Licentiousness – Fragmenting God's Order

<u>Introduction</u>

"In the beginning" God created Adam and Eve in His likeness. They received a loving imperative: "Be fruitful and multiply" (Genesis 1:28). That would begin a perfect family. Divine "presence" would cover them, represented by their garments (clothes) of light.¹

- The family unit would develop a unique ideal for man's treasured social needs.
- Divine wisdom even saw the family as a special haven, even for spiritual nurturing.
- An exclusive time was set aside, called the Sabbath. This was divorced from work routines to honor and worship the Creator.

These amazing plans would bring character development, leading mankind ever to be more like his Creator. Additionally:

"God placed man under law, as an indispensable condition of his very existence. He was a subject of the divine government, and there can be no government without law. God might have created man without the power to transgress His law; He might have withheld the hand of Adam from touching the forbidden fruit; but in that case man would have been, not a free moral agent, but a mere automaton. Without freedom of choice, his obedience would not have been voluntary but forced. There could have been no development of character. Such a course would have been contrary to God's plan in dealing with the inhabitants of other worlds. It would have been unworthy of man as an intelligent being, and would have sustained Satan's charge of God's arbitrary rule."

Into this beautiful divine plan, Satan sought avenues to fragment its happiness and holiness. In this he became supremely successful. His attacks since have become relentless and are growing in intensity. God's *order* for happiness and unity is now rapidly disappearing.

"Woe to the earth and the sea because the devil has come down to you! He is filled with terrible anger, for he knows that he only has a little time!" (Revelation 12:12 – NET).

- In the evil genius of Satan, he has found major success avenues in these main areas:
 - 1. The imagination
 - 2. The senses especially sexual
 - 3. Violence especially revenge

Sensual weapons that Satan uses in his frenzied attacks to destroy moral purity are briefly reviewed here.

¹ https://www.jtsa.edu/torah/the-garments-of-adam-and-eve/

² Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 49.

Pornography - Shattering Family Loyalties

Approximately 35% of all internet downloads are for pornography, 65% of young adult men and 18% of young women watch porn at least once a week. The median age of first exposure is now 14 years. Forty million U.S. adults regularly visit porn sites. Ten percent of U.S. adults admit to porn addiction. Twenty percent of men and 13% of women admit to accessing porn at work. Approximately 40 million American adults watch porn regularly. Every second, 28,000 people are watching porn on the internet.³

Cosmopolitan Magazine surveyed 68 sex therapists in the United Kingdom.

- Eighty-six percent of these professionals felt porn hurt a couple's relationship.
- Porn increases men's expectations beyond their sex partner's capacity, leading to unhappiness, especially with their wives.
- Porn has negative effects on women's sexual confidence.

This leads to "performance anxiety." Fifty-six percent of divorce proceedings cite an "obsessive interest" in pornographic websites by one of the spouses.⁴

The pornography industry brings in \$17 billion a year. Studies show that many people with porn addictions also have financial problems related to this habit.

This fragments the admonition of Christ in the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." What God established in the marriage bond, pornography increasingly reverses in marital infidelity by more than 300%. Painfully, 68% of churchgoing men and 50% of pastors view porn regularly.⁵

Painful Beyond Words - Pedophilia

More than 150 priests in Maryland associated with the Baltimore Archdiocese abused over 600 children. Their history shows over six decades of coverups.

"The sheer number of abusers and victims, the depravity of the abusers' conduct, and the frequency with which known abusers were given the <u>opportunity to continue preying</u> upon children are astonishing. The staggering pervasiveness of the abuse itself underscores the culpability of the Church hierarchy."

The Maryland Attorney General's office began this investigation in 2019. Thus far the archdiocese reported that it has paid out more than \$13 million to victims.

https://www.therecoveryvillage.com/process-addiction/porn-addiction/pornographystatistics/#:~:text=Online%20Porn%20Statistics%20and%20Facts&text=10%25%20of dmit,keeping%20their%20cyber%20activities%20secret

⁴ https://www.therecoveryvillage.com/process-addiction/porn-addiction/pornography-statistics/

⁵ https://baptistnews.com/article/the-ongoing-epidemic-of-pornography-in-the-church/#:~:text=ln%20fact% 2C%20outside%20of%20intimacy,powerful%20than%20the%20day%20before.

Question: Why aren't the individual perpetrators punished?⁶

Between 1950 and 2021, the French Catholic clergy have sexually abused 216,000 children. The phenomenon was covered up by a "veil of silence."

"Jean-Marc Sauve, head of a special French commission, compiled a 2,500-page investigation report of priests in that country. It concluded that the abuse was ... carried out by some 3,000 priests and other people involved in the church.

"About 80 percent of the victims were boys.

"Speaking at a public, online presentation of the report, Suave noted that the Church had shown 'deep, total and even cruel indifference for years', protecting itself rather than the victims.

"The Church not only failed to take necessary preventive measures, he said, but also turned a blind eye to abuse and sometimes knowingly put children in touch with predators."

This abuse involved 2,700 victims. Most cases could not be pursued because of the French statute of limitations. This criminal behavior has become global and endemic within the Catholic clergy! Worldwide, there are now 216,000 known victims.⁷

Horrifying! Adding to this worldwide epidemic of pedophilia crimes, Spain's Minister of Equality called pedophilia a "right." She shocked fellow politicians by saying: "Children should have the right to have sexual relations with whomever they want, as long as they consent." They do not know what that fully means until the mid to late teens.

America Groomed to Accept Pedophilia

Project Veritas recently released an undercover video in which Joseph Bruno, Dean of Francis Parkes School in Chicago, described in graphic terms how students had sex toys handed to them in class and how to use them was discussed, including the lubricant.⁹

The perverse news media consistently defends abusers rather than victim kids. That was switched in early December 2022 when a former well-known CNN producer, John Griffin, pleaded guilty to sexual assault of a 9-year-old girl in his Vermont home. Final sentencing awaits legal appealing. His abuse was horrifying.¹⁰

America's culture is sick, destroying the innocence of children.

In a provocative *Whistleblower Magazine* edition, David Kupelian convincingly wrote: "Make no mistake: Today's rampant transgender grooming craze amounts to widespread child sexual abuse of the most serious and irreversible kind. America is literally normalizing pedophilia."

⁶ https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/maryland-ag-releases-report-catholic-church-sex-abuse-98384355#:~:text=BALTIMORE%20%2D%2D%20More%20than%20150,church%20leaders%20of%20decades%20of

⁷ https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/10/5/french-catholic-church-abused-216000-children-since-1950-report

⁸ https://newdailycompass.com/en/spanish-equal-opportunities-minister-calls-paedophilia-a-right

⁹ https://www.nationalreview.com/news/chicago-school-defends-sex-toy-event-amid-backlash-over-undercover-video/#:~:text=A%20prestigious%20private%20school%20in,on%20how%20to%20use%20them.

¹⁰ https://www.ctinsider.com/news/article/CNN-producer-John-Griffin-CT-child-sex-abuse-17645170.php

He concluded that there is only one solution to neutralize the dark spiritual forces – the virtues of Christianity. Only a spiritual revolution can bring this about, an "inner revolution." The Bible describes a few remnant (Revelation 12:17) as having this phenomenon, but, fearfully, a last day "religious revival" will be enforced by the antichrist over what God labels an "abomination" (Daniel 11:31, 12:11).¹¹

"And all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" (Revelation 13:3b, 4).

Walmart and Target stopped selling "Children's Book of Demons" in 2019. It portrayed summoning demons as a way to have so much fun! It was written for 5- to 10-year-old children. It is still available on Amazon. It opens the door to perverse imagination, including sexual curiosity and enticements. 12

Cultural Pedophilia

Child corruption is being packaged and sold to America as if it were the latest "fashion trend." Planned Parenthood has been retained to teach children in school that it is right to say "No" to unwanted touches – but also it is their right to say "Yes." The Sexual Information and Education Council of the United States is promoting "sex ed for social change." It encourages explicit sex activity to empower students. Parents are not consulted.

Many schools promote homosexuality and gender deviance. Often objections are labeled as "hateful." Parents who resist are called bigots.

Because so many adults in our culture, even in Christian churches, are regular porn users, it is not surprising that many adults are unwilling to take strong action to prevent sexual accessibility to children. Heartbreaking! There is an explosion of children being forced to participate in porn production and child sex trafficking. Disturbing is the growing number of judges who do not consider child predators as serious criminals.

America is experiencing a societal breakdown. It is robbing its youngest citizens of moral innocence, even through "discussions" of sexual behavior in schools, which stimulate their imaginations. Prior to the 1960's, America had moral authority – God, parents, the Bible, teachers, police, and clergy. They are all no longer normative. With the breakdown of the family, a symbol for moral authority was shattered. Parents became more interested in being loved by their children than in being honored by them. They had greater concerns for their feelings than for their behavior. 13

Morphing into today's schools' curriculums is sexually provocative teachings. Parental authority is being diminished. Children can change biological sex without parents' knowledge. Child—parent alienation is at an all-time high in American history.

Parental authority is the basis of a stable civilization, and it is disappearing.

¹¹ Kupelain, David; Whistleblower, "The Great Betrayal," April 2023, p. 4.

¹² https://elizabethjohnston.org/walmart-and-target-drop-childrens-book-of-demons-after-activist-mommy-report/

¹³ Whistleblower, April 2023 (selected).

The ancient patriarchal system and the nuclear family drew together standards of individual conduct, support, and respect for the elderly. The destruction of the family (God's masterpiece of social stability) has been a central focus of Satan that defies God's plan. Stunning!

In April 2023, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz signed into law a bill making that state a "sanctuary" for children's rights. The State now has power to take children away from their parents if they don't approve of gender mutilation surgery!



The new law gives state courts temporary emergency jurisdiction over any child in Minnesota who has been abandoned, is in need of protection from abuse, or has "been unable to obtain gender-affirming health care." The law defines such care as "medically necessary health care or mental health care that respects the gender identity of the patient, as experienced and defined by the patient" and specifically cites puberty blockers and chemical and surgical procedures "to align the patient's appearance or physical body with the patient's gender identity." ¹⁴

Evil remains in our "space." The question: "Do Christians recognize its presence and are they actively concerned?"

Paul warned regarding unseen evil forces:

"For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12 – New Living Translation).

The first message that Jesus gave in His Olivet discourse: "Take heed that no [demon-driven] man deceive you" (Matthew 24:4). It is almost unbelievable success that the devil is having in neutralizing or countering the original plans God developed for mankind.

Corruption at the United Nations

In March of 2023 the *United Nations and International Commission of Jurists* published a handbook on criminal law. This took five years to compile but serves as a blueprint for the global society. It is filled with filth, lawlessness, and evil. It gave principles on social conduct related to human rights involving sex, reproduction, drug use, poverty, and crime.

Amazing:

- 1. Criminal laws of various nations must yield to "human rights."
- 2. "International law" trumps any system of domestic law.

Among the international recommendations:

- Jail should be used only as a measure of last resort.
- Abortion ("pregnancy loss") must not be limited.

¹⁴ https://www.christianpost.com/news/minnesota-now-sanctuary-state-for-sex-changes-for-kids-abortion.html

- "Consensual sex" should not be criminalized, regardless of age.
- There should be no drug laws, even for minors.
- Prostitution should not be criminalized, and houses of prostitution should not be restricted.¹⁵

This is a global blueprint for degradation, lawlessness, and social fragmentation.

- Jesus warned that this world would become so evil, human extinction would result without God's sudden and direct intervention (Matthew 24:21-22).
- That halt will occur when the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of "our Lord and of His Christ" (Revelation 11:15).

God craves that we see these things as very personal threats. Jesus told Peter: "Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you like wheat" (Luke 22:31). Later, a converted Peter said: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (I Peter 5:8).¹⁶

Rising Allegiance to the Devil

The Old Testament does not detail the fall of Lucifer, but his <u>self-corruption</u> is mentioned in Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14. Christ noted: "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:18 – NET).¹⁷ This was conveyed in past tense, suggesting that it occurred in some primordial past.¹⁸

- "Then war broke out in heaven. Michael [Christ] and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him" (Revelation 12:7-9 NIV).
- Incredible! This casting to the earth was into God's perfect space, a newly created earth.

Twice the beautiful plans of the supreme God of the universe were subverted, marred, and defaced – once in heaven, then on earth. Logic seems to suggest that God should have quickly neutralized those massive deceptive forces of Lucifer and restore order. However, with that response, love would never be understood.

"In great mercy, according to His divine character, God bore long with Lucifer. The spirit of discontent and disaffection had never before been known in heaven. It was a new element, strange, mysterious, unaccountable....

"A compassionate Creator, in yearning pity for Lucifer and his followers, was seeking to draw them back from the abyss of ruin into which they were about to plunge. But His mercy was

¹⁵ https://townhall.com/columnists/bobbarr/2023/04/20/un-sanctioned-report-is-a-blueprint-for-filth-degradation-and-lawlessness-n2622141

¹⁶ Britt, Steven: *Beyond Today*, September-October 2022, pp. 17-19.

¹⁷ Osborne, Grant R.; Revelation (Baker Book House; Grand Rapids, MI), p. 468.

¹⁸ Aune, David E.; *52A World Biblical Commentary; Revelation 1-5* (World Books; Dallas, Texas – 1997), p. 695.

misinterpreted. Lucifer pointed to the long-suffering of God as an evidence of his own superiority, an indication that the King of the universe would yet accede to his terms....

"God permitted Satan to carry forward his work until the spirit of disaffection ripened into active revolt. It was necessary for his plans to be fully developed, that their true nature and tendency might be seen by all....

"God could employ only such means as were consistent with truth and righteousness. Satan could use what God could not – flattery and deceit. He had sought to falsify the word of God and had misrepresented His plan of government, claiming that God was not just in imposing laws upon the angels; that in requiring submission and obedience from His creatures, He was seeking merely the exaltation of Himself. It was therefore necessary to demonstrate before the inhabitants of heaven, and of all the worlds, that God's government is just, His law perfect." 19

Satan's success and power have been so strong, the Bible calls him: "the god of this world" (II Corinthians 4:4), or "prince" of this world (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11). He succeeded in deceiving and degrading humanity, and changing God's perfect order!

Few understand the horrible threat to life and eternity from the devil's magnetic power. Fewer still realize that the Bible projects a coalition between the antichrist and Satan, enrapturing all of the world (Revelation 13:3). "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? ... And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations" (Revelation 13:4, 7).

Highlighting Evil

The Grammy Awards, February 2023, featured a song, "Unholy," by performers dressed as demons surrounding the devil, featuring Sam Smith, who called himself gender queer, born male and surgically changed to "female." In that song "Unholy," Smith was dressed in an all red outfit with horns.

- During the performance, dancers bowed to him.²⁰
- This was a highlight occasion for the entertainment industry.

The number of public schools hosting *Satan clubs* is increasing. The number of people claiming the title of "Satanists" is growing.²¹In the summer of 2022, in the setting of the

The *International Commonwealth Games* was a coalition of 72 nations in Birmingham, England. A fiery structure appeared in the background, depicting the Tower of Babel, followed by a massive bull-like creature being pulled to center stage by enslaved women. A woman was on top of the bull, suggesting the woman and the beast of Revelation 17. Then dozens of men

¹⁹ Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 39, 41-42 (emphasis added).

https://www.google.com/search?q=2023+grammy+awards&oq=2023+grammy+awards&aqs=chrome...69i57.8267j0j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

²¹ Flurry, Gerald; The Philadelphia Trumpet, April 2023

and women bowed toward the beast in the form of worship. Flags of dozens of nations were then set up in front of the beast.²²

Demonic symbolism has approached ancient paganism.

Satan Craves to be Worshiped

"When the tempter offered to Christ the kingdom and glory of the world, he was proposing that Christ should yield up the real kingship of the world, and hold dominion subject to Satan. This was the same dominion upon which the hopes of the Jews were set. They desired the kingdom of this world. If Christ had consented to offer them such a kingdom, they would gladly have received Him. But the curse of sin, with all its woe, rested upon it. Christ declared to the tempter, 'Get thee behind Me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.'

"By the one who had revolted in heaven the kingdoms of this world were offered Christ, to buy His homage to the principles of evil; but He would not be bought; He had come to establish a kingdom of righteousness, and He would not abandon His purpose. With the same temptation Satan approaches men, and here he has better success than with Christ. To men he offers the kingdom of this world on condition that they will acknowledge his supremacy."²³

God anticipated this by giving a warning through John the Revelator: "Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Revelation 12:12).

• Commensurate with that woe is a commentary that Isaiah wrote: "They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners? All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house." (Isaiah 14:16-18).

John notes of this time:

- "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:2-3).
- "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and

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²³ The Desire of Ages, p. 130.

filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration" (Revelation 17:3-6).

• John, however, assures: "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: ... And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death" (Revelation 12:10, 11).

In spite of Satan's almost overwhelming control of human minds, there will be "overcomers," a remnant (12:17), those identified as "saints" (14:12) who successfully resist him (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21).

Cultural Filth

Children are being sexualized virtually from birth.

Harvard now teaches a course regarding *infants* who are "LGBTQIA+," "queer" or "asexual." It teaches that these infants should be injected with an experimental "vaccine" *(proven* to be both ineffective and dangerous). It encourages attendance of 2- and 3-year-olds at "drag queen story hour" events, glorifying mentally ill, demonically possessed men dressed as women (some with criminal histories of child sexual abuse), who indoctrinate America's next generation with fantastic stories about heroic LGBT characters.

That is child abuse of infants and toddlers.

As they grow older, America's children are systematically sexualized in government ("public") school classrooms and after-school LGBT "support clubs," as well as by the ubiquitous purple-haired, heavily pierced transgender recruiters on social media platforms like TikTok. As a direct consequence, many children are seduced into identifying as the opposite gender, or a brand-new imaginary gender. And although too young to drive or vote or understand gender, they are encouraged, convinced, and permitted by evil grownups, to take powerful drugs and hormones, and to have their healthy breasts amputated or undergo chemical or surgical castration. It is no surprise that the teen transgender suicide rate is "shockingly high."

Patrice Lewis, in a provocative commentary for WND news center, warned that "forces of evil" are trying to desensitize American children by sexualizing them. She called it a disgusting, progressive manipulation, while pointing out the loathsome trends:

- 1. A growing appeal to now create porn for children
- 2. Strip away the blinders of innocence by dragging kids to pride parades. Any person should shamelessly explore what brings joy and excitement. Fulfill their carnal needs that delight and captivate for the moment.

²⁴ https://www.wnd.com/2021/10/normalizing-porn-kids/

- 3. X-rated adult books packaged as children's "education literature." Their content has pornographic and obscene pictures. (A mom confronted a school board regarding this, reciting some of their passages. Her mike was cut off.)
- 4. Terry McAuliffe, a Virginia gubernatorial candidate, "huffed" that "parents shouldn't have a say in what their children are taught.
- 5. An NBC contributor, Noah Berlatsky, attempted to legitimize pedophilia under the guise of helping children. He conducted interviews promoting the "positive impact" this has on children.
- 6. A California YMCA hosted a pornographer to teach children's art. He holds "Youth only events" of art. One picture they were to copy showed a "Disney Orgy" engaged in group sex.²⁵

"In this degenerate age many ["Christians"] will be found who are so blinded to the sinfulness of sin that they choose a licentious life, because it suits the natural and perverse inclination of the heart. Instead of facing the mirror, the law of God, and bringing their hearts and characters up to God's standard, they allow Satan's agents to erect his standard in their hearts. Corrupt men think it easier to misinterpret the Scriptures to sustain them in their iniquity, than to yield up their corruption and sin and be pure in heart and life."

"There are more men of this stamp than many have imagined, and they will multiply as we draw near the end of time.... [However,] The nearer we live to Jesus, the more will we partake of His pure and holy character; and the more offensive sin appears to us, the more exalted and desirable will appear the purity and brightness of Christ."²⁶

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²⁵ https://www.wnd.com/2021/10/normalizing-porn-kids/

²⁶ Counsels on Health, p. 623.