

In the first week of April in the early 30's A.D., the Roman governor Pilate asked Jesus of Nazareth: 'What is truth?'. That question is still relevant today as we sift through various news sources and reports. Unfortunately, honest investigative journalism is rare today in a media obsessed with sensationalism, one sided opinions, hidden agendas, personal ideologies and financial gain. It is known as 'fake news'. Undoubtedly it has been going on for a long time, but now it has become much more obvious. Last weekend a large gathering was assembled in Washington D.C. called 'March for our Lives'. About 70 % in attendance were women. NBC news said the crowd size was 800,000 whereas CBS gave the number as 200,000. Only about 10% of the crowd was students. Some of the more strident student spokespersons like foul mouthed David Hogg have called out the NRA and politicians who support them as child murderers. (They fail to place any blame on the gross negligence of the police who failed to act at the Parkland school and of the authorities who ignored the scores of warnings re: the mental health of the teen shooter.)

Somehow, the student opponents of the NRA fail to see the irony. Planned Parenthood was a big supporter of the rally in Washington and it is they who are taking innocent lives. They were founded by Margaret Sanger in 1923, who was a racist, which is one reason most of the clinics were placed in black neighborhoods. She despised the poor, the disabled and immigrants, and saw birth control as a method to 'weed out the unfit' and breed a pure race. Hitler got his ideas of eugenics from her. The word eu means 'good' when at the front of a word. (eg. eulogy = good words, eugenics = good genes).

The NRA has become the bogeyman for school violence whereas it is the very policies and beliefs of the far secular left that have brought the decay to our culture and values. They introduced school gun free zones in the mid 1990's (Sen. Dick Durban), placing an easy target on kids from would be assailants. Who would place a sign on their house: this is a gun free zone. In the early 1990's, the NRA had a handshake agreement with Sen. Chuck Schumer that he would help deal with mental health issues re: gun purchases. He did nothing. Hollywood elite decry gun violence and yet they saturate their films with it. Our educational system has become corrupted through the failed ideas of atheists like John Dewey and others later who have denigrated absolute values and promoted sexual deviancy, globalism, socialism etc. The story of history is of those who do not want God in control. It was one angry atheist and communist woman (Madeline Murray O'Hair) who succeeded in getting our schools to be 'God free zones' back in 1963 when prayer was banned from them.

The media extensively covered the recent March for our Lives gun-control rally but has routinely ignored the annual 'March for Life' pro-life and anti-abortion rally held every January since 1974 in Washington.

Three of seven abominations to God deal with lies and false reports - Proverbs 6:16-19. Jesus was insulted, lied about and threatened throughout his ministry by those who saw him as threat to their positions for he had come to drain their religious swamp. It all came to a head the final week when he was arrested. The chief priests and Sanhedrin brought forth false witnesses against him to no avail, but when Jesus finally confessed to them that he truly was the Messiah and the Son of God, they accused him of blasphemy. Although the charge of blasphemy was 'fake news', it proved to be the final blow which led to the crucifixion of Jesus. The Jewish religious leaders stirred up the crowd to condemn an innocent man and let the criminal Barabbas go free. The shout rang out.....we have no king but Caesar! Jesus was rejected as king.

The final agonizing walk that Jesus made to the cross was a march for our lives. As Jesus hung on the cross, the Jewish religious leaders mocked him with these words: 'He saved others, he can't save himself'. That was fake news, because Jesus had earlier said at Gethsemane that he could call on the Father for 12 legions of angels to deliver him. Jesus also knew that he would be raised from the dead 3 days later. He could have saved himself, but he chose to die so that millions could live a new life here and in the next. He uttered the words: 'Father forgive them....they do not know what they are doing'.

After his resurrection, the religious leaders bribed the Roman soldiers to say that the disciples had come and stolen the body while they were asleep. This fake news story was widely circulated. Various other conspiracy theories have been spread which deny the resurrection of Jesus Christ. My own religious faith came to a crisis point 40 years ago when I needed to know for sure if what I believed was true. Someone gave me a message by Josh McDowell regarding the resurrection of Jesus. As a skeptic, he had spent 700 hours investigating the subject of the resurrection and had come to the conclusion that it is one of the 'most wicked , vicious, heartless hoaxes ever foisted upon the minds of men, or it is the most fantastic fact of history.' (Evidence That Demands a Verdict book /1972)

After the death of Jesus, his disciples hid in fear. However, after they saw that he was alive, they became courageous proclaimers of his resurrection in the very city where he was crucified. Most of them went on to die as martyrs for Christ, because they knew that the resurrection of Jesus was not fake news, but was truly the most fantastic fact of history.

At the recent March for our Lives demonstration, a random survey among the crowd revealed that the major issue for many there was peace. Lasting peace in persons and among mankind will only take place when people cry out: *We have no king but Jesus!*

God bless you as we celebrate the greatest victory in history which took place in Jerusalem nearly 2000 years when the Son of God died and rose again.

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