America's Decline Into Darkness - Pornography and the Sexualization Of A Culture

"The only spiritual light in the world comes through Jesus Christ and the inspired Book; redemption and forgiveness of sin alone through Christ. Without His presence and the teachings of the Bible, we would be enshrouded in moral darkness and despair." Samuel Colgate

On Wednesday the second day of September 2015 during a Wednesday night Bible Study, I announced to a group of about 30 people that by the year 2020 you would not recognize America. What led me to say that? On June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples by both the Due Process Clause and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. *Obergefell v. Hodges*

It is just one of many decisions by the courts that have plunged our country into an ever darkening future. Judges 21:25 – In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. Just as it was with the people of Israel we have abandoned God and His Bible and the results, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death" (Proverbs 14:12).

Follow The Downward Spiral

Pornography Morphs Into the Sexual Revolution-Which Morphs Into Women's Liberation-Which Morphs Into Acceptance of Abortion as A Right of Women-Which Morphs Into Acceptance of Homosexuality As An Alternative Lifestyle-Morphs Into Marriage Equality Redefining Marriage-Which Morphs Into Transgenderism, Gender Fluidity, Incest, Pedophilia, Polyamory, Bestiality, Robotic Sex...

Evolutionary Moral Decline

In the 1868 English case <u>Hicklin v. Regina</u>, any material that tended to "deprave and corrupt those whose minds are open to such immoral influences" was deemed "obscene" and could be banned on that basis. This was the common law which actually was based on anti-catholic material that was being sold at the time. It was during this period of the 1860's that there seemed to be an increase in the publication of materials relating to sexual freedom, birth control and abortion. I found this very

interesting in that we see the name Rousseau who we have mentioned several times during the study of humanism and evolution is also associated with the Sexual Revolution. It is also interesting to note that it was November of 1859 that Charles Darwin's Origin of Species was published which in my opinion was all about taking man, who was created in the image of God, out of the hands of Creator God, and God's will, love, redemption and judgment and placing man into randomness, with no purpose or meaning and to do what was right in his own eyes. *Proverbs* 19:3 When a man's folly brings his way to ruin, his heart rages against the Lord.

In 1873 Congress passed the Comstock Act a law which criminalized not only sexually explicit material, but also material dealing with birth control and abortion. In just 84 short years the door is opened wide to the rapid decline of our culture with the 1957 case **Roth v. United States** which ushered in Pornography-On-Demand by defining obscenity more strictly vs. the broad interpretation used in the Hicklin case. Guess what year Playboy Magazine was founded – 1953. The first Playboy Club was opened in Chicago in 1960 and the Playboy Bunnies were introduced to the world. The results? Sexually Explicit Materials were now moving freely into the homes of Americans!

The attack on the imagination of man has found an explosive medium and Lust of the Flesh is going to find its full expression. A hungry market was ready to embrace Playboy Magazine, the hippy Free Love movement giving birth to the Sexual Revolution of the 1960's all fueled by mind altering drugs and the mind control messaging of the music. This move which had been germinating since the 1860's found it's full expression from the 1960's through the 1980's all guided by the CIA, the Frankfurt School, the Supreme Count (1973-Miller v. California) and the Scientific Elites.

Rotten Fruit

The result of this "sexual liberation" was to challenge traditional codes of behavior related to sexuality and interpersonal relationships throughout the US. We were left with (1) acceptance of sex outside of traditional marriage, (2) the introduction of the pill and acceptance of birth control, (3) public nudity, (4) the normalization of alternative forms of sexuality especially homosexuality, (5) and the legalization of abortion.

Factoids

- 1940's-50's 5% of high school girls sexually active and 10% of boys / 2015-17 42% of high school girls are sexually active and 38% of boys – by age 20 78% of girls and 89% of boys
- 1940's-50's Divorce rates in single digits 1969 "no fault" Divorce and rates inside and outside the church are over 50%
- 1973 first XXX rated porn film is available for public view 1987 seventy-five million XXX porn files rented 1996 six hundred sixty-five million rentals Internet explodes the porn industry some estimates are 1500 new porn post per day with 40% of all American men visiting a porn site daily
- Young children and women are experiencing the fastest percentage growth in porn viewing and women are now estimated to be about 30% of all people to have a sexual addition problem
- Estimates are the rate of child pornography revenues over the internet has grown by over 1500% in the last 10 years.
- 19 Million New cases of an STD infection in the US each year with 50% of those cases occurring in the 15-24 age group
- 1969 Gay Rights Movement found it's footing after a police raid at the Stonewall Night Club in New York
- 1960's Women Libration Movement sexual freedom (women were urged to initiate sexual advances, to enjoy sex, to experiment with new relationships, and hence to be sexually free). Gender Roles questioned and redefined – fertile ground for the expansion of the LGBTQIQ liberation / rights movement
- 1980's the temporary end of the Sexual Revolution with the AID's epidemic
- 70-100 million unborn children murdered in American since 1973

The Following are from Enough Is Enough, Making The Internet Safer For Children and Families - https://enough.org/stats_porn_industry_archives

- Nearly 74 percent of pornography websites surveyed display adult content on their homepage (accessible to anyone) before asking if the viewers are of legal age.
- American children begin consuming hardcore pornography at an average age of 11
- Four out of five 16 year-olds regularly access pornography online

- The pornography industry is a \$97 billion business worldwide,
- The pornography industry is a \$13 billion is in the United States.
- Internet pornography in the United States is a \$3 billion industry.
- Worldwide pornography revenue in 2006 was \$97.06 billion. Of that, approximately \$13 billion was in the United States (Internet Filter Review, 2006).
- Every second, \$3,075.64 is being spent on pornography, 28,258
 Internet viewers are viewing pornography, 372 Internet users are typing adult search terms into search engines, and every 39 minutes, a new pornographic video is made in the United States (Internet Filter Review, 2006).
- 79% of youth unwanted exposure to pornography occurs in the home (Online Victimization of Youth: Five Years Later, 2006).
- Two in five Internet users visited an adult site in August of 2005, according to tracking by comScore Media Metrix.
- 87% of university students polled have virtual sex mainly using Instant Messenger, webcam, and telephone ("CampusKiss and Tell" University and College Sex Survey. Released on February 14, 2006. CampusKiss.com. February 17, 2006 http://www.campuskiss.com/defa...rvey=show&homepage=true).
- According to comScore Media Metrix, there were 63.4 million unique visitors to adult websites in December of 2005, reaching 37.2% of the Internet audience.
- By the end of 2004, there were 420 million pages of pornography, and it is believed that the majority of these websites are owned by less than 50 companies (LaRue, Jan. "Obscenity and the First Amendment." Summit on Pornography. Rayburn House Office Building. Room 2322. May 19, 2005).
- The pornography industry generates \$12 billion dollars in annual revenue - larger than the combined annual revenues of ABC, NBC, and CBS. Of that, the Internet pornography industry generates \$2.5 billion dollars in annual revenue. (Pornography Statistics. Family Safe Media. January 10, 2006.
 - >http://www.familysafemedia.com/pornography_statistics.html).
- According to comScore Media Metrix, Internet users viewed over 15 billion pages of adult content in August 2005.
- According to comScore Media Metrix, Internet users spent an average of 14.6 minutes per day viewing adult content online.

- Sex is the #1 searched for topic on the Internet. (Dr. Robert Weiss, Sexual Recovery Institute, Washington Times 1/26/2000)
- 60% of all web-site visits are sexual in nature.
 (MSNBC/Standford/Duquesne Study, Washington Times, 1/26/2000)
- 58% of the public surveyed believed that "the government should be able to restrict the posting of sexually explicit materials on the Internet, even though those same materials can be legally published in books and magazines." (State of the First Amendment Study, First Amendment Center, Freedom Forum, 2000)
- There are 1.3 million porn websites (N2H2, 9/23/03).
- Pornographic web pages now top 260 million and growing at an unprecedented rate (N2H2, 9/23/03).
- According to the Florida Family Association, Porn Crawler, their specialized software program, identified 20 U.S. companies that accounted for more than 70 percent of 297 million porn links on the Internet.
- According to comScore Media Metrix, 71.9 million people visited adult sites in August 2005, reaching 42.7 percent of the Internet audience.
- More than 32 million unique individuals visited a porn site in Sept. of 2003. Nearly 22.8 million of them were male (71 percent), while 9.4 million adult site visitors were female (29 percent) (Nielsen/Net Ratings, Sept. 2003).
- N2H2's database contained 14 million identified pages of pornography in 1998, so the growth to 260 million represents an almost 20-fold increase in just five years (N2H2, 9/23/03).
- The cybersex industry generates approximately \$1 billion annually and is expected to grow to \$5-7 billion over the next 5 years, barring unforeseen change (National Research Council Report, 2002).
- The total porn industry estimates from \$4 billion to \$10 billion (National Research Council Report, 2002).
- The two largest individual buyers of bandwidth are U.S. firms in the adult online industry (National Research Council Report, 3-1, 2002).
- 40,000 expired domain names were porn-napped (National Research Council).
- Commercial pornography sites: 74 percent display free teaser porn images on the homepage, often porn banner ads. 66 percent did not

include a warning of adult content. 11 percent included such a warning but did not have sexually explicit content on the homepage. 25 percent prevented users from exiting the site (mousetrapping). Only 3 percent required adult verification.

 Porn Sites Get More Visitors Each Month Than Netflix, Amazon And Twitter Combined.

Just 16 years after that 1957 decision of Roth v. United States the Supreme Court in Miller v. California (1973) said all pornography is protected under the constitution. And the results have devastated marriages and families. Just look at research done by the Family Research Council:

THE EFFECTS OF PORNOGRAPHY ON INDIVIDUALS, MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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KEY FINDINGS ON THE EFFECTS OF PORNOGRAPHY

THE FAMILY AND PORNOGRAPHY

- Married men who are involved in pornography feel less satisfied with their conjugal relations and less emotionally attached to their wives.
 Wives notice and are upset by the difference.
- Pornography use is a pathway to infidelity and divorce, and is frequently a major factor in these family disasters.
- Among couples affected by one spouse's addiction, two-thirds experience a loss of interest in sexual intercourse.
- Both spouses perceive pornography viewing as tantamount to infidelity.
- Pornography viewing leads to a loss of interest in good family relations.

THE INDIVIDUAL AND PORNOGRAPHY

- Pornography is addictive, and neuroscientists are beginning to map the biological substrate of this addiction.
- Users tend to become desensitized to the type of pornography they
 use, become bored with it, and then seek more perverse forms of
 pornography.
- Men who view pornography regularly have a higher tolerance for abnormal sexuality, including rape, sexual aggression, and sexual promiscuity.
- Prolonged consumption of pornography by men produces stronger notions of women as commodities or as "sex objects."
- Pornography engenders greater sexual permissiveness, which in turn leads to a greater risk of out-of-wedlock births and STDs. These, in turn, lead to still more weaknesses and debilities.
- Child-sex offenders are more likely to view pornography regularly or to be involved in its distribution.

http://www.frc.org/issuebrief/the-effects-of-pornography-on-individuals-marriage-family-and-community

Coming For Your Children

Our culture continues to push the envelope of what is acceptable behavior through reality TV, movies and video so called soft porn can be viewed without any real controls in place. Our children are exploited as never before because of the power of the LGBTQPP+ now gaining control of preschool and elementary school curriculums and the Drag Queen Story Hour promoted by public libraries. Disney and other child entertainment venues are pushing the LGBTQPP+ agenda without much pushback.

How far will we fall into utter darkness? We need to become some Crazy Christians and boldly proclaim the saving grace of Jesus Christ before our culture is totally lost!

WORD

1 Corinthians 7:2-5, Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. ³ Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. ⁴ The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*. ⁵ Do not deprive one another except

with consent for a time that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

WORSHIP

Matthew 5:13-16 — "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.