thus, this verse applies to both a nation and to any individual, whether "Christian or pagan."

Biblical, and "secular" history proves that godliness and prosperity as well as ungodliness and misery is the fate of individuals and nations. Godly nations prosper, and sinful nations shall suffer misery. Deuteronomy 27 & 28 clearly spells out the blessings and curses of glorifying God or failure to glorify him.

Charles Bridges, 1846, tells us that a nation is not great because of its political wisdom, its conquests of its enemies, its excellent trade policies that make other nations debtors to it, its manufacturing abilities, its natural resources, nor anything that men consider

greatness. Both Greece and Rome were considered great nations, but they were overrun with degradation. Their greatness only existed in fanciful stories and dreams.

Contrast the influence of ungodliness which produces suffering and misery with the influence of Christianity which produces peace and prosperity. *Sin is a reproach to any people*; Accordingly, there is no individual nor nation that can escape the misery of sin, nor is there any who can escape the peace and prosperity of godliness.

No individual nor nation is so low he can go no lower. Ungodliness removes the protective covering that only God can provide. (Proverbs 21:31 *The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD.*) Men and nations can invest all their resources to protect themselves, but only God can protect.

God's law tells us that the ungodly heart of both Christian and Non-Christian men is an enemy of the State, no matter how loudly he may proclaim his patriotism and love for his nation.

Those in authority who desire to remake America after their own image are against "Conservative Talk Radio", blaming "Talk Radio" for hindering their plans. As much as I may appreciate the facts presented by "Talk Radio," those hosts are enemies of this country. They offer answers to this nation's ills that have nothing to do with righteousness as defined by God's law-word.

Rather, they are violating the First Commandment as they promote trusting in another god, a god after their own imagination. They think that by getting people to understand the Constitution and live by it, they can salvage America. They believe that if they can get the truth out to enough people, they can make the people free; they can salvage America. Preachers also believe that if they can get enough people to profess Christ with their mouths, they can rescue America without changing the thoughts and intents of the heart.

We are in the midst of a flood of infidelity, lawlessness and ungodliness in thoughts and actions, even among professed Christians, yet very few are calling for righteousness, which is the only hope of national recovery.

Bridges closes his comment on Proverbs 14:34 with this statement:

Let the little remnant in the midst of thee [that is, Britain, though it applies to our nation] remember their high responsibility. (Matt. v. 13.) Let them take care, that their personal and relative profession add to the righteousness, not to the sin, of the nation. Let them plead for their country's true prosperity with humiliation, faith, and

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constancy. Let them labour for her exaltation with more entire union of heart.

Matthew 5:13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me," means also "Thou shalt have no other powers before me." "Thou shalt have no other hope other than righteousness before me."

Our hope must be in the imparted righteousness of Christ for eternal life. Our hope for exaltation as an individual and as a nation is living out our faith in every thought and action. Our hope is in God's people *bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ*; (1 Cor 10)

It clearly matters what goes on behind closed doors. The Lord, through Ezekiel tells us that His people were destroyed because of abomination they entertained in their most secret places. Our nation, due to public pressure from the wicked, has not only "legalized" but has encouraged abominations of the worst kind wherever people desire to practice those abominations.

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