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Annulling the Covenant of Death

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For over a century, America has been on a slippery slope “slouching towards Gomorrah.” It has been primarily the Supreme Court that set this deceitful course. Through a series of iniquities decrees, our federal judicial branch handed Almighty God His eviction notice. One nation under God is now in name only. The substance has been removed by judicial fiat.

True to history, unprecedented violence and perversion has replaced God in our defiled land. Once a shining city on a hill, the land of the free and home of the brave has increasingly resorted back to the brutal darkness of paganism and its ancient evils. Chief among them are child

sacrifice, the shedding of innocent blood, and parading our sin like Sodom.

It was on January 22, 1973, when the infamous Roe vs. Wade decision was issued. It was there America officially revoked our national covenant of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness, and replaced it with a covenant with death. This produced a culture of death currently savaging this generation. Abortion, homosexuality, and suicide relentlessly stalks our young.

Under the color of law, lawlessness has been unleashed. As a result, the American holocaust has gone on unabated for 46 years. In the wake of this treachery, over one third of an entire generation has been wiped out by these monstrosities.

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The law is a teacher. When the laws of men are not rooted in the sublime law of God, concepts of good and evil become muddled. If not vigilant, evil can become good, and good, evil. When evil is codified into law, governmental tyranny and licentiousness amongst citizens are the severe consequences nations suffer. Governments end up defending the indefensible.

A proper judicial system should guarantee liberty by equal justice under the law. When a government allows people to choose murder to solve their economic and moral problems, citizens lose the moral authority to sustain freedom. It is not a coincidence that America is becoming a socialist nation under our watch.

President John Adams warned, “We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

What has been the response to the national sins that has brought national calamity upon us? Whatever it has been, it has been insufficient to annul the covenant with death. In my humble opinion, we have fallen short of what is needed and necessary to deliver our land from this evil.

There are several reasons for our collective failure to end the American holocaust. First, Roe violates the holy commandment of God. We have forgotten the Supreme Court is not the Supreme Being. God did not state, “Thou shall not murder” unless the Supreme Court rules otherwise. Divine law trumps human law. If human law countermands God’s law, it is no law at all. For over 1,500 years of Western civilization, the standard has been, when the State commands us to do what God forbids, or forbids us to do what God commands, we are to obey God rather than man.

America has committed idolatry by placing the Supreme Court above our Creator, the very One our Declaration of Independence cites as the author and defender of our rights. A misinformed citizenry accepts the absurd notion that the Supreme Court has ruled and all we can do is obey. American citizens are not obligated to make a suicide pact with the Supreme Court nor accept malevolent social transformation without representation.

Second, courts cannot make law. Courts issue opinions and rulings. Only our legislative branch can make laws. Roe vs. Wade is legal fiction and pretend legislation. It was imposed on America by an activist court. In the name of the Constitution, the Supreme Court violated the Constitution.

Article One, Section One of our Constitution clearly states, “All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.” How much authority remains for the Supreme Court to make law? Even with new math, it still comes out to be zero.

What does our Constitution state when it comes to the matters of life and death, “No person shall be deprived of life without due process of law?” No penumbra of the Constitution, no magic fairy dust which emanates from the Constitution, can change the plain meaning of the text. **The pre-born child has done nothing that warrants capital punishment. Therefore, as human beings made**

in the image of God, their personhood is to be protected by law.

There has been no concerted effort by any branch of government to place the Constitutional chain back on the judicial beast devouring our young and destroying the God-ordained family. Our historic checks and balances have fallen to the wayside with dire consequences. Granted, there have been some babies saved, but long term, we have inadvertently strengthened the lawlessness and tyranny of the Supreme Court.

The church and pro-life movement have refused to come into agreement with God’s assessment concerning abortion. It is a crime. God calls it murder and it needs to be penalized by law. It is this denial that has helped to create the pro-life hamster wheel that has been bottlenecked by the Supreme Court.

Someone once stated, “Insanity is doing something over and over again, expecting different results.” Perhaps, it is time for Americans to rethink our approach to end the American holocaust. We must do more than just plead the case of the fatherless. God commands that we plead their case to WIN IT (Jeremiah 5:28).

There are two doctrines that are essential in establishing this just goal. They are the doctrines of interposition and the lesser magistrate. The doctrine of interposition takes place when a tyrant targets the helpless for harm and a third party intervenes to protect the victim. The Lesser Magistrate doctrine teaches that when a higher-ranking civil authority makes immoral, unjust, and unconstitutional laws, the lower-ranking civil authority (Governors, State Legislators, Sheriffs, Chief of police, etc.) have a duty to refuse obedience to that superior authority.

Colorado defied the Feds to get a Rocky Mountain high. Other liberal states defy the Feds to protect sanctuary cities and encourage illegal immigration. How much more should the states defy the Feds when it comes to the two most important issues for our survival: the defense of innocent life and preserving the God-ordained family?

If “We the People” refuse to apply these doctrines to end the American holocaust, the carnage will continue. It is my sincere prayer that we will muster the courage that is needed to end this long night of wrong to bring forth a new birth of liberty that will secure a future and hope for our posterity in Jesus’ name! It is time to ignore Roe, establish justice, and end all abortion now!

NOTE: And the injustice at the Supreme Court continues. Planned Parenthood got another victory last month thanks to Justices Roberts and Kavanaugh, who both declined to hear a case on whether states can defund abortion businesses under the Medicaid Act. The Court “left in place two lower court opinions that said that states violate federal law when they terminate Medicaid contracts with Planned Parenthood affiliates who offer preventive care for low-income women.” It requires four justices to hear a case before the Court; only three agreed it should be contested. Both Kavanaugh and Roberts sided with the Court’s liberals. In a fierce dissent, Justice Thomas argued that that the Supreme Court declined to do its job by rejecting the case. “I suspect it has something to do with the fact that some respondents in these cases are named Planned Parenthood.”

SOURCE: The Daily Wire, 12/11/18



Five Questions About Transgenderism That No Leftist Can Answer

By **Matt Walsh**, The Daily Wire, 11/17/18

Twitter has stepped up its war on reality. Last week, it permanently banned a feminist who committed the unconscionable sin of repeatedly insisting that men aren't women. This past weekend the company clarified its stance on the issue. According to the new rules, you are not allowed to engage in any "slurs" or "tropes" that might offend transgender individuals. These "slurs" and "tropes" include "misgendering" and "deadnaming" a transgender person. Of course, "misgender" means referring to a person by their biological (read: actual) sex. "Deadnaming" sounds like a codeword the CIA might use, but apparently it means calling a "transgender woman" by his original male name, or a "transgender man" by her original female name. Any of these offenses might earn you a permanent ban from the platform.

Some conservatives seem surprised by the increased attempts to silence those who acknowledge and affirm biological realities. I am only surprised by their surprise. This was always inevitable, and it will only get worse from here. After all, what other choice does the Left have? They literally cannot engage with the other side of this debate because there is no debate. **"Transgenderism" is an article of faith. It has no referent in physical reality. It cannot be defended logically or scientifically.** If they are going to maintain their radical theory of gender, they can only do it through intimidation and force.

The leftist position on this topic is so divorced from reason, so utterly indefensible, that they cannot even explain their own view, let alone defend it against an intellectual challenge. They can only issue assertions and then shout ad hominem at anyone who refuses to immediately believe and adopt their philosophy wholesale. Here are five very basic questions that any proponent of "transgenderism" and gender fluidity should be able to answer easily, but cannot:

1. How precisely does a biological male come to the conclusion that he is really a woman?

2. If he arrives at this conclusion based on the fact that he "feels like" a woman, how does he know what it feels like to be a woman?
3. What exactly is a female feeling?
4. Even if it made sense to speak of female feelings and female thoughts, and even if it were possible for a man to know for certain that he is experiencing those feelings and thoughts, in what objective sense do those feelings and thoughts make him a woman rather than simply a feminine man? But the Left tells us that gender is a social construct. They reject the idea that women must necessarily have any particular feeling or thought or taste or preference.
5. If gender is indeed an artificial construct and our physical features have no bearing on our identity as "man" or "woman," then what... is a woman? A woman, in that case, is not defined by her feelings, thoughts, ideas, preferences, or her body, reproductive organs, chromosomes, DNA, etc. So what is she defined by? If he isn't defined by anything, then how does it make sense to call yourself a woman? Isn't that like calling yourself a whooziwatsit or a thingamadoodle? Isn't "woman" now a term empty of all objective meaning?

I have never heard any leftist offer a satisfactory answer to these questions. Rarely have I seen anyone even attempt an answer. That's because there is no answer. They are proposing square circles. They are insisting on something that is not only scientifically but logically impossible. All they can do with such an insistence is insist it. Only logical propositions can be explained and defended. So, they don't bother. And why should they? If they can make their ideas mandatory, it doesn't matter that the ideas are absurd.

NOTE: The Texas Legislature will likely bring back a version of the Women's Protection Act (i.e., "bathroom bill"). TEF supports protecting women and children and agrees with JudyBeth Wagoner, who writes, "If the Progressives can convince Americans to accept transgenderism as anything except for the gender disorder that it truly is, then they have successfully achieved their goal to reinvent civilization as an amoral culture without principles and absolute truth." Amen!

U.S. Ends Reliance on Foreign Oil

For the first time in 75 years, the U.S. exported more oil than it imported, carrying out a pledge from President Trump that America can achieve “energy independence.” While the U.S. has been a net oil importer since 1949, over the final week of November, U.S. net imports of crude oil and petroleum products fell to minus 211,000 barrels per day (bpd)—which means America exported more than it imported, according to data from U.S. Energy Information Administration. Oil production has been booming in the U.S. as the shale revolution has swept the nation. America is now the world’s largest producer of petroleum, passing Russia and Saudi Arabia. As the U.S. oil boom spread, the power of OPEC was reduced, and gas prices in the U.S. have dropped from the highs of over \$4 per gallon under former president Barack Obama.

SOURCE: The Daily Wire, 12/11/18

Houston Mayor Honors Terrorist Organization

The FBI cut off relations with the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) after it was named by the Justice Department as a co-conspirator in the largest terrorism-funding case in U.S. history. In the trial of that case, FBI evidence showed CAIR’s parent organization was founded as a front for the Muslim Brotherhood in the U.S. Nevertheless, the mayor of Houston issued a proclamation declaring December 9 as “CAIR-TEXAS, Houston Day” in honor of the group’s Houston chapter. The proclamation signed by Mayor Sylvester Turner hails CAIR’s “vision to be a leading advocate for justice and mutual understanding.” But, Robert Spencer of Jihad Watch, points out CAIR has “opposed virtually every anti-terror measure that has been proposed or implemented.” CAIR chapters, he noted, frequently distribute pamphlets telling Muslims not to cooperate with law enforcement, including the FBI.

SOURCE: WorldNetDaily, 12/8/18

“Preventable Deaths?”

Planned Parenthood President Dr. Leana Wen says that her organization is essential because, as a doctor, she has “seen too many preventable deaths.” In an op-ed, the new leader of the nation’s largest abortion provider lamented the lack of medical care for illegal aliens and criticized what she called “discriminatory policies” against women. “No one should fear seeking treatment because of their citizenship status, gender identity, income, sexual orientation, race, or religion,” she continued. “Over the past century, Planned Parenthood has done so much to bring reproductive health care to millions of people.” Wen did not include among the “preventable deaths” the more than 320,000 abortions her organization performs each year and that Planned Parenthood opposes any restrictions on abortion—even up until the day of birth.

SOURCE: Breitbart News, 11/28/18

Shocking Poll

A new poll conducted for the Foundation for Library and American Greatness found that a huge percentage of younger Americans are expressing their disdain for American ideals; almost half believe America isn’t great, and roughly 20 percent think the American flag is “a sign of intolerance and hatred.” Twenty-nine percent were okay with burning the American flag. The poll surveyed 1,078 Americans under the age of 38. Its disturbing findings included the astonishing claim by 44 percent of respondents that Barack Obama had a “bigger impact” on the United States than George Washington! More disturbing findings: “Younger Americans (under 38—Gen Z and Millennials) are becoming unmoored from the institutions, knowledge, and spirit traditionally associated with American patriotism,” the survey analysis said.

SOURCE: The Daily Wire, 11/28/18

Quote of the Month

“Envy was once considered to be one of the seven deadly sins before it became one of the most admired virtues under its new name: ‘social justice.’”

~ Thomas Sowell,
Economist and Columnist,
Twitter, 10/24/18

Great American Quote

“There is no cause more important for preserving freedom than affirming the transcendent right to life of all human beings, the right without which no other rights have any meaning.”

~ President Ronald Reagan,
Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation, 1984

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