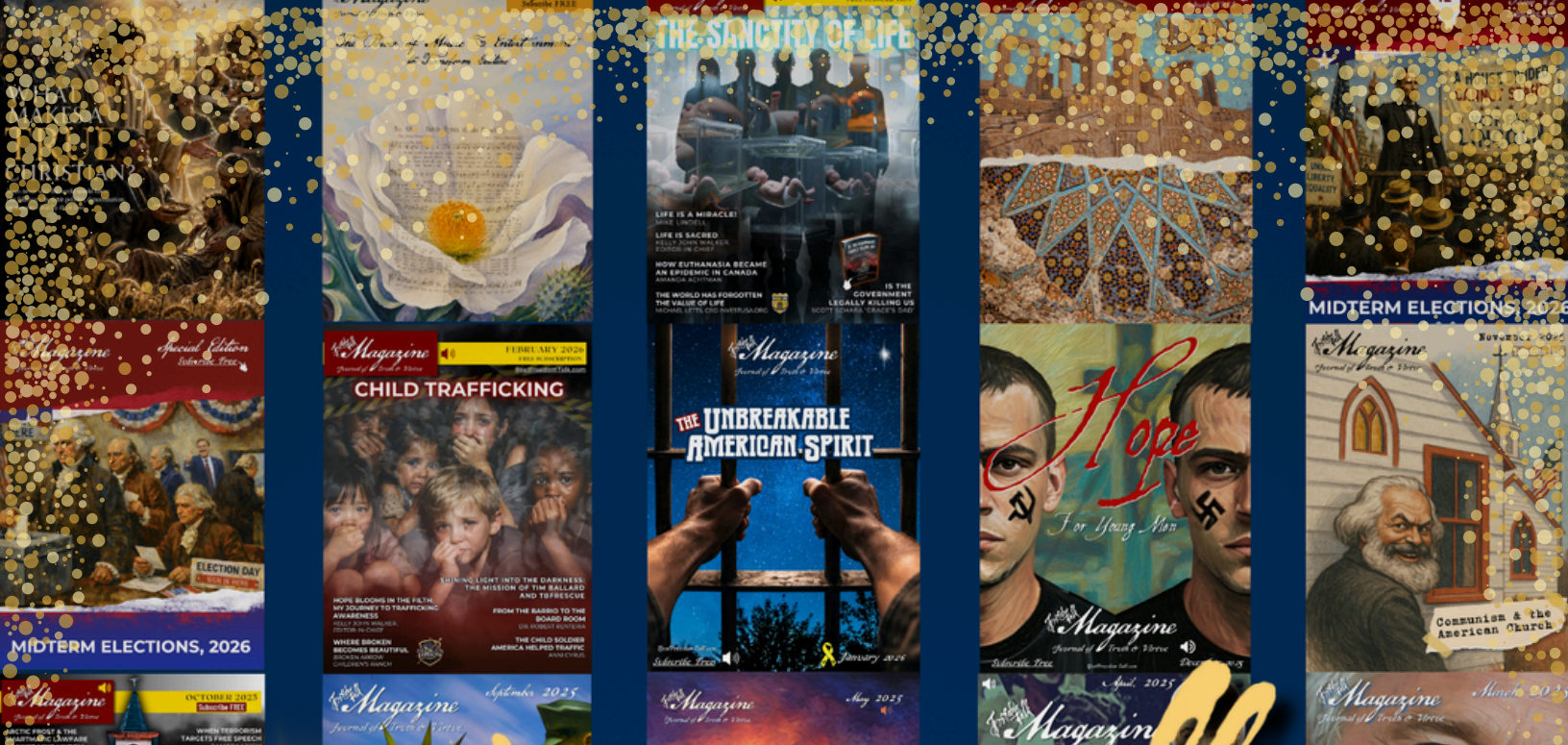




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Five Years of Truth & Virtue





WHY AMERICA NEEDS **FREEDOMTALK**

The heart of this nation is not in the halls of government, but wherever two or three gather in the name of Freedom to share a cup and a conversation. We the People are rediscovering our identity as the true power of this nation, and the American Spirit is alive and well from sea to shining sea!

The Declaration of Independence was first read to the public in Merchant's Coffee House, and the Sons of Liberty met regularly at the Green Dragon Tavern.

Dinesh D'Souza harkened back to these revolutionary roots in a recent podcast:

"The 'Republic of Letters' are people who are not in the government, but they are interested in what the government does...they would meet in cafes, and they would discuss the issues of the day; they were engaging in a kind of civic discourse with political implications—you could almost say 'advising power.' You've got this intellectual life going on in the community; it's removed from government, but it exercises a moral force on the government—the idea is to improve the moral, but also the political tone of society."

Alexandr Solzhenitsyn wrote, "A submissive sheep is a find for a wolf." The wolves are discovering that they have awakened lions—millions of us! And we will never surrender our Liberty.

The elite who would seek to rule us have neglected or usurped our Founders' vision of a government of, for, and by the People. They have forgotten that they work for us; we do not work for them!

1. A postmodern leftist orthodoxy bent on despotism and devastation has throttled the free exchange of ideas through Orwellian censorship and Machiavellian authoritarianism in our public schools, universities, media, and entertainment. They have shoved centuries of foundational Western culture wisdom out of the public square in a Marxist cultural purge that threatens the survival of America's hard-won Republic.

FreedomTalk is fighting to stop that from happening. We believe the true American story is more powerful than the lies that have been created to obscure it.

I created FreedomTalk to restore the free exchange of ideas, particularly to revive the richness of Western thought and Judeo-Christian virtue. We are sharing engaging content from history, science, theology, and education and hosting speakers like Dinesh D'Souza, Matthew Lohmeier, and Ian Smith to enhance critical thinking skills and restore truth to the great American Republic.

John Witherspoon said, "A republic once equally poised, must either preserve its virtue or lose its liberty, and by some tumultuous revolution, either return to its first principles, or assume a more unhappy form."

It's time to push back against censorship and thought control and build a renaissance of transcendent American ideals till freedom once again rings from the classroom to the living room, all the way to the halls of government.

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This little "magazine that could" was born out of political persecution and a fervent love for the West's most cherished principles and the American people.

I created the very first issue of *FreedomTalk Magazine* from our little family coffee shop in Tucson, knowing that the only way to truly win back our nation would be through a renaissance of Truth and a return to Virtue. Samuel Adams affirmed that liberty survives only "when knowledge is diffused and virtue is preserved."

JFK echoed that same truth in 1963: "Only an educated and informed people will be a free people."

The problem was clear: An unholy hybrid of Marxism, globalism, and now radical Islam had infiltrated government, schools, entertainment, literature, and even our churches. A coordinated "march through the institutions" had convinced many young people that our great republic had been founded on theft and slavery.

The *true* story is that our Founding Fathers overcame thousands of years of tyranny, to create a New Birth of Freedom, a “nation, under God,” and “a new birth of freedom,” a “government of the people, by the people, for the people.”

They and John Locke restored the timeless truth, also affirmed by Scripture, that “all men are created equal” and “are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights.” They enumerated only some of those natural rights in our Constitution, which Frederick Douglass called “a glorious liberty document,” and Martin Luther King Jr. later described as a “promissory note” to every American, recognizing that the nation would take time to fully realize those ideals.

Marxism has built a foundation in the U.S. for over a century, deceiving millions that truth is a personal construct, eroding universal moral boundaries and traditions regarded as essential for restraining the worst proclivities of human nature. Their fever dream is to deconstruct the West, sow chaos, and establish a global “socialist Utopia” doomed to fail as collectivism always does.

The only way to reverse the indoctrination is to address the source of the problem, not merely its symptoms. We cannot drain the swamp while it is continually fed filthy water. The answers lie upstream of politics, at the headwaters of culture. *FreedomTalk* is a wellspring of enlightened thought and principled living purifying culture with timeless truths, amplifying independent voices, cultivating ideas to shape America's future.

And because I've spoken truth and exposed evil, standing firm to shield the vulnerable, I was canceled from my full-time job, our coffee shop was relentlessly attacked and ultimately taken from us, and I was falsely arrested twice.

To pay the bills, I initially sold local ads and distributed printed issues of *FreedomTalk* from our shop. We continue to support our family in part through this labor of love.

James O'Keefe recently asked me, “Everyone has a price...but how come you don't?”

“Because I'm not doing this for myself. You said, James, ‘My price is my life.’ In my case, ‘My life is my sacrifice.’”



And that's what *FreedomTalk* is all about. My wife and I chose to stand and fight for all we hold dear, willing to lose everything but our voice—and that commitment has cost us our home, our business, my job and our savings; we are still rebuilding from government weaponization and the relentless persecution of “useful idiots.”

This edition shares some of our favorite articles from multiple authors across five years of excellence. I hope you'll go to [RealFreedomTalk](https://RealFreedomTalk.com) and check out each timeless issue!

We are blessed with the perfect sponsor for this special issue! **The Rite Books** exists to preserve access to the texts that have shaped Western thought. They share our belief that the free exchange of ideas, including difficult and uncomfortable ones, is fundamental to an educated society. Their role is not to tell you what to think. It is to make sure the books are available for those who want to think for themselves.

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Kelly Walsh



Dear Patriot,



My father had a way of saying things plainly, across the kitchen table. That's how I want to speak to you now.

We were raised to believe a person could speak their mind in this country and not lose everything over it. That was the deal. You could say your piece on a street corner, in a church pew, or standing up at a school board meeting, and the law was supposed to have your back. It was written right there in the First Amendment. Most of us never thought much about it, the same way you never think about the air until the day it gets hard to breathe.

Well, take a look around.

People are losing jobs over content they posted years ago. Mothers and fathers get treated like suspects for asking a simple question about what their kids are being taught. Pastors are told what they may and may not say from their own pulpits.

Good and honest books keep quietly vanishing from libraries and big online stores—not because anyone proved them false, but because somebody upstairs decided they were inconvenient.

I could not sit still and watch this happen any longer. So, I did the only thing a stubborn man knows how to do: I built something to address it.

The Rite Books started small, in the corner of a room, out of plain frustration. I was tired of watching true words, God-honoring words—about faith and family and the founding of this nation—get shoved into the dark. The business name is a little play on words, and I will admit I am proud of it.

Rite” denotes the sacred acts of worship that shape and sustain our faith. “Right” reflects the truth that does not bend simply because the times do. Both are worth guarding with everything we have.

Here is what we are about: We carry the books that hold this country together, starting with Scripture and the men and women who lived by it.

We work so that the true story of how America was founded is told straight, like you'd hear over a kitchen table from a wise man. We bring you books on raising a family with a backbone, the kind of writers who got shouted out of the polite rooms for saying what everybody used to know. Some of these titles you will not find featured on the front table of the big chains, and that is exactly the point.

Since you read FreedomTalk, you already understand what I am getting at. You and I are cut from the same cloth. We are not asking for anything wild, just want the freedom to read, to think, and to hand our grandchildren a shelf of books that tell them the truth about God and country.

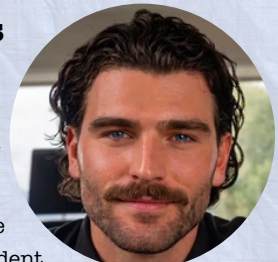
The enemies of freedom can pull a book off a shelf, but they cannot snatch away the truth from a free people who still know how to read.

God bless you, and God bless this country while we still have it.

Sincerely,

Jack, Founder, The Rite Books

Jack Gordon is a Creator, Writer and Entrepreneur with an audience across the western world. Through his YouTube channel and Instagram @truejackofalltrades, he introduces a new generation to the ideas modern education left behind. from Nietzsche and Spengler to Schmitt, Evola, and the dissident canon. Which he blends with modern entrepreneurial work-ethic oriented towards western exceptionalism. He is the founder of The Rite Books, an independent bookstore dedicated to hard-to-find works of Western philosophy, history, religion and political theory. He built it from the first principle of freedom of speech, and ideological diversity. His work sits at the intersection of intellectual history and cultural renewal: recovering old ideas, and making the case that they still matter.





This month, Kelly John Walker and I sat down and put together something made just for the folks who read this magazine. We call it the **Freedom Bundle**. It is the little home library every family ought to have within arm's reach. These are books you want your children and their children to pull down off the shelf one rainy afternoon and actually read.

And because you came to us through FreedomTalk, I want to take care of you.

Use the code **FREEDOM10** at checkout for 10 percent off your order. That's our thank you, reader to reader, for standing where you stand.

You can find the **Freedom Bundle** and everything else we carry at theritebooks.com. Go have a look. Buy a book or just poke around and see what they do not want you reading.

Either way, you will be doing something small and quiet that matters more than it appears, starting with keeping good words alive.

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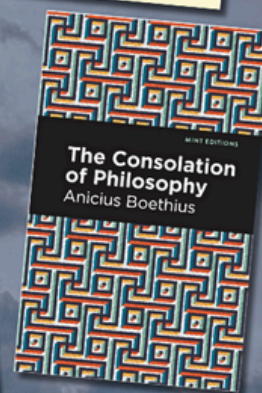
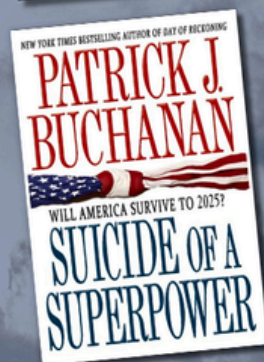
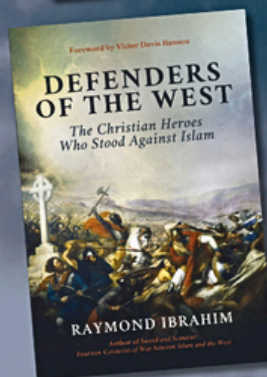


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The Noble Lie

by Kelly John Walker

"Dust thou art, to dust
returnest,
was not spoken of the soul."

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *Psalm to Life*

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There is a desperate longing in the human heart for purpose beyond the passing hours of a senseless shuffle to the grave. The Judeo-Christian worldview upon which our Republic was founded assumes that life carries divinely gifted worth, meaning, and purpose. Our Founders reflected this belief when they wrote that men are "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." They embraced "self-evident" truths because they recognized a higher moral authority manifested in Natural Law and Natural Rights. They believed purpose is a birthright, and happiness is attainable in this life. The American "new birth of freedom" descended from centuries of English Common Law development, nurtured by a unique commitment to personal autonomy.

Daniel Hannan wrote in *Inventing Freedom*, "More than a thousand years ago, in England, the precedent had been set that a ruler might be judged before a representative assembly. The law...was a set of inherited rights that belonged to every freeman in the kingdom. The rules did not emanate from the government, but stood above it...if the sovereign himself is required to keep that law, it must have a higher source of legitimacy."

Yet the Left, in denying the existence of a higher power—and thereby self-evident truth—experiences a lack of purpose that makes life a meaningless absurdity. As French philosopher Albert Camus wrote, "You will never be happy if you continue to search for what happiness consists of. You will never live if you are looking for the meaning of life."

"Postmodernism," writes Matthew Lohmeier in *Irresistible Revolution*, "challenges the possibility of obtaining objective knowledge of the world—of knowing truth. Reason and truth are meaningless; they are mere abstractions. Objectivity is a myth."

Without purpose, life is intolerable. "The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation," wrote Thoreau. Mankind becomes "the absurd hero," as Camus put it. His "whole being is exerted toward accomplishing nothing," like the archetypal Sisyphus endlessly rolling a stone up a hill, only to watch it roll back again—a sort of Greek Groundhog Day.

Christian philosopher William Lane Craig describes this "dilemma of modern man" as "truly terrible. The atheistic worldview is insufficient to maintain a happy and consistent life. Confronted with this dilemma, modern man flounders pathetically for some means of escape."

Jean-Paul Sartre, 20th-Century French philosopher, offered a coping mechanism: "In a word, man must create his own essence: it is in throwing himself into the world, suffering there, struggling there, that he gradually defines himself."



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The Noble Lie

Craig references a 1991 address to the American Academy for the Advancement of Science by Dr. L.D. Rue, in which he "boldly advocated that we deceive ourselves by means of some 'Noble Lie' into thinking that we and the universe have value."

"Without such lies, we cannot live. This is the dreadful verdict pronounced over modern man. In order to survive, he must live in self-deception," says Craig.

Fyodor Dostoyevsky wrote that "if there is not immortality, then everything is permitted." If everything is permitted, then we must either abandon any social coherence and live in chaos, or impose social coherence at the expense of personal freedom. "If we're to avoid these two options," writes Craig, "then we have no choice but to embrace some Noble Lie that will inspire us to live beyond selfish interest and so voluntarily achieve social coherence."

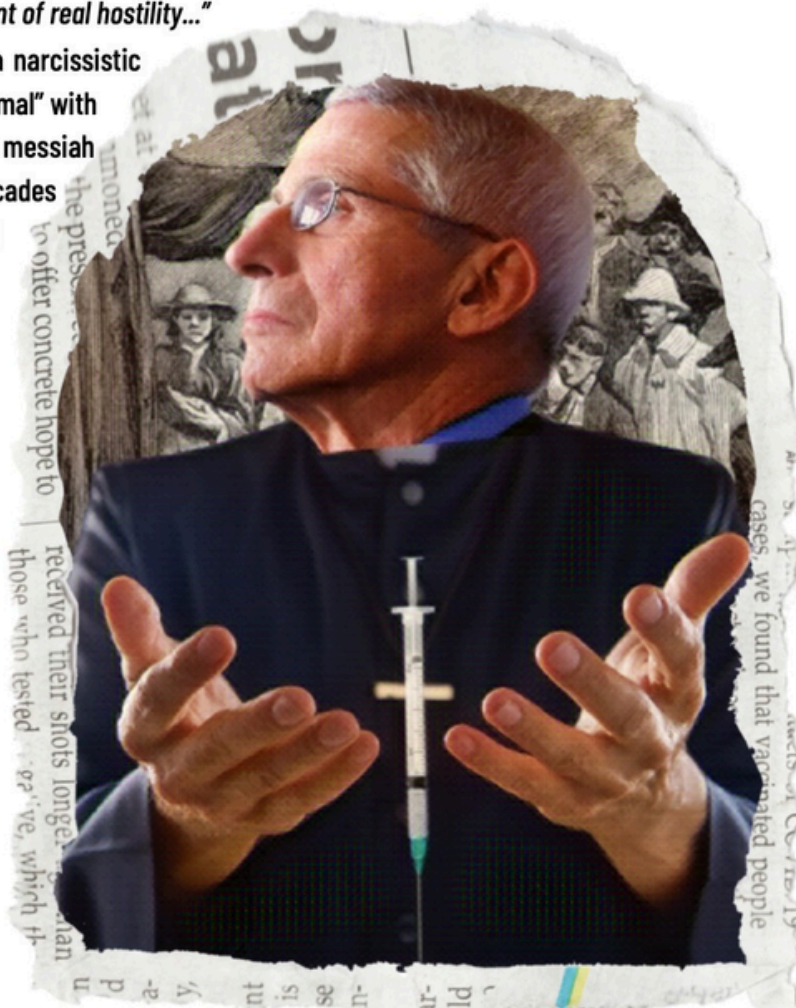
But voluntary social coherence has mutated into mandated conformity. As the Lie grows, those living by it have gradually come to believe it—and to protect their fragile constructed purpose for living, they impose it upon others through panic-driven forced compliance.

Dostoyevsky entreated us in *The Brothers Karamazov* not to live by lies:

"Above all, do not lie to yourself. A man who lies to himself and listens to his own lie comes to a point where he does not discern any truth either in himself or anywhere around him, and thus falls into disrespect towards himself and others. Not respecting anyone, he ceases to love, and having no love, he gives himself up to passions and coarse pleasures in order to occupy and amuse himself, and in his vices reaches complete bestiality, and it all comes from lying continually to others and himself. A man who lies to himself is often the first to take offense. (It sometimes feels very good to take offense, doesn't it?) And surely he knows that no one has offended him, and that he himself has invented the offense and told lies just for the beauty of it, that he has exaggerated for the sake of effect, that he has picked up on a word and made a mountain out of a pea—he knows all of that, and still he is the first to take offense, he likes feeling offended, it gives him great pleasure, and thus he reaches the point of real hostility..."

The advent of a "novel" coronavirus presented fertile ground for a narcissistic noble lie. Here, at last, was a purpose to cling to, a utopian "new normal" with a sanctimonious slogan, "we're all in this together," led by a medical messiah to save us from our unsanitary sins and our horse-paste heresy. Decades of nearly unanimous scientific recommendation against generalized masking were quietly purged and replaced by shiny "new" studies; the cries of those suffering adverse reactions to experimental vaccines were drowned out by slightly off-key paeans of slavish praise to Pfizer and the pharmaceutical pantheon. Initial seemingly noble sentiments like saving grandma deteriorated into forced compliance in obeisance to the collective. censorship of dissenting voices compelled allegiance to the Lie and threatened to destroy the beautiful heritage of human dignity and freedom of thought and expression which we consider to be foundational Truth. Well did Paul write two thousand years ago, "they exchanged the Truth for a lie." The priests of the Noble Lie preserve the orthodoxy through intimidation, ostracism, and penance, for to abandon the covid obsession is to once again face the meaninglessness of their existence. The Left dreads having nothing to live for more than death—it terrifies them, and perfect fear casts out love. The Lie devours freedom and obscures truth like the creeping shadows of an eclipse, but the Truth shines the revelatory light of liberty.

"I believe in Christianity," wrote C.S. Lewis, "as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." Those with the courage to tell the truth shine a light on the lies—which are not really noble at all—and illuminate the path that will lead us back to true nobility.



WHEN COMMUNISM BOWED TO THE CROSS

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By Kelly John Walker

Over the past four years, I have been laboring in my soul over the question, “What can I do to help defeat Communism?” and, “Which strategies can stop this spreading evil specter, if any.” I have found the answer in *Nine Days that Changed the World*, the story of one man’s courage, faith and determination to free the people of Poland, and indeed of the world. While I am not Catholic, as a witness to the Cold War and the fall of Soviet Communism, I consider Karol Wojtyła—the man who became Pope John Paul II—one of the 20th-Century’s greatest heroes. This man’s faith brought Soviet Communism to its knees.

For half a century, the embattled European nation of Poland experienced the Orwellian dystopia many of us fear is descending upon the United States. Poles call World War II “The War we lost twice,” as they were first defeated by the Nazis in 1939, and then the Soviets in 1945. Fully one-fifth of the nation’s population was decimated during that brief period of time. That would be equivalent to 67 million Americans perishing in just six years.

It might be tempting to characterize Pope John Paul II as the political foe who vanquished communism. But that would be untrue. His position challenged communism in the metaphysical realm, not in the political arena. His message was never one advocating political positioning. Rather, he understood that the error of communism lay in its fundamental understanding of man, who is not merely a unit of labor engaged in a perpetual class struggle, as Marx claimed, but a creature made in the image of God, with a soul and an eternal destiny. John Paul II never took his eyes off God, his heart and mind like a compass pointing to true North. He encouraged people to love God more deeply, to cherish relationships with the people they love, and to obey God with abandon. He challenged communism on his knees, praying to God, “Thy will be done.” -Barbara J. Elliot

“I am asking that you would take this entire spiritual inheritance...once again receive it with faith, hope and love...that you would not, by yourself, cut off the roots that we came from.”

-Pope John Paul II Warsaw, June 2, 1979

“Why has the United States never known the tragedy of totalitarianism that we met in the 20th Century? Naziism, Communism, Anti-semitism...It is possible, or an important part of the answer depends on, the circumstance that American society maintains a powerful religious sentiment, when Europe, instead, is losing it.”

-Italian Senator Marcello Pera



"This wall will fall. Beliefs become reality." Yes, across Europe, this wall will fall. For it cannot withstand faith; it cannot withstand truth. The wall cannot withstand freedom."

Yet, John Paul believed that God was bringing good things from the ashes of that immense suffering, if only people had the faith to see it.

John Paul rightly recognized that ultimately, **the battle against Communism is a spiritual one.** He believed that **ONLY by turning to God could Communism be defeated.** There **as no political, military, or other way to defeat it.** This made me think that, in fighting the Left, we must be careful not to *become* them.

As the must-see documentary by Newt Gingrich points out, a **PEACEFUL REVOLUTION** of unprecedented magnitude rippled across the continent throughout 1989 in a political, moral, and spiritual earthquake that changed the course of history. The rest of the Soviet Union would tumble two years later in the aftershock. **Nearly 400 million people were freed and scarcely a shot was fired.**

In his first speech, the first non-Italian pope in 400 years said words that began to give people hope: "DO NOT BE AFRAID!" Liberation from fear was the psychological step that began the demise of European Communism.

John Paul helped people in bondage under the Soviet machine understand that no one can take away your faith. He came to "change this land," and acted upon that declaration.

"His power and his arms were the Truth," said one eyewitness to the Pope's 1979 Poland visit. "And that is the most dangerous weapon [against] criminals."

"To defend the Cross was to defend man," said Monsignor Jaroslaw Cielecki, "to defend his values, to defend his future life."

In his courageous defense of the Cross and the dignity of man, Pope John Paul II awakened solidarity among a people desperate to regain their freedom by returning them to their spiritual roots. "These people understood that this is the right road, that when we're really all together, we are a force, and the enemy is helpless."

"Long before he became Pope, Karol Wojtyła had concluded that the conflict with Communism was ultimately a conflict in the realm of the spirit," wrote Barbara J. Elliot. "Communism is unambiguously atheistic. Its premise is that man is a unit of labor..."

Father Jan Andrzej explains, "I would say for a fuller understanding of man can only be found through Jesus Christ." He stood up for human rights under the understanding that for Cardinal Wojtyła, and then John Paul II, the issue of fighting Communism was not an issue of fighting a certain political system, but rather with a certain concept of man. John Paul II said that you cannot understand man without Christ. What does that mean? You cannot treat a man like a piece of equipment. Every person is given by God his or her own dignity. Man cannot be treated as a means, but always as an end." 🇺🇸

"Revolution is an occurrence in the realm of Spirit."

-Józef Tischner, Polish theologian

"Let Your Spirit descend and renew the face of the earth and this land!"

-Pope John Paul II Warsaw, June 2, 1979

WHEN BOWED TO COMMUNISM THE CROSS

When John Paul spoke in Poland, he had to pause for a full 14 minutes, as people chanted: **“We want God! We want God in our schools! We want God in the family! We want God in books! We want God! We want God!”**

John Paul responded, “The people are preaching with me! Christ cannot be kept out of the history of man in any part of the globe. **The exclusion of Christ from the history of man is an act against man.**”

“If Democracy is built not on truth, but if it’s built on moral relativism, it will crash as well. Because democracy can only function where people live up to the convictions that they have, where people are clear about human identity, about human finality, about what it goodness, what is truth.” -Father Wojciech Giertych, Theologian

“Poland had been unique in its response: “Faced with that crisis of humanism in an acute form, Poland had responded by intensifying its Christian faith,” wrote Elliot. “At the deepest level, the source of ethics is what binds a culture together,” he told them...’ The future of Poland will depend on how many people are mature enough to be nonconformist,’ he said, emphasizing the word ‘mature’...the Pope had emphasized dignity and restraint as necessary qualities for followers of Christ.”

“His message lifted up the people of Poland and called forth the memory of their authentic history, culture, and identity. The Polish people heard and remembered who they really were.’

We, my friends, must do the same. 

Bonhoeffer Burns His Boats



Book Excerpt **By Eric Metaxas**

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In the summer of 1939, Dietrich Bonhoeffer made a breathtaking decision: He chose to leave the seeming safety of a life in America which his friends had arranged for him and go back to Germany, which was on the verge of war. But how did he make this decision, which to us looks so extraordinarily brave? Or perhaps we think it was somehow foolhardy, since we now know that the Nazis would eventually execute him just before the war’s end? How did he live out what he would call “religionless Christianity” at this crucial time?

In a nutshell, the answer to this question is that one must have an actual relationship with God. There is no substitute for this, although there are many “religious” ways in which we imagine we are doing God’s will. But they cannot work. To live truly as a Christian and to be genuinely free to do God’s will really does require a living relationship with the God of the Bible. Anything else is a cheap religious facsimile which, in the end, results in avoiding God’s will. Principles and rules are like training wheels we eventually are obliged to remove so that we can more freely follow God’s leading.

But if we really do have this relationship with God and are able to be truly free in following His leading, we will gain strength and courage as we go. It comes automatically and inevitably when we really do know Him and walk with Him.

If we have genuine faith, we will experience God giving us courage. If one consults the Scriptures—particularly Revelation 22—one sees that courage is not an extra-credit virtue intended only for a handful of Christian believers. Without faith, the Bible says, it is impossible to please God. And it follows that without the courage that only comes from real faith, it is impossible to live out our Christianity in any real sense. If we actually believe what the Bible says about God, and if we know Him personally, courage miraculously follows. We don’t need to work it up. Great faith and courage are also the result of sanctification, which comes as we walk with God in faith and obedience. There is a process involved.

We know that Bonhoeffer followed God’s leading from the beginning of the rise of the Nazis all the way to the end of the war and his own death, and we know that along the way, he was often tempted toward merely “religious” answers to what he faced, as any of us are in our walk with God. But he kept his eyes on God when many others didn’t.

The Bible didn’t have an easy answer to the complex issues Bonhoeffer faced. There was certainly no safe answer. Oftentimes, walking with God requires a measure of daring, of being willing to step out in faith, knowing that we may even be getting things wrong in some ways. Bonhoeffer’s way forward with God was, in some respects, the antithesis of what we have called “religious” ways of dealing with things.



EDITORIAL: Pride & Fences

Kelly J. Walker, M.S. Editor-in-Chief

Home is the foundation of a sustainable republic, more than freedom or territory, or any other factor. Thus it has been throughout history. The word “economy” derives from the Greek word for “home”: *oikos*, combined with *nomos*: “manage.” Empires are founded on the hearths of the humble; they crumble and fall under the weight of pride and progressivism. Managing a stable, healthy home is of utmost importance. Traditions matter.

At the core of *oikos* is family. The moral laws of the universe, originate from a higher Source and are the glue that holds households and nations together. Tradition codifies these moral laws into societal customs and norms that allow people to live together in relative peace (without killing one another off).

The term, “traditional family,” is a meaningless redundancy. Tradition IS family; when the family is destroyed, tradition dies and chaos reigns. Without the grounding of tradition, virtue, and family bonds, rifts and violence inevitably follow.

G.K. Chesterton admonished, “Don’t ever take a fence down until you know why it was put up in the first place.” King Solomon of ancient Israel gave a similar admonition in his Proverbs: “Remove not the ancient landmark, which your fathers have set.” (The books of Deuteronomy and Job use very similar language.) Moving a landmark is an act of theft and oppression. “Some remove landmarks; they violently take away flocks and feed thereof.”

Appropriating the land, crops or livestock of a neighbor is bad enough, but removing moral boundaries destroys the soul of a nation. Centuries of societal growth and development regress into lawless discord that gradually sickens and eventually kills a nation.

The cascade from order to chaos begins with small erosions of time-honored traditions and with challenges to established moral law. Like a wedge, the destruction begins with small intrusions that in time can split a nation in half. The wedge divides and destroys families, and once the foundation of a society is destroyed, the nation will fall.

Marxism always has the same *modus operandi*: Frame tradition and custom as “oppressive,” outdated vestiges of social injustice. Destroy the family by first taking down the father. Demonize “the Patriarchy”; stereotype masculinity as “toxic.” Push women from hearth and home by convincing them they are oppressed by their own maternal instincts to nurture children and manage the home. Destroy tradition, erase history, cultivate blind devotion to a humanistic “utopia” that will never be. Call all of this “social justice” and label the opposition as racist, bigoted, etc.

Marxism siphons the soul of a nation by sowing lies into the psyches of the impressionable young, the naïve, and the vulnerable

(It was Vladimir Lenin who coined the term, “useful idiot.”). It censors, obscures and distorts truth, worming its way into the mind with postmodern denial of objective truth. Ironically, communism ultimately eliminates all competing views and establishes a tyranny of thought that tolerates no dissent. It literally replaces the Truth with a lie.

As Milton’s satan says in *Paradise Lost*, “evil, be thou my good.”

We know a society is in sharp decline and near collapse when men want to become women, and women clamor to murder their own offspring. A nation is on the brink of disaster when those who uphold tradition and morality are attacked by a cultic culture that will tolerate no dissent.

In the May issue of *FreedomTalk Magazine*, I discussed the difference between good and evil, and identified selfishness as a key litmus test of evil. The Left has reframed selfishness, narcissism, and sociopathic behavior as “liberating.” Teachers, whose job it is to teach kids to read and write, are now posting tearful videos of “coming out” to their students, which is disturbing, and frankly, a bit creepy. Healthy, stable adults do not discuss their sex lives with minors. Professional educators avoid having emotional meltdowns in front of their students.

Our society used to hold up statesmen, hard-working fathers and courageous men and women as role models. Today, some schools glorify “drag queen” shows that celebrate the degradation of maleness and elevate “pride” over humility; self-indulgence and a lack of restraint over sacrifice and self-control.

During this “pride month,” we have to ask if the drag shows, kink parades and gender dysphoria have made our nation stronger and more united, or weaker and more divided.

The Left has taken down the fence between right and wrong, removed the ancient landmarks, and infringed upon our most sacred values. Homes are broken, families are in crisis, and violence is becoming more common—and *that’s exactly what the Left wants*. They project the blame onto the very institutions and values they are tearing down, and characterize as hateful those struggling to preserve the foundation of *oikos* and their most sacred values.

This is not a cause for “pride,” it is the prelude to a fall. 🇺🇸



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Woke Marxism undermines law, and for it to succeed, it must pervert law to advance its own ends. So far, it has been extremely successful at this, from the Critical Legal Theory movement in the 1970s and 1980s through Critical Race Theory and outright legal and judicial activism. If our remaining judiciary remains unaware of the infiltration and subversion, we will probably lose our country. If it wakes up and discharges its duty more...judiciously...we can save our country the same way they're trying to take it from us: without firing a shot, as the saying goes. Such is the power of law, and such is the power of judges who adjudicate on the law.

The issue is that judges are very busy and asked to render legal judgments on an array of cases filled with subject matter in which they are not, cannot be, and should not be expected to be experts. This represents a major crack in the legal and judicial armor that's susceptible to legal subversion. A great deal of this subversion has already taken place in both low courts and high, though we're also seeing a wakening judiciary quickly starting to realize the problem and its underlying nature. This rousing of the judiciary is patently visible in the Dobbs decision that overturned Roe v. Wade, especially in light of Justice Clarence Thomas's remarks about misapplications of substantive due process in that and other decisions. We see it also in the recent Supreme Court decision about racial discrimination in college admissions at Harvard and the University of North Carolina, challenging the entire basis for the "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" industry by reversing much of the logic of Bakke v. Board of Regents and Grutter v. Bollinger. **The awakening of the American judiciary seems to be arriving just in the nick of time.**

The fact is, law is being subverted and has been subverted. This has been the result of decades of intentional activism. Aside from the direct legal activism resulting from activists taking the roles of judges, another form of subversive legal activism exists as well, one that exploits the gap in the judicial armor in two ways: by **having hijacked language and expertise.** Busy judges have to go significantly on domain-specific information that they are given, prepared through testimony and amicus briefs and the like. Their domain is the law, not necessarily the domains upon which they have to adjudicate the law. In that breach, the lies of activists flourish.

This activism is definitely intentional and purposed, and its purpose is to undermine the institution of American law and turn it toward Marxist ends. Going back to one of the fathers of Western Marxism, Antonio Gramsci, **Marxist strategy in Western nations has been largely subversive rather than overt.** Gramsci described a Western world that is ruled over not merely by a class of people but by a powerful cultural force he alleged is produced and maintained by those people for their own benefit.



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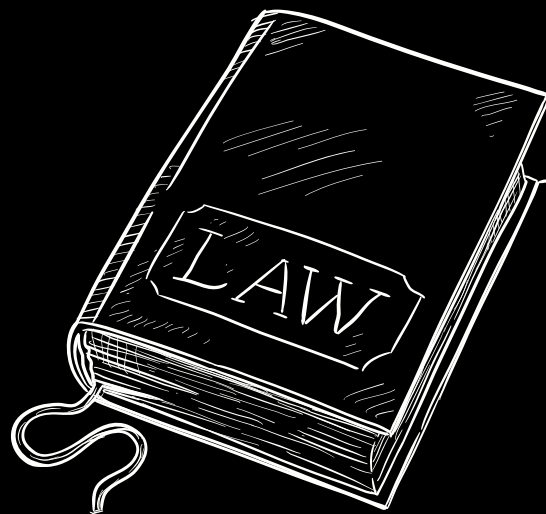


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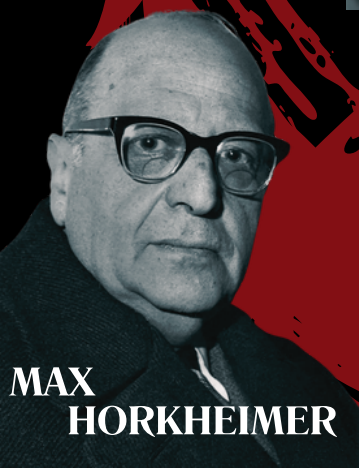
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"If we are going to save this nation and restore and establish a fair Rule of Law, the Gramscian infiltration and subversion of law must be stopped. Much of this subversion takes place by taking advantage of a judiciary that does not fully comprehend how tainted expertise, expert testimony, and language are as a result of decades of Critical activism."

This force he called **"cultural hegemony,"** and he said the only way to bring socialism (and Marxism) to the West would be to infiltrate and subvert the cultural institutions that generate cultural hegemony and turn them from within so they instead produce a "counter-hegemonic" view that can then trickle out into the cultural milieu and make it ripe for revolution. The five domains Gramsci identified for infiltration and capture are religion, family, education, media, and law, with a special emphasis on education because all professional activities are downstream from schooling.

Gramsci wrote this in the 1920s and 1930s, and the thesis was picked up by Rudi Deutshke, who called it **"the long march through the institutions"** in the mid-1960s, and Critical Marxist thought-leader Herbert Marcuse, who demanded this march from his activists in his 1972 work *Counterrevolution and Revolt*, which has set the stage for Western Marxist activism ever since. **The goal was to infiltrate the institutions and turn them from within.** Simultaneously, using Marcuse's Critical Theory, which he adapted from his Frankfurt School colleague Max Horkheimer, the entire fabric of Western Civilization and culture was to be hauled into "ruthless criticism" and turned inside-out.

Today, the results of these two initiatives—the Long March and Critical Theory—we have a credentialed expert class and expert-credentialing apparatus (the higher education system and professional organizations) that are effectively completely captured. When students pass through, even if they are not taken in by the Critical Marxist, or Woke, perspective, they're flooded with it such that it no longer rankles their sensibilities when they encounter it later in life. Meanwhile, the professional class of experts who might show up to inform the judiciary on crucial cases is filled with purposed and well-funded activists who make sure to render their fake-expert opinion in the best professionalise in every case of relevant importance. If judges aren't aware that expertise itself has been tainted, they're likely to fall for the distortions of this bogus professional cadre and the bogus studies they use to back their activist claims. Justice, the domain of the judiciary, is the victim.

This professionalise is also laced with activist language, words that have obvious everyday meanings but specialized activist meanings that are easily equivocated upon. Some key examples are words like "diversity" (which actually means "expert in Diversity as a theory"), "inclusion" (which means excluding and censoring anything that can be construed to create a disparate impact of exclusion of discrimination), "hate" (which means not giving the activists their way), "harm" (which means the psychological discomfort experienced by the activists when not getting their way), and "trauma" (which means the result of the injuries of "hate" and "harm" as described above).



REJECTING THE UNBORN REJECTS THE BIBLE



Many Christians today are not simply confused about abortion, they are confused about the Bible. The moment a believer claims the unborn are not fully human or not fully persons, they step outside the boundaries of Scripture and adopt a view the Bible never permits. This is not a political disagreement, it is a rejection of what God has already revealed. In Luke's Gospel, the clarity is immediate and deliberate. Any Christian defense of abortion becomes impossible the moment the text is read honestly.

One Greek Word Refuses to Let Us Off the Hook

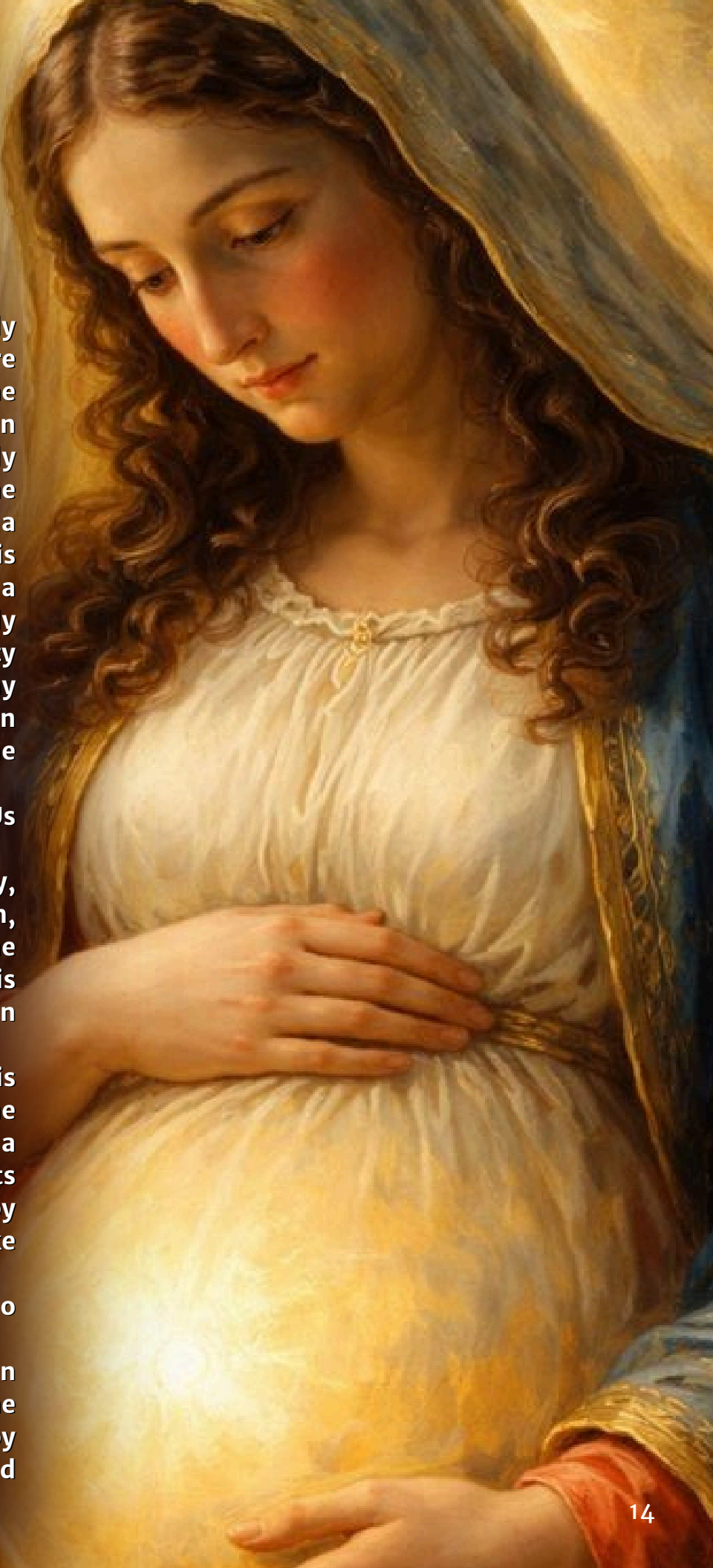
Luke records the moment Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visits Elizabeth, pregnant with John the Baptist. The scene is simple, and the language is unmistakable: "The baby leaped in her womb." Luke 1:41

The Greek word for "baby" is *brephos*. It refers to a real child in the womb, not a cluster of tissue or a philosophical category. Luke repeats the same language again: "The baby in my womb leaped for joy." Luke 1:44

There is no shift in vocabulary. No hesitation. No qualification.

Now turn to Luke 2. Jesus is born in Bethlehem. The angels speak to the shepherds: "You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:12

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When the shepherds arrive, Luke writes: "They found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger." Luke 2:16

The word is identical.

Brephos for the unborn John.

Brephos for the newborn Jesus.

The Bible does not treat the unborn as a lesser category of being. It does not downgrade prenatal children or speak of them as potential life. It uses the same word for a child inside the womb and a child outside the womb.

If a Christian insists the unborn are not fully human, they are not disagreeing with a political position, they are disagreeing with Luke's record of the Incarnation.

The Incarnation Shatters Every Pro Abortion Argument

Luke is not describing two ordinary pregnancies, but the earliest days of the Incarnation, when God the Son entered human history in the womb of Mary. Scripture teaches that Jesus was fully God and fully man from the moment of conception. Not at birth. Not at viability. Not when certain developmental milestones were reached. From conception.

That means the unborn Jesus was not a potential person or a theoretical life. He was the Son of God living through the earliest stages of human development.

And the unborn John responds to His presence with real joy. A prenatal child recognizes and reacts to a prenatal Savior.

To deny the humanity of the unborn while affirming the Incarnation is impossible. The entire Christian faith collapses if the humanity of Christ in the womb is negotiable. If Jesus was fully human in the womb, then human beings are fully human in the womb. Scripture allows no other conclusion.



This is why treating the unborn as disposable or optional is not a neutral position. It is the rejection of biblical revelation; it is choosing cultural sentiment over divine authority; it is adopting a stance the apostles and early church would have recognized immediately as error.

A Christian who denies the humanity of the unborn is not standing within historic biblical Christianity. They are embracing a modern reinterpretation that survives only by ignoring the text it claims to honor.

Luke does not give a philosophical lecture on personhood. He simply records what happened, and the language itself dismantles every pro-abortion argument. A baby in the womb. A baby in the manger. The same word. The same dignity. The same humanity.

The Church does not have permission to redefine what God has already defined. The unborn are not symbolic or hypothetical. To deny their humanity is to deny Scripture. To excuse their destruction is to contradict the Gospel we claim to believe. 🇺🇸

SEX Beautiful, or Inexpressibly Terrible?

As a young man, I heard that sex is about families, not just individuals, and it stuck with me. Sex was meant to be the glue that binds together two souls, cementing the most important relationship in the most important unit of society: the family. The love expressed between a husband and wife through the ultimate act of giving of one's own life and body provides a foundation for a home filled with love, stability, and joy.



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Since when are those bad things?

What everyone should know about sex is that it automatically wants to make its participants into family. The very act goes beyond just the physical; it begins a process of making two souls into one. This is the spark of a relationship that is meant to burn for life, completing two people in ways one person could never know. To deny that is to posit that sex is less than sacred, to cheapen it to a mere animal act.

Every time a person has casual sex without commitment, the natural tendency of the soul to find its complement is thwarted with painful results. When you have sex, your soul—your very being—begins to attach to another person. When you sever that bond, a little piece of your soul is violently ripped away, leaving you a little less whole.

Every wrong action—public or private—victimizes the very person performing it, and has an effect on society as a whole. Misapply the sacredness of sex enough in life, and you will become so scarred that you will no longer be able to feel. Through its abuse and misuse, one of the greatest joys created for humanity loses its pleasure.

"Terrible as what the world did to me," wrote Oscar Wilde, "what I did to myself was more terrible still." Wilde was famously jailed for

"gross [sexual] indecency."

Today, we would call it pedophilia.

Anthony Edwards explains in Oscar Wilde's

Scandalous Summer: the 1894 Worthing Holiday and the Aftermath, "A common canard

among those who know little about Wilde is that he was a martyr to Victorian injustice and hypocrisy. However...the trials were conducted fairly; and Wilde was fortunate that the maximum sentence available to the judge was two years, which Mr. Justice Wills described as 'wholly inadequate for such a case'. Today, men who have sexual relations with boys under sixteen can be sentenced to up to fourteen years in prison, and paying for sex with a boy of sixteen or seventeen carries a sentence of up to seven years. Wilde probably committed the first of these offences, and he was certainly guilty of the second."

Some naively consider Wilde a tragic hero, defying the "heteronormative" biases of the nineteenth century. Wilde, however, came to deeply regret his promiscuous behavior, for it left him hollow on the inside.

Sex misapplied rips away a piece of each person you use that they can never get back—and this piece will take residence in one's heart and leave less room for true love. This world is full of fragmented souls, continually looking for the next thrill, and losing more of their wholeness in the process. They rip away pieces of people, but don't commit to the whole.

Since when is that a good thing?

"Beautiful shall I call her, or inexpressibly terrible?"

*—Nathaniel Hawthorne, *Rappaccini's Daughter**

Virtually every spiritual tradition makes a distinction between the physical body and the spiritual soul. "Dust thou art, to dust returnest, was not spoken of the soul," said Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in his poem *A Psalm of Life*.

Science understands a lot about the brain but cannot locate or quantify the mind, the "self." All research has been able to determine is that the mind does not have a specific location, or shape or any other physical quality. Call it your mind, your soul, your spirit—however you want to refer to it—you are more than just your body. There is a "ghost in the machine."

While a thin film of rubber may (or may not) make sex safe for the body, it cannot protect your mind, soul and spirit—the “you” that lives inside and controls your body. Let’s be honest here. You can still be hurt by sex when you’re wearing a condom, and you can still hurt the one you’re sleeping with.

I know many people who thought “free sex” was great when they were younger but have deep regrets now that they are married and have a family—and face the dilemma of telling their own kids not to learn “the hard way” like they did.

We understand how sacrifice and resistance training benefit the body and increase its strength, health and freedom of movement. Yet somehow the same principle, applied to the spirit/mind/soul is widely considered repression, as a stifling of freedom.

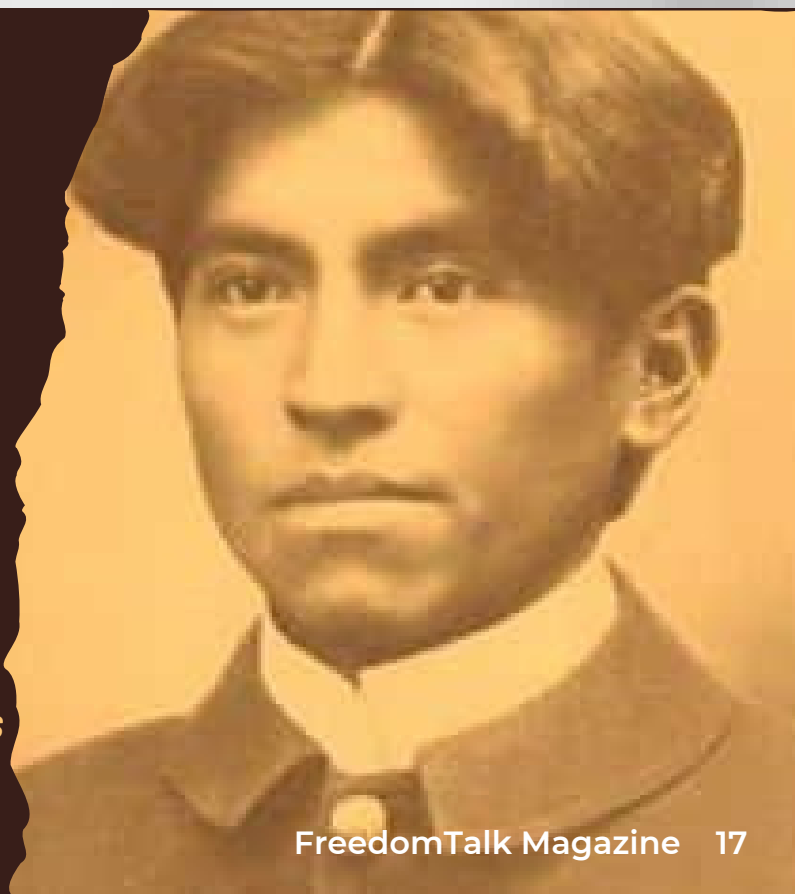
It is extremely difficult to start building the strength to resist temptation when you are in a committed relationship. This is like trying to get in shape for a marathon while you are running the marathon. If you have not previously developed through resistance training, then you will suffer greatly when it comes down to the real race. Maybe you alleviated some suffering by giving in to your impulses when you were younger, but now the stakes are much higher. You thought resisting temptation was hard when you were single, but that once you found the “one” it would be easier.

The truth is, that if you have not developed the character to focus on your true love even before you meet him or her, then things will probably become much more difficult and painful. If you have developed that strength from a young age, it will still be difficult at times, but you will have the spiritual muscle to truly love faithfully.

Disciplined love conquers all. Freedom is a long-term concept that involves sacrifice. A strong spirit is of infinitely more value than a momentary thrill or release.

Freedom cannot be gained by any number of sexual experiences, but it can be lost in one. Think about that. 🇺🇸

**“The love between man and woman is to the
Apaches a sacred thing.
Never do they make obscene jokes about sex, and
the fact that White Eyes consider conception and
birth a matter of levity is something they cannot
understand. It is, to them, on the level of taking the
name of God in vain.
I am very proud that in our language is
no profanity.
For the privilege of sharing in the creation
of new life,
we give thanks to the Creator of life.”
-James Kaywaykla, *Recollections of a Warm Springs
Apache***



WEAPONIZING CHILDREN

AN AGELESS TACTIC



BY AARON MILLER

With as quickly as the news cycle continues to move, it's easy to lose track of individual stories that cross our feeds. There's hardly enough time to read a situation from multiple viewpoints, much less analyze it critically. Much to our detriment, this means that we will miss many of the patterns that emerge within the news and likewise the chance to study and understand the tactics of differing political factions. One example of this is a recent news story of a 5-year-old boy that ICE "arrested," to hear the Left tell it. Naturally, it quickly came out that the father had abandoned the child, and ICE took him in, buying him a Happy Meal while they attempted to contact other relatives. But as the saying goes, a lie can travel halfway around the world before the truth can get its boots on. The tactic of using child trafficking and weaponized empathy is far from new, however. It has been used by evil people for evil ends since the beginning of time.

One of the first instances of the use of children for evil ends on a massive scale is of course, the ancient records identifying the mass sacrifice of infants and children to Moloch by pagan barbarians in the time of the early Old Testament and beyond. Another example of the savage, wicked use of children in the historical record is the practice of the Ottoman Turks in the 1300s, in which the Ottoman Empire began a practice of kidnapping Christian children from the lands that they raided and conquered.

Specifically, they would kidnap the strongest young boys, whisk them away back to their lands, and begin a regime of religious brainwashing, sexual abuse, and martial training for years on end. The result was a caste of fanatical shock troops to be thrown into battle to slaughter their own people and families in Christian lands on behalf of the Turks. Next page

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The Turks referred to these troops as Janissaries, and they terrified Christian warriors for hundreds of years. The logic was simple: while the European Christian warriors would hesitate to kill their own kin on the field of battle, the brainwashed, fanatical Janissaries would suffer no such indecision.

It is interesting, then, to note that these ancient and medieval customs of wickedness are reflected in and indeed make up a central part of the policy platform of the modern Left. Abortion has and continues to be a practice that the Left considers sacrosanct, in some cases literally. Similarly, the brainwashing, fanatical indoctrination, and sexual abuse of children runs rampant on the Left, with infamous Marxist and Post-Structuralist philosophers like György Lukács and Michael Foucault actively and vigorously promoting the mass indoctrination of children to destroy societal foundations in the West, and to completely abolish protections of children such as age of consent laws so that they may be more easily preyed upon by sexual degenerates.

These efforts are echoed in the US today, in the form of the mass (and poorly kept) secrets of Leftist indoctrination in schools that were discovered during the COVID-19 pandemic, or the deeply suspicious habit of male sodomite couples adopting little boys at a vastly disproportionate frequency relative to the adoption of girls, and in many cases being caught abusing these adopted children.

Yet, the Left treats these horrific acts as assumed rights, befitting their guiding philosophy and nature.

Perhaps as disturbing is the blind eye that the Biden administration turned to the mass abuse of children at the southern border during its tenure. In a span of four years alone, hundreds of thousands of children were illegally brought across international borders, with some estimates pointing to 80% of them being sexually abused in the course of the journey.

Naturally, if they had been kept safe at home, it is almost certain that they would have avoided such horrific, life-altering ordeals. Even after getting across the border, tens of thousands of children simply disappeared, likely being forced into a brutal reality of drug addiction, forced prostitution, and abuse.

Yet, despite knowing about the systematic abuse of children that was a direct result of its own open border policies, the Biden administration refused to address these deep evils. After all, it was politically expedient and advantageous to allow for it instead. History has shown us that the depravity of man reflected in the harming of children is ongoing, and Leftist ideologues and Democrat politicians alike are at the center of the current iteration of these abhorrent practices. If they are willing to pursue their sick pleasures and political agendas by using helpless children for their ends, what do you imagine they will do to the rest of us when given the chance? 🇺🇸



Does Marriage Matter in Today's World? 🗣️

**Tú eres la copa que esperaba
los dones de mi vida.**

**You are the cup that was waiting for the gifts of
my life.**

-Pablo Neruda, La Noche en la Isla

Why is marriage a covenant not to be broken except by “death do us part,” or after infidelity or abuse? Can't two people just agree that they love each other? Isn't love enough?

Perhaps there is a reason for such a strong and binding vow. The traditional wedding vow is some variation of the following:

“I take you to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.”

For worse, for poorer, in sickness...these aren't things that most blushing brides and expectant grooms really have on their minds on their wedding day. Most likely, they repeat these words without even engaging the brain and forget what they've said by the time the kiss is over. But in these words is a mystery, and something potentially wonderful and God-like. It is a mystery of self-sacrifice for another person that embodies the highest love that a human can give another. This isn't a love for the faint of heart. It takes work and can be quite painful. It is, quite literally, giving your life for another.

“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends,” said Jesus, someone who knew something about giving his life for people He loved! The apostle Paul said that husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her. Christ literally gave his life for his bride. Are you ready to do that? Do you know what you are signing up for?

Romantic love or friendship love isn't going to cover this level of giving. It takes sacrificial love, a love that keeps giving without expecting anything in return. It's the kind of love that William Shakespeare said, “bears it out even to the edge of doom.”

We make such a solemn promise before God in part because we are going to need to give and receive a lot of this kind of sacrificial love ourselves. No one marries a perfect person. You are going to let your wife down, and she is going to let you down. You are going to make mistakes. You will have habits that she thought were cute when she met you but that drive her crazy by year five. You may have deep struggles in your life, demons to overcome, hard lessons to learn, “worse-poorer-sickness” kinds of things. There will certainly be times that you will be difficult to be around, and you may even have character flaws that take years to overcome.

Your marital covenant, ideally, assures you that you will have a best friend who will ride it all out without jumping ship—not because she always feels like she wants to and not because things are “better-rich-in health”—but because she signed up to stand by one person for life: you!

Your wife made an agreement with God to be the one person in life who will help you, love you, pray for you, be your friend... no matter what life brings. You should be able to rest in that promise—but never take it for granted! You have a responsibility to do all you can to change in ways that are going to create harmony in your relationship.

Treat her like gold, boy! She's going to put up with a lot for you! Cherish her. Be humble and teachable. Apologize. A lot. Make her feel like the most special woman in the world. By all means, be ready to love her unto death, even if at times she is not treating you lovingly! It's what you signed up for! Learning to love someone unconditionally develops your potential to become a remarkable human being.

Marriage is hard... some days. And boring, and exciting, and blissful, and any number of things you can imagine. But one thing's for certain, it takes hard work! Most things worth doing in life involve hard work and dedication.

Michael Jordan did not start out as one of the greatest basketball players ever. It took a lot of practice, focus, teamwork, a lot of missed shots, lost games and disappointments along the way. Sticking with it through the hardship and sacrifice made him great.

Every athlete, artist and professional knows that greatness requires struggle. Young boys expect that they will just naturally be the world's best wooden swordsmen or great rock climbers. They are easily frustrated when they can't do something well right away. As they get older, they learn the importance of practice, courage and a refusal to give up just because things are hard.

In rock climbing, you won't go anywhere but down if you let go. Every climb has its hardest, most challenging part, called the crux. To get past a crux, you have to hold on, work hard and think your way through. It takes focus and mental strength. Every relationship will also have its cruxes.

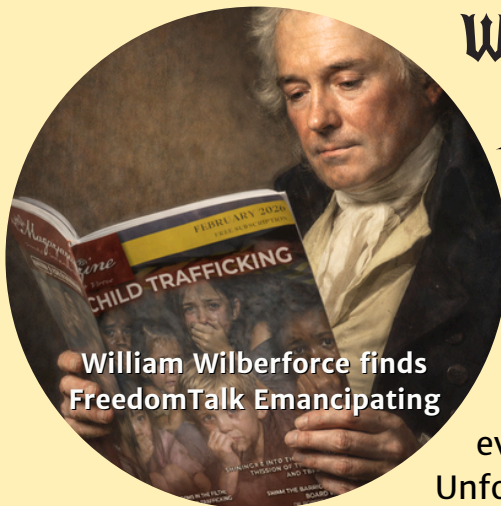
Crux. It's an interesting word, Latin for “cross,” as in “crucifixion.” A crux is a crossroads where we either willingly sacrifice for a higher cause...or we back down. Any climber worth his or her salt will tell you that anyone who walks away from a crux, who doesn't fully commit and hang on, is a wannabe. A real climber will stay at the same climb—no matter how many times they fall—until they complete it, because they see past the pain to the reward of their hard work and endurance. You can only know the reward of getting past a crux if you hold on, keep climbing, and focus on the goal. It will be worth the view at the top and you will be proud of yourself for finishing what you started.

Marriage can give you courage, commitment and patience to weather the difficulties that life throws our way; virtually everything else in life requires these qualities. There are many pitches ahead of you, but keep climbing and you will feel a sense of accomplishment and look forward to going even higher. 

“It is the nature of love to bind itself, and the institution of marriage merely paid the average man the compliment of taking him at his word.”

—G.K. Chesterton

When the Wicked Rule, The People Mourn



The disease of human trafficking infected this country long before it was ever formed.

Unfortunately, far

too many people today hurl the disease of human trafficking at the Founders to try and infect their good, moral characters. Human trafficking was already a deeply entrenched culture which Washington and the rest of the Founders inherited. They did not create it. They were born into it, and they were the ones responsible for the demise of the trafficking of African slaves.

This historical truth has been lost to our nation's collective memory all in the name of progressivism. As a whole, we have forgotten that the Founders came together to form a better society and NOT just a different one, and they were willing to sacrifice all of their inherited wealth to do it. They fully expected that the new government they created would eventually rid the country of the firmly entrenched practice of slavery, which of course it did.

The Framers of the Constitution are the reason the human trafficking of Africans stopped. They were NOT the cause! The Founders were born into a culture that had been foisted upon them by the politically corrupt British Crown. More significantly, it should also be noted that the Founders actually changed their culture without slaughtering millions upon millions of innocent people in order to effect political change.

History clearly shows that with the one, rare exception of our Founders, whenever a society has tried to throw off the old norms in order to replace it with a new one, blood has always flowed in the streets—think French and communist revolutions for starters.

Thomas Jefferson is one who has been maligned on this topic, but he also inherited the culture. He was a key figure in laying the groundwork to rid our Country of its evils. He explained this historical fact and the insurmountable task that the Colonists had been up against in “A Summary View of the Rights of British America.” This piece was written in 1774 by Jefferson—two years before the Declaration of Independence—and proves that **he and the rest of the Founders had been trying to rid the colonies of human trafficking for some time:**

“The abolition of domestic slavery is the great object of desire in those colonies, where it was unhappily introduced in their infant state...**yet our repeated attempts to effect this by prohibitions, and by imposing duties which might amount to a prohibition, have been hitherto defeated by his majesty's negative.**”[i]

Jefferson and the rest of the Founders had actually been trying to stop human trafficking long before 1776 with tariffs but were unable to do so because of the British Crown. Thanks to all of the revisionists out there, however, this historical fact has been lost to our collective national conscience. **It is also amazing how many conservatives do not understand the herculean task at national transformation which George Washington and others forged by throwing off one country's entrenched culture to form a new one without all of the bloodletting.**

It was the corrupt government of England that introduced human trafficking into the Colonies and kept it going, NOT the Founders. It was the corrupt government of England that prohibited the abolition of slavery in the Colonies, when the Colonists tried to stop it by imposing tariffs on their human trafficking.

It is a historical fact that the wisdom and courage of the Founders that culminated in the establishment of the Constitution was the impetus for the termination of the evil practice of human trafficking. Madison explained it this way when discussing the “many objections against the new Constitution.”[ii] Human trafficking would end under the Constitution, Madison declared, when responding to those detractors who argued that the importation of slaves should end immediately instead of waiting for another 20 years after its adoption—“Is the importation of slaves permitted by the new Constitution for twenty years?” Madison asked, “By the old it is permitted forever.”[iii]

In an attempt to shame the Founders, the revisionists are always quick to point out that the British were the first to outlaw slavery, in 1833, some thirty years before we were able to stop it completely. In all seriousness, though, this was the very least the Brits could have done considering they were the instigators and facilitators of human trafficking in so many areas across the globe. The real challenge was here in the Americas and not in Britain, since we were the ones who had to clean up the filthy, dirty mess they left behind.

Without our break from England, and, more importantly, without the Constitution, which exists because of the Great Compromise, the human trafficking of Africans most certainly would have continued on forever here in the New World and we would still be subjected to the Crown.

Today we are, once again, facing our own monumental moment in this regard and, just as in 1776, we are suffering under a corrupt government that no longer adheres to the U.S. Constitution.

Like the British Crown our own government has been facilitating human trafficking across our own borders. Following the unprecedented release of millions of pages of documents surrounding **the Epstein files**, one political commentator exclaimed “We were RIGHT! A satanic child eating pedophile ring in D.C. does exist!”[iv] Such revelations mean that we cannot trust the corrupt, spineless, compromised politicians in D.C. to fix this generation’s human trafficking problem.

The Founders have no equal in D.C. They laid the foundation for the deconsolidation of government in a world that only knew consolidated government, such as the British Monarchy, but we have migrated back towards consolidated government once again. The U.S. Constitution created a very small government with very limited powers where the national government had basically one task and that was to protect our borders. As consolidated government continues to grow in scope and power so does the corruption.

Until we get back to limited government with limited power, we will never be able to eradicate the current evils of human trafficking from our society. Any and all efforts will be as futile as the pre-revolutionary efforts of the Founders to stop trafficking in their day. **The heavily redacted release of the Epstein files speaks volumes about this truth as does the vilification of the few Republican members of the House who pushed so hard for the release of those files.**[v]

“When the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.”[vi] –Madame Publius 

[i] A Summary View of the Rights of British America, ¶15. (emphasis added) [ii] Madison, The Federalist Papers, Ltr. 38, ¶9.

[iii] Id. [iv] Subheading [v] Subheading [vi] Prov. 29:2



Rebuilding America's Sons Before Someone Else Recruits Them



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Across America, young men are searching for purpose in a world that has made that search harder than it should ever be. By nature, men are builders, protectors, defenders, the backbone of every strong nation in history. But when a society pushes God out of its public life, it loses the very framework that gives those instincts meaning. In the vacuum, our culture now asks men to apologize for who they are. Schools tell boys to sit down and be less. The media mocks masculinity as a defect. Activist movements shame strength, discipline, and ambition as relics of a past they want erased. We have taken the virtues that once forged American greatness and labeled them a problem. And **when a society abandons God and fights a young man's nature at the same time, it leaves him directionless, which is precisely when dangerous ideologies begin to recruit him.**

Islamist recruiters see the opportunity created by America's new culture of demasculinization and Godlessness: when boys are shamed for strength, stripped of purpose, and taught that masculinity is dangerous, and when no faith is offered to anchor them, they become easy targets for anyone promising identity through the aggressive, militant "cause of Allah."

Over the past decade, the FBI has uncovered case after case of teenage boys and men in their early twenties drawn into jihadist ideology, not by poverty or politics, but by the promise of purpose. From Minnesota to Michigan, from Colorado to New Jersey, recruiters targeted young men who felt unseen, unanchored, and hungry for meaning. Social media became their mosque, and direct messaging became their battlefield initiation.

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In Minnesota, between 2014 and 2015, the FBI broke up a group of young American men, some only 18 or 19, who were groomed online by ISIS handlers. None were poor or lacking opportunity. **What they shared was a longing for purpose.** Recruiters exploited that, telling them they were "meant for greatness" if they joined the fight. Several nearly boarded planes before being stopped at the last moment.

In 2020, federal agents arrested a 20-year-old in New Jersey who had been recruited almost entirely through encrypted messaging apps. He pledged allegiance in private chats and believed carrying out an attack would "give his life meaning." His own words showed the mindset: invisible in normal life, important in jihad.

In 2024, a young man in Colorado carried out a Molotov attack after months of consuming





jihadist content online. He wasn't recruited in a mosque or by a local cell, but through digital grooming that convinced him his strength and anger finally had a purpose. Investigators later traced long stretches of online engagement shaped to give him identity through violence.

I know this world from the inside. I grew up Muslim, lived under Sharia, and then spent two decades studying jihad movements and the recruitment patterns.

The profile repeats itself: a young man without direction, discipline, or a mentor, yet full of potential. That potential is what jihadist recruiters exploit. They offer him a brotherhood, a cause, and the illusion that he matters.

The antidote to jihadist recruitment isn't just rebuilding the core strength of American young men.

It's giving them a foundation that cannot be counterfeited, something strong enough, honest enough, and eternal that no ideology can hijack it.

For generations, that foundation came from faith, faith in Christ, who calls men to courage, discipline, sacrifice, and love. The very virtues our culture now tries to erase. **Men grounded in Christ do not confuse violence with purpose, or anger with identity.** They know who they are before anyone tries to recruit them.

Young men need three things to stay out of the recruitment pipeline:

1. A Mission Worth Living For

Jihadist ideology succeeds because it imitates the structure of a mission. But **America offers young men a real mission, one grounded in faith, responsibility, and the call to protect rather than destroy.** Defending freedom, building families, protecting the innocent, and living with the strength and humility Christ modeled.

Young men who know their lives matter in God's eyes do not go searching for someone else's war.

2. Strong Male Role Models

Every recruiter knows what fatherlessness creates: a vacuum. And no vacuum stays empty for long.

Men of faith, fathers, pastors, coaches, veterans, fill that vacuum with guidance, truth, and accountability.

Christ offers a blueprint of manhood rooted in responsibility, not resentment.

3. A Culture That Honors Courage Instead of Mocking It

When masculinity is labeled toxic, boys look elsewhere for permission to be strong.

But **Christ-centered masculinity is not domination; it is strength with purpose.**

Healthy masculinity is the enemy of jihadism.

The hopeful news is this: every community in America has the power to intervene long before a recruiter does. Every father who shows up, every man who mentors, every pastor who speaks truth to a young man's heart, these are unseen victories that stop recruitment before it starts.

And to the young men reading this:

You do not need a foreign ideology to tell you who you are.

You do not need a movement built on anger or destruction to give you meaning.

You do not need a recruiter to hand you an identity.

Your identity is already spoken for:

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) 



KEEPING FAITH AND HOPE UNDER PERSECUTION



I know a woman named Ms. Hanatu. She was a school principal in northeast Nigeria. In 2014, Boko Haram came to her town. They killed the men first—hacked them to death with machetes. Then they started killing the women. She fled barefoot in the dark with her three daughters.

She made it to Cameroon. Boko Haram followed. A nursing mother sitting next to her was shot dead. The Cameroon government herded the survivors into cattle trailers like livestock and dumped them back across the border. She eventually landed in a camp in the middle of Abuja—500 miles from home—where she built a shanty from sticks and feedbags next to a sewage ditch. Effectively, it's a concentration camp for displaced Christians. The government denies it exists.

When I met her five years later, I asked how we could help. She didn't ask for food. She didn't ask for medicine or money. She asked for one thing: "Please, help us educate these children."

That floored me. Here was a woman who had lost everything to a government that denied her existence, called her a criminal, and threatened to bulldoze her home. And her response was not bitterness. It was purpose.

This month marks five years since January 6th. Whatever your view of those events, Americans are now grappling with something much of the world already knows: what happens when justice becomes elective, when the system punishes political enemies while shielding allies, when the rule of law gives way to the rule of power.

We are novices at this. Nigerians are not.

I have walked through camps where survivors of genocide live in squalor while their government denies they exist. I have met believers who watched family members butchered for their faith and still gather to worship under trees. I have seen what real persecution looks like—and what real hope looks like in the face of it. Here's what they taught me:

First: know who you are. Persecution strips away everything external. What remains is identity. Ms. Hanatu knew she was called to teach. That calling didn't evaporate when her school was burned. It burned brighter. When circumstances try to define you, your purpose must anchor you.

Second: serve others. The surest path out of despair is to stop focusing on yourself. Ms. Hanatu didn't wallow in victimhood. She started a school under a tree. When you pour into others, you find meaning that persecution cannot steal.

Third: play the long game. Injustice has an expiration date. Systems built on lies collapse under their own weight. The Nigerian believers I know have an unshakable confidence that truth will outlast tyranny. They have to. It's all they have.

Finally: there is no such thing as darkness. It is merely the absence of light. The camps I've walked through exist in the shadows of megachurches that do nothing. The genocide continues because good people stay silent. Darkness wins when the light doesn't show up. But when it does—when truth is spoken, when injustice is named, when even one person refuses to look away—the darkness has no defense.

Americans who feel persecuted today would do well to remember: we still have tools they don't. A free press. Elections. Courts. The right to speak. Use them. Fight smart. And keep your eyes fixed on something bigger than the moment.

That's how you keep faith and hope under persecution. 

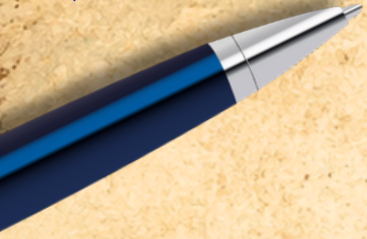
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