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"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet." Isaiah 58:1



Editorial

Imagine a world where the mainstream media, along with educators and others, discredit those who object to the increasingly radical and obscene sex education that has become standard. Imagine a world with men in drag greeting children at Disney's Princess Boutiques. Imagine drag queen story hours for children and those who protest such being stopped by the police. Then pinch yourself. It is not an imagination. Nor is it your imagination that a recent anti-trafficking movie, based on facts, has been slandered and charged with misinformation by critics, interest groups, and politicial factions. "It is a QAnon thriller designed to appeal to the conscience of a conspiracy-addled boomer."

One would think that everyone would want to protect children, the most vulnerable in society. The woeful truth is that many do not. There is a dark world of people, brute beasts, who view them as a commodity for vile purposes, and the crime is global. One source reports that there are almost 50 million people trapped in modern slavery and human trafficking around the world and 1.7 million children in forced commercial sexual exploitation according to the best estimates. 1

Furthering the abuse of innocent children is the pressure to push gender change, and that without parental knowledge or consent. Such an egregious agenda will have devastating results.

It seems that the evil of our day has surpassed that of Sodom. Satan is after your children. The State is after your children. Parents, your parental authority is being usurped.

In Canada, a coast to coast walkout is planned for September 20th to protect parent's rights. LGBTQ2 activists, backed by the Trudeau government and their parroting media, are ramping up the fight against them. 2

We are witnessing spiritual wickedness in high places. The problem is not small, it is a tsunami and is fiercely aggressive, driven by the devil himself.

Readers, this is a call to war! We must push back the powers of darkness, unite and lift up our voices against this vile onslaught against the children.

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ARMAGEDDON NEWS

REPORTED BY BRO. DANIEL EICHELBERGER



Babylon the Great is a murderess, bent on the destruction of the most vulnerable of mankind. Her bloodlust knows no boundaries. And she is not just drunk of the blood of saints and martyrs. Her rapacious deathly greed targets saint and sinner alike. The saint she seeks to snatch from the Faithful and True. The sinner she seeks to thwart from finding Him in the first place. Is it any wonder, then, that those who are most in need in this world are the target of her drunken gluttony? We see her fingerprints all over the news headlines that spill out the sorrow and shame of this world.

They Want to Help You Die

Kathrin Mentler was struggling with suicidal thoughts. She often does. "I live with chronic suicidal thoughts but that doesn't mean I never feel joy in my life," she told *The Christian Institute*. So, on this particular day when she was battling these persistent thoughts, she went to a place where she thought she would be kept safe from self-harm. "That day my goal was to keep myself safe. I was thinking of maybe trying to get myself admitted to hospital because I was in crisis," she said. But instead of affirming her worth and helping her to feel safe, a clinician at Vancouver General Hospital asked the 37-year-old Canadian if she had considered death through Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD).

She was stunned. She wanted help and safety from her thoughts. She wanted to live, not die. And here before her were the very ones entrusted to help her asking if she had considered physician-assisted suicide.

Canada legalized euthanasia for certain circumstances in 2016. This was expanded in 2022 to include non-threatening physical disabilities. By 2024, it plans to expand MAiD eligibility to people battling mental illness. Why Vancouver General Hospital would have offered MAiD to Mentler in 2023 is baffling. The procedure is illegal for her condition until next year. Why they would have offered it to her at all when she desperately wanted to live, however, is more concerning.

According to The Third Annual Report on Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada 2021, a total of 10,064 died under MAiD in 2021, "accounting for 3.3 % of all deaths" in the country that year. This is a growth of 32.4% over 2020. Since 2016, a total of 31,664 people have died at the hands of those who took the Hippocratic Oath to do no harm to them.

Churchgoers Gone Rogue

According to the Survey on Adult Churchgoers on Social Issues and Worldview, one out of every six (16%) of churched adults "admitted to having ever paid for, encouraged, or chosen to have an abortion." The survey, conducted by the Center for Biblical Worldview and published in June of this year, was meant to gauge "public opinion related to a variety of social issues, as well as responses regarding their worldview." It also found that 22% of respondents fully identified as pro-choice. In addition to this, 21% of church-going adults believe the Bible does not identify when human life begins, and 20% claim to have a non-biblical worldview.

We are not surprised by these num-

bers. We've always known that good ole Babylonian preaching reaps dividends for the kingdom of darkness and provides fodder for the cannons of Armageddon.

Parents vs. California

"I am not going to allow this to keep happening to children," Jessica Konen recently said to Fox News Digital. In a landmark victory for parental rights, Konen sued the Spreckles Union School District in Monterey County, California, for socially transitioning her 11-year-old daughter, Alicia, as a male at school and not informing her. The school district settled with Konen for \$100,000.

Going through a difficult time, Alicia was told by staff at the school that "she may be upset because she didn't know who she 'truly was inside'." They allowed her to use the boys' bathroom and to use male pronouns while at school. All without her mother's knowledge.

Alicia has since resolved her confusion and is working alongside her mother to fight for parental rights. "They need to understand their place, and they need to stay in their place," Konen said. "And schools nowadays, they're awful. So, I'm going to fight this fight and keep fighting this fight."

California, however, is nonplussed over such parental victories. The State's Attorney General Rob Bonta has filed a lawsuit to stop another school system, The Chino Valley School District, from enforcing its recently passed Policy 5020. According to the *Christian Post*, the policy states that its schools "must inform parents within three days of becoming aware of a student's request to use a different

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name or pronoun or if the student asks to use the bathroom or play on an athletic team that doesn't align with their sex."

Bonta filed the lawsuit with the Superior Court of the State of California, arguing that the policy runs afoul of the state constitution's prohibition of "local educational agencies from infringing on the privacy rights of their students."

Babylon may lick her lips and claim she is no widow, but do not be fooled. Strong is the Lord God who judges her. And strong are His saints, the armies of heaven, which follow Him and bear the Spirit's steel. This is war!

> World population: 8,057,799,597

People born from women: 8,057,799,597

People born from men: 8,057,799,597

Feel free to fact check.

According to the House Select Investigating Panel's documents, this is what one research institution paid a middleman company over the period of a year for fetal body parts from aborted babies.

(Reported April 2016)

Payments From 1 Customer to **Procurement Business for 1 Year**

\$22,610 38 FETAL BRAINS

12 FETAL HEARTS \$7,140

3 FETAL UPPER AND LOWER LIMBS \$2,670

> \$2,975 5 FETAL LIVERS

12 FETAL PANCREASES

ANNUAL TOTAL

(\$) Daily Signal.com

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ALL-OUT WAR!

SIS. SUSAN MUTCH

IT IS ALL-OUT, OPEN WAR – in the streets in broad daylight, we are under constant bombardment by mainstream media; weapons have been planted on your children's school desks and in the local library. They intend to destroy your children-and ultimately, society.

First it was the holocaust of the unborn-which has created a thriving business for the sale of body parts. Now we have thir-



In June 2023, madness prevailed in New York City's Drag March as the emboldened crowd chanted:

"We're queer, we're here, We're coming for your children!"

teen-year-old girls having a double mastectomy because of the grooming of school counsellors. Boys can be clinically castrated without parental knowledge or consent. An eighteen-year-old boy died after doctors tried to create a vagina from part of his colon.

An Oklahoma school hired a drag queen previously arrested for child pornography as their principal. Mandatory drag

queen story hours are starting to be introduced into schools. Even children's hospitals are not free of this evil influence. Take note-the state lays claim to your children and will do as it pleases.

The United Nations had a committee calling for internet channels for child sexting. The popular languagelearning app Duolingo, used much by home schoolers, is indoctrinating your children with LGBT propaganda.

"You say we all lead lives you don't respect. But you're just frightened. You think that we'll corrupt your kids

"We'll convert your children – happens bit by bit, Quietly and subtly and you will barely notice it..."

if our agenda goes unchecked.

Funny, just this once, you're correct."

youngest ages. Teachers (groomers) in these propaganda camps are more concerned about instructing children on how to masturbate than to read and write. The WHO even offers instruction on infant sexuality. Sexually graphic and pornographic books which include

ingly radical, pornographic, and kinky sex education from the

Students in public schools are being exposed to increas-

encouraging the use of hard drugs while having sex are the focus. The book Gender Queer is incredibly pornographic, yet the Woke groomers who lead the institutions are fighting as hard as they can to keep it in the schools, while the media runs cover for these vile progressives. When angry parents complain, school boards cite "human rights,"

stating it is about equity and inclusion; "transphobia has no place in our schools."

The war continues to rage to normalize homosexuality and queer ideology. Equity and inclusion are weaponized words. Thinly veiled behind their so-called love and tolerance is an arsenal of aggressive and vile hatred at any who will not bow to this devilish ideology. We must unite and resist this evil!

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A sign at the train station in Cork, Ireland



AMONG MANY CONTROVERSIAL issues that fiercely divide people, there stand a small few, at least, that ought to unite them. If we can't agree on the myriad concerns of politics or religion, it seems we should hasten to cooperation when it comes to issues like child trafficking. Yet, behold the stupefying reality: it is not so. While children are being horrifically abused, adults are busy arguing about whether the matter is "overhyped,"

or which party is more responsible. While one single child is being hurt, it seems to the reasonable mind that it doesn't matter whether the issue is overhyped. We must not allow the callousness of a fallen

world to dampen our sentiments when it comes to the protection of the littlest humans. They utterly rely on us.

Hence the ever-present partisan bog that traps anyone from making any impactful change in society. It's the always news-worthy, all-too-public debacle of mud-slinging slander and blame game. Rather than rising to defend the helpless little ones, erring people ignorantly point the finger at "the other party," while failing to do anything meaningful about the problem. This is not to deny that someone is responsible, or that there are groups

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which are particularly quilty of sins against children, some of which we need to call out. But defending little children is not a

political, or even a "religious" responsibility. It's a universal human requirement. It doesn't need you to align with any particular church or world view. It needs you to be a thinking, feeling human being.

Before we get more specific about "who is responsible," let's deal with another important question. What causes child trafficking? Child trafficking does not exist without a market. Children can be passed into the sex trade because a sex

> trade exists, and a sex trade exists because of the hypersexualization and commercialization of sex. We tend to deal with things at the bloom instead of the root. Pruning a plant may temporarily get rid

of the flowers, but it spawns more seed. It does not change or remove the root system that allows the weed to continue

prospering.

Sex trafficking of all sorts must not be viewed as an act of sin or cruelty. It must be viewed as an economy of cruelty. It must be seen as a system or a machine that relies on its constituent parts to function. The bane of child trafficking starts long before a child is kidnapped and forced to perform on the streets. It starts in the heart of a sin-sick society that sells and glorifies illicit sex. It starts with the commodification of the human body and sexual identity. It starts with the power mongering of those who get deviant pleasure from controlling the vulnerable. It is a social and cultural issue.

This is why merely passing legislation can not fix child trafficking. It lives in the heart and thus in the culture. As long as children are sexualized in the name of "entertainment," there is no law in the world that can stop the cultural tide from sweeping. People are conditioned to accept the dolling up of little girls with makeup and adult clothing. Popular culture, which is largely an intentional programming of our minds, acclimates us to overlook what should otherwise cause us great alarm. Those that profit from the export of sex and child abuse are winning the fight because they are winning the culture war. Culture is upstream of law. Whatever influences the culture will, in time, control the laws of the land.

Yet we are not without hope or a cause to fight. God has deemed that His greatest judgments are reserved for those who intentionally exploit the weak, but we must certainly understand how this battle is fought and won-in the collective conscience of ordinary people. There is no chance of the sex trade being eradicated or substantially asswaged without an awakening of conscience. History has given us precedents of such things happening. There must be a Revival of Righteousness-a Renaissance of Normality. To sin such against little children is a trespass against reason and instinct. It isn't a far journey when one is returning to what is innately programmed by God and nature. This means that when it comes to the average person standing against this sin, we have God AND nature on our side.

As to the question, "Who is responsible for child trafficking?" If we understand it as the cultural phenomenon that it is, then everyone who willingly participates in the market is responsible. This isn't a left-wing or right-wing issue. While children are being smuggled into the corners of darkness, millions are ignoring, and thus empowering, the awful reality. More importantly, by consenting to the conditions that cause it, people are directly guilty themselves. By participating in the game in which children always lose, you become a perpetrator.

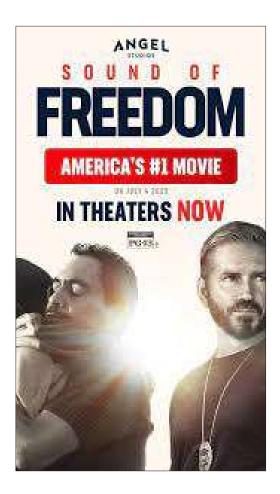
Accusations are flung at various leaders and public figures regarding alleged participation in child exploitation. Many of these accusations have been proven true. Some will never be proven in this world. Yet the spirit of cooperation is a chargeable offence. You do not need to actively engage in the sex trade to be a helper of it. You merely must cooperate. The moment ordinary people rise up and stop voting for the politicians and consuming the media content that makes merchandise of children, the cultural tides will begin to turn. When the demand for a commodity ceases, the supply loses its reason to exist. You, my brother and sister, you. You are responsible for the propagation or utter defeat of this thing called child trafficking.



But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

- JESUS CHRIST

Methinks They Protest too Much



SOUND OF FREEDOM, THE ANTI-CHILDtrafficking movie, is causing a stir. The movie is based on Tim Ballard's true-life work as a former Homeland Security anti-human trafficking agent, and later with Operation Underground Railroad, which he founded.

Most mainstream media reviewers have either been dismissive of the film or ignored it altogether. Other critics, interest groups, and politicial factions have resorted to slanders and misinformation, While all decent people are militantly up-in-arms against such heinous crimes against children, the indecent, unclean brute beasts of this world are reeling at this exposé of their vile deeds.

"Be sure your sin will find you out"! Numbers 32:23.



"The Sound of Freedom: The QAnon Adjacent thriller seducing America"



"Anti-trafficking group with long history of false claims gets its Hollywood moment."



"Sound of Freedom is a movie for dads with brainworms." "The QAnon-tinged thriller about child trafficking is designed to appeal to

the conscience of a conspiracy-addled boomer." The movie "is a call to action in an imagined global war against sexual predators."



"But the movie has nevertheless been promoted on QAnon message boards, and some accuse it of playing into the movement which is based on the false belief that a highly organized network of global elites are kidnapping children and having sex with them and harvesting their blood."



YouTube is pulling "Sound of Freedom" interviews and reviews for "violating community guidelines."

YouTube

https://summit.news/2023/07/19/youtube-is-pulling-soundof-freedom-interviews-reviews/



Tim Ballard's misleading anti-trafficking rhetoric slips seamlessly into transphobia and xenophobia while promoting "Sound of Freedom."



Major streaming platforms such as Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon refused to give the movie a platform for worldwide exposure. Surprising, since they are often at the forefront of promoting socially conscious content.



Why did Biden's Department of Justice delete sections about child sexual exploitation from its website in May, shortly before the release of Sound of Freedom and after the Biden admin was found to have lost tens of thousands of migrant children?

Each of the removed sections emphasized the terrifying reality of child sex trafficking in greater detail than the generalized description that remains on the page.

https://lifesitenews.com/news/biden-doj-removed-child-sex-trafficking-information-from-website

SAM: My first memory of sexual abuse was when I was about three years old. My father told me this is what boys did with their dads. This is how dads teach boys about their bodies. I didn't question any of it, because this was my father. I assumed he loved me. I assumed this what fathers who loved their sons did. I only started questioning what he was doing because he told me not to tell my mother, and I thought that was strange. This was the grooming part of things.

The trafficking started when I was about six years old because my dad wanted access to other boys, so he trafficked me to other men. He told me to do things and I did them, thinking that was how fathers and sons interacted. Just in case, though, he threatened me. The threats got scarier too. He was a doctor and he told me if I told anyone about these "parties" and these men, that he would force me to take a pill that would kill me and tell everyone I had committed suicide. I was afraid.

The abuse stopped when I reached puberty and somehow I had no memories of it for years after. When I talked about my childhood it was always in glowing terms. I didn't remember the abuse. I gave the eulogy at his funeral. The memories didn't return until after he died–I wish they had not.

https://polarisproject.org/love-and-trafficking/

FAINESS LIPENGA: I grew up in a poor village in Malawi. I had suffered abuse since childhood. There was little hope for a better life. When a diplomat from the USA offered me a job working in their household and that I could get an education, I was excited. When we arrived, nothing was what I had been promised.

My employer took away my passport, locked me in the house and disconnected the phone whenever she left home. I was made to sleep on the basement floor.

I worked literally all the time. I cared for children and cleaned and did all manner of household chores. She yelled at me constantly and was physically abusive.

On top of this, I was made to work for her husband's commercial cleaning business, sometimes through the nights using heavy machinery, only to return home to work some more. I was paid less than 40 cents an hour. I was used, like I was less than a person. It was a nightmare happening behind the door, so no one knew. Because of what I went through as a child, I did not fully know that it was not normal to be treated this way. I certainly did not know what trafficking was. But after hearing my trafficker boast of how she had tricked me, I knew I had to get out. I found my passport once when I was cleaning. At a safe time, I escaped.

Victims of **Trafficking** Speak

Human trafficking, as a whole, is either the second or third largest illicit criminal industry in the world behind drug trafficking and firearms trafficking.

ANNEKE LUCAS: I was raised in Belgium and my parents sold me to a murderous pedophile network around my sixth birthday. I was used for five and a half years in this network composed largely of VIPs–people who were very visible on the world's stage. There was much alcohol and drugs. Children were the most valued commodity, mostly used for sex. I was raped for about six hours a week before I reached the age of twelve. There were a number of aristocrats who also liked killing children. When I was eleven and they tired of me, my turn came. I was strapped on a butcher's block that was black from the blood of the children who had come before me. I was tortured for a few hours. My body is full of scars. Someone from within that network rescued me. He then got me out of Belgium and instructed me as to how to stay out of prostitution and drugs.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19403loi2o8



Be Who YOU Are

SIS. KARA BRAUN

OVER THE PAST CENTURY AND MORE, the currents of change have circulated among the nations, foreshadowing the grand reconciling of all things which injured time demands. Oppression cannot last forever. The groan of nations cannot forever be suppressed. Revenge must happen. Reconciliation must come. All earth is caught in the throes of its travail. A new day of liberty is dawning. Change is wafted upon each restless breeze and shudders unstoppable through every fiber of the earth. Change cannot be paused, cannot be sidestepped. Change marches on unstopping and unstoppable, in answer to the cry of earth's age-long groan.

Humanity unites in its cry for freedom: freedom from the slavery of oppressive systems; freedom from classism and racism and every form of discrimination and abuse; freedom from dead religion; freedom from stale traditions; freedom from the kind of conservative despotism that shackles me from being who I am by drawing a box around me to fit me into outgrown, outdated traditions. We desire freedom to be who we were meant to be—freedom to be what our Creator envisioned. The quest for freedom is in our DNA. Whether or not we have always recognized our chains, we have all felt the stir of freedom within our heart. But where can we find this freedom?

True freedom requires a space in which every person can be loosed to give his full contribution, an economy in which exchange happens without prejudice. Freedom is more than nominal rights written within a

musty law code, whose interpretation and application are subject to the caprice of men who may or may not understand their original meaning, and who tend to appropriate liberty for their own benefit. Freedom requires an under-girding of people who support me personally and allow me to be who I was meant to be. It requires a safe space where I know I have room to exercise my gifting. This space is defined, not by a set of rules, but by a living administration.

Freedom has a context, a frame of reference. Without this structure, it quickly degenerates into a breeding ground for predators-people who abuse their freedom to exploit the weak. It is people who create the context of freedom. A living, competent, inclusive government is what creates freedom in dynamic, practicable form: a government capable of binding the captor and of loosing the captive, a government capable of producing unity and singleness of purpose amid diversity and complexity of expression. Within the structure defined by the three chief apostles, each finds space to operate in his own role. We can thus move onward with the Great Eternal in the order of His plan without falling prey to beastly systems of carnal government. Beastly systems can sneak in through gaps in the rule book, but they cannot penetrate the barrier of the living three.

There is a false freedom which seeks to undermine the true liberty of the children of God, whose children we have all been created. It springs not from the context of God's liberating government, but from the context of a system whose very basis is slavery. This system makes pretext of liberty, but it is only another form of oppression. It emancipates men in name but not in practice. Freedom without the enabling structure of God's government is not far removed from "freedom to hunger, freedom to the winds and rains of heaven, freedom without roofs to cover [our] heads" (Frederick Douglass). It is freedom without fathers to unite us. freedom without a context for our identity, freedom to be blown about by the winds of a false narrative.

True freedom is freedom of identity, freedom to be you and not someone else. It is freedom to not be defined or confined by other's opinions or ways of expression or cultural biases. Inside of true freedom, you can be true to yourself and the genius inside you. You can give who you are without fear of rejection, without threat of coercion, but as a part of fair and just exchange.

We hear a lot of messaging in our society telling us to "be who we are." This message is entirely correct given from the correct frame of reference, but given in the wrong context from the wrong frame of reference, lands men in a deeper bondage."While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage" (2 Peter 2:19). Be who you are....but don't allow Hollywood to tell you who you are. Don't allow your identity to be dictated by a culture riddled with systemic slavery. Don't let your freedom be defined by the makers of bondage.

You cannot find freedom and know who you are until you find whom you belong with. False platforms with sinister

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agendas have abused the right principle of freedom of identity to produce skewed and deceptive messaging. They seek to define your identity by interpreting your feelings and desires for you from their twisted frame of reference. You cannot be true to your identity without being true to your own parents and your own biology. Do not accept a manufactured identity produced by people who are not your own people. Do not let social media culture or television culture define for you who you are based on how they interpret your feelings. Your true identity is given to you prophetically, and your true freedom is realized in connection with the right people.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free...If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free in deed." John 8:32, 36.



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