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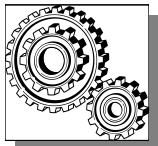
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Humans are the most savage creature on the planet. Yes, adult male lions will kill the cubs of other male lions. Much is not understood about “chimpanzee wars,” but only humans commit large-scale genocide.

Between 1975 and 1979, the Pol Pot regime slaughtered roughly a fourth of the total population of their own country, Cambodia; perhaps two million people. There were ethnic purges, ideological purges, and socio-economic purges. This was Asian on Asian genocide.

We all know the Holocaust saw some six million slaughtered: Gentile on Jew genocide. More recently, in the late 1980s and early 1990s, there were over 200,000 Bosnians slaughtered by Serbs. Again, European on European genocide.

Beginning in April of 1994, within one hundred days there were over 800,000 Rwandans slaughtered. This was Sub-Saharan African on African genocide.

Some are in denial about human nature. They publicly say much to show their enlightenment and how contrary to their values is such savagery. They would like to believe that they are beyond such things.

Others do not vocally deny human nature but do not often speak of such things except among friends. Christians will admit what we know is true. Our fallen nature is not just a theory.

Genocide is just one of our collective sins that befall us even though we know that we should not act like that. The evidence is in. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Surely, we must be born again.

Turns out, just being born again is not enough.

“Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, a complaint arose from the Hellenists against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily service.” (Acts 6:1 WEB)

At this point, everyone in the Church was either born Jewish or had converted to Judaism before accepting the Messiah. They all had a great deal in common, but they were not oblivious to differences. Providing for your own is a virtue. “If anyone doesn’t provide for his own, and especially his own household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.” (1 Timothy 5:8). The rub comes when providing for your own conflicts with others providing for their own. This was not just a few cases of the occasional

overlooked or unpleasant widow. It could be called systemic discrimination within the Church.

We can imagine some of the complaints that arose. “It’s 34 A.D.! I can’t believe this is still happening!” People that think like that, whether they say 34 or 2021, are waiting for human nature to evolve. They should not hold their breath. It’s not going to happen.

To solve the problem, the office of deacon was created. The apostles did not expect human nature to change. They did not believe that sensitivity training or such would resolve the problem once and for all. Proper teaching can help us to learn to submit our fallen nature to the control of the Holy Spirit, but nurture does not change nature. The price of ongoing equity is ongoing vigilance against our own selfish and sinful tendencies. Read again chapter seven of Romans.

The apostles gave qualifications for the deacons, but left it to the congregation to select them. This means that the deacons started the job with the confidence of the people that they served, not just a mandate from above. That would help them maintain integrity in their service and will do the same today.

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This being Vermont, over ninety-three percent of those who read this have mostly European ancestry. Let's be honest; in America, we have had the most opportunity for ethnocentric and selfish

behavior and have benefitted from not being in a minority. We are sinful, individually and collectively, not because we are Caucasian, but because we are human. Globally, there are abundant examples of similar behavior among all the sons of

Adam and the daughters of Eve.

In a divided land, there is a danger of the same divides taking root within the Body of Christ. "Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this: to visit [all] the

fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained by the World." (James 1:27 WEB)

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Part of the Great Falling Away

by
Kay Trudell

We should not be surprised that the secular world does not follow the Bible nor believe in the teachings of Scripture. As we watch the increasingly rapid changes in the culture around us, embracing as tolerable those behaviors which once were shunned in mainstream society, the truth of Scripture becomes more and more evident. In Matthew 24:10-13 and 2 Thessalonians 2:3, among other verses, the Bible speaks of one of the signs of the Last Days. There will be a "great falling away" (Greek word apostasia or apostasy), where people no longer believe in the Biblical Jesus or the truth of Scripture, but follow false teachers so their itching ears will be tickled. They embrace the doctrines of demons.

This applies not only to the world, but to the churches. There will be false teachers and deceivers who will lead their sheep astray. Such is the case with abortion and the proposed legislation to amend the Vermont Constitution in November 2022 to allow unborn babies to be killed up to the moment of birth. Even some so-called "Christian" churches and Jewish synagogues are joining those of other faiths to embrace child human sacrifice by supporting Proposal 5 or, as some call it, Proposition 5. The Christian Action Ministry (CAM) has been featuring information about this legislation and will continue to do so. We urge our readers to vote NO when the election happens in November 2022. Such an apostate gathering of church men and women manifested

recently when a group of pastors and Jewish rabbis (and others) published a statement supporting unrestricted abortion in Vermont. Their signed, public statement appeared in the following Vermont newspapers and their partner websites.

On April 8, 2021, and dates immediately adjacent to this one, the following statement appeared in the News and Citizen, which serves the Morrisville and Hyde Park areas of the state. It was also published in the Stowe Reporter, Stowe Today, The Other Paper, The Citizen, and the Shelburne News. The statement was called "Clergy Supports Reproductive Liberty". Although CAM will not publish the entire statement, we will provide a sample of quotes contained therein and the names of the clergy who signed it. You can find the entire statement online on the websites of the various newspapers who carried it.

The opening statement: "As faith leaders from diverse theological backgrounds and denominations, we represent a variety of beliefs and viewpoints on complicated moral issues. We write today as one religious community, and we write to stand with Vermont's women. We come together in support of women's reproductive liberty and a woman's right to choose . . ."

The signers go on to say: "Every human is **born** (*CAM emphasis*) equal. Women, like men, should be trusted to make their own decisions. Protecting

women's reproductive freedom protects women's legal right to have control over their own bodies. This, in turn, gives women control and autonomy over every other aspect of their lives . . .

". . . 60 percent of mainstream Protestants, and 55 percent of Muslims support abortion rights. 83 percent of Jewish people, 82 percent of Buddhists, 68 percent of Hindus, 60 percent of mainstream Protestants, and 55 percent of Muslims support abortion rights . . . support for abortion among Catholics ranges from 48 to 56 percent, depending on the study. We urge the Vermont Legislature to again stand with us and Vermont's women by supporting the reproductive liberty amendment.

Submitted by: Rabbi David Edleson, Temple Sanai, South Burlington, on behalf of the following faith leaders: Kristabeth Atwood, Master of Divinity; Hadley Bunting, Charlotte Congregational Church; Rev. Susan Cooke Kittredge, Charlotte is Congregational Church; Rev. Mara J. Dowdall, Unitarian Univesarsality minister; Rev. Joanne Gannino, Westmore; Rev. Becca Girrell, pastor, United Community Church of Morrisville; Rev. Kevin Goldenbogen, senior pastor, Charlotte Congregational Church; Sunyana Graef, founder, Vermont Zen Center; Rev. Patricia Hart, First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington;

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Rev. Jan Hutslar, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Upper Valley; Rev. Debbie Ingram, Vermont Interfaith Action; Rev. Joan Javier-Duval, Unitarian Church of Montpelier; Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy, Springfield Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse; Rev. Sarah Lammert, co-director of Ministries and Faith Development, ecclesiastical endorser; Rev. Johanna Nichols, Unitarian Universalist; Susan Ohlidal, Episcopal priest, St. Johnsbury; Rabbi Jan Salzman, Congregation Ruach Hamaqom; Rabbi Tobie Weisman, founding director, Yearning for Learning Center; Rev. Kathy W. Eddy, Braintree.

Thankfully, not one signatory was a Catholic priest or an evangelical pastor. Just as the Bible predicted, the churches are dividing, and so-called Christians are joining themselves to other religious belief systems that are not the Body of Christ. If you are a Christian who loves Jesus, and a church you attend is listed above, you need to flee immediately and seek another church and pastor. The Jewish rabbis who have signed this statement should not be joining themselves to

apostate Gentiles. The Jews have the precious promises of the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) concerning the sanctity of human life that God created. For example, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” (Jeremiah 1:5)

These religious leaders have taken an unbiblical position. No woman (or man) has total *autonomy* over their own body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 says “You are not your own. For you have been bought with a price: Therefore glorify God in your body.” How does killing an unborn baby glorify God?

Jesus said in Matthew 24:10-12 that in the Last Days many would turn away from faith in Jesus, and “the love of many will grow cold.” Even worse, that people would “betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.” Sound familiar? Because of the increase of wickedness, we are seeing the prophesied apostasy of the End

Times devolving before our very eyes. Ask God for wisdom. Do not follow false shepherds who will feed you to the wolves outside the sheepfold. They are already feeding unborn babies to them. They will not stop with the unborn. No line is too reprobate to cross. There is no end in sight that which leads to hell unless people repent and turn away from this wickedness. And God help the pastor or rabbi who leads his/her flock down that false path which leads to destruction. The Bible says there will be a great apostasy during the end times. It is not far off in the future. It is here. The already fallen world is falling farther and farther away. We must be bold witnesses and stand for Biblical truth in the days to come. We can speak the truth in love, but we must speak the TRUTH. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Enough said. Repudiate abortion. It is diabolical human sacrifice.

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Breaking News

Just as this newsletter was being “proofed” for its final review by the CAM Directors, a disturbing piece of news came in. A Canadian woman has petitioned her government to allow her to euthanize her severely handicapped four-year-old son. *The Catholic Herald* reported that the woman is requesting “the end that will deliver Abel from his sufferings and the fight he leads.” She is requesting this under Canada’s Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) laws. The story broke on Aug 21, 2021. This is a sad example of the slippery abortion slope.

Travels of the CAM newsletter

Did you know that the Christian Action Ministry (CAM) Newsletter is now mailed to 20 different states? In some cases, there may be only one or two people who receive it in that particular state, but if it goes there, we are counting it! Here are the states where we have at least one official reader. This does not count people from anywhere who may be reading the newsletter online. These are states where at least one printed copy of the newsletter has been requested by someone and is mailed to them.

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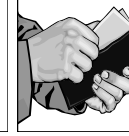
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Speakers

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Author of *The Coming Collapse of China*, TV commentator, foreign policy advisor

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Next Meeting

There will be no
September meeting.

Annual Meeting

Oct 12, 7:00 pm
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