



SPOTLIGHT

Pastors Abandoning Their Pulpits

"We would be more able teachers, and not so easily carried away by every wind of doctrine, if we sought to have a more intelligent understanding of the Word of God."

- C.H. Spurgeon

I was aghast as I watched the scene unfold from a church in Atlanta, GA.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis was invited to speak at the Atlanta Berean Church, a Seventh Day Adventist congregation. Yes, THAT Fani Willis, the one who indicted former President Donald Trump last year and recently admitted to having an affair with the married man whom she hired to prosecute Mr. Trump. Ms. Willis is also accused of improperly using department monies to fund lavish trips with her married lover, Nathan Wade.

Politics aside, who thought it was a good idea to allow this woman to speak from the pulpit for 20 minutes, cherry-picking Scripture verses to portray herself as a victim? Likewise, who was responsible for presenting her with a Black History Achievement Award at the same time that she is being investigated for financial impropriety and perjury?

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Iceberg, Dead Ahead

Watching the primary season come to an early and abrupt end, it occurred to me that America is now on a collision course with November 5th, similar to the fate experienced by the RMS Titanic on April 15, 1912. Captain Edward Smith was alerted to the huge iceberg dead ahead, but it was too late to avoid it entirely. And so, despite First Officer William Murdoch's order to reverse engines and steer hard to port, the iceberg ripped a series of gaping holes in the starboard side of the luxury liner below the water line... and it sank to the bottom of the near-frozen North Atlantic in less than three hours, claiming roughly 1,500 lives.

Once thought "unsinkable," the Titanic now lies more than 12,000 feet below the surface in a lifeless nautical graveyard. The only question that remains is will America suffer a similar fate?

In our national pride, we view the United States as a virtually indestructible ship of state and yet, signs of moral and financial decay have become increasingly apparent over the past 60 years. We have gone from the Greatest Generation, which survived the Great Depression and defeated two totalitarian regimes during World War II, to a country adrift and taking on water below decks faster than we can bail it out.

Exhibit A is the redefining of marriage, a once sacrosanct institution

that has served as the bedrock of every civilized nation since the beginning of time. It is now permissible for adults of the same sex to exchange wedding vows, often in a church that sanctions their union. How can legalized bigamy, polygamy, and the marriage between an adult and a "consenting" minor be far behind?

Meanwhile, out-of-wedlock birth, which is the leading predictor of future incarceration and lifelong poverty, is skyrocketing, especially in minority communities where 73% of children are born to unwed mothers. Unfazed, Uncle Sam rewards each new birth with additional welfare benefits, providing that a financially supportive father is not in the picture or the house.

Exhibit B is the endless and unabated slaughter of tens of millions of preborn babies, most of them sacrificed on the altar of selfishness and personal convenience. Despite Roe v. Wade being mercifully overturned by the Dobbs decision in 2022, the number of abortions in America has actually increased year over year as per the Guttmacher Institute's findings below.

"In the first 10 months of 2023, there were an estimated 878,000 abortions in the formal US health care system, 94% as many abortions as were provided in 2020 (930,000). Approximately 88,000 abortions have been provided in the formal health care system per month so far

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in 2023, so with two months of data yet to be published, it is very likely that the total number of abortions provided in 2023 will substantially exceed 2020 numbers. The actual increase in abortions is likely even larger than these numbers suggest because these counts do not include abortions occurring outside the formal health care system, which are likely to have increased substantially following the implementation of state bans and restrictions."

With Republicans losing elections in swing states and swing districts over "reproductive rights," more accurately referred to as murder-for-hire, I fear it is only a matter of time before the GOP's knees start to buckle on the issue.

Exhibit C is the redefining of gender, championed by Progressive science-deniers who refuse to accept that there are only two sexes, determined prior to birth and based on something as simple, elementary, and medically-demonstrable as XX and XY chromosomes. Believing the lie,

parents are subjecting their gender-confused children to abusive and irreversible hormone replacement therapy and gender reassignment surgery, otherwise known as bodily mutilation. And if the parents won't oblige, courts and school systems are all too ready and willing to step in and usurp parental rights.

Exhibit D is \$34 trillion in federal debt. Read that again, folks: \$34 trillion of debt, which equates to almost \$100,000 per U.S. citizen and is dragging down our economy like cement boots on a drowning man. Not only is our national debt spiraling out-of-control as spineless politicians in Washington refuse to rein in deficit spending, but it has left America vulnerable to our enemies, many of whom have purchased our debt and could demand immediate repayment. If they do, our economy will start circling the drain like a tub full of dirty bathwater.

Exhibit E is the debacle at our southern border, where millions - perhaps tens of millions - of immigrants have crossed illegally into our country. Instead of being turned away or apprehended and deported, they have been largely wel-

comed by bleeding-heart liberals who shower them with free benefits not available to legal immigrants or native-born citizens... just as long as the aforementioned illegals don't move in next door.

The endless waves of illegal immigrants once came from Mexico as well as South and Central America. Now, more and more of them are arriving from Africa and Asia, including an alarming number of young men from the People's Republic of China, leaving one to believe that a large-scale terrorist attack is not a question of if, but when.

I hate to sound like a doomsdayer, because until recently I considered myself an eternal, even hopeless optimist. However, the storm clouds gathering over the Potomac provide ample warning that a cataclysmic deluge of Noah-like proportions is coming that only a merciful, benevolent, and long-suffering God can avert.

My fellow Americans, we need to turn back to God. Today, not tomorrow, and not next week. We are living on borrowed time and God's patience will someday soon be exhausted.

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Oh, how we need the spirit of discernment in our churches today!

Ironically, Atlanta Berean Church is named for the Bereans in Acts 17:10-11 who, instead of taking Paul's teachings at face value, went home and "fact checked" what he had said against other Scriptures. Paul wasn't insulted by their actions, but rather commended their diligence and allegiance to true biblical teaching.

America needs a spirit of discernment to descend upon our land, beginning in our pulpits. Far too many pastors are being swayed by public opinion and collection plates instead of standing firmly upon the infallible and immutable Word of God. As Charles Finney, one of the leaders of the Second Great Awakening, said in his classic "The Decay of Conscience" in 1873...

"Brethren, our preaching will bear its legitimate fruits. If immorality prevails in the land, the fault is ours in a great degree. If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is

responsible for it. If the public press lacks moral discernment, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the church is degenerate and worldly, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the world loses its interest in Christianity, the pulpit is responsible for it. If Satan rules in our halls of legislation, the pulpit is responsible for it. If our politics become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it." It's time to get our acts together, pastors and church leaders... or answer to God accordingly.

The Same Tired Old Democratic Playbook

Last week, I stopped by some yard sales in my area and came across an antique fire alarm, the kind that says, "In case of emergency, break glass." Since my maternal grandfather was a fire chief, I thought "Why not?" and so, I plunked down the asking price and went merrily on my way.

However, when I got home, I realized that I had purchased something far more valuable - and sinister - than I had bargained for, because inside the fire alarm was a letter written by Barack Obama to Joe Biden, dated March 6, 2024... the day before President Biden delivered his State of the Union address.

"Dear Joe," it read, "the fact that you have broken the glass and are reading this note is proof that you are tanking in the polls and your reelection campaign is imploding. And so, I am writing to offer you some sage advice that has served me and every other Democratic president, senator, and representative extremely well for the past 50 years."

"First things first, Joe, you never should have run for president in the first place. You know... and I know... and now America knows that you are simply not up to the job. That being said, you managed to fool the voters in 2020 thanks to the Covid pandemic, which allowed you to campaign from your basement bunker. This year is different, Joe, so you are going to have to go out on the stump and actually give a few speeches."

"The problem is that you don't have a clue what to say and when you

do, you mumble your words so incoherently that no one knows what you are saying. You even have a dickens of a time reading the large-print teleprompter and cue cards that your campaign team has printed up for you."

"So, I am going to make this as easy as possible for you, Joe. All you need to do is remember two things, OK? Got that? Just two things, Joe. The first one is you have to accuse the Republicans of wanting to restrict access to abortions. The key - stop nodding off, Joe, this is important stuff - is not to call it abortion, because everyone knows that abortion kills an unborn baby with a beating heart. Instead, refer to it as "reproductive rights" and act as if our Founding Fathers fought the Revolutionary War so that woman would have the right to murder their own babies in the womb. The same goes for the Civil War, Joe. It wasn't fought over slavery; it was fought so that women could use abortion as a means of birth control. Got it, Joe?"

"Remember how Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi Minister of Propaganda, said, 'If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it?' Well, Joe, if it worked for the Third Reich, it will work for you. Trust me, I speak from experience. Remember when I told people that I didn't have the power to allow children brought into our country illegally to stay here, but then I did it anyway? I just gave it a fancy name like DACA and an even fancier nickname like 'the Dreamers Act.' Who could be opposed to something called the Dreamers Act, right Joe? It's all about packaging your lie so that people want to believe it."

"The second thing I want you to do, Joe, is to demonize large corpora-

tions and rich people. Sure, I know that you and I are both filthy rich and our massive fortunes came from selling our office and peddling our influence for personal gain. So what? Most people don't know that, and most people don't care. Just keep acting like you are sleeping on a park bench and eating your meals at a soup kitchen... and they will love you. Keep calling yourself 'Lunch bucket Joe' even though you never once packed a sandwich, instead eating for pennies on the dollar in the taxpayer-subsidized senate cafeteria all those years. And yeah, keep telling stories about how you rode Amtrak every day from Delaware to D.C., even though that was another senate perk."

"People are dumb, Joe, and the dumbest people of all are registered voters. You see, they don't realize that if you increase the corporate tax rate, companies will stop investing, lay off workers, and increase their prices. Higher corporate taxes always get passed onto the consumer but, like I said, the average voter is clueless about how the economy really works. So just keep portraying rich people as thieves even though the Top 10% of wage earners pay 90% of all federal income taxes. It's time they pay their fair share, right Joe?"

"Look Joe, you only have eight months until Election Day, so I suggest that you start using my two-part campaign strategy right away, beginning with the State of the Union address tomorrow night. Take a long nappy, drink about a dozen Red Bulls, and then scream at the top of your lungs that Republicans hate women, and that rich people are evil. Let them see your eyes bulge and the veins in your

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neck stand out.”

“Trust me, Joe, you’ll have the voters eating out of the palm of your hand in no time. After all, the media already is... or should that be the media already are? Either way, follow my advice to the tee and you are home free, Joe. Just watch your step on those stairs and remember to accuse Donald Trump of being afraid to debate

when it’s really you who is running scared.”

Your friend,
Barack

P.S. Michelle and I would love to host you and Jill for a long weekend after the election is over so I can tell you who should be in your second-term cabinet. And yes, I promise there will be lots of ice cream, Joe.

P.S.S. Should you lose, the blame is all yours and we never had this conversation.

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