

"The Alarm Is Sounding"

The alarm is sounding. The enemy is at the gate. Fortress America is under attack.

Numerous enemies are circling, anxious to see our great nation fall. But, sadly, our biggest enemies are not foreign terrorists, but dangerously disloyal "friends" from within. History reminds us that seldom are great civilizations conquered from the outside unless weakened or compromised from the inside. The great Roman and Greek empires were destroyed by their outside enemies only after they had first rotted from within.

When our nation was young, Alexis de Tocqueville correctly observed that, "America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great." Our heritage of "goodness" has created the "walls" that have long protected this nation, but now they are crumbling at the foundation. Will America join the Greeks and Romans as a passing footnote in history? Or, will we choose to rebuild and reinforce her "walls" while there is still time?

Today America's crisis is a crisis of loyalty. We are disloyal to each other; our wives, our children, our veteran dead, our God and our country. We are cheating on each other sexually, socially, in business, through addictions, and in government. Nowhere is this selfishness more clearly demonstrated and of greatest immediate threat than by the self-serving homosexual activists' agenda.

Homosexual activists have declared war on the institution of marriage and the traditional family. Their stated objective? Change the definition of "marriage" in order to legalize same-sex marriages. The actual consequences? A legal Trojan horse that would eventually open up to release numerous spin-off laws, costly entitlements and numerous new "rights" soon to be created. Like a vile of poison, their agenda, once administered through the "harmless" legalization of same-sex marriage or "civil unions", will not have any immediate or obvious impact. There will be no sudden explosions. No buildings falling. No loud machine-gun fire. But, in time, the silent poison would have the same affect and mean certain death to marriage and the family, and eventually our nation. Is the situation really that serious? Yes. Are we asleep? Yes. Is it possible that being overly tolerant of others' selfish desires could destroy this nation? Yes.

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Some of us have already been victimized by this poison of selfishness. When nine years old I was sexually abused by a teenage boy. It took 32 years before I could even verbalize that it had happened and begin to heal. Also, I have had to speak at the funeral of a childhood friend who died of AIDS because of his homosexual pursuits. I have seen too much pain, wiped too many tears, read too much scientific data, and can no longer remain silent. The homosexual lifestyle is selfish and creates genetic dead-end branches on the human family tree. Just ask all the broken-hearted parents who will never enjoy grandchildren.

Fifteen years ago, my family experienced another trauma when informed that a dear, close family member had announced that he would now be living this "alternate lifestyle." Our family was devastated. While on a

flight home from Europe I sat next to the wife of a famous, Emmy Award-winning television star. She asked why I was traveling back. I explained our "news". With exasperation she scolded, "Why don't people understand? Homosexuality is normal!" I was speechless!

"Let me tell you about our best friends," she instructed. "John and Sally have the best marriage we've ever seen. They've been married for twenty years and have three beautiful teenage daughters. But, their wonderful relationship began when John proposed marriage saying, 'Sally, I love you very much. I want to be with you all of my life. I want you to be the mother of my children. –But, there is something very important you need to understand and accept before we can get married. I have a need to be 'with' other men. And, if that's okay with you, then let's talk with your parents. And, if it's okay with them, then let's get married. And they did."

I was in shock and stammered, "I understand what you've said, but I can't comprehend it."

Then, thinking out loud, I stumbled through a hypothetical scenario: "I wonder what would have happened if I had similarly proposed marriage to my wife saying, 'Honey, I love you very much. I want to be with you forever. I want you to be the mother of my children. But, there is something very important you need to know before we can get married. I have a need to be 'with' many other women. And, if that's okay with you, then let's talk with your parents. And, if it's okay with them, then we can get married.'" My fellow passenger now looked at me in speechless surprise.

I explained, "I'm sorry, but that's as close as I can come to understanding your best friends' marital arrangement. But, I can't comprehend even my own hypothetical story."

Subdued, she quietly responded, "I can't either," --ending our discussion.

In that unique and coincidental conversation, I was awakened to the dirty little secret that is so very common with those who practice homosexual behavior, --there is

virtually no faithfulness. There are those who struggle against their same-sex attraction and fight these inclinations, who need our help and encouragement. (see Positive Alternatives to Homosexuality at www.pathinfo.org) But, in the homosexual community, multiple sex partners is the norm.

Everyone has strong desires and inclinations, but no one is required to act on all of them. Some people allow their desires to develop into full-blown addictions: alcoholism, pornography, drugs, food, sex, etc., hurting not only themselves, but those around them who love them and are concerned for their well-being.

Numerous sociological studies expose a real danger in the homosexual lifestyle, not just to themselves, but also to society. An international organization advocating traditional family values compiled over 140 research studies at (www.DefendMarriage.com/marriageSexualOrientation.pdf) that homosexual activists hoped you would never find:

Fact #31 -- According to Centers for Disease Control interviews, 50 percent of male homosexuals had over 500 sexual partners, the first several hundred homosexual men diagnosed with AIDS had an average of 1,100 lifetime partners.

Fact #34 -- Few homosexual relationships last longer than two years, but in a study of 156 males in homosexual relations ... "all couples with a relationship lasting more than five years have incorporated some provision for sexual activity outside of their relationships."

Fact #28 -- In Amsterdam (where homosexual marriage has been legal for years) the average homosexual relationship lasts only 18 months and "averages...eight partners a year outside those relationships."

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Fact #12 -- The bacteria contacted during anal intercourse include *Shigella*, *Entamoeba*, *Giardia* (causes chronic diarrhea), hepatitis A (severe liver damage which can kill), hepatitis B, and particularly HIV which is more easily transmitted through anal sex.

Fact #5 -- One out of two men who have sex with men will eventually become HIV positive.

Fact #9 -- Obituaries from the homosexual press suggest a "20 to 30-year decrease in lifespan" because of "substantially elevated rates of sexually elevated diseases...cancer and heart conditions, and violence

among homosexual men and women."

Fact #131 -- The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) cut in half its coverage of health insurance premiums for domestic partners of its employees, calling the premiums "prohibitively expensive."

Are you shocked yet? Go to the North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) webpage to read for yourself their stated goal, "To end the oppression of men and boys who have mutually consensual relationships." Spiritually, it gets worse.

During President Hinckley address at the worldwide priesthood leadership training satellite broadcast held Jan. 10, he said, "No one need tell you that we are living in a very difficult season of the world. Standards are dropping everywhere.

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Lord to save Sodom and Gomorrah for the sake of the righteous. Notwithstanding his pleas, things were so bad that Jehovah decreed their destruction. They and their wicked inhabitants were annihilated. We see similar conditions today. They prevail all across the world. I think our Father must weep as He looks down upon His wayward sons and daughters."

President Hinckley...spoke of the need for the Church and its members to stand "strong and immovable" in a "world that is marching toward self-destruction." ("We Must Not Give Up -- Stand Immovable," , LDS Church News,

Saturday, January 17, 2004,
www.desnews.com/cn/archives/1,2407,,00.html .)

Elder Packer seemed to be echoing the same message but with additional alarming specifics, "Nothing happened in Sodom and Gomorrah which exceeds the wickedness and depravity which surrounds us now.

"Satan uses every intrigue to disrupt the family. The sacred relationship between man and woman, husband and wife, through which mortal bodies are conceived and life is passed from one generation to the next generation, is being showered with filth.

"Profanity, vulgarity, blasphemy, and pornography are broadcast into the homes and minds of the innocent. Unspeakable wickedness, perversion, and abuse -- not even exempting little children -- once hidden in dark places, now seeks protection from courts and judges.

"The sins of Sodom and Gomorrah were localized. They are now spread across the world, wherever the Church is. The first line of defense -- the home -- is crumbling. Surely you can see what the adversary is about."

President Packer said the world is now where ancient prophets warned it would be. ("Defend the Faith," LDS Church News, Saturday, March 6, 2004,
www.desnews.com/cn/archives/1,2407,,00.html .)

Historically the homosexual lifestyle has zero success stories. Best-selling author, Cleon Skousen, correctly points out in *The Majesty of God's Law* that, "...Homosexuality has destroyed every civilization in which this form of depravity became established as an important part of the people's lifestyle." Santayana warned, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." I really don't think that learning from history and facts can be labeled "intolerant" and "homophobic". Do you?

If we have any love in our hearts at all for our homosexual friends and family we will recognize that we would do them no favors by enabling their destructive behavior. We don't give whiskey to alcoholics, cocaine to drug addicts, or pornography to pedophiles just because they say it will make them happy. And we definitely don't change the definition of marriage when it harms children, --which is the biggest problem with legalizing same-sex unions.

Children have a right to a devoted mother and a father, and the unique influence that each sex innately provides. Homosexual parents leave a child either motherless or

fatherless. When a child is robbed of the right to a mother and a father, there are negative societal consequences.

Numerous studies have proven that children raised by homosexual parents are more likely to experience gender and sexual confusion, more likely to become promiscuous and more likely to experiment with homosexual behavior. They are also at greater risk of losing a parent to AIDS, substance abuse or suicide. When a child is harmed, all of society is harmed. (See Facts #67-82 listed earlier)

Back when our country was young, homosexuality was characterized as, "a crime not fit to be named." Thomas Jefferson himself authored a bill in Virginia penalizing sodomy by castration. Most states created anti-sodomy

penalties that were as severe, if not more so. But today, the U.N. Commission on Human Rights continues, at the urging of gay activists in the United States, to consider policies making faith-based criticism of the homosexual lifestyle a human rights abuse. This "human rights abuse" has nothing to do with race, creed or color, --just a sex act with someone of the same sex. Wow! Where is the U.N. trying to take us?

President Bush's State of the Union proclaimed, "Marriage is a sacred institution between a man and a woman. If activist judges insist on redefining marriage by court order, the only

alternative will be the constitutional process. We must do what is legally necessary to defend the sanctity of marriage." Our support would be helpful.

Throughout recorded history governments have given benefits and privileges to marriage between a man and a woman, because these unions have the biological potential to provide societies with a needed, tangible benefit -- children. The homosexual act, by definition, cannot create offspring. It is an undeniable fact of nature that to create human life requires the union of one male sperm and one female egg. Nobody got here any other way. That's Nature; those who object are invited to take it up with the Author.

God has given no law or commandment that wasn't specifically designed for our peace and happiness. I have not found one credible sociological research study that would disprove this theory. Those who accept His guidance, can find happiness; those who don't, usually create pain and suffering for themselves and others, as shown above. Developing a selfless loyalty to each other and to God will cure our nation's ills of selfishness.

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We can start in the home. The entire history of human experience and a vast body of social science research clearly show that children raised in a stable, married, heterosexual home do better than children raised in any other type of household. They are healthier physically and emotionally, do better academically, experience less poverty and commit fewer crimes. (See Facts #72, 73, 80, 82) A traditional, loving, devoted family has worked every time it has been tried.

Popular author and speaker Sheri L. Dew, recently addressed concerned leaders and individuals who had gathered in Washington, D.C. to talk about the state of the family. She said, "This escalating situation reminds me of a statement of a World War II journalist by the name of Dorothy Thompson who wrote for the *Saturday Evening Post* in Europe during the pre-World War II years when Hitler was building up his armies and starting to take ground. In an address she delivered in Toronto in 1941 she said this: 'Before this epic is over, every living human being will have chosen. Every living human being will have lined up with Hitler or against him. Every living human being either will have opposed this onslaught or supported it, for if he tries to make no choice that in itself will be a choice. If he takes no side, he is on Hitler's side. If he does not act, that is an act for Hitler.'"

Sister Dew continued, "May I take the liberty of reading this statement again and changing just a few words, applying it to what I fear we face today? Before this era is over, every living human being will have chosen. Every living human being will have lined up in support of the family or against it. Every living human being will have either opposed the onslaught against the family or supported it, for if he tries to make no choice that in itself will be a choice. If we do not act in behalf of the family, that is itself an act of opposition to the family.

"At first it may seem a bit extreme to imply a comparison between the atrocities of Hitler and what is happening in terms of contemporary threats against the family, but maybe not." ("Defenders of the Faith," by Sheri L. Dew, <http://www.ldsmag.com/ideas/040310defenders.html> February 28, 2004.)

The message is clear. We have a wonderful opportunity to define ourselves before the Author himself, by our willingness to stand in defense of His ways. Personally, my family and I desperately need His blessings and we want to qualify for his divine protection. I believe that my speaking up will certainly help to that end.

The watchmen on the tower are sounding the alarm. The future of our nation hangs in the balance. Can we hope to be called "friend" by the King and enjoy a perfect

protection if we don't rally to protect the gate of the Kingdom? Now is the time to stand strong and immovable; never, never against our misguided, attacking homosexual neighbors, but always in defense of our God, our country, our wives and our children.

As early as July 12, 2004, the Federal Marriage Amendment will come to a vote in the House (H.J. Res. 56) and Senate (S.J. Res 26). Fortunately, the polls show heavy support for a defense of marriage and family,

but our Representatives need to hear from us immediately.

As for me and my house, we are taking our stand today while the word "marriage" and "family" still have meaning. Please call your State and Federal representatives today at **202-224-3121** and invite their support for a pro-family Constitutional Amendment that blocks counterfeit marriage "civil unions" of any sort.

Isn't today the best time to expel this Trojan horse already within the gates --along with our own selfish tendencies? Shouldn't we strengthen the "walls" of goodness and loyalty and stand upon these walls in defense together today? Please pick up the phone. The alarm is sounding.

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