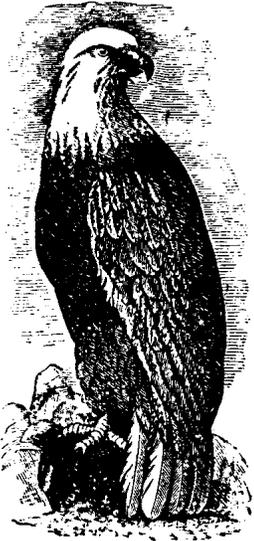


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Facing the truth, however great the cost.
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For the Children

Sam Aurelius Milam III

I recently encountered another of those situations in which a baby seems to have been injured by one of his parents. In such a situation, a dissenting opinion with regard to the appropriate response is discouraged. The expected opinion is that the government should intervene and seize the child. Few people seem inclined to wonder if there might be alternatives, or to consider the long term consequences of whatever possible responses there might be.

There are probably a lot of possible responses to such a situation. One of them, as unlikely as it seems, is that the parents (for better or for worse) should have the sole and final authority regarding the treatment of their child. Under such a doctrine, the government would be powerless to intervene. The disadvantage of this alternative is that a small number of children would be injured or maybe even killed by unfit parents. It's a tragic situation. One redeeming feature is that the harm would be limited to a small number of people.

The present unquestionable doctrine is that the government should intervene, and seize the child. We suppose that the standards for such intervention will be strict. The government will intervene only in cases of extreme threat to a child. That might be a good system if it would work. However, it won't. The strict standards for intervention will gradually relax. At first, only severely threatened children will be taken. Then, the number of acceptable justifications for seizure will slowly increase. One day, the government will take a child whose mother inadvertently left a door open, so that the child was discovered wandering down the sidewalk, alone. The government will take a child subjected to unapproved discipline by her father. It will take the children of parents who refuse to allow standard medical treatment or who refuse

to send their kids to school. It will take children who are allowed to view the wrong movies, read the wrong books, or see the wrong kinds of pictures. It will take children whose parents take inappropriate photographs of them, children whose parents allow them to consume the wrong substances, or children whose parents don't keep the house clean enough. Mothers who use recreational drugs during pregnancy will be deemed guilty of child abuse. It's my understanding (albeit unverified) that it is a felony in some states to merely advise your adolescent teenager to be sexually active, whether or not the youngster actually follows the advice.

The enforcement of such considerations will require pervasive monitoring. There will have to be surveillance cameras everywhere. Priests, teachers, librarians, doctors, counselors, and anyone else who has any contact with children, will be required to report anything suspicious, however trivial or innocent. Every right to privacy will be set aside. Disclosure will be mandatory. Guilt will be presumed. The accused will bear the burden of proof.

Millions of people have come to this continent seeking liberty. Hundreds of thousands of parents have seen their children maimed or killed in foreign wars (far more children than the number injured by their own parents), presumably to defend liberty. Are we prepared to disregard all of that history, to sacrifice all of that liberty, to endure that kind of government, merely to protect a few children from their parents? 

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Book Review: *More Liberty Means Less Government*, by Walter Williams

Reviewed by Steve Strayer

I've just had a pleasant surprise. I recently attended a lecture by Walter Williams and bought his latest book, *More Liberty Means Less Government*. The lecture was so-so, but I don't recall ever encountering so much good sense in such concentrated form on political issues related to race, sex, education, environment, law and several other areas as in this book. It's actually a collection of Williams' newspaper columns, and it provides lots of well reasoned arguments and interesting factual backup presented in an entertaining style.

Do What the Bible Says

Steve Strayer

Dr. Laura Schlessinger is a US radio personality who dispenses advice to people who call in to her radio show. Recently, she said that, as an observant Orthodox Jew, - "Homosexuality is an abomination according to Leviticus 18:22, and cannot be condoned in any circumstance".

The following is an open letter to Dr. Laura penned by a US resident, which was posted on the Internet. It's a scream!

Dear Dr. Laura:

Thank you for doing so much to educate people regarding God's Law. I have learned a great deal from your show, and try to share that knowledge with as many people as I can. When someone tries to defend the homosexual lifestyle, for example, I simply remind them that Leviticus 18:22 clearly states it to be an abomination. End of debate.

I do need some advice from you, however, regarding some of the other specific laws and how to follow them.

When I burn a bull on the altar as a sacrifice, I know it creates a pleasing odor for the Lord - Lev. 1:9. The problem is my neighbors. They claim the odor is not pleasing to them. Should I smite them?

I would like to sell my daughter into slavery, as sanctioned in Exodus 21:7. In this day and age, what do you think would be a fair price for her?

I know that I am allowed no contact with a woman while she is in her period of menstrual uncleanness - Lev. 15:19-24. The problem is, how do I tell? I have tried asking, but most women take offense.

Lev. 25:44 states that I may indeed possess slaves, both male and female, provided they are purchased from neighboring nations. A friend of mine claims that this applies to Mexicans, but not Canadians. Can you clarify? Why can't I own Canadians?

For anyone who might not already know, Walter Williams is an Economics Professor at George Mason University and an outspoken commentator on current political issues. He's one of only two prominent blacks I know of who presents any views other than the standard whiny "America must provide special hand-outs to the poor helpless African-Americans." The other is Thomas Sowell.

More Liberty Means Less Government is a paperback, 264 pages, published by Hoover Institution Press in 1999. I think I paid \$16 for it. ∞

I have a neighbor who insists on working on the Sabbath. Exodus 35:2 clearly states he should be put to death. Am I morally obligated to kill him myself?

A friend of mine feels that even though eating shellfish is an abomination - Lev. 11:10, it is a lesser abomination than homosexuality. I don't agree. Can you settle this?

Lev. 21:20 states that I may not approach the altar of God if I have a defect in my sight. I have to admit that I wear reading glasses. Does my vision have to be 20/20, or is there some wiggle room here?

Most of my male friends get their hair trimmed, including the hair around their temples, even though this is expressly forbidden by Lev. 19:27. How should they die?

I know from Lev. 11:6-8 that touching the skin of a dead pig makes me unclean, but may I still play football if I wear gloves?

My uncle has a farm. He violates Lev. 19:19 by planting two different crops in the same field, as does his wife by wearing garments made of two different kinds of thread (cotton/polyester blend). He also tends to curse and blaspheme a lot. Is it really necessary that we go to all the trouble of getting the whole town together to stone them? - Lev. 24:10-16. Couldn't we just burn them to death at a private Family affair like we do with people who sleep with their in-laws? (Lev. 20:14)

I know you have studied these things extensively, so I am confident you can help. Thank you again for reminding us that God's word is eternal and unchanging.

Your devoted disciple and adoring fan.

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Cheryl Cox didn't reply to my request to print her letter. I decided to use it anyway. —editor

Letters to the Editor

The following article was forwarded by Sir John the Generous. —editor

Teacher Convicted of Sex Crimes Against Fourth Grader 5/9/02

(San Jose-AP) — A former Palo Alto elementary school teacher has been convicted of sex crimes against a fourth grader for hugging her, kissing her on the head and showering her with gifts. News Forum on Bayinsider: Talk About It!

A Santa Clara County jury deliberated for a day and a half before finding Douglas Obujen guilty yesterday of lewd acts on a child under the age of 14 and possession of child pornography.

Obujen also was convicted of false imprisonment for hugging the girl while they were alone in a room.

Obujen told the San Jose Mercury News last week he was in love with the 10-year-old. He sent her flowers and a Valentine's Day card that read "Feel My Love."

Obujen was a teacher at Walter Hays Elementary School in Palo Alto and tutored the girl during the 2000-2001 school year.

Obujen is to be sentenced June sixth and faces a maximum of eight years imprisonment. After his release, he has to register as a sex offender.

Source: KTVU/Fox2 and Associated Press

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I'm a p.o.w. of this uncertain world we live in,

County Workers

Source Unknown. Forwarded by Sir John the Generous

A fellow stopped at a rural gas station and, after filling his tank, he paid the bill and bought a soft drink. He stood by his car to drink his cola and he watched a couple of men working with heavy equipment along the roadside. One man would excavate a hole two or three feet deep and then move his machine 25 feet down the road, and start another hole. The other man came along behind and filled in the first hole. While one was digging a new hole, the other was 25 feet behind filling in the old hole. The men worked right past the fellow with the soft drink and went on down the road.

I can't stand this, thought the man, tossing the can into a trash container and heading down

I'm still young, and can still make a difference for my self and my sons.

I came to read this news letter by a fellow p.o.w., he gave me April 2002 to read, and man the only thing I can say is it's some good reading where I can learn more of what's really going on!

... and I know more people that would love to read the truth. One day we will all live in pure freedom. —Thomas; Vacaville, California

To Sam

... I agreed with all of the articles you printed, we think alike.

Thank you. —Freida; Santa Rosa, California

What Can I Do? One of the founding fathers said "Freedom is a sure possession of only those who are strong enough to keep it." We must stand up and take what is ours. Samuel Clemens said "The pen is truly mightier than the sword." We may have to take up arms to take back what is ours. If so, we will know when. Until then, just use your pen. As I sit here in prison, there is a man here with me who, in conjunction with some others, writes a magazine and sends it out to be printed and distributed. We make 63 cents a day for our work here in prison. Surely, you could manage a one page newsletter typed on your PC, printed, then photocopied at a copy house. Better yet, do you have a photocopier at work? Let the machine we are all fighting pay for it. My point is, if he can, you can. Make it a family affair. Just be careful. —Brian; Sterling, Colorado

the road toward the men. "Hold it, hold it," he said to the men. "Can you tell me what's going on here with this digging?"

"Well, we work for the county," one of the men said.

"But one of you is digging a hole and the other fills it up. You're not accomplishing anything. Aren't you wasting the taxpayers' money?"

"You don't understand, mister," one of the men said. "Normally there's three of us — me, Rodney, and Mike. I dig the hole, Rodney operates the crane on his truck loaded with trees, and sticks a tree in each hole. Mike, here, puts the dirt back in the hole. Now just because Rodney's off sick today, that don't mean that Mike and me can't work." ∞



Nation in Distress

Zero Tolerance is un-American.



Buck Hunter Shoots Off His Mouth

Dear Buck

What do you think of the remarkable success of Tiger Woods? —Sports Buff

Dear Sports Buff

Never been there. Never even heard of the place. Anyway, I guess reforestation works.

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—editor

Words of Wisdom From Children

Source Unknown. Forwarded by Warren, of Pocatello, Idaho

- Never trust a dog to watch your food. —Patrick, age 10
- When your dad is mad and asks you, “Do I look stupid?” don’t answer him. —Michael, age 14
- Never tell your mom her diet isn’t working. —Michael, age 14
- Stay away from prunes. —Randy, age 9
- Never allow your three-year-old brother in the same room as your school assignment. —Traci, age 14
- Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a tic tac. —Andrew, age 9
- Never hold a dust buster and a cat at the same time. —Kyoyo, age 9

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