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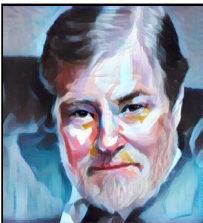


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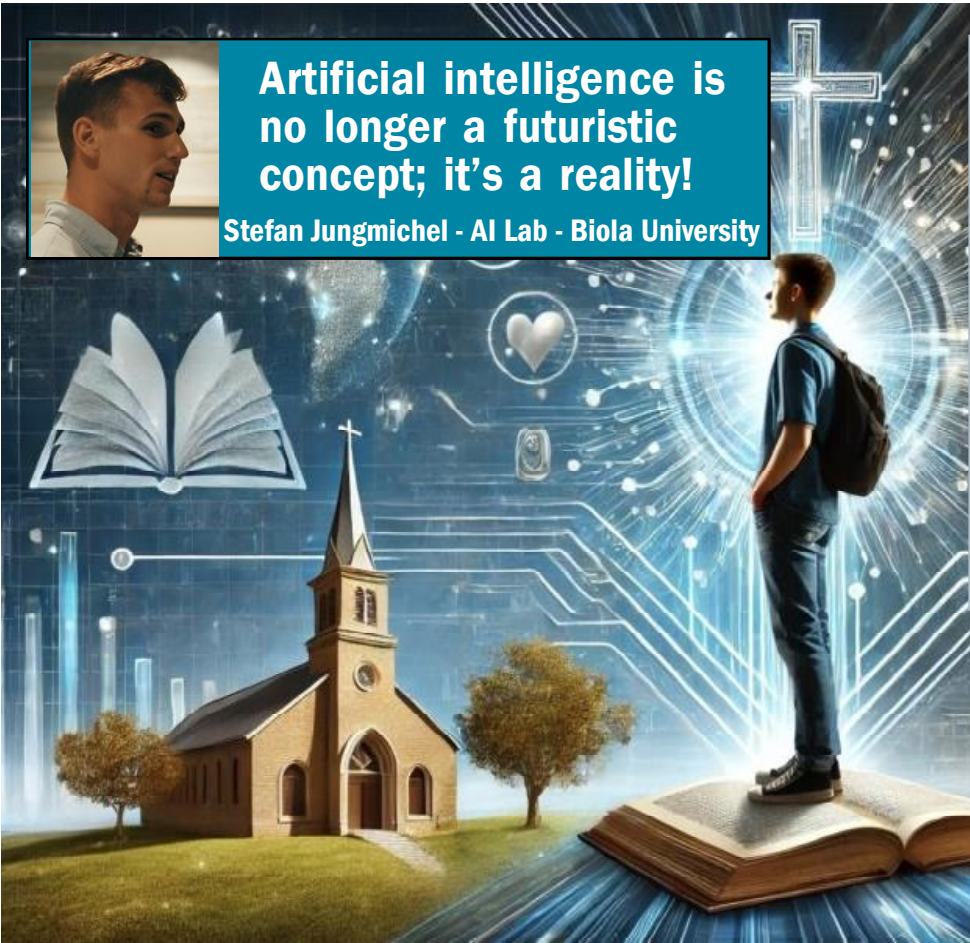


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Empowering Businesses and Strengthening Communities: Meet Stacey Hyatt of Salem Surround

In today's media landscape, where the right exposure can make all the difference, Salem Surround stands out as a powerhouse for conservative and Christian radio. With over 120 stations across the country, Salem Surround offers unmatched reach and influence. At the forefront of this dynamic organization is Stacey Hyatt, a dedicated media technician whose expertise is transforming how businesses grow and connect with their communities.

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The Pursuit of Happiness vs. the Power of Gratitude



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We often chase happiness as if it's the ultimate goal—but the truth is, happiness is fleeting. It comes and goes, dependent on circumstances, feelings, or what we receive. Gratitude, however, is the key to longevity. It grounds us. It gives us perspective. And unlike happiness, gratitude doesn't wear out.

Happiness is a state of mind—but that state of mind is formed by what we allow to shape it. If your thoughts are influenced by liberal ideologies, you'll think like a liberal. If they're shaped by conservative values, you'll see the world through a conservative lens. But if your mind is surrendered to Jesus Christ, your identity becomes that of a Christ follower.

Can someone be both a liberal and a Christ follower? Or a conservative and a Christ follower? Certainly. But you will ultimately be led by one—either by human philosophy or by the truth of Christ.

Let's look at how these worldviews diverge on a deeply controversial issue: abortion.

• **To the liberal, abortion** is often justified to prevent the burden of an unwanted pregnancy.

• To the conservative, abortion may be discouraged, yet tolerated under the banner of personal freedom.

• **To the Christ follower,** life begins at conception. Abortion, then, is not just a decision—it is the taking of a life. It is sin.

Now, ask yourself: which of these choices leads to a state of mind that is truly happy? One free from guilt, regret, confusion, or sadness? The tragic reality is that many decisions—especially around issues of life and death—can leave lasting emotional and spiritual scars. This reveals a deeper truth: the pursuit of happiness is, at its core, self-serving.

But what about Christ? Does it matter what He says? Does it matter that He grieves over every innocent life lost? Does it matter that disappoint-

ing God can lead to a soul weighed down with regret?

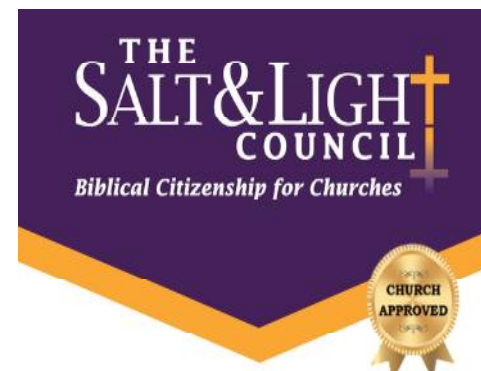
Jesus is not a dispenser of temporary happiness. He is the Redeemer of souls. Yes, He forgives sin when we truly repent—but grace is not a license to continue in sin. To follow Christ is to be transformed in mind and heart.

So if we aim to feel “happy” all the time, we will fail. Happiness fades. Like a diamond ring worn daily, it loses its shine. But with a mind renewed in Christ, we begin to see beauty even in the ordinary. We find peace in the mundane. We experience joy—not as a passing emotion, but as a byproduct of obedience, purpose, and gratitude.

A state of mind is not inherited—it's learned. It can be shaped by the world, or it can be transformed by God. Every decision we make leaves an imprint on our soul. And the soul? It's not seeking a thrill. It seeks wisdom, truth, and peace—all of which flow from a holy fear of the Lord.

God is good. He longs for us to grow—from immaturity to maturity, from foolishness to wisdom, from chasing happiness to walking in truth.

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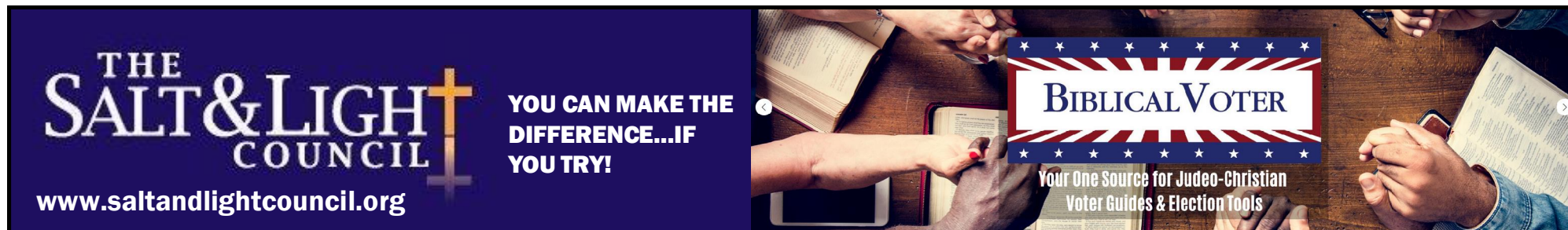
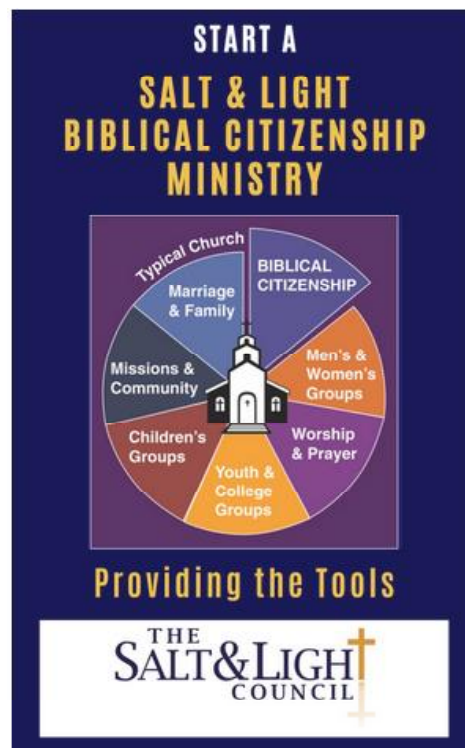
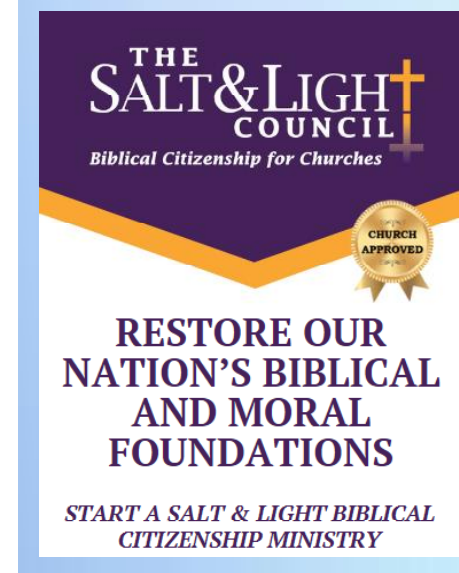
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We mobilize Christians at the grassroots level, helping them to live out their responsibility to influence government and civic affairs for good. History has clearly shown that without a strong, godly influence to overcome the natural tendency toward evil, governmental authority will destroy God-given rights, including the right to hear and speak His truth.

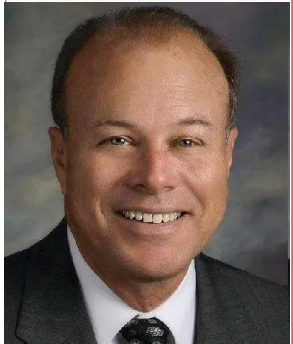
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President Trump's recent moves in Washington in the education arena have kindled the flame of hope for parents in education. His Executive Orders regarding men in women's sports and the ridding of the federal government of DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion), signals a return to common sense.

But before we launch the tickertape parade, we must remember that education is a local endeavor. Education decisions are made at the local level by school board members based on state law and community input. Curricula guidelines are mandated by the state legislature and adopted by local school boards.

The federal government provides incentives as it did with Common Core and can withhold funds for specific purposes or educational programs such as compliance with Title IX. It does not mandate that certain subjects or curricula be taught. It does make funding available to local schools if certain actions or subjects are undertaken or taught. Generally, federal involvement follows the carrot rather than the stick approach.

If we wish a say in how our children and grandchildren are educated, our eyes must stay focused on our local school board. The school board sets class sizes, determines fiscal

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issues such as teachers' salaries and which schools will be open or closed, adopts policies governing the actions of school personnel, determines which books will find a home in their school libraries, and, in accordance with state law, determines the curricula taught in our children's classrooms.

If you are a parent or grandparent, arguably the most important election for you is not for President...but for school board.

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OPT OUT in the News! U.S. Supreme Court Hears Maryland Case *Parents Right to OPT OUT Their Children*

In a Maryland case, the U.S. Supreme Court is weighing the extent to which parents can opt their children out of public school instruction in which LGBT-themed books are read as part of the curriculum. Informed Parents is closely watching this case. In 2024, Informed Parents partnered with Pacific Justice



Institute to facilitate the ability of every parent of a public school student in California to OPT OUT of pleasure-based **Comprehensive Sexuality Education, intrusive surveys, and third party counseling (Planned Parenthood, etc.)** without the knowledge and permission of parents.

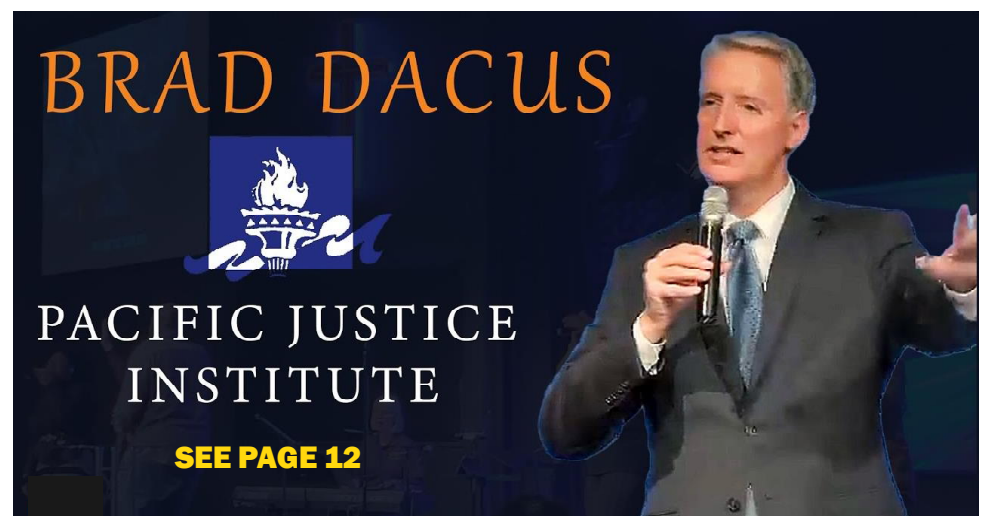
To date, several hundred parents have taken advantage of this OPT OUT Service provided by Informed Parents

and Pacific Justice Institute. To make this service available to every parent of a public school child in California necessitated the creation of an extensive software program and database containing the name and contact info for each school, school principal, and school district superintendent in California.

Not surprisingly, this program and database requires constant review and updating. Additionally, Informed Parents created a **Parents OPT OUT Hotline** to answer parents questions and provide a reporting venue for parents whose schools and districts are not allowing them to exercise their OPT OUT rights.

Watch for Informed Parents "California School OPT OUT Campaign" launching in May to inform parents of their right to OPT OUT their child.

For more information, visit www.ip-ca.org. It's not too late to OPT OUT your child from curricula, surveys, and counseling that are not aligned with your family's values.



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Placentia-Yorba Linda School Board Fails to Protect Girls in Sports

By Madison Miner,
Executive Director - Protect Our Kids

On May 6, Trustee Leandra Blades of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District brought a common-sense resolution to the school board: protect girls' sports. The resolution aimed to ensure girls are given the safety, fairness, and support they deserve in the athletic spaces they've worked so hard to earn. With the rise of biological males competing in female divisions, this resolution was timely, reasonable, and vital. Yet, despite its importance, it failed. Three left-leaning board members voted against it, leaving only Blades and fellow trustee Todd Frazier standing in support of girls.

This decision comes during the very week that the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) began state-level competition in track and field. In these preliminary rounds, a biological male competed against girls in the long jump, triple jump, and high jump. While this athlete would have placed 32nd, 19th, and 24th, respectively, if competing against boys, he excelled against girls—even though his personal record in the high jump wouldn't qualify him in the male division. As a result, three deserving female athletes lost their spots in the CIF Finals. Second place went to Crean Lutheran athlete Reese Hogan, who said of the biological male competitor in a recent Fox News interview, "He's a talented athlete and I wish him the best of luck, but in a boys' division."

This is not just unfair—it's deeply demoralizing. Girls train for years, often at great personal and financial cost to their families, to reach elite levels in their sports. The hours, the injuries, the sacrifice—all wiped away when a biological male enters the competition. God designed the male body with higher levels of testosterone, greater muscle mass, larger lung capacity, and stronger bone density. These are not social constructs—they are biological facts.

In contact sports, this unfairness becomes dangerous. Girls have sustained concussions, broken bones, and other serious injuries when forced to compete against stronger, faster male-bodied athletes. The physical toll is matched only by the emotional harm of being sidelined after years of work.

As a former Division I soccer player on scholarship at Texas A&M University, I competed professionally in Brazil and grew up training with boys to raise my game. I pushed myself to the peak of athletic performance. Even then, my own husband—an aerospace engineer with no formal soccer background—could outrun and out-muscle me on the field. His touch wasn't refined, but his power was undeniable. This isn't a critique; it's biology. It's design.

So why are we allowing bottom-ranked boys to dominate top-ranked girls just by changing pronouns? The statistics are growing. Across the nation, more transgender-identifying males are entering girls' competitions. Girls are losing scholarships, titles, and dignity.

This isn't inclusion—it's erasure.

We commend Trustee Leandra Blades and Todd Frazier for standing up for girls. It's time parents, coaches, and communities do the same.

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Duties of the Civil Magistrate, and Citizens under them

By: Eli Komai

Nullification vs interposition

We will begin this second installment with a brief definition of terms, starting with ‘nullification’ and ‘interposition’. Put briefly, nullification is the legal result of sufficient/successful interposition. Stated differently, once you have interposed effectively enough, that interposition then bears the ripe fruit of nullification. In turn, nullification is when a law is ignored. It is unenforced, and assuming a righteous act of interposition (and further assuming the backdrop of a righteous justice system), unenforceable.

Now that we have defined nullification with respect to interposition, we must define the latter term itself. To interpose means to “come in between.” Okay, come between what? In the Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrates this means between a lower authority, and a higher authority. The lower steps

in to defend the rights and dignity of a citizen against a higher authority.

Higher? Lower? Lets look at layers of government. If you arent aware, we here in the USA have been blessed with many layers of government. They are (from small to big): individual, family, church, neighborhood, town/city, county, state, country. For interposition to take place, a smaller unit of government must come between a larger unit of government when that larger unit seeks to deal unjustly with an individual. Got it? Now you know what interposition is!

What is unjust? What is just? The last half of this article will seek to provide a rudimentary answer to those questions.

The act of interposition is an expression of righteousness. Any system of law, if it is to have metaphysical/spiritual standing in the hearts of men, must be based on God’s Law. Any other standard will war against the conscience and nature itself. The Declaration of

Independence refers to God’s Law as “The Laws of Nature.” Scripture refers to God’s Law in James 1:25 as the “perfect law of liberty”. Other translations call it the “perfect law of freedom.” Liberty and freedom are very similar words, and they are the very prized possession of many Americans. Thank God!

What about wicked men? Surely God’s Law doesn’t have *any* standing with the wicked? Well, it actually does! I encourage you: set aside 10 minutes to ponder Romans 1 very carefully. To that end, I highlight a few verses:

Verse 18 says the wicked suppress the truth. This implies that the truth is always pressing upon the hearts of even the most vile, as they push back.

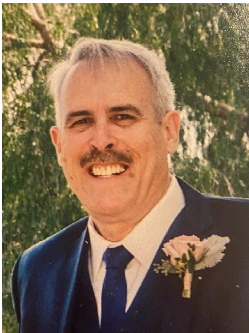
Verse 19 is extremely explicit in stating: “What may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.” Read that one slowly. God has been made plain to all. They don’t need to set foot in a church, they don’t need a fog machine or a synthesizer, or a piano, or a

stained glass window... they just need to look around them, in any direction. **What may be known about God is plainly seen,** even for the wicked. Okay, before you get too skeptical or too curious about how God accomplishes this, read the next verse.

Verse 20 states that God’s invisible qualities are understood from His workmanship. Look at a sunrise, look at your hand, your family members, your dog. That’s Gods workmanship. Everyone on earth is constantly facing a revolving showcase of His works. (It is also for this reason why the wicked attempt to hide from God within urbanized areas, where His workmanship is on less of a grand display, as it becomes obfuscated by the handiwork of men.)

Back to interposition. We have seen that even the wicked have a sense of justice. Righteous interposition, will often garner support. We have to be faithful and obedient to God’s Law and uphold it for His name’s sake. Many will come to our aid. Even nature continues to lend itself to the cause of righteousness. We must encourage our elected officials to interpose against what is unjust.

The Birth of Christ and the Birth of America



By Larry McMillan

One of our most extraordinary founding fathers was John Quincy Adams. At eight, he was drilling with the Massachusetts Minutemen. At ten, he was in Europe with our diplomats. At 14, he was secretary/translator for our Ambassador to Russia. At 16, he was part of negotiations to end the Revolutionary War.

He attended Harvard and graduated in two years. He served as U.S. Minister to Holland, Prussia, Russia and Great Britain. He negotiated the treaty which ended the War of 1812. While secretary of state he authored the Monroe Doctrine. He acquired Florida and settled the border dispute in Oregon Country.

HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST ACCOMPLISHED AND SUCCESSFUL SECRETARIES OF STATE IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

After serving one term as president he went on to serve two decades in the House of Representatives. In 1841, he argued the Amistad case before the Supreme Court and won the release of enslaved African captives. His entire life was devoted to public service. On July 4, 1837, John Quincy Adams spoke these words: “Why is it that, next to the birth day of the Savior of the world, your most joyous and most venerated festivalre

turns on this day?”...Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the birth-day of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior?

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Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer’s mission upon earth? That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity, and gave to the world the first irrevocable pledge of the fulfillment of the prophecies announced directly from Heaven at the birth of the Savior and predicted by the greatest of the Hebrew prophets six hundred years before? John Quincy Adams was right. The birth of Christ and the birth of America are indissolubly linked.

From the Mayflower Compact to the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and beyond, the story of America is the story of the outworking of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in culture, society and the world.

THE FOUNDERS TOOK SERIOUSLY CHRIST’S GREAT COMMISSION TO DISCIPLE THE NATIONS AND TO TEACH THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS CHRIST COMMANDS (SEE MATT. 28:18-20).

America put the Great Commission into effect. At thi special time of year when we celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us recommit ourselves to both our nation’s founding principles as well as Christ’s Gospel. In the words of John Quincy Adams, “Duty is ours, results are God’s.” May God Make America Born Again!



POPULISM PREVAILS WORLDWIDE

Fred Vanderhoof

In 2024, described as the largest election in history, seventy countries representing over half of the world’s population (4.1 billion) had national elections. About half of these citizens (2 billion) were eligible to vote.

The general trend in 2024 was that results were unfavorable to incumbent parties. New leaders were elected in many countries. They join other conservative leaders who were recently elected prior to 2024.

The emergence of populism (common people with common sense solutions) across the world is one of the most significant developments in modern times. The highest profile election in 2024 was for President Donald Trump in the United States. However, there are large numbers of conservative political parties and leaders in other countries who share President Trump’s political philosophy. Illegal immigration, crime, the economy, and frustration with bloated and corrupt bureaucracies are the issues driving worldwide voters to the polls.

There is an ongoing worldwide tug-of-war between Socialism (government controls everything and everyone) and Freedom (government is best which governs the least). Perhaps the outstanding example of this is a speech given by Javier Milei, President of Argentina, to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland (YouTube, January 17, 2024). In this 30-minute speech Milei boldly laid out an argument about the failures of Socialism to a room full of Socialists! Also, Vice President J. D. Vance, in a recent Munich Security Conference speech, stated that Europe needs to uphold basic human rights. In a world that up until recently was controlled by Globalists, a landslide change has taken place.

Following is a partial list of countries with new conservative leadership and a second list which designates political leaders of conservative parties which made substantial gains in recent elections.

COUNTRIES WITH NEW CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP

- Argentina – President Javier Milei
- El Salvador – President Nayib Bukele
- Hungary – Prime Minister Viktor Orban
- Italy – Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni
- Netherlands – Gert Wilders (de-facto leader, Member of Dutch Parliament)

Future Leaders Whose Parties Made Substantial Gains in 2024

- Brazil – Jair Bolsanaro
- Canada – Pierre Poillievre
- England – Nigel Farage
- France – Marine Le Pen

The Battle Continues

At this point in time there is a wave of populism and conservatism sweeping the world. However, we cannot take this welcome development for granted. We need to be aware of the pushback that will occur. Let us all have the philosophy of England’s former Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who stood alone against Hitler before America entered WWII. When other European countries had surrendered to the Nazis, Churchill addressed the nation of England on the radio and said, “Never, never, never, never, give up!” Eventually, America and other Allied countries entered the war and saved England and the rest of Europe.

Presently, we in America are not alone! There are many people, perhaps a majority of the world’s population, who value faith, freedom and family. The commonsense ideas of conservatives are what has led to the outstanding election victories around the world. As newly elected leaders put into practice their freedom-loving plans of action and as voters see the positive results, populism will continue. Our Constitution states so succinctly, “We the People.” As always, the most important person in every country is the individual who exercises his/her right to vote. This is an exciting time in history!

The Trump Tariffs: Are they a threat to our economy?

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President Trump has raised the conversation on the use of tariffs in America. This has raised a tremendous amount of conversation and fear about the impact on our economy.

As we listen to the media and news commentators, one would think that consumers are going to pay the price at the cash register. One criticism is that tariffs represent a tax that will burden the poor and middle-class consumers. However, we have a history of President Trump using tariffs between 2015 and 2020—in a period in which the economy had been the most robust in decades. So, what’s the buzz all about?

History of Tariffs in America

In 1789, Alexander Hamilton, the Secretary of Treasury proposed that tariffs be levied on imports of various goods. As a result, the Tariff of 1790 was approved by the Senate on August 10, 1790.

As a result, enough revenue was raised to pay for US operating expenses, and “to repay an estimated \$75 million in foreign and domestic debt.”

Economists Disagree

Policymakers and economists have stated in the news and business reports that tariffs can hurt consumers. They have argued that President Trump will slow economic growth. Economists strongly disagree, saying that “tariffs will increase inflation, slow economic growth, hurt U.S. workers and result in American consumers footing the bill for his tariffs.”

However, this wasn’t the experience of the first Trump tariffs.

What is a Tariff?

An introductory economic text defines a tariff as a tax imposed on a good when it crosses a national boundary. As a result, the prices of affected goods will increase.

One result of this effect is that the volume of imported goods will fall.

And the country imposing the tariff will see an increase in production of those goods within the country imposing the tariff.

However, most news reports stop here, with the text-book definition of a tariff.

So, what’s all the buzz?

Are tariffs harmful to the consumer? In some industries, they may be. To answer this question, let’s take a deeper dive into how tariffs are applied, and where is the payment made.

Tariffs are a tax on imports, and not on the finished product purchased by the retail consumer. Suppose there is a 10% tariff on all computer components coming from China.

Here is an example of how tariffs are applied. Let’s look at a popular PC mouse that one might purchase at Best Buy for \$30, a typical retail price. Best Buy will purchase a container of PC mice for distribution to their Best Buy stores. The buyer will buy the shipment from a wholesaler.

Suppose the wholesaler imports the shipment from Shenzhen, China. The price per unit is \$2.50. Therefore, the tariff is applied to the value of the imported product at the port of entry. In this example, a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agent collects the tariff, and the money is deposited into the U.S. Treasury. The US will receive twenty-five cents for every PC mouse imported. The mouse is then sold to the retailer, and the retailer will sell the mouse for \$30.25, a slight increase to the total price of less than 1%.

Benefit to America

Over time production will move to America, and jobs are then created in America. Products with national security implications will move back to America for production. With President Trump’s emphasis on developing AI and goals to enhance our military, the need to onshore the production of semi-conductors, silicon chips, and computers is of paramount importance if America is to remain on the cutting edge and the leader of the free world.

In most cases, the consumer will not have to pay significantly more at the cash register. The benefits of tariffs look to outweigh the costs as we have seen in 1789 and in the most recent years of 2016 to 2020 when President Trump successfully applied tariffs.

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Politically Correct? I Politely Decline



Mike Morrell is a husband, father, and grandfather. His recent book, “The Road to Restoring the Family,” collects advice and reflections based on his years of experience as a businessman, a student of U.S. history, and a California state senator.

Growing up, I was taught to avoid two topics of conversation: religion and politics. Yet, even a casual study of history shows that these two spheres are all-too-common sources of human oppression.

Perhaps these are the most important subjects to talk about.

Our public dialogue is painfully watered down. It has become fashionable to champion “human rights” without acknowledging the Creator who gave us those rights. It’s trendy to promote “tolerance” with no mention of foundational morals, such as charity and sacrifice. We enjoy the benefits of prosperity and freedom and yet fail to trace these blessings to their source.

The American founders succeeded against overwhelming odds not because of good intentions, but because of their overwhelming commitment to a righteous, reasonable God. They took a cue from their mentors, many of whom were pastors—the moral leaders of their day. As the Rev. John Witherspoon said in May 1776, “There is not a single instance in history in which civil liberty was lost, and religious liberty preserved entire.”

Everywhere, Christians face demands for silence. We must defend truth and freedom by speaking out. Rather than concede, we must rebuff the rising tide of political correctness. Political correctness is nothing new; it was part of the social landscape in Lincoln’s day, and Churchill’s, and Reagan’s. Will our opponents belittle our arguments? Undoubtedly. Will they blame us for the failings of society? Most certainly. But we cannot afford to be silent.

When people of conscience hold their tongues, the wicked are emboldened and evil wins. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, we “wrestle not against flesh and blood,” but against spiritual powers and rulers. Thus, the New Testament writer urges his readers to “demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God.” Christ wasn’t silent before the Pharisees (nor was Lincoln before the slaveholders). Rather than backing up and blending in, people of faith are called to be salt and light in a dark world.

We can take such a bold stance only with prayer for God’s help and mercy. Benjamin Franklin noted at the 1787 Constitutional Convention, “If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without [God’s] notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without [His] aid?” We need to pray for our families, and we need to pray for the church.

Many pastors no longer teach the concept of immorality; their houses of worship have become merely seeker-sensitive and user-friendly. Meanwhile, the very foundations of our society are destroyed for a lack of knowledge of Biblical principles. We must return to the Scriptures and to faith. As the Rev. Samuel Kendal warned in 1804: “If we depart from the principles of our ancestors, neglect religion and its institutions, are not attentive to the instruction of our youth in religious and moral duty ... we shall soon find ourselves unable to support the constitutions which have been the pride of our nation, and the admiration of the world.”

Truly, our American heritage—the great experiment in self-government—is both wonderful and noble. The principles contained in our founding documents led to the abolition of slavery under the leadership of Abraham Lincoln, who

finished the Constitution’s “magnificent structure” (to borrow a phrase from Frederick Douglass). We can also be proud knowing that the United States has set more people in other nations free than any other nation in history. But we cannot expect to continue this legacy if we insist on being morally neutral.

U.S. Rep. Fisher Ames said it well over two centuries ago: “All history lies open for our warning, open like a church-yard, all whose lessons are solemn ... lessons that whisper, O! that they could thunder to republics, ‘your passions and vices forbid you to be free.’”

May people of faith in our day be willing to stand and speak where the flames are the hottest and the stakes are the highest.

Make America Great Again!



Evelyn NUNEZ-JONES & President Trump

We, the people of California, pay the highest taxation with no representation. The education system is failing, our healthcare is at a third-world level, and small businesses are dying. Farmers flee the state because of harsh regulations, and inflation is decreasing the standard of living for our citizens. Let us not bring California policies to the rest of America! As Californians who stand for limited government, we support a secure border to prevent illicit trafficking, low gas prices, security in our national sovereignty, defending our Constitution and Bill of

Rights, a strong national defense, and upholding moral character in government.

THIS WAS MY PRAYER AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Lord, we thank you for the opportunity to be together in this room. It has been a long journey for many of us, especially President Trump and his family.

At this time, we invite you, Holy Spirit, to be part of our convention. We praise you, Heavenly Father! We seek you to guide the steps of this delegation, the steps of our President and his newly elected Vice President. Remove all stumbling blocks.

Jesus Christ, we supplicate for a new overhaul of America, specifically for our children! We pray for Protection, Divine Guidance, Wisdom, and Revival for our country, my state of California, and for our party! We proclaim victory in 2024 in your name!

En el nombre de Dios!

In the name of Jesus!

Amen

LET FREEDOM REIGN

We need common men and women to stand up and volunteer. Californians are tired and poor, overwhelmed by the crime, fentanyl, and homelessness in our streets, the lack of water for our farmers to bring food to our tables, and the over-sexualization of our kids and college students.

President Donald J. Trump is not just stopping the destruction of our country, but with his optimistic vision for the future, he’s rebuilding America to make it great again. And we in California applaud President Trump for the historic Middle East trip and negotiating investments of over \$2-3 trillion for the United States! Congratulations also on the birth of his new grandson!

Please contact us if you would like to submit a commentary article. We want to hear from you and connect Californians to help save our state!



Moses Heredia: Leads Global Processing Systems into a New Era of Payment Processing Excellence

BY:  ACCESS newswire

In 2003, Moses Heredia embarked on a bold journey to revolutionize the payment processing sector. His founding principles - honesty, integrity, and exceptional service - have not only shaped the ethos of GPS but have also carved out a unique space for the company in a competitive market.

The story of GPS is deeply intertwined with Heredia's own narrative, a 29-year odyssey of professional growth and strategic acumen in the payment processing realm. His leadership has earned GPS a reputation as a top Independent Sales Organization (ISO) and secured Heredia a prestigious position on the advisory boards of industry giants Fiserv and TSYS - the only Latino to hold such a dual role.

Born into humble circumstances in Hobbs, New Mexico, Heredia's rise is a classic tale of American dreams realized through resilience and hard work. Inspired by his mother, Elestina

Moses Heredia is proving that business success and human compassion are not mutually exclusive.

Heredia, whose compassion and community service were legendary, Heredia has infused GPS with a spirit of philanthropy. His journey from riding a bike to work to becoming a CEO who could buy a home for his mother is a source of inspiration for many.

Heredia's dedication to community service is evident in GPS's culture.

From clearing layaways at local stores to supporting orphanages in Mexico, GPS under Heredia's guidance has extended its reach beyond business, touching lives and fostering community well-being. This ethos was highlighted in 2023 when Heredia was honored with the Business of the Year award by the Latino Business Association, recognizing his significant contributions to the Latin community and beyond.

The 20th anniversary of GPS was not just a celebration of past achievements but also a reaffirmation of the company's commitment to future innovation and growth in the ever-evolving payment processing landscape. With Heredia at the helm, GPS is poised to continue its journey of excellence, underlined by a deep commitment to making a positive difference in the world.

Global Processing Systems moves forward with the assurance of continued innovation, community impact, and success, guided by Moses Heredia's exceptional leadership and vision. The future of GPS shines bright, promising to redefine industry standards and contribute significantly to the payment processing world.

Read his latest book and get ready to be inspired and motivated!

Moses Heredia Jr., shares his remarkable journey from working in the fields of Hobbs, New Mexico, to founding the successful Global Processing Systems (GPS). Despite being advised against it by several professionals, Moses followed his instincts and his faith, dedicating himself to creating a business that now serves major brands and small businesses alike. He discusses the values instilled in him by his mother, his entrepreneurial drive, and provides insights and advice for other entrepreneurs navigating today's challenging financial landscape.

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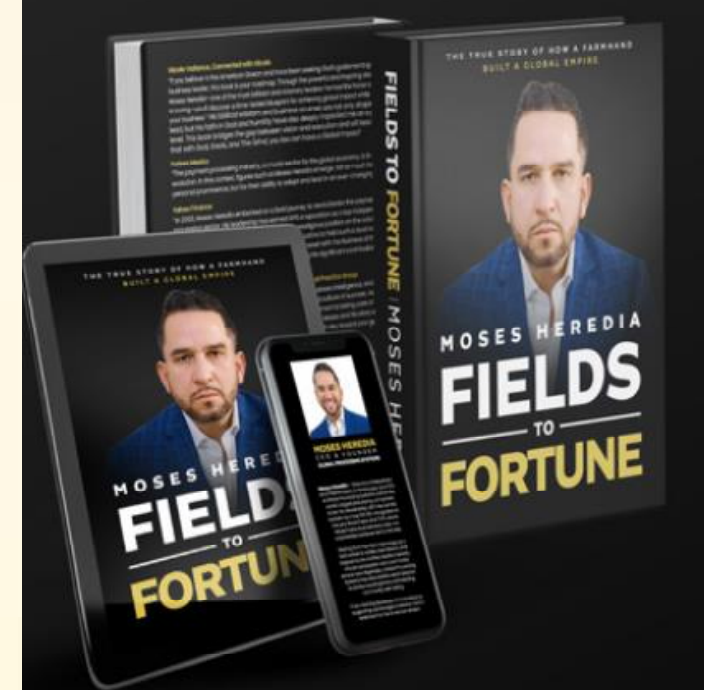


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FIELDS TO FORTUNE

New book set to be released late May 2025.



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Limitless Faith



Dr. Sheila Schuller Coleman

We are living in days when God is releasing limitless faith. That’s because He needs us to move mountains for Him when we pray.

My father, Robert Harold Schuller was a fearless lion. I always watched him with awe. Where did he get that limitless faith? Who told him he could do all things through Christ, even when it was impossible?

I had a front row seat to my father from the age of four. My family had moved to Garden Grove, California, to plant a new church. As a result, there was no church building. Dad’s office was the first bedroom in a tiny box of a house. Because my mother had her hands full with a baby, I was the one she would enlist when the doorbell rang.

“Sheila, get the door.”

That’s when I saw her. I can still see her. A young woman -- crying. “I heard a pastor lives here.”

“Let me get my daddy. He can help you.”

Now, that my Dad is in Heaven, I still get to open the door to hurting people. Today, I am still opening doors to hurting people.

“Let me get my Father. He can help you!”

Our world is hurting these days. His precious, beloved children desperately need words of love, encouragement, and hope!

Do you agree that we need these message to be delivered to as many as possible?

Do you agree that God wants you to help Him do this?

Do you agree that we should not put limits on this divine assignment?

Do you agree that God is capable of doing the impossible?

Recently, the Lord encouraged me to pray for the same limitless faith that my father had had. He even encouraged me to pray to have the same faith in Him as He has in Himself.

Wow!

Sounds arrogant?

Oh, just the opposite.

You see, it’s not me I have faith in.

It’s the limitless God who created the universe with a word. This is who I put my faith in!

And He wants as many of us as possible to help share His message of hope to as many of His hurting children as possible.

So, as we are waiting for Jesus to return, let us say, “Yes, Abba, I will do whatever it is You need me to do. Yes, Abba, I will have as much faith in You as You have in Yourself.”

And when I am tempted to put limits on what He is asking me to do, I remember that He never put limits on Himself, and then I pray for more faith, the faith of My fathers.

I have seen it firsthand.

My God does the impossible.

My God loves and will go to all lengths to rescue and deliver His children.

That’s why He is inviting you!

To pray for limitless faith.

To pray for a limitless harvest!

Will you join me?

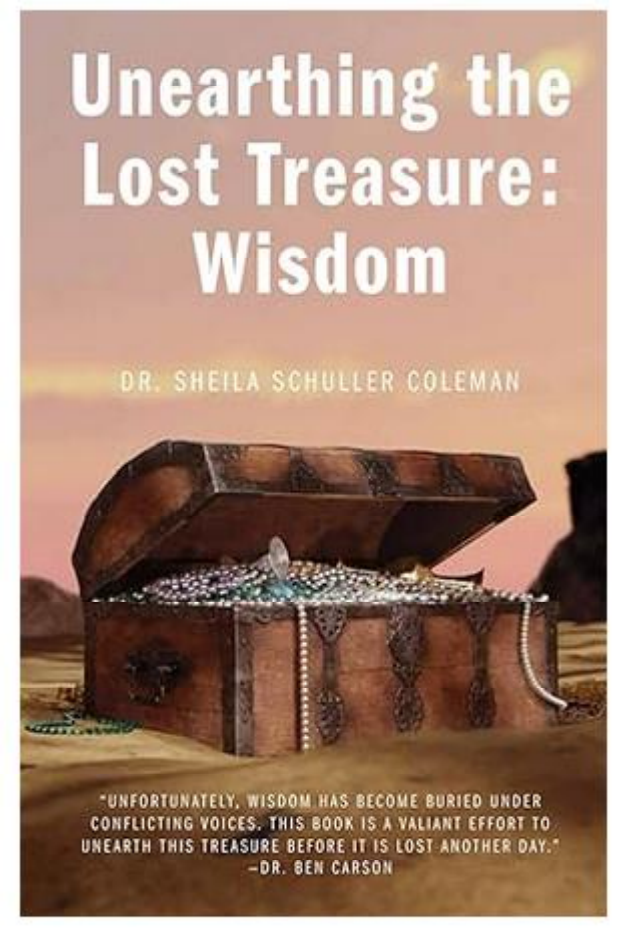
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Unearthing the Lost Treasure: Wisdom Paperback – October 23, 2024

by Dr. Sheila Schuller Coleman (Author)



“The wisdom of my mother was a saving grace to my brother and me. Unfortunately, wisdom has become buried under conflicting voices. As a result, our society is left to flounder when it comes to being able to tell lies from truth. This book is a valiant effort to unearth this treasure before it is lost another day.” Dr. Ben Carson

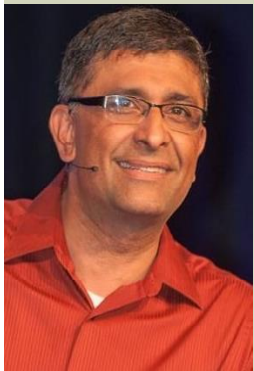
“Unearthing the Lost Treasure: Wisdom” unearths the treasure of wisdom, provides the map to where it can be found, and how to embrace it for the treasure it is.

The author takes readers of any age on a journey through engaging, humorous, and heartfelt stories, that capture the hearts of those who are longing for more in life. The stories are woven throughout the book as “pearls of wisdom”. These pearls of truth are strung together in strands, themes that can lead to the best life possible.

“This book is my gift to the younger generations. I am in the later part of my life, and I can tell you it has been the best life possible. I wanted to share the valuable lessons I learned (some the hard way), in a way that will capture your heart. Most of all, I pray this book will awaken life and love and truth in your heart. So you, too, can live the best life possible.” -- Dr. Sheila Schuller Coleman

Wisdom is learning how to tell truth from lies.

It is a treasure that has been buried. But that’s actually good news!
Like any buried treasure, it still exists. It just needs to be unearthed.
The treasure is there. It’s time to unearth it and restore it!



Neil Mammen,
Executive VP, Every
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How to Stop Corruption and Gain Efficiency in Government: Introducing Self-Regulating Feedback Loops

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THE POWER OF SELF-REGULATING FEEDBACK LOOPS (SRFL)

What keeps a gas heater from becoming a deadly hazard? The answer is a thermocouple—a small device made of two metals that expand and contract at different temperatures. It ensures that if the pilot light goes out, the gas supply is automatically shut off. This process happens without the need for external monitoring or oversight. The system is self-regulating.

We see similar mechanisms in electronics as well. For example, if a phone overheats, a built-in fuse will disconnect the power until it cools down. You don't have to worry about it—it just works.

Even in more mundane situations, self-regulation is apparent. How do two kids share a candy bar fairly? Simple—one cuts, and the other gets the first pick. The child doing the cutting knows that if they're unfair, they'll end up with the smaller piece, so they're incentivized to be precise. It's a built-in feedback loop ensuring fairness without the need for adult intervention.

Applying Self-Regulating Feedback Loops to Government

What if we could apply these same principles to government? Instead of relying on external audits or investigations—who often have little to lose—what if laws were designed to self-correct? If each party involved in a law had something to gain, but also something to lose if they failed to meet their responsibilities, we could dramatically reduce corruption and inefficiency.

Legislators should be asking themselves: How can we design laws that automatically regulate themselves?

Here are a few ideas on how we might implement Self-Regulating Feedback Loops (SRFL) to improve the government:

1. First to Report Corruption Gets the Money

Corruption thrives when silence benefits everyone involved. But what if we flipped the incentives?

Imagine a politician accepts a \$50,000 bribe from a contractor. What if the first person to report the bribe gets to keep the money? If the politician reports it first, they keep the bribe, while the contractor loses their contract, faces an additional fine, and goes to jail. The politician also keeps their job and reputation.

But if the contractor reports it first, they get to keep their contract and earn double the bribe amount as a reward. The politician, in turn, goes to jail for five years.

If a third party—say a janitor, a junior employee, or anyone with proof—reports the corruption, they would receive 200% of the bribe amount, while both the contractor and politician face prison time.

This creates a race to expose corruption, as no one can trust anyone else to stay silent. In this model, the system polices itself. Everyone has an incentive to act honestly and expose wrongdoing.

2. Government vs. Private Competition

Government inefficiency is often due to a lack of competition. When a government agency fails to meet its targets, it simply demands more funding to continue. But what if we changed that?

Under an SRFL model, government departments would publicly post their budgets and performance milestones, making them transparent. Private companies and individuals would be incentivized to monitor and report on the perfor-

mance of these agencies. If a department fails to meet its targets, funding is automatically redirected to a private company that can perform the work more efficiently.

Take the example of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, where reconstruction was delayed because government officials wouldn't issue permits. If an SRFL were in place, the department head would be required to publicly post timelines, such as "100% of permits will be issued within two weeks." If they failed, private companies could immediately take over the contract. The officials responsible would face demotion and pay cuts, ensuring accountability.

Additionally, a secondary SRFL would reward citizens who prove a permit was wrongly issued, with the responsible official facing consequences.

If a department fails three times, it's permanently replaced by private competition. This approach forces public agencies to compete for efficiency, just like private companies.

3. SRFL in Government Contracting

In government contracting, losing bidders typically walk away, but they could be part of the solution.

Under an SRFL system, losing bidders would become unpaid monitors, incentivized to catch failures by the winning contractor. If the primary contractor misses deadlines or delivers subpar work, the losing bidder would take over and receive the remaining payments. The original contractor would forfeit their payment for that phase and be banned from future government contracts for three years.

Additionally, every contract would include an SRFL clause: if a contractor exceeds their budget or timeline, they would be permanently banned from future government work. Fraud would be punishable by prison time, and every milestone and deliverable would be made public. If any citizen identifies a failure, they would receive 5% of the bid amount as a reward, and the company would lose the contract.

This would transform the internet into a vast network of watchdogs, making it impossible for contractors to evade accountability.

4. Tying Budgets to Performance

Government agencies often receive the same funding year after year, regardless of their performance. Why is this the case?

Instead, a portion of each department's budget should be tied to measurable outcomes. If an agency meets or exceeds its goals, it should receive additional discretionary funds. If it fails to meet its targets, its budget would be cut. Agencies that consistently fail would have their services opened to private bidders.

This model has already been successfully tested in some cities that outsource public services to competing private firms, achieving higher efficiency at lower costs. Expanding this approach would ensure taxpayer dollars are being used effectively.

5. Tying Congressional Pay to Performance

Why should Congress be exempt from self-regulation? The pay of lawmakers should be directly tied to fiscal responsibility.

If the government runs a deficit—even by \$1—congressional pay should decrease by 33%. If inflation exceeds 3%, their salaries should decrease accordingly. But if Congress returns a budget surplus to taxpayers, they should receive a proportional pay raise for that year only.

This would create an incentive for lawmakers to balance the budget, control inflation, and be more fiscally responsible. Congress should have as much to lose as the rest of us.

Self-regulating feedback loops are not just a theoretical concept—they already exist in nature, engineering, and even in the way children negotiate over candy bars. So why aren't we applying these principles to government?

Every law passed is an opportunity to embed an SRFL. A competent legislator can refine these ideas, and former government employees know exactly where these mechanisms are needed most.

The question isn't whether we can eliminate corruption and inefficiency. The real question is whether we are willing to design systems that automatically eliminate them.

I challenge legislators: Think in feedback loops. Every time you write or support a law, ask: How can we make this law function like a thermocouple or a fair candy bar split?

When we build laws that enforce themselves, we create a government that is efficient, transparent, and accountable to the people. This is the true foundation of a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

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Every Black Life Matters Launches Nationwide Compliance Initiative to Help Schools and Colleges Navigate Federal Funding Challenges

In response to the Trump Administration's recent efforts to reassess federal funding for higher education, Every Black Life Matters (EBLM) is proud to announce the development of a bold, solutions-based initiative to help K-12 institutions and colleges nationwide meet new federal compliance standards.

With approximately \$15 billion in education funding now halted or under review due to concerns related to Title VI violations, antisemitism, and divisive DEI- or CRT-infused policies, schools across the country are facing unprecedented scrutiny. The U.S. Department of Education, under Secretary McMahon, has signaled a

sharp policy shift: federal grants will increasingly be awarded only to institutions that fully comply with updated legal and constitutional requirements, free from discriminatory or ideologically biased frameworks.

In light of this, EBLM co-founders Kevin McGary and Neil Mammen—both nationally recognized authors and speakers on Critical Race Theory (CRT), Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI), and race-related educational policy—are unveiling a comprehensive program to help institutions assess and realign their internal practices.

“Our aim is to provide schools and universities with the tools and expertise they need to both preserve academic integrity and ensure full access to significant future federal funding,” said Kevin McGary. “The landscape is changing rapidly, and we want to make sure that educational leaders are not caught off guard.”

The EBLM initiative will provide:

A Comprehensive Institutional Assessment: A detailed review of

policies, curricula, trainings, and administrative practices to identify areas of non-compliance with federal standards.

A Preemptive Certification of Compliance: A formal evaluation that certifies an institution's alignment with federal funding requirements, providing assurance to stakeholders and increasing eligibility for upcoming grant cycles.

“We’ve led trainings for thousands of educators, parents, and community leaders,” said Neil Mammen. “We know how to bridge the gap between genuine inclusion and legal compliance, and we’re eager to help schools avoid penalties while continuing to serve students effectively.”

The urgency is real. According to sources within the Department of Education, upcoming grant opportunities could unlock historic levels of federal support, but only for those institutions that demonstrate measurable adherence to new guidelines. This means academic programs, hiring practices, and even student life policies that promote race-based outcomes, identity politics,

or ideological litmus tests may now put schools at financial and legal risk.

Every Black Life Matters is extending an open invitation to administrators, school boards, and academic leaders to contact the organization for an initial consultation.

“This is not about politics,” added McGary. “It’s about protecting students, restoring educational excellence, and ensuring access to the resources our schools need. Our program provides a roadmap to do exactly that.”

For more information or to schedule an institutional consultation, visit www.everyblm.com or contact EBLM at info@eblm.org.

About Every Black Life Matters:

Every Black Life Matters (EBLM) is a 501C3 nonprofit organization committed to promoting justice, integrity, and true equality. EBLM provides research, training, and advocacy around race, education, and public policy—empowering communities to reject division and embrace unity through moral and principled values.

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Mindy Pechenuk Announces Candidacy for Oakland Mayor in 2026



Knowing God created us in His image and gave man an inventive mind to discover the principles of His universe, He tasked us to do good.

This is what led me to run for the Mayor of Oakland in the 2025 special election. I could

no longer allow Oakland's spiraling crime rates, economic stagnation, and mismanagement under prior administrations to continue. Having lived in Oakland for decades, I saw a city with untapped potential. This once-thriving industrial hub could be revitalized to provide jobs, safety, and opportunity for all residents, especially its youth. My support for the successful 2024 recalls of Mayor Sheng Thao and District Attorney Pamela Price, both ousted by over 60% of voters, reflected my alignment with public discontent over rising crime and ineffective leadership.

Influenced by Lyndon LaRouche's economic philosophies and her vocal endorsement of President Donald Trump's policies, I envisioned Oakland as a model for bringing industry and growth back to our city while

leveraging federal resources to rebuild infrastructure, industry, and community trust.

My 2025 campaign was not just a reaction to Oakland's challenges but a proactive call to action. With a background in economics and 50 years of community organizing, my platform emphasized transparent financial reform, job creation, and educational innovation. I proposed a comprehensive city audit to eliminate wasteful spending, redirecting funds to bolster essential services like police, fire departments, and public works. My vision for education included specialized classes, arts programs, and vocational training to equip Oakland's youth with the tools to thrive in a competitive world. Finally, my belief in Oakland's industrial past as a blueprint for its future resonated with voters yearning for economic stability and pride in their city.

The most positive elements of my 2025 campaign were its grassroots momentum and unwavering focus on inclusivity. I was a fixture at community events, from neighborhood clean-ups to town halls, engaging directly with residents to hear their concerns about crime, homelessness, and

economic hardship. This hands-on approach fostered a sense of shared purpose, empowering Oaklanders to believe their voices matter. My previous campaign's optimism was infectious, painting a vivid picture of a safer, more prosperous Oakland where small businesses flourish and families feel secure. Volunteers, many inspired by my tenacity and unapologetic stance on controversial issues like Trump's economic policies, rallied to distribute flyers and host voter forums, amplifying the message.

Despite polarizing views, my 2025 campaign sparked meaningful dialogue about Oakland's future. My emphasis on practical solutions—like incentivizing industrial growth and supporting law enforcement—offered a counterpoint to the status quo, encouraging voters to rethink what leadership can achieve. The campaign's focus on arts and culture as economic drivers also struck a chord, celebrating Oakland's creative spirit. Ultimately, my run was a testament to my conviction that Oakland could rise again, leaving a legacy of hope, engagement, and a renewed sense of possibility for the city's residents.

I am ready to complete that fight and proud to announce my campaign for Oakland Mayor in the November 2026 election.

www.electmindy.com

Mindy Pechenuk's 2025 Oakland Mayoral Campaign: Inspiration and Positive Impact

Even in Oakland, California there are pockets of Oaklanders who abide by the principles of our Founding Fathers and the United States Constitution.

My 2025 campaign for Oakland Mayor was a bold endeavor rooted in a lifelong dedication to something my grandmother told me when I was eight.

An immigrant from Ukraine in 1913, my grandmother met my grandfather on the boat over to America. During this time, many Jews were escaping the programs and the Czar's army. My grandmother told me, “Mindy, you need to leave this world a better place than when you came into it.” These words guided my life, which led to 50 years of political and educational work.

Legislation to Enhance Transparency and Provide Parental Due Process Rights Introduced in Alabama



BRAD DACUS
PJI PRESS RELEASE

SALEM, OR. – Pacific Justice Institute is headed back to the Oregon Court of Appeals for Round 2 in its fight for a Christian health-care worker who was denied unemployment benefits on multiple occasions after declining to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

The Pacific Justice Institute – Center for Public Policy (PJI-CCP) is continuing its mission to protect parental rights through the introduction of HB 340 in Alabama by Representative Kenneth Paschal (R-District 73). The bill, called the “Department of Human Resources Transparency and Due Process Rights Notification Act,” aims to safeguard the rights of parents and legal guardians during child welfare investigations.

Child welfare investigations carry one of the most extreme consequences imposed by the state – the potential termination of the relationship between a parent and child – yet existing law provides few procedural safeguards. Numerous parents have reported feeling pressured – or even coerced – into unfavorable “agreements” due to social workers and investigators capitalizing on their lack of knowledge regarding their legal rights.

PJI-CCP worked with Rep. Paschal, DHR and other organizations and stakeholders on the bill’s language.

“The U.S. Supreme Court has continuously afforded parental rights the highest legal protection available, however, basic practical protections for families suddenly immersed in the complex child welfare system are inconsistent at best,” said Brad Dacus, President of PJI. “It is crucial to inform parents of their rights from the very start of a child welfare investigation in order to safeguard their parental rights.”

Specifically, the bill requires the following:

DHR to notify a parent or individual with legal custody that he or she is under investigation;

DHR to provide the parent or individual with legal custody with a written explanation of his or her due process rights, such as the right to review certain records, the right to retain counsel, and the right to seek an administrative review of investigation results; and

DHR to offer family preservation services before a child is removed from the home, with certain exceptions.

Additionally, under HB 340, DHR would be required to develop uniform rules and regulations concerning the notification requirements of the legislation and require DHR employees to undergo training.

The Alabama Federation of Republican Women and the Alabama Republican Party State Executive Committee have already passed resolutions in support of HB 340. The bill is currently pending before the Alabama House Committee on Children and Senior Advocacy.

Pacific Justice Institute – Center for Public Policy Urges Illinois Lawmakers to Oppose Burdensome Restrictions on Homeschooling Families

March 25, 2025

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Today the Pacific Justice Institute joined thousands of families to urge lawmakers to stop legislation attacking private and home schools in violation of parental rights and religious freedoms. As amended, House Bill 2827, the “Homeschools Act,” is a 60-page measure that would create new requirements for private schools and homeschooling families



to report their educational activities to government authorities.

The bill would establish requirements for parents to meet to homeschool their children and if they do not comply, they could face up to a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by up to 30 days in jail, or removal of the children from their home. “House Bill 2827 is an assault on the long-recognized foundational principle that parents are the primary educators of their children,” said Brad Dacus, president and founder of PJI. “For 100 years, the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized a parent’s right to decide their child’s education.”

Additionally, House Bill 2827 would require all elementary and secondary private schools – including religious schools – to register annually with the state and report detailed personal information on all enrolled students. There are no guidelines within the bill to regulate how the collected information would be used, stored, or accessed, making it ripe for government abuse. Despite 90,000-plus public declarations of opposition, the measure passed out of the House Education Policy Committee by a vote of 8-4 along party lines with 1 committee member voting present. The bill now is before the full House of Representatives for a vote. “PJI has been advocating for homeschooling families since its inception and is firmly committed to continue to fight against this attempted governmental overreach as it is considered by Illinois lawmakers,” Dacus said.



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CAPS 25th ANNUAL CELEBRATION “CHAMPION LIFE” DINNER GALA

CAPS PREGNANCY+ MEDICAL CLINICS HOSTS ITS 25th ANNUAL CELEBRATION AT “CHAMPION LIFE” DINNER GALA



(left to right) Murf Murphy, Linda Murphy, Julie Dowler, Executive Director of CAPS Pregnancy+ Medical Clinics, Jim Daly, Keynote Speaker and President of Focus on the Family, Jenny Larson, Founder of CAPS, and Ted Larson.



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CAPS Pregnancy+ Medical Clinics hosted its highly anticipated 25th Annual “Champion Life” Dinner Gala on April 5, celebrating 25 exciting years of transforming lives at its five licensed medical clinics in San Diego.



(left to right) Claire Harris, Ashtynne Calvert, Barbara VanderLinde.

The spectacular “Champion Life” Gala was attended by 365 enthusiastic supporters,

and held at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, in San Diego. The festivities commenced with an exclusive VIP Reception for table sponsors and underwriters with the evening’s keynote speaker Jim Daly, President of Focus on the Family. The main event began at 6:00 p.m. in the hotel’s ballroom, showcasing a stunning black and gold décor. CAPS Board Member and Pastor Tony Simoncini said a special prayer to start the program off, followed by a warm welcome from Host and CAPS Board Member Mikala Janse van Rensburg. The program continued with remarks from CAPS Founder Jenny Larson, followed by an impressive and informative presentation by CAPS Executive Director Julie Dowler, who has been with the organization for all of its 25 years.

The elegant evening honored and paid tribute to Jenny Larson, a woman whose vision and faith helped lay the foundation of CAPS. Jenny Larson and her family believed some-

thing could be done to help families facing unintended pregnancies in San Diego. As a result of their dedication, many of those children are now grown adults starting families of their own. As one of the Founders of CAPS, Jenny served in many roles, including Executive Director, Board Member, Volunteer, Donor, and Prayer Partner.

“It is such an honor and a joy to have CAPS Founder, Jenny Larson, with us tonight as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary,” said Julie Dowler, CAPS Executive Director. “Jenny and her entire family and her husband Ted’s family have been amazingly dedicated supporters and advocates for CAPS all of these 25 years. One of the strongest driving forces of CAPS is the knowledge that just one child has a profound impact on generations of others. One child changes the course of history as Jenny has, and the generations before her, and I can only imagine what her three daughters will do.”

CAPS focuses not just on helping women and couples who choose to see a pregnancy through to term. CAPS also provides healing help for women who have had past abortions,

whether it was recent or years ago, as well as, compassionate help for those who are going through or have had past miscarriages. Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases and infections (STD/STI) is also provided at low cost to no cost for women and men at risk.

“Often, our patients are not well equipped to parent a child when finding out they are pregnant. And, because we know how important this is, we have been building practical social services in the last couple of years at CAPS. This is headed up by our staff social worker to help them navigate the challenges they are facing before and after their babies are born. We have exceptional in-person parenting classes and online life-skills courses. These classes are incentivized to give parents-to-be that extra encouragement to follow through with this important service. We are also able to help and support anyone who is interested in adopting out to a loving family. This is the heart of what CAPS stands for. We want to help families to not just survive, but to thrive, built upon a strong foundation.

Now it was time to introduce the evening’s keynote speaker, Jim Daly, President of Focus on the Family. “Jim is a husband, father, author, and broadcaster,” Mikala began. “As the President of Focus on the Family and host of its daily radio broadcast, Jim’s voice reaches over 5.6 million listeners weekly. His program has even been honored as Program of the Year



(left to right) Gail Schimpf and Kerry Schimpf.

by the National Religious Broadcasters. Under Jim’s leadership, Focus on the Family’s ministry has reinvigorated its traditional focus on helping couples build strong marriages and raise healthy, resilient kids. In just the last 12 months, with the help of Focus on the Family, 568,000 couples have built stronger marriages and 724,000 moms and dads built stronger, healthier and more God-honoring families. This is the heart of what CAPS stands for -- not only helping families, but championing them!”

Jim Daly, President of Focus on the Family, stepped up to the podium and delivered a heartwarming, eloquent, and inspirational presentation, highlighting the amazing work CAPS is doing, leaving attendees basking in the glow of both worldly and spiritual success now and into the future.

Georgette O'Brien and Michael O'Brien





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(left to right) Jeff Boyd and Elizabeth Boyd.

“I believe in what CAPS is doing, and I am proud to stand with CAPS for another 25 years,” said Daly.”

Daly shared aspects of his traumatic upbringing as a child. He said his mom, pregnant at age 42, was persuaded by his Dad not to have an abortion. He recalled sometimes painful stories of life with his siblings in foster care after the early deaths of both of his parents. Despite his difficult upbringing, he believes that his life and every life has great worth that isn’t measured by the circumstances they are born into. Daly talked with great pride about now having two sons of his own, commenting “this is one of my highest callings – being a dad and father to my sons.”

Daly concluded his presentation, with a surprise announcement that Focus on the Family was donating \$5,000 to add to the evening’s fundraising goal.

Event Media Sponsors included RANCH & COAST MAGAZINE, COAST NEWS GROUP, and KPRZ FM/AM/Stream.

At conclusion of the dinner, guests were encouraged to pledge donations no matter how large or small for CAPS to continue its expansion within the San Diego community.

About CAPS Pregnancy+ Medical Clinics

CAPS Pregnancy+ Medical Clinics with five licensed medical clinics in

San Diego, provides pregnancy services, free of charge, for women and couples facing unintended pregnancies. CAPS serves over 1,500 individual patients annually with pregnancy consultation, nurse consultations, ultrasounds, and resources for healthy pregnancies. CAPS continues to provide strong support through the organization’s social services department after the baby is born. Women and couples receive quality medical care, loving support, and are empowered to make healthy choices for their pregnancies.

CAPS operates five licensed medical clinics – in downtown San Diego, La Jolla near UCSD, Kearny Mesa, Pacific Beach, and near the campus of San Diego State University. CAPS has served more than 16,000 pregnancy cases. ***The CAPS licensed medical clinics differ from other medical clinics because CAPS receives no financial profit from patients’ pregnancies. All pregnancy services are free to patients, including pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and all pregnancy and abortion educational services. CAPS does not perform or refer for abortions. CAPS serves the San Diego community by giving patients options when experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, so they can each make the best choice for their given situation.

For additional information on CAPS Pregnancy+ Medical Clinics, please call 619-337-8080 or visit www.capspregnancyclinics.org



(left to right) John O'Brien and Carrie O'Brien



(left to right) Jim Sardo and Sindie Sardo. Jim Sardo is a CAPS Board Member



(left to right) Elizabeth and Scott Seaton. Scott Seaton is a CAPS Board Member.



25 YEARS

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(left to right) Jared Niven, Julie Dowler, Executive Director of CAPS Pregnancy+ Medical Clinics, and Brianna Rist.



(left to right) Natalie Mosier, Jon Mosier, Sylvia Mosier

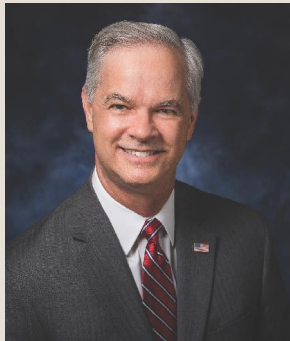


(left to right) Pastor Marshall Masser and Steve Johnson

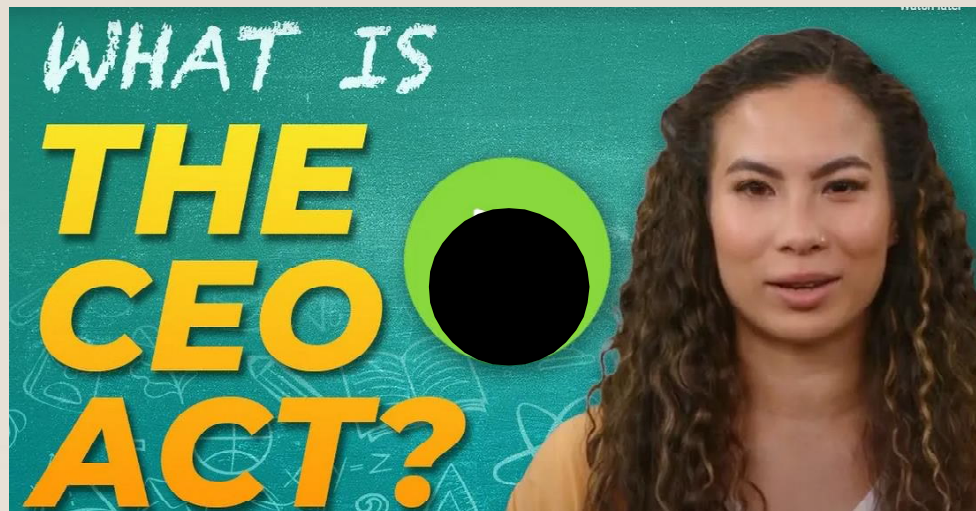
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Children's Educational Opportunity Act

Putting Parents in Charge of Their Child's Education



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In 2025, over a lunch, Pastor Sam Gallucci of Embrace Church in Oxnard, California shared how he is transforming church sanctuaries and social halls into schools. These spaces, unused during the day, provide an ideal setting for education.

This innovative approach revives the once-popular 19th-century one-room schoolhouse model that served as the foundation of America's education system. Historically, farmers sent their children to these schools, where a single teacher educated multiple grade levels. Today, this model is experiencing a renaissance.

During the era of the one-room schoolhouse, America had the highest literacy rates, according to the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), a standardized test used to assess skills and aptitudes for military careers. At that time, American students mastered reading, writing, spelling, math, history, and civics—academic competencies that many students today struggle with.

Pastor Gallucci's model offers parents an alternative to California's struggling public schools. His school recently admitted four ninth graders from the Oxnard school district who,

despite attending public school since kindergarten, are completely illiterate. He is baffled at how these 14-year-olds were promoted through the system without the ability to read.

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) reveals a widespread problem in the state's public schools. This standardized test evaluates student proficiency in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA), math, and science. In the 2023-24 school year, CAASPP results showed that 44% of 11th graders could not read proficiently, and 72% could not perform grade-level math. Despite this, these students graduate with limited job prospects, often relegated to minimum-wage jobs.

California's public education system was once among the best in the nation. Fifty years ago, it ranked at the top. Today, it ranks near the bottom in reading, English, and math. This decline has persisted for decades, with no clear plan from Sacramento or local school districts to reverse the trend. Yet, public school supporters continue advocating for the same failing system.

In 1988, the California Teachers Association promised that increased funding would reverse this decline. CTA said, "We need more money." Voters responded by passing Proposition 98, which guarantees 39% of the state budget for public education. This equates to \$23,000 per student annually from kindergarten through 12th grade. With an average class size of 30 students, each classroom receives \$690,000 per year. However, despite teachers

earning an average salary of \$92,000, little of the remaining \$598,000 benefits students directly. Instead, much of it funds non-teaching staff and high-paid administrators, with over 50% of public school employees not being teachers.

To address this crisis, a historic initiative is set to empower parents: the Children's Educational Opportunity (CEO) Act. This statewide initiative, scheduled for the November 2026 ballot, aims to revolutionize California's education system by ensuring every child, regardless of race, income, or zip code, has access to quality education.

Under the CEO Act, every K-12 student in California will have the option to open an Education Savings Account (ESA) funded with \$17,000 annually, tax-free, from Proposition 98 funds and without raising taxes. Parents can use these funds to select the best educational environment for their child, whether it be public school, charter school, private school, faith-based school, or homeschool. This places educational decisions in the hands of families rather than bureaucrats and politicians.

Former Thousand Oaks Mayor Kevin McNamee stated, "Students from wealthy families have access to all educational opportunities, while low- and middle-income students do not. A quality education should not be a privilege of the wealthy—it is a right for every child. The CEO Act ensures both equality and equity by providing every student with the same financial resources to pursue the best education available."

Any unused ESA funds roll over annually, earning interest that can be applied to future education expenses. After high school, unused funds can be used for trade schools, community colleges, universities, or postgraduate programs for the student's lifetime. Additionally, students can transfer unused ESA funds to a family member's account, similar to a 529 college savings plan available to wealthier families.

The CEO Act needs your support. Visit **EducationOpportunity.org** to enter your name, email, and phone number in the "Commit to Sign the Initiative" form. When signature gathering begins, you will receive the initiative via email.

To receive a three-minute video explaining the CEO Act that you can share with family and friends, call 323-417-4644.

Donations are essential to sustain marketing efforts and signature collection. Please consider contributing by clicking the "Donate" button on the homepage **EducationOpportunity.org**.

Dr. Kevin McNamee Bio

California's public schools are falling short, jeopardizing both our students' potential and the state's future. Standardized tests reveal alarming statistics: 44% of 11th graders cannot read proficiently, and 72% lack basic math skills. For many of these students, the result is a minimum-wage job with little opportunity for growth. How can we turn this around?

The Children's Educational Opportunity Act (CEO Act), a 2026 initiative, empowers parents to take charge of their child's education by choosing the school that best fits their needs, rather than leaving the decision to government bureaucrats or politicians.

Leading this effort is Kevin McNamee, former Mayor of Thousand Oaks. As a professor, a 35-year business professional, and a doctor of chiropractic and acupuncture, McNamee brings extensive experience in networking and coalition-building to drive meaningful change for California's students.



Awareness Month—also known as Mental Health Month...

—has been observed every May in the United States since 1949. Throughout the month, communities come together through media campaigns, local events, and film screenings to raise awareness and promote understanding.

There is HOPE!

For Christians, this is a sacred opportunity to pray for and stand alongside those facing mental and emotional challenges. We believe in offering something deeply powerful to those who are struggling: HOPE. The God who created us is both willing and able to bring comfort, healing, and—yes—even miraculous restoration.

This month is a time to show compassion, extend support, and remind others that they are not alone. Let us be a source of encouragement and love to all who are navigating the journey of mental and emotional health.

UNDERSTANDING, RECOGNIZING, AND SUPPORTING

Did you know that 75% of mental health conditions begin before age 18? Many conditions—including anxiety, depression, ADHD, OCD, and learning disabilities—can often be identified during the elementary school years. Autism spectrum disorders are frequently recognizable as early as preschool.

THESE CONDITIONS ARE ROOTED IN GENETICS, NOT PARENTING. IT’S IMPORTANT TO DISPEL THE MYTH THAT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES RESULT FROM POOR PARENTING—THEY DO NOT.

Each May, we observe Mental Health Awareness Month to highlight the importance of mental wellness in our homes, schools, workplaces, and communities. With nearly every family touched in some way by mental health challenges, it’s clear why comprehensive mental health care must remain an essential part of health insurance coverage.

Moreover, research continues to show that early detection and treatment of mental health conditions improve overall health outcomes. Physical health issues like chronic pain, high blood pressure, and insomnia often improve when behavioral health support is included in the care plan.

What Does Mental Health Awareness Mean?

Mental health awareness is about recognizing the early signs and symptoms of a possible mental health condition. Mental illness rarely appears suddenly or without warning. Early recognition leads to earlier treatment—and better long-term outcomes.

WHEN SHOULD YOU SEEK HELP?

If you or someone you care about is experiencing multiple symptoms that interfere with everyday life, it may be time to consider a professional evaluation. While one or two symptoms may not indicate a mental health disorder on their own, a combination of several often does.

Common Early Warning Signs of Mental Health Conditions

- Ongoing anxiety or constant worry
- Struggles with completing school or work responsibilities
- Noticeable changes in appetite (eating too much or too little)
- Persistent feelings of sadness, hopelessness, or worthlessness
- Increased irritability or restlessness
- Difficulty thinking, focusing, or remembering
- Loss of interest in activities once enjoyed

- Social withdrawal or feelings of disconnection
- Major changes in sleep or energy levels
- Increased sensitivity to sights, sounds, touch, or smells

LET’S START THE CONVERSATION

Mental Health Awareness Month is more than a campaign—it’s a call to action. By learning the signs, speaking up, and encouraging others to seek help, we can break down stigma and build a culture of compassion and support.

TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES LEAD HEALTHIER, MORE HOPEFUL LIVES.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

We need our representatives to prioritize mental health services for our constituents, veterans, and homeless individuals.

CONCERNS IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE

- Unscrupulous treatment centers taking advantage of vulnerable patients
- Lack of qualified staff in behavioral hospitals and VA hospitals, including:
 - No psychologists
 - No psychiatrists
 - No behavioral therapists
 - No clinical practitioners
 - Overwhelmed nurses
 - Reports of inadequate care and mistreatment

LET’S WORK TOGETHER FOR CHANGE

- Advocate for better mental health services and support
- Demand accountability from treatment centers and hospitals
- Prioritize the well-being of our community members

The Alarming Dangers of Synthetic Marijuana

by Kathryn Cox



WHAT IS SYNTHETIC WEED?

A **Clemson University chemist named John Huffman** created synthetic

marijuana in the early 1990s. According to americanaddictioncenters.org, Huffman received funding to study cannabinoids but was not given approval to use the natural plant. Working around this roadblock, Huffman created the JWH-018 compound – a synthetic cannabinoid. Huffman and his team engaged in nothing nefarious and simply ran tests and wrote a report. “However, the formula surfaced a few years later as an alternative to real marijuana.” The new compound began to be utilized to give a cannabis-like high to users and addicts while tricking drug tests that scanned specifically for naturally occurring THC. (1)

This get-the-high-pass-the-test chemical quickly became manufactured in mass under seemingly innocuous names like Spice, K2, and Blaze. Without cannabis leaves as an ingredient, these concoctions contain obscure, dried plant matter. Various vegetables, herbs, and spices are sprayed with chemicals, making it look like natural marijuana. This form is used in joints or pipes, while liquids are produced for e-cigarette and vaping devices. Additionally, this unknown-sprayed-with-harmful-chemicals mixture can be added to tea bags or even baked goods such as brownies. (2)

THE ILLS OF IMITATION

C. Michael White (Professor and Head of the Department of Pharmacy Practice, University of Connecticut) makes an appalling statement: “Synthetic cannabinoids are 30 times more likely to harm you than regular marijuana.” Professor White explains the details to back up his claim in his article in Discover Magazine: <https://www.discovermagazine.com/health/synthetic-marijuana-is-far-more-dangerous-than-weed>. One reason,

White notes, that makes synthetic marijuana so dangerous is the contaminants that have been identified in this tainted product. Here is a sampling of a broader list: brodifacoum (an anticoagulant or blood thinner in rat poison), heavy metals, pesticides, mold, salmonella, and fentanyl. (3), (4), (5)

With potentially deadly toxins found in synthetic weed, the side effects are extremely concerning: stroke, seizure, coma, psychosis, violent behavior, suicidal thoughts, hypertension, chest pain, severe nausea and vomiting, excessive bleeding, and loss of consciousness. (6), (7)

MALICIOUS MARKETING

According to the CDC, “Hundreds of different synthetic cannabinoid chemicals are manufactured and sold. New ones with unknown health risks become available each year.” (8) And sadly, marketing is targeted at kids. A simple Google image search on “synthetic weed packaging” yields countless pictures of “Spice” pouches plastered with kid-friendly, cartoon-inspired graphics that may sometimes be found in convenience shops. Online sellers also deceptively sell fake weed as “incense” or “natural herbal” products.

The “Don’t Do Drugs!” mantra has served us all well in the past. Illegal and dangerous narcotics were usually easy to identify. Now, while fake marijuana parades around as harmless fun, we must remain vigilant for our children. Despite the devious names and labeling, we can, by jointly sounding the alarm, render these evil manufactures out of business!

Get treatment immediately if you or a loved one is addicted to synthetic cannabinoids. Detox programs specifically for synthetics are now available. Contact SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) at 1-800-662-4357 for confidential and free help. For a detailed look at what detox involves and to find a center, see <https://detox.net/synthetic-marijuana/>.

CONCIENTIZACIÓN SOBRE LA SALUD MENTAL

Necesitamos que nuestros representantes den prioridad a los servicios de salud mental para nuestros conciudadanos, veteranos y personas sin hogar.

PREOCUPACIONES EN LA ATENCIÓN DE LA SALUD MENTAL

- Centros de tratamiento sin escrúpulos que se aprovechan de pacientes vulnerables
- Falta de personal calificado en hospitales psiquiátricos y hospitales para veteranos, incluyendo:
 - Sin psicólogos
 - Sin psiquiatras
 - Sin terapeutas conductuales
 - Sin profesionales clínicos
 - Enfermeras sobrecargadas
 - Reportes de atención inadecuada y maltrato

TRABAJEMOS JUNTOS POR UN CAMBIO

- Abogamos por mejores servicios y apoyo en salud mental
- Exijamos responsabilidad a centros de tratamiento y hospitales
- Prioricemos el bienestar de los miembros de nuestra comunidad

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Marxism is not an economic theory, it is merely resentment, animated.

It was only dressed-up as 'economic theory' for special occasions. To be acceptable in polite society and academic soirees, titled professors cannot be seen as grubby and ranting subversives. "Economics" gives marxian thinking that certain smarty vibe. But nope.

It may dress in toney tweeds. But it has always been just a very simplistic, even childish belief system, and it continues its downward march under different disguises and uniforms.

Marx and Engels were very clear; their true goal was direct - the destruction of Western Civilization. Rebuilding would not even be necessary. Without civilizational restraints, a promised new paradise of unlimited personal freedom would be upon us. Have faith.

For Marx and Engels, society's structure, including its prosperity, was built on the Family. Hence their call from 1848 (The Communist Manifesto) to Marx's death in 1884 (The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State): "The Family must be destroyed."

Marxism is a belief, not in a god, but in human effort and constant action. It is supposedly 'deserved action.' But it is animated by only resentment.

The use of "class" differences is, and was, merely the first and easiest rung on this ladder of faith. There are many rungs for others to "join" in tearing down the status quo. Everyone wants, desires, even aspires, for what they do not have. "You deserve respect. Come and join us. You don't have enough money. You were unjustly held back. Tear down your oppressors! This is YOUR revolution."

There are now too many rungs to count ... every imaginable cause can be considered 'just' by simply inverting rational thought. Every slight is an oppressors hand. Your failure in sport? You were misidentified as a male. No assertion is to be discounted if it means we can tear down society and hence bring freedom for all. Logic, morality, structure, are simply to be challenged. And it is that challenge, in itself, that is declared a new virtue. Madness is the new sanity; dysfunction the new order.

It is a ladder only leading downward... ever downward. And resentment is its animating principle. It is not academic. It is not even pseudo-economics. It is simply the open call to destroy Civilization.

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by Stephen Frank

Victory is Not Always a Straight Line



As People of Faith, our significant issues are those called "social issues". Items like marriage, transgenderism, pro-life and cultural ethics and morality. Sometimes we vote as single issue voters, for the social issues. As a long time pro-life, social conservative, I welcome single issue voters to the polls. Unfortunately, this has not worked. Americans look toward pocket book issues, education, crime and similar issues as the deciding factor for their vote.

That does not mean they do not support our social issues. It only means they are voting for items that affect them directly, in their daily lives.

There is another way to combine the fiscal conservative with the social conservative.

Years ago, Phyllis Schlafly told me, "Every dollar of taxation is a dollar less of freedom." She understood the more you tax people the less they have for education, housing, vacations, private school tuition, etc. Her bottom line was that if you limited government, you limit the effect and policy of government on the social issues.

The election of fiscal conservatives, is the prelude to changing social policy. A fiscal conservative will cut monies to Planned Parenthood. They will end funds for sexual grooming in the classrooms. As we see, the fiscal conservatives have taken over the U.S. Department of Justice, ending their jihad against Christians. We might even find out who created the DOJ "Christians are Terrorists" campaign.

IT IS THE FISCAL CONSERVATIVES THAT WILL END THE USE OF GOVERNMENT FORCE AGAINST THOSE PRAYING AT ABORTION CLINICS.

Yes, we might have disagreements along the way—on how quick we are able to unravel the anti-Faith policies and funding. We will disagree on foreign policy at times. In the end, if we want to win on our social issues, we must first win on the fiscal issues. But that is a good thing. The values of limited government, lower taxes, ending the deficits and paying down the debt is Biblical.

It was said, "the hands that pray are as holy as the hands that work." It is not enough to pray, go to Church, live a righteous life. We must be active in our community. Just as we put aside time for Bible study, we need to put aside time for community work and political activism. Some need to consider running for office—school board, city council or higher. We need involvement, not prayer and isolationism.

It is not a straight line to victory. It takes prayer, strategy and energy. It takes involvement. If you won't get involved, you know the haters of Faith and freedom will.

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BIBLETALK

Authority: Source and pathway for appeal

By: Eli Komai

In this third installment we will discuss the source of all true authority, specifically what the Bible and history shows clearly to anyone who diligently searches. All authority comes from God. He makes this known through his creation. To further help us, God tells us in plain language that the Earth is his in Psalm 24:1. God goes further and explains that this includes the realm of the affairs of men in Daniel 4:17. All authority on earth is given/delegated by God.

A common framework for realms/spheres of government was initially formulated by Abraham Kuyper, and is restated in *The Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrates* by Matthew Trehwella. It is very helpful and is seen below. It is ordered vertically ascending, proceeding outward from the individual.

- Civil Government
- Church Government
- Family Government
- Self Government

The delegated authority of each realm (like everything else in existence) has its bounds set by God’s law. This means that authority is not unlimited nor autonomous but rather subject to everything He has decreed.

When a higher adjacent realm is in rebellion to Gods law, it is the duty of the lower realm to appeal to a yet-higher authority. Lets look at both a small and a large scale example.

SMALL SCALE: A father tyrannically rules his house, in violation of His law. A God fearing wife would be duty bound to appeal to the elders of that family’s local church.

LARGE SCALE: When a state is in rebellion to God’s laws, then a county or city can appeal to a federal authority. We see this in the judicial system, when cases get appealed to higher courts such as the Supreme Court of the United States.

Appendix: Fear of the Lord in Proverbs

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 1:1)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the counsel of saints is understanding: for to know the law is the character of a sound mind. Pro 9:10

The fear of the Lord is a strong hold of the saints: but ruin comes to them that work wickedness. Pro 10:29

The fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and he leaves his children a support. Pro 14:26

Better is a small portion with the fear of the Lord, than great treasures without the fear of the Lord. Pro 15:16

Let not your heart envy sinners: but be you in the fear of the Lord all the day. Pro 23:17

The fear of the Lord is the offspring of wisdom, and wealth, and glory, and life. (Pro 22:4, LXX2012)

Sacrifice Proves Love

By Lawrence Hebron



We’ve learned a great deal about politicians who have feathered their own nests while plucking the American eagle. That is not the way it is supposed to work, and it definitely is not how we started.

March, 1783. After eight years of fighting, the American Revolution was finally drawing near an end, but success still teetered on the rim of the abyss. Congress lacked the money to pay the heroic soldiers who had sacrificed so much for so long. Disgruntled

senior officers, camped in Newburgh, New York, spoke of mutiny against the government. George Washington, aware of the crisis, met with his officers to urge them to, once again, put the welfare of their country above their own interests. He began to read a letter from a legislator explaining Congress’s plight, but began to fumble over the words. He paused with dramatic effect. He then hesitantly pulled from his pocket something his officers had never seen him use—reading glasses. Washington spoke softly, “Gentlemen, you must pardon me. I have grown gray in the service of my country, and now find myself growing blind.” The surly officers began to weep as they remembered the great personal sacrifices Washington himself had endured. When the general left the room, they voted to give Congress more time, and the Revolution was saved.

Sacrifice proves love, and few have loved their country more dearly than the first American, George Washington. He took no salary during the eight-and-one-half years of the Revolution. He suffered all the privations of his troops. During that time he visited his home in Mount Vernon only once, and that was on his way to fight Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. Washington once said, “A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.” Washington did all three, and we would be well-advised to look for leaders like him; namely, those who put the interests of the people above their own.

Among His last words of advice to His apostle, Peter, Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.” [John 21:17] Notice, the command was to feed the sheep, not fleece them. Great leaders, like Jesus and Washington, are willing to sacrifice everything for the benefit of their followers. That is true love. That is true leadership. Americans deserve and must demand leaders who love them enough to give up everything for them. Otherwise, they likely will try to take everything from them.

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Prayer for Our Leaders and Our Enemies



Matthew Jones

Last year I had the pleasure of attending the Republican National Committee's spring retreat in West Palm Beach, Florida, where many congressional members (perhaps some potential vice presidential picks) and nominees for state and federal offices showed their support for the 45th President of the United States Donald Trump's candidacy for the upcoming 2024 election.

The gorgeous Florida setting invited various attendees of the Republican Party, many of which came from all around the country. Prayer was an active part of the retreat.

On the very first day of the event, RNC co-chair Lara Trump moderated a panel with Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, New York Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, and Florida Congressman Mike Waltz, where topics of foreign affairs, elections, and faith were discussed. Mr. Waltz made remarks about unleashing American energy—how dropping U.S. oil to \$50 a barrel through domestic drilling will result in a major reduction of worldwide dependence on countries like Iran and Russia.

Mr. Waltz was staunch in saying that manufacturing, supply chain growth, ending the appeasement of our enemies, and being respected as a country through correct paths is what makes our economy and our nation strong and great. Ms. Stefanik also suggested it was absurd of special counsel Jack Smith to disregard a DOJ policy known as the "60-day rule," discouraging prosecutorial action 60 days prior to an election.

When Mr. Johnson spoke, he conveyed the importance of faith in America and how it is something that should be protected. Faith and religion is the most important aspect of our nation's character. It's what allows us to show our benevolence to other nations and especially to our own citizens through constitutionally protecting our God-given rights to

When was the last time you prayed for a government official? Better yet, when was the last time you prayed for a government official you didn't like?

worship and pursue something greater than ourselves, a pursuit of the transcendent. We can look back to founding leaders such as George Washington, who said in his 1796 farewell address, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports." I remember studying this quote in high school, with awe and acknowledgement of its continued impact on America's faith-embedded culture, and especially in my own life. Prayer itself is something I adopted into my schedule since high school, which tremendously helps and allows me to connect with God, who made our nation great.

Mr. Johnson said our nation is in great turmoil, with some student protesters at universities on American grounds actively pushing a rhetoric of pro-terrorism, even as Hamas still holds Israeli and nationals of other countries in a brutal hostage situation. I believe that a proper end goal of peace for both Palestinians and Israelis is needed, but to be advocating for a terrorist group? When a nation founded on Judeo-Christian values is hosting students on campus (many from other nations using student visas) who are harassing Jewish students on campus simply because they are Jewish, a solution must be found. During the panel, Mr. Johnson said he believes that "[pro-Hamas] students who are preying on other students shouldn't be in this country," and so do I. Then again, we need to be praying for these students as well as the financiers regardless so that they may come to realize what they are actually doing.

The education system has become corrupt, and this isn't a condemnation, it's simply an observation. While I was at Fullerton College, subjects that were being taught by a professor in the English Department included "transgender horror," "torture porn and its relationship with the attacks on 9/11," and "torture horror."

These are only a fragment of the inappropriate content that he published online for us to read. I immedi-

ately dropped the class as soon as I saw this content. I didn't dare allow my Christian morals to be compromised by being a part of any of this radical and illicit ideology.

As soon as I dropped out, I reported the professor of so-called "English," and

made sure the school administration was up to date on his content, but regardless they're all coalesced together on the same brick wall called the California educational system. It isn't easy having conservative values on high school and college campuses. When I was running a Turning Point USA Chapter at Esperanza High School, my TPUSA posters were vandalized with rude remarks and LGBTQ stickers.

Not only that, but I also had to battle for a mask exemption at the beginning of the school year, which led to me being segregated from all the other students and sitting at a desk with plexi-glass surrounding it. Schools need to do better in these types of situations—they need to respect the values we as faith-based conservatives hold. We need to pray that this education system changes, that salvation comes not only to those who profess evil, but also to those who protest for evil things, such as the pro-Hamas protesters on campuses.

On the last day of the RNC retreat in West Palm Beach, President Donald Trump provided attendees with an opportunity to speak on stage with himself and many members of Congress.

One of those attendees was a woman by the name of Elaine Beck (host of "It's Not About Us" on the Conservative Political Action Conference platform), who spoke on stage about loving our enemies. She said, "We should all be praying for our enemies if we want to see actual healing and change in our country. Go to WeAreNotEnemies.com and become a part of God's plan for America." She also called for prayer for former President Trump and voiced what so many Christians are feeling. "Many of us feel that President Trump



himself is chosen by God to do what he is doing."

"Therefore we should be praying continually for President Trump, especially since he is sitting in a courtroom all day," she said.

Despite the current situation, we can pray and ask for a light to shine in the eyes of those people who lack it.

We can do that by not only speaking, but by our actions such as standing up against a culture of obscenity, inappropriateness, and violence who are in fact against righteousness. We can pray for all those in governmental positions, like Speaker Johnson who is said to have one of the toughest positions right now with many different problems on hand. We can pray for all of our leaders.

Evelyn Jones told the Speaker at Mar-a-Lago, "Please know we have been praying for you this past three weeks. This is on a prayer call that has been in existence for the last eight years," organized by Pastor Lorraine Coconato and other Christian leaders such as Sheila Coleman to pray for former President Trump.

Chinese-American lawyer Betty Chu also had two experiences with Mr. Johnson at the RNC retreat. Ms. Chu had previously bought some cross pins with the American flag on it and gave the one she was wearing in the moment to the Speaker after letting him know, "I am praying for you."

Again, Mrs. Chu met with Mr. Johnson at Mar-a-Lago and two friends, and the three of them prayed with Mr. Johnson. Mrs. Chu said, "I know that you're doing the right thing."

I will be praying to God for a moment to be struck in the hearts of man so that our nation may be healed.

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AI has already demonstrated its ability to revolutionize industries. Amazon, for example, has used AI to save an astounding 4,500 years of developer work, while The Chosen, the popular TV series based on the life of Jesus, is now the most translated show in history, with plans to reach 600 languages through AI-assisted technology.

“ For Christian ministries, these advancements offer a glimpse into how AI could be harnessed to amplify impact and streamline operations. ”

At Biola University, this vision has led to the creation of two major initiatives: the AI Lab and the AI Studio. The AI Lab focuses on the ethical use of AI, conducting research and offering educational resources to ensure Christian organizations can adopt AI in alignment with biblical values. Meanwhile, the AI Studio provides practical, hands-on support to help

ministries and nonprofits develop AI-driven solutions that meet their specific needs. These initiatives reflect Biola’s commitment to helping Christians leverage AI to further God’s Kingdom.

The benefits of AI for Christian organizations are clear. AI can handle time-consuming administrative tasks such as scheduling, data processing, and content generation, freeing up staff to focus on building relationships and community. It can also be used to brainstorm innovative outreach strategies, target specific audiences more effectively, and manage donations with greater precision.

However, the adoption of AI is not without its challenges. Many within the Christian community have expressed concerns about whether AI could replace human creativity or detract from the personal nature of ministry. Biola University takes these concerns seriously, continuing to research and explore the ethical implications of AI’s role in the church.

While these are valid considerations, Biola’s experts believe AI can enhance, rather than diminish, our God-given abilities to serve others.

This transformation is already underway, and the opportunities it offers for Christian organizations are profound. By embracing AI, ministries can expand their reach and impact, helping more people while remaining true to their core values.

For those interested in learning how to bring this technology into their ministry, the AI Lab at Biola University is hosting a 1.5-hour workshop on Saturday February 8th at 10 AM. This will explore how AI can empower Christian organizations. The event will showcase practical ways to excel in creating custom AI projects, content creation, enhance donation management, and more. Gain insights into how AI can support your mission, giving you more time to focus on relationships and community-building while letting AI handle the background tasks.

STEFAN JUNGMICHEL Biola University AI Lab at Biola



My name is Stefan Jungmichel. I’m 27 years old, born in Germany, a former track and field athlete, and co-founder of the AI Lab at Biola University. I have been in the U.S. for six years and work full-time as the Associate Director in the AI Lab. My interest in AI was sparked by the launch of ChatGPT 3, and my goal is to position Biola University as the leading Christian institution in AI. I feel a strong calling from God to help align the vast powers of AI with biblical values such as transparency, integrity, and honesty.



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The Ultimate Gift: Why Updating Your Trust is a Better Legacy Than Just a Will

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The Ultimate Gift: Why Updating Your Trust is a Better Legacy Than Just a Will

The Ultimate Gift follows Jason Stevens, a spoiled and selfish young man, who, after the death of his wealthy grandfather, Red Stevens, is challenged by a series of “gifts” designed to teach him life lessons. These gifts focus on personal growth, selflessness, and the true meaning of life, love, and happiness, showing that true wealth lies in relationships, lessons, and personal growth, not material possessions.

When planning a legacy, it’s important to ensure it’s meaningful and easily passed on. In my experience in finance and senior living, many people think their will is enough. However, a will alone won’t avoid probate—a costly, time-consuming, and public process that delays asset distribution, causes family conflicts, and leads to unnecessary legal fees.

Wills v. Trusts

A trust is often seen as the “ultimate gift” to heirs, enabling smooth asset transfer while avoiding probate. Many confuse a will with a trust, but they are distinct. Here are the key differences:

The Importance of Avoiding Probate

Avoiding probate is crucial as it ensures assets are distributed quickly and privately, without the delays, costs, and public exposure associated with the process. Probate can take months or years, leading to high court fees and legal expenses. Bypassing probate reduces stress and ensures assets are transferred according to the deceased’s wishes.

A trust offers several advantages over a will by bypassing probate, enabling faster and more private asset distribution. It provides greater control over timing and conditions for distribution and can be effective during the person’s lifetime. A trust can also include provisions for managing assets if the individual becomes incapacitated, offering added flexibility and protection for both the individual and their beneficiaries.



Keeping Your Trust Updated

Regularly updating a trust is crucial as life events—such as marriage, divorce, the birth of children or grandchildren, or changes in assets—can impact how you want your estate distributed. For example, after marriage or the birth of a child, you may need to add beneficiaries or adjust provisions. While minor beneficiaries can still be named in a trust, their inheritance may require additional steps, such as appointing a guardian or trustee, to manage their assets until they reach adulthood. Updating your trust after significant financial changes ensures it aligns with your current circumstances and intentions, preventing unintended consequences or an outdated estate plan.

Final Thoughts

As you begin your spring cleaning and prepare for Easter, take time to refresh your financial and estate planning as well. Just as you declutter your home, review and update your will or trust to ensure it reflects your current wishes. Updating your trust is key to protecting your legacy, avoiding probate, and ensuring assets are distributed as intended. Spring is a time for renewal, and updating your estate plan offers peace of mind knowing your affairs are in order. For more information, feel free to contact me at rledesma@memorycaresupport.com.

Wills	Trusts
•Must go through probate, which can be time-consuming and costly.	•Bypasses probate, ensuring quicker and more private distribution of assets.
•Becomes public record once filed for probate, making the estate details accessible to the public.	•Generally remains private, with no court involvement or public record.
•Takes effect only after the person’s death, with no authority while the person is alive.	•Takes effect during a person’s lifetime. Revocable trusts can be amended or revoked while the person is alive.
•Specifies how particular assets should be distributed after death.	•Manages and distributes assets placed into it, providing greater control over how assets are handled.
•Lacks flexibility and control over the timing or conditions of asset distribution.	•Offers flexibility in how and when assets are distributed, such as through conditions or staggered payouts.
•Does not address what happens in the event of incapacity, only coming into effect after death.	•Includes provisions for managing assets if the individual becomes incapacitated, avoiding the need for court intervention.

Why 30 Million Christians Don't Vote



Godly Civics Seminar
By Pastor K. Bruce Brown



Two studies reveal that millions of Christians do not vote. The reason is apparent: the division of politics that the vast majority of Pulpit Leaders do not allow inside their worship centers. If the worship center won't play politics, why would the congregants that follow them?

Our worship centers are castles with moats separated by doctrine, and we listen to little from outside except Scripture study. And, the Scripture ends with no succession of leadership after the Apostles received miracle power. The Holy Roman Empire commandeered Christianity until the Protestant Reformation and the free-for-all resumed.

But something else happened – The United States of America. Were the Pilgrims just renegades running from the European church-state system? Or was God fed up with the church-state leaders and started His new nation in a virgin land? The Church of England was already there and claimed the name "Virginia;" He couldn't wait any longer.

The Pilgrims leased land from the Virginia Colony before leaving. Had they made it there, they would be subject to the Church of England. Did they have the worst sea captain ever, or did God's hand play a role in blowing them north of their target? And what did that mean?

The answer is Liberty, God's sovereign state for humankind. God created Liberty in Eden and told Adam and Woman to subdue the earth. (She wasn't Eve until after the fall.) The way they subdued the earth was by unpacking the Laws of Nature that hold God's creation together and determine all outcomes except for His hand. But they sinned so quickly that we missed the Liberty gift.

Israel had Liberty on Earth, and God was their Father and God. But they asked for a king, rejecting their Liberty, God's beautiful creation. God destroyed Israel and scattered His people to the world's kings. But they became Motel 6's in God's plan for the disciples to spread the good news of the Messiah to the world. And like before, the world's kings captured God's people again.

We know the devil did not retire after Eden, but did he follow the Pilgrims? Was he already here with the natives? What is the end-time but the choice between God or the devil's

world government, with nowhere to hide? So, how does the devil get a "world government?"

Will he show up someday like a Martian from an outer Space movie and take over? That all sounds silly, but so do our worship centers. We cannot worship a spirit God and Father, a spirit Savior, a spirit Spirit, and a spirit enemy, and not embrace the spirit

world. We call that "Earth-life Bias," which is only adding God to this life as an accessory to call on when needed. (<https://www.amazon.com/dp/BODTBJR7VC>).

The devil has been fighting a war against God and Jesus since Eden. And he is fighting it here on Earth through nations and people. If we shun politics in our worship centers, we do not "stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6), and our Pulpit Leaders have "missed the mark."

Had P45/47 lost the 2024 election, the devil would have the grip he needs on the world. For the

first time, from the Holy Spirit, a unifying strategy is revealed that glorifies God in our civics and stands against "the wiles of the devil's politics."

It all starts with seeing God's 1776 Creation through His eyes; "all good things come from God." God's 1776 Creation starts with our Declaration of Independence in 1776. If we look, we see God's hand in One Nation under God, His last nation designed with Him in our hearts, and a government driven by His Laws of Nature, like Eden 2.0. **Visit "The Godly Civics Seminar" at <https://godlycivics.com/> and bring 30 million Christians to the ballot box in 2026 in glory to God, with no excuses. Pastor K Brown.**



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Conservatives get a spine:



By Richard Bailey

When regular folks say, “Enough!”, interesting things happen. Leaders – people who otherwise would shy away from center stage – show up and answer the call. Passive victims suddenly get a spine.

Tyranny is self-limiting. It rouses passions. The winner-take-all of any tyranny means it tends to eat its own. Desperate grasping for power leads to reckless and self-defeating acts.

Americans can review their history for examples.

George III misbehaved. Americans of 1776 acted. Democrats pushed nationwide slavery. Abraham Lincoln appeared. Teddy Roosevelt stepped up to the plate to put down his generation’s version of big tech. Ronald Reagan answered the call

when Americans once again said “Enough.”

Donald Trump followed these examples. Voters, as they always seem to do, said “Enough.” Not once, but two times. Globalist donors lost. Democrat sponsored repression, incompetence and corruption lost.

President Trump continues to ride a wave. It’s rolling forward, despite desperate efforts of Democrat’s, their donors and the Democrat press, to turn back the clock.

Some conservatives somehow remain paralyzed with fear. They focus on what propagandists want them to think about. As in the Revolution, this is a time to try one’s soul. As before, information is the solution. It is the path to conservatives re-acquiring the spine evident in the American Revolution and every time they have been called to act.

Interesting people are stepping up to the plate. Obviously, now President Trump is leading the charge. Others include Congressmen J.D. Vance and the amazing members of the President’s cabinet. Senate standouts include Senators John Kennedy and Ted Cruz. The administration’s daily news briefing

and videos of cabinet meetings carry the ball forward.

In the face of a dying left-wing press, conservatives occupy center stage. Conservatives have focus, that is, a spine.

Keeping focus means finding reliable sources of information. Focus means rejecting outlets offering outrage. Cable news may not be good for your mental and political health.

In the 1980s, Fox News and Rush Limbaugh staged a revolution. They proved that the left’s stale narrative deserved only a laugh. What eventually followed was a huge, profitable market for internet news alternatives.

Disconnecting from toxic media means finding trusted outlets. The transition from brief uninformative sound bytes to extended presentations by credible sources is currently occurring.

Some network outlets still worth watching include Newsmax and One America. Breitbart, Red State, the Bongino Report, the Daily Caller, the Daily Wire, HotAir, and the Postmillennial provide useful information. Podcasts doing professional work include the “All In”

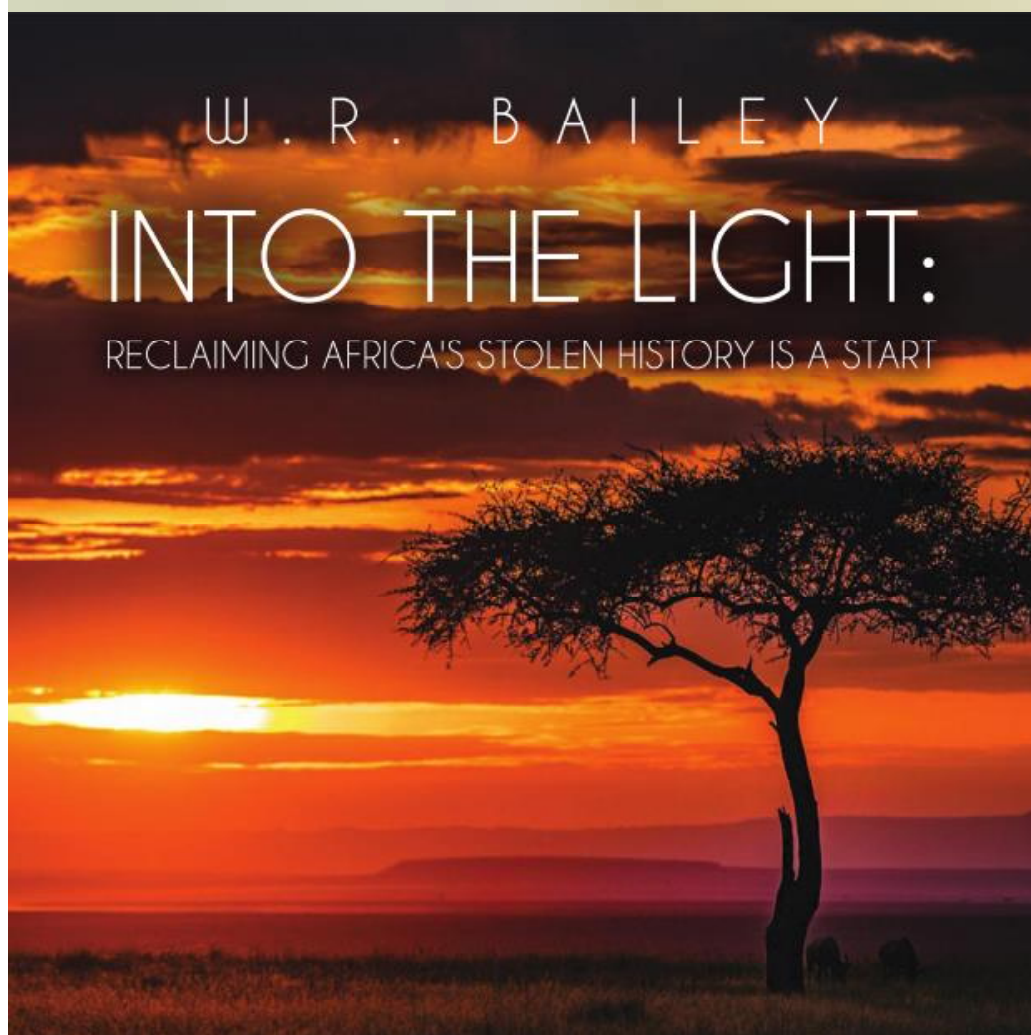
Podcast, the Ruthless Podcast, and the Verdict with Ted Cruz. Breitbart’s Fight Club is helpful. Christian News Magazine aims to fill the need for trustworthy information.

The reader probably already has a set of information sources. Outlets that sell outrage are losing. Those that inform are winning.

Every county and city includes election targets: councils, boards and commissions. School districts desperately need new board members who insist on reading and math proficiency. City councils need members who reject this week’s woke nonsense. America-first state and Federal office holders will arise from the pool of world-beating conservatives who are being elected today to school board and city councils.

Getting a spine starts with focus on reliable information sources. It means connecting with local people who want to make America great. Contesting for local, state and federal office follows. This is how the 1776 revolution got started. This is familiar territory.

Getting a spine isn’t hard. Just stick to reliable information sources and laugh at propaganda. Expect setbacks but keep moving. The payoff is getting good people elected. It’s that simple.



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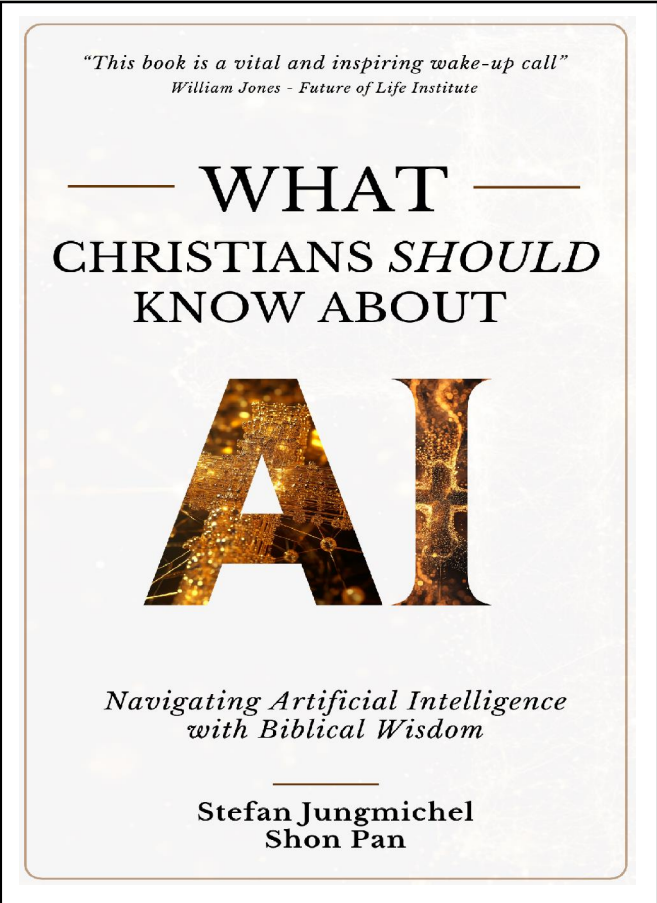
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Dennis McCourt

In the 1970s, the "Jesus Movement" swept across America like a wildfire. Among the young, often ex-hippie Christians who were rescued from the chaos of that turbulent decade, one simple phrase became a rallying cry: "One Way Jesus!"

"With a single finger pointed toward heaven, they declared to a broken world that salvation wasn't a complicated maze of religions or philosophies — it was a person. Jesus Christ alone is the way. That simple truth, shouted from beaches, coffee houses, and revival tents, is just as powerful today as it was then.

This proclamation wasn't a cultural fad. It was deeply rooted in the bold claim Jesus made in John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." At a time when the world was (and still is) searching for truth in a sea of confusion, Jesus pointed directly to Himself. He didn't merely show the way — He is the way.

The first disciples, much like us, struggled to understand. When Jesus spoke of going away to prepare a place, Thomas asked, "Lord, we don't know where You are going. How can we know the way?" (John 14:5). Jesus' response was breathtaking. He wasn't describing a distant road or future event alone — He was inviting them into a present reality: intimate relationship with the Father through Himself.

Many Christians think of "the way" as only leading to heaven after death. While it's true that believers are promised eternal life, the fuller context of John 14 reveals that Jesus was talking about immediate, personal access to the Father by faith. This is a "now and not yet"



reality. Jesus opened the way not only to an eternal dwelling place but to a living, vibrant connection with God right now.

The book of Hebrews expands this idea beautifully. It tells us we have boldness to enter the "holiest" — the very presence of God — by the blood of Jesus (Hebrews 10:19-22). **He created a new and living way through His own body,** offering us access to the Father without fear or shame. Our High Priest, Jesus, sympathizes with our weaknesses, allowing us to come boldly to the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Through Jesus, prayer itself is transformed. John 16:23 teaches that whatever we ask the Father in Jesus' name, He will give. Prayer isn't a ritual or formula — it's a relational conversation. By the Spirit, we pray with Jesus to the Father. In Christ, we aren't orphans pleading for scraps; we are sons and daughters welcomed into the Father's arms. Ephesians 2:13-18 adds even more beauty to the picture. Once far off, we are now brought near by the blood of Christ. Jesus broke down every barrier, reconciling us to God and

each other, granting us all access to the Father by one Spirit. Because of Him, we can draw near at any moment — with hearts full of gratitude and faith.

Often, we think intimacy with God requires pressing through long seasons of striving. Yet Scripture shows that, in Christ, intimacy is immediate. If we come with humility, gratitude, and a heart anchored in the finished work of Jesus, we can enjoy deep fellowship with the Father the very moment we pray. Moreover, Jesus isn't just the way to the Father; He is the way to the dwelling place. John 14:23 reveals that the Father and Son make their home with those who love and obey Jesus. The Greek word used here for "home" (mone) points to a permanent dwelling. It's the same word used earlier when Jesus says He is going to prepare a place for us. The astonishing reality is that Jesus prepares not only a future place for us in heaven but also a present dwelling place within us through the Holy Spirit.

The call to abide is woven throughout John's Gospel. In John 15, Jesus describes Himself as the true vine and calls us to abide in Him just as He abides in us. Abiding isn't a forced effort but the natural fruit of believing who we are in Christ — sons and daughters in whom the living God has chosen to dwell.

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