

Defeating the Culture of Death

Bringing America Back to God



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The Israelites Worshipped Molech – The King of Death

“Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings forty years in the wilderness, people of Israel?

You have taken up the tabernacle of Molech and the star of your god Rephan, the idols you made to worship.

Therefore I will send you into exile beyond Babylon.

Acts 7:42-43 (NIV)

God punished Judah for murdering its infants. What will he do to America?




The Culture of Death in America

- The Supreme Court Embedded Death in our Society with its Roe v. Wade decision.
- God permitted this:

"For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.


Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen." Rom 8:21-25





A Perfect Candidate for the Supreme Court

- Judge Amy Coney Barrett
 - Valedictorian at Notre Dame Law School
 - Clerked for Justice Antonin Scalia
 - Recommended by every law clerk she ever worked with
 - Professor of Law at Notre Dame Law School.
 - Recommended by all 49 of the law school faculty, regardless of party
 - Supported by signed letter from 450 former students
 - Mother of 7, including two adoptees from Haiti and one child with Downs
 - A godly Catholic woman who is a member of the People of Praise community
- Yet she is controversial, because of her faith and her views on abortion



Critiques of Barrett

- What right does the president have to make this nomination in an election year? Merrick Garland was not voted on in 2016.
- One tweet suggested that by adopting children from Haiti she was a white supremacist colonizer.
- Newsweek claimed that the religious group, People of Praise, was the inspiration for "The Handmaid's Tale"
- Many of the criticisms were anti-religious bigotry, claiming that Catholics who take their faith seriously should be disqualified from public service.

Abortion is at the Root

"At root, there's more to this hatred than the legitimate disagreements and debate inherent to the nomination process. There's even more to it than being potentially the third appointee of a President despised by so many. The savage incivility already being directed at Barrett can be traced back to *Roe v. Wade*. As Kim Colby, legal scholar for Christian Legal Society suggested last week on the Breakpoint podcast, the decision to legalize abortion has poisoned our political system and escalated court nominations to literal life and death issues.

Like the horrible *Dred Scott* decision on slavery, *Roe* deals with the very heart of what it means to be human. And, just as in the *Dred Scott* decision, the Court got *Roe* wrong. More than 160 years later, America is still paying the price for the Court getting *Dred Scott* wrong. In the case of *Roe*, the national cost in terms of lives lost, families destroyed, and a deeply poisoned, dysfunctional system mired in a culture war are nearly incalculable.

Roe is why Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the fierce protector of legalized abortion in all forms (including later-term, sex-selective, and disability-targeted abortions) was a hero to the left; and, *Roe* is why Amy Coney Barrett is the left's latest villain."

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Abortion – The Root of America's Schisms

- The norm for almost 200 years was perfunctory and near unanimous Senate approval of all Supreme Court nominees
- The Robert Bork nomination changed all that
 - In 1987, President [Ronald Reagan nominated Bork](#) to the [U.S. Supreme Court](#), but the [U.S. Senate](#) rejected his nomination with attacks led by Senator Joe Biden, judiciary committee head.
 - Bork was a brilliant jurist and an advocate for originalism.
 - He was opposed to "legislating from the bench" and would have undone Roe v. Wade and other judicial overreach.
- Attempts were also made to block Justice Thomas, Gorsuch, and Kavanaugh because of their originalist advocacy.



- Roe v. Wade became the law of the land through the courts, not through any legislative action.
- It was not the will of the people.
- In the 60's, we had the sexual revolution and the explosion of radical feminism.
- Pregnancy became an unwanted side effect of sex outside of marriage creating incredibly difficult personal problems for all involved.
- If the unborn baby could be viewed as the mother's property, then she and her doctor had the right to terminate that unborn child.
- Roe v. Wade protects "sexual freedom".



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Why is Abortion so Controversial?

The Cost of Covering Up Sin on the Sinner

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover
up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalms 32:3-5



A Baby at 16 Weeks

- The body is fully formed, the fingers and toes have fingerprints & nails.
- Is about 5 inches long and weighs about 3 ounces, about the size of a large avocado.
- The baby is moving about: may grasp for the umbilical cord, suck its thumb, and is capable of making facial expressions and kicking at the amniotic sac.
- The heart & circulatory system and the urinary tract are fully functioning. and the blood is pumping through these tiny veins
- The baby is inhaling and exhaling the amniotic fluid through the lungs.
- The eyes are in the proper position, and the baby can see straight ahead & blink his/her eyelids.
- The genitals have formed. In the case of a girl, the uterus has already developed and the ovaries are in the proper place.
- Umberto Castiello, University of Padova, Italy reported unborn babies have the ability to interact as early as 14 weeks into the pregnancy: "We conclude that performance of movements towards the co-twin is not accidental: already starting from the 14th week of gestation twin fetuses execute movements specifically aimed at the co-twin."



The Cost of Covering Up Sin on Children

- The toll on babies:
- 62,275,000+ lives taken since 1973
- 18,682,000+ black babies have been aborted since 1973



Chart: Resident total fertility rate

2.50

2.00

1.50

1.00

0.50

The Toll of Abortion on Parents

Depression

Addiction,

Broken relationships

Even suicide

Infertility

1975

1980

1985

1990

1995

2000



The Toll of Abortion on the Medical Profession

- Doctors and nurses can be desensitized to the value of human life
- Dr. Bernard Nathanson
- Dr. Kermit Gosnell



The Toll on a Nation

- Decline in birthrate
 - Per Edward Gibbon, the collapse of the Roman empire was caused to a substantial degree by depopulation
 - America's birth rate is 1.71, insufficient to replace the population.
- Decline in its economy
 - Social Security, Medicare, and other social programs are dependent on population growth. Imagine the economy with 38 million more consumers
- Decline in its military
 - A nation can no longer depend on a volunteer army to defend it.

Poisoning Whatever it Touches

- Heritage Foundation's Ryan Anderson has said, not only are abortion and *Roe* great evils against children, but they poison our entire political and judicial systems.
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Judge Barrett's Antidote

At a 2006 speech to the graduating class of Notre Dame's law school, Barrett said, "Your legal career is but a means to an end, and . . . that end is building the kingdom of God. . . . [I]f you can keep in mind that your fundamental purpose in life is not to be a lawyer, but to know, love, and serve God, you truly will be a different kind of lawyer."

A photograph of a winding asphalt road with metal guardrails, curving along a mountain ridge. The road is surrounded by dense forest with trees in autumn colors. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid in white on the image.

Good Laws Provide Guard Rails for a Society

Morality is a means to encourage people to live their best lives

War of the Worlds

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
Ephesians 6:12-13



Moloch = Melech (מֶלֶךְ) = "KING"

- Nations have angelic rulers

"Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia." Daniel 10:12-13
- But they all serve one of two kings – God or Satan

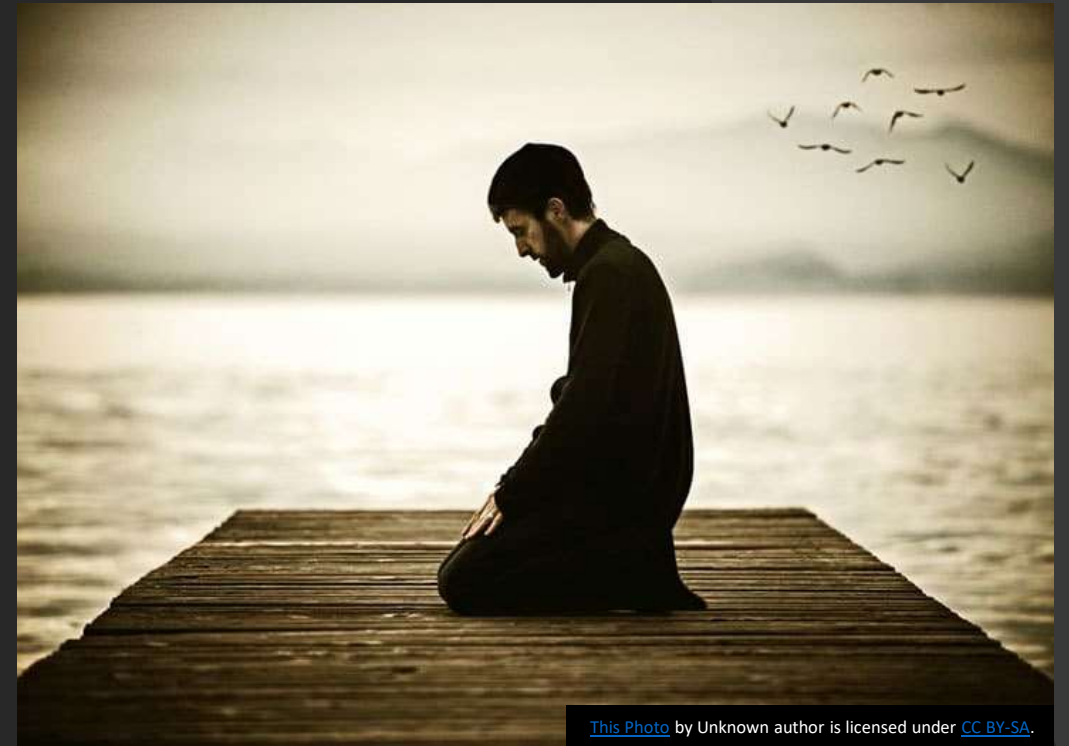
"They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer)." Rev 9:11



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Defeating the Culture of Death

- It is a spiritual battle, and so must be fought on our knees
- The battlefield is the hearts and minds of the people
- The method of the enemy is lies, confusion, chaos, destruction
 - Jesus said about Satan "he was a liar from the beginning"
 - Ezek 28:11-12 tells us Lucifer was created as "the most beautiful of God's creation", "the seal of perfection", an "annointed one"
 - Satan is arrogant and even sought to tempt Jesus
 - Satan is powerful.
 - Jesus had to fast and pray 40 days before meeting with him.
 - Satan is ultimately defeated



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Fight as a Soldier of God

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."





Laws Alone Cannot Change a Society

- The World is Changed One Person at a Time
 - Compassion
 - Prayer
 - Forgiveness
 - Love
 - Understanding

Start with the Children that You can Influence

- By example
- Scholarships for God honoring schools
- Through kindness
- Through generosity
- Through stories of your life
- Through stories of God's answers to prayer

