

## **Unholy Forces Shape Society** **by Fred DeRuvo – Study-Grow-Know Ministries**

I recall when the TV animated show *Family Guy* started. It seemed okay to watch. However, it was not long before just about everything in the show became laced with sexual innuendo. In fact, much of it was not even innuendo but outright statement.

This has happened with any number of shows that start off relatively fine, but quickly turn into something that seems to have clawed its way out of the pit of hell. This is what people watch and *enjoy* today. It is part of their normal, daily lifestyle.

Movies and television shows have a sneaky way of forcing their views on people. They do not do this by having someone sit in a chair and talk *at* the viewer. People would reject that out of hand if they did not agree with the position of the speaker (besides which it would be extremely boring). Movies and television shows consistently present opinions, attitudes, and demeanors as *normal* within given situations around which the main actors engage. There is always a way in which things that have long been on the outskirts of society find a way into the more routine areas of that society.

This is most obvious with the Gay and Lesbian watchdog groups. Over the past several decades, gays and lesbians have been portrayed as individuals with lifestyles that simply need to be accepted for who they are as people. There is nothing wrong with accepting people as people, but the problem is that many of these same TV shows and movies portray the religious person as the *persecutor* of the gay individual.

The stereotypical religious legalist is one of the favored antagonists of today. They are easy to hate. These shows will then have a *liberal* religious person who enters with a “live and let live” or “love all people” approach to show that it is the *liberal* religious person who really understands what love is all about. The legalist should be shunned. What is missing is the way Jesus would have approached the issue. He would have offered salvation and then said, “*Go and sin no more.*” This position does not play well on TV or in movies, since it is difficult to agree with that position. Moreover, the concept of “sin” is not something that most want to hear about or entertain thoughts of.

The basic formula in most movies and TV shows is to set up the problem with an antagonist, normally coming against someone that the audience can see as the *underdog*. Once the show has set the parameters, the audience naturally follows along as if they are watching *real life* happen right in front of them. Of course, they are simply watching a script unfold, but that makes no difference to the audience. The people in the audience

*invest* their emotions into the scenes and it is from those *emotions* that they make their decisions.

The better the script and actors, the better the emotional response from the viewer. Once this is replicated times 1,000 over the course of several years, what began as a seed planted in the mind has grown into a solid oak tree. People no longer ask *why* they believe something. They simply *believe* it because it *feels* right. Their rationale is based on how they have grown to feel about something and that stems from the quality of the presentation they have witnessed repeatedly.

I recall Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker's son Jay, who not long ago said that God *revealed* to him that homosexuality was *not* wrong. It goes without saying that the way in which God apparently revealed this to Jay was *extra-biblically* through the realm of emotions. In other words, it was not through Jay's study of Scripture that he came to this new understanding, but through his subjective *feelings*. It is now his passion to stand up for gays and lesbians. Where did he get that idea? Most likely from his mother, who was friends with many gays, especially after the entire debacle occurred when the PTL Club and ministries were taken from the Bakkers and Jim went to jail for his sexual proclivities. You reap what you sow and Jay is the result of his parents' thinking and teaching.

So when something like Prop 8 comes along in California, anyone who is in favor of Prop 8 (marriage is between one man and one woman) is seen as a *hater*. This is said enough times to make it "true," though of course it is not true. What is true is that the Bible proclaims that God is opposed to sin. Homosexuality is sin and like any sin, it (the *sin*, not the *person*) needs to be condemned.

This is the way the media plays with people's beliefs, by playing to their *emotions*. It's really simple and it is a formula that works.

Another way the media helps you decide what you will believe is through *disinformation*. This happens all the time in the daily press, and it was clearly on display during the event in which Jared Loughner opened fire on a number of people including Congresswoman Giffords in Arizona a while back, as well as on a near-daily basis with respect to Mr. Obama.

The press is Obama's *willing* spokesperson and cheerleader. Instead of presenting the news in an unbiased manner, they cater to him. They do their best to present Obama as a seasoned individual capable of dealing with any matter of policy, foreign or domestic.

When they are unable to silence the critics, they simply resort to calling them names, a decidedly juvenile yet effective way of dispatching with those who disagree. This has been the norm for the talk show heads and pundits on the liberal side of the aisle who do not like Sarah Palin, or prefer to attack FOX News as being liars.

No news bureau is perfect of course, but it is interesting to see how many times these same liberal media outlets either lie outright or leave out some of the truth in one article after another. These ploys tend to create a perception and unfortunately, most buy into that perception, regardless of its efficacy.

It is as if the liberal, progressive side of the news is fighting hard to gain as many adherents as possible, so by denigrating those who disagree, they believe that more and more will come over to their side because that appears to be where the majority is now. Who wants to be in the minority? The most easily manipulated group of people happens to be young adults. They will go with something simply because it appears to be *rebellious*. Have we heard that before? Have other groups or individuals given in to the invitation to rebel? Of course. It is what beings and people with free wills do.

If people are told that some news bureau lies enough times, people will tend to believe it. If talking heads can find a way to make Mr. Obama look good time after time, then people will simply accept that as fact. It is far easier than a person doing his or her own research.

Record companies have always been pushing the envelope too, and they are doing so in greater degrees these days as well. I've talked about this in previous writings, but it is clear that Satan has placed individuals at specific key places in society with the talents they possess to create a pushing off place from what has been the norm.

Think of some of the artists that are praised today as misunderstood geniuses, or geniuses ahead of their time. Kirk Cobain, lead singer of the Seattle-based grunge band *Nirvana*, who killed himself with a shotgun, was very famous for the lyrics he helped put to music. As the front man for *Nirvana*, like most front men, he was the most well-known in the group and also the most looked up to. Yet he was miserable and terribly misguided, in spite of his talent. People literally worship Kirk as some type of anti-hero.

Jim Morrison of the Doors, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Jon Bonham, and too many others to name all died unnecessary deaths because they were willingly *used* by Satan to accomplish his goals. When he was done with them, he created a situation where either suicide or drug overdoses caused their death. Satan also knew how much they would be missed and worshipped, even in their death.

The music of yesterday – much of it seemingly harmless and easy-going – was born with deep roots within the drug culture. As people began experimenting more and more with drugs, the “*peace, love, dope*” motto became the experience of the 60s and 70s, eventually giving way to a culture of overdoses, alcoholism, and lyrical music that pushed the edge to redefine itself as something hard, nasty, and even savage. All of this has shaped the culture that exists today. Unfortunately, there is absolutely no going back.

What we are seeing today is a society of people being herded toward the same end. As the herd grows larger, more people want to become part of it. The problem, of course, is the herd is being directed toward a goal that most are really unaware of, but it does not seem to bother them because “everyone’s” doing it. Their inner feelings of subjectivity tell them that everything is fine, because how could so many people be wrong?

It is going to be even more difficult to remain separate from the mainstream because it will become more forceful than ever and have no qualms about ostracizing those who are not part of that majority. It will take a very strong individual to stay disconnected. It will take an *authentic* Christian.

Thanks for joining me today. We’ll be back next time to talk more about the “New Age Alien.” I hope you’ll join us then and until we meet again, may God open your eyes to show you how blessed you are in Him!