

# WHY OUR CONFUSED PRIORITIES COST THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF BABIES

**This article can go a long way in clearing up the confused priorities that perpetuate legalized abortion.** Let me tell you why.

For years I worked as Regional Director of the largest prison ministry in the world called Prison Fellowship. I went into hundreds of prisons and interacted with tens of thousands of convicts. Like everyone in Prison Fellowship, I went into prisons to try to lead every person in prison to salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

But did anybody ever say that we should teach Christians that the only thing they had to do to stop crime was simply go around telling everybody about the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ?

It would have been preposterous to even consider. Why? We all knew what the Bible teaches about the difference between the ministry of government and the ministry of the gospel. And we had seen with our own eyes why the Bible taught that difference.

We knew too well that many of the people in prison had been determined mockers of God who before coming to prison had heard the gospel preached to them many times without saving effect. We also knew the horrible carnage that had been wrought by many of the people we ministered to in prison. We understood the absolute necessity of first arresting such people using any means necessary, even deadly force, if that was what was required to stop such people from carrying out their murderous intentions against innocent victims.

We also knew that it was after those people got arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced to prison by government that many began to see the error of their ways and became willing subjects of our evangelism, of our gospel ministry.

If someone came along and said that Christians should teach everybody that the only thing God allowed in dealing with people involved in imminent murder was preaching the gospel message to them while they were prowling the streets, they would have been understood by all of us to be ignoramuses who deserved no attention from serious men.

But for three decades a huge percentage of the "pro-life leaders" have been saying that the only thing required to solve the heinous crime of legalized abortion was to preach the gospel.

If you don't believe it, read the following quotes and you will be given another opportunity to understand why God's children are being butchered by the millions and most people in this generation are presently bound for hell.

*"I think the question of conscience and punishment ought to be left in [God's] hands, and that what we*



*ought to be trying to do...we ought to be representing the truth that converts the heart..."* Alan Keyes speaking to me on his MSNBC television program

about why I should not expose people going into abortion clinics on [abortioncams.com](http://abortioncams.com).



*"Our duty is not to force someone to not have an abortion."* Randy Alcorn, best-selling pro-life Christian author, quoted by Christian Broadcasting Network



*"...Like slavery before it, abortion is preeminently a Gospel issue. The Cross of Christ is the only solution."* Flip Benham, Operation Save America Purpose Statement.

## **Why Christians Cause the Name of Jesus Christ to be Blasphemed**

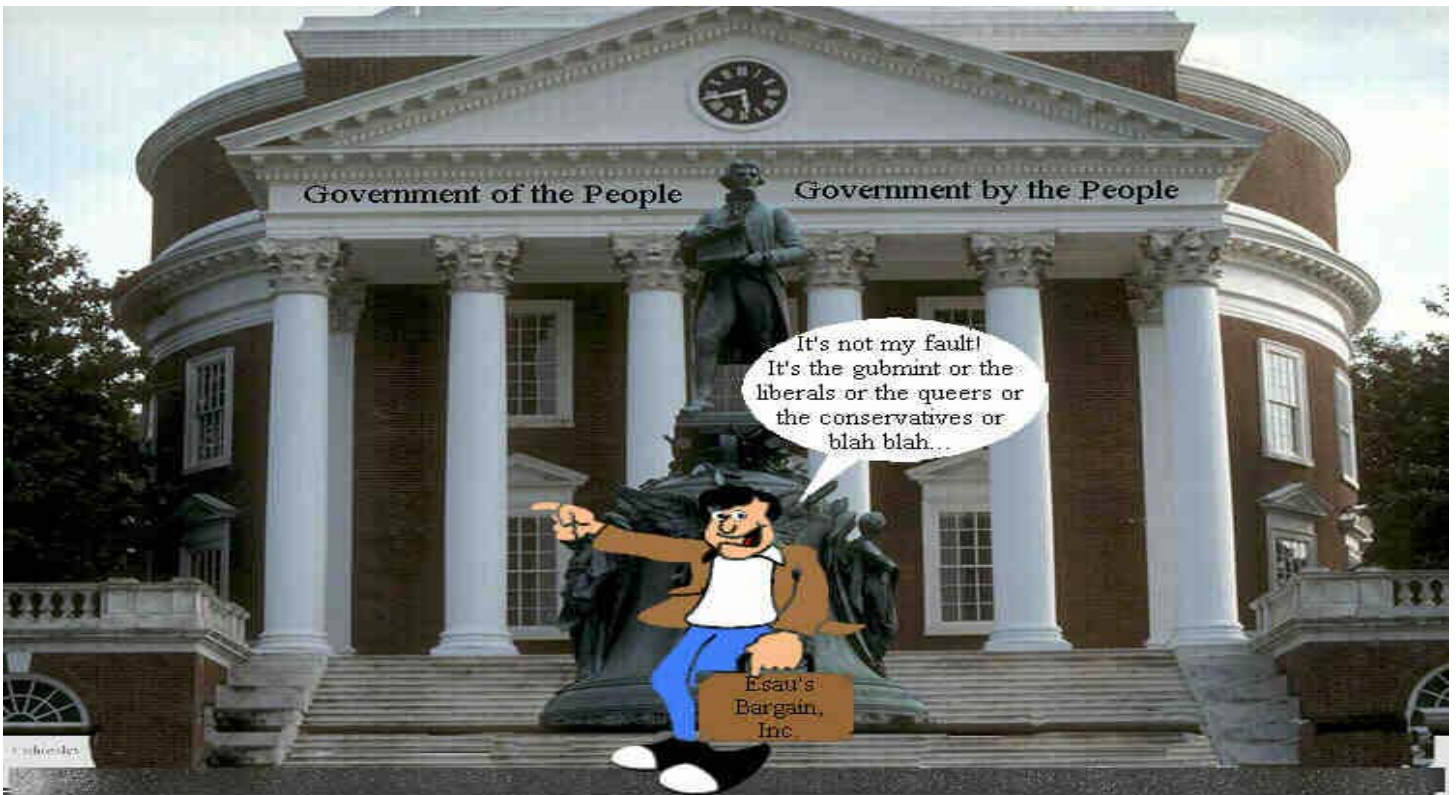
Chances are you are looking back at the quotes and saying to yourself, What's wrong with them?

What's wrong with them is they utterly ignore the distinctions and differences that the Bible teaches exist between God's ministry of the Gospel and God's ministry of government.

An entire generation of Christians has been raised without being taught to understand God's plan for government. The point cannot be missed, so I'll repeat it: This generation of Christians, especially Evangelical Protestants, has been steeped to the gills in Biblical teaching about evangelism but has utterly failed to learn what the Bible says about the ministry of government.

Even the most respected popular Christian teachers are functionally ignorant about this subject **BUT THEY DON'T KNOW IT**. Since they don't know their failure; they act like what they teach is a balanced exegesis of Scripture. That is a text book example of

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CONFUSION!**



what confusion looks like at ground zero.

Furthermore, this confusion is at the root of this nation's problems. If Christians are the only salt a dying world can expect, and those Christians lose their saltiness and replace it with silliness, then the root problem tracks back to the Christians.

By ignoring what the Bible teaches about the ministry of government and through word and example teaching that the Bible requires Christians to solely participate in the ministry of grace, Christians lead others inexorably to an unbiblical neo-pacifism and become instruments of confusion rather than truth, sources of darkness rather than light

### **Battling Confusion**

It is only through returning to a balanced understanding of the Biblical message about the ministry of grace and the ministry of government that we will be used by God to arrest the desecration that has overtaken this land and destroyed God's plan for government in the USA...as well as the lives of countless millions of His children through legalized abortion.

Look at what the Apostle Paul said: (1 Tim 1:9-11 KJV) *Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, {10} For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; {11} According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.*

When he wrote the words above to Timothy, the Apostle Paul would have reasonably expected Timothy

to remember what Paul had written in his letter to the Romans concerning the officers of government that enforce the law, *"But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain; for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil."*

The point is the Apostle Paul *never* said that the problem of crime or lawlessness or evil in this world was "...preeminently a gospel issue..." The problem of righteousness before God was a gospel issue. Crime—of which legalized abortion is a perfect example—as the Apostle Paul tried to tell us, was a matter that God had ordained government to contend with.

The critical Biblical guide is found in Romans 13: *"1Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 3For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: 4For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. 5Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. 6For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.*

The day the Supreme Court legalized child slaughter, the unthinkable occurred: the government

of the United States of America legalized the murder of God's children. The government institution ordained by God to hold evil in check became in fact an agent of murder; the government ordained by God to restrain the unsaved from the total depravity that is the natural condition of unregenerate human beings in fact entered into league with the devil whose sole desire is the destruction of God's children.

But it was not only the government of the United States of America that was defiled and made a slave to Satan. Because the government of the United States of America derives its authority from the consent of every citizen in the USA, the government decision to legalize child slaughter made each and every citizen culpable in its evil decision.

At that moment, the Christians in the USA were confronted with a source of confusion Christian teachers were utterly unprepared to handle. Instead of the government doing what God ordained government to do—as Christians had long expected the government of the USA to do—the government began to do exactly the opposite. Christians who had been taught to conform to the dictates of government because it was assumed that government would act in accordance with God's ordained purpose were incapable of understanding the meaning of the confusing government about-face. Confusion ruled.

On the one hand, Christian teachers were tempted to interpret Romans 13 to mean that since government did it, God wanted all His people to obey. But that interpretation had one obvious problem. If legalized abortion was contrary to God's will, God would in effect contradict His own will by requiring His people to obey a government that contradicted the Will of God.

Most Christians sidestepped the problem by developing a "practical theology" that allowed them to give lip service to the idea that legalized abortion was against God's Will while, at the same time, they supported the government even to the extent of providing the funds that were used to commit abortion. Confusion was sown that is bearing horrible rotten fruit in this generation.

This double-mindedness has not been confessed as sin by Christian leaders. Instead the double-minded ideas about legalized abortion have become Christian orthodoxy so that millions of Christian "pro-lifers" actually believe that their efforts, which they applaud to high heaven as evidence that they are "winning the battle," redound to God's glory and make it possible for people to understand the meaning of the message in Holy Scripture.

Yet they do this at a time when the rest of the world has developed classes from high school to college, and theological seminaries as well, talking about what it means to live in a post-Christian culture.

**So the Holy Spirit of God has been grieved and quenched among those double-minded people.**

It would seem that the facts prove conclusively that Rev. Benham and the other "pro-life" leaders like his is engaged at the very least in wishful thinking.

**The battle is not being won. God's children are being legally butchered**

**without the due process of law we would grant to a Muslim terrorist; the cause of Jesus Christ is in fast retreat; and the emerging generation is bold to believe the day will come when nobody will grant serious credibility to the God of Holy Scripture.**

Wishful thinking is not the truth that is the word of God. Wishful thinkers speak in vain and become instruments of confusion rather than truththereby. Until the confusion infesting Christians in this nation is routed, things will only continue to disintegrate, get worse. These existing leaders are utterly powerless to do anything other than lead the blind once they have allowed confusion to find a stronghold in their thought processes.

Another example of the confusion will show you what I mean.

**Randy Alcorn**

Randy Alcorn is an author of "Christian" books generating millions of dollars in cash flow. In addition to being a best selling author, Mr. Alcorn is also a graduate of the non-violent civil disobedience phase of the pro-life movement. He was arrested and sued for those activities, and therefore speaks as a Christian minister who is a leader of the "pro-life" movement.

The Christian Broadcasting Network, Pat Robertson's public communication vehicle, interviewed Mr Alcorn for an article prophetically entitled "The State of the Pro-Life Movement" published on June 27, 2002.

In an example of what amounts to literally terminal confusion, Mr. Alcorn said, "... God calls us to be faithful, and that's not always being successful, it's being faithful. It's like evangelism. You don't measure success by the fact that still most of the world doesn't know Christ. You determine that we have to get the message to them. That's measuring success, I think, in a proper way. That's our duty. Our duty is not to force someone to come to Christ. You can't do that anyway. Our duty is not to force someone to not have an abortion. You can't do that either. But our calling is to get to those people and offer alternatives, and explanations, and insights."

Mr. Alcorn is such a dangerous teacher because he almost tells the truth. He took what the Bible tells us about the ministry of evangelism and accurately defined its limitations. He said, "Our duty is not to force someone to come to Christ."

The entire history of the Christian Church says amen to the idea that people cannot be forced to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior because such acceptance is an action of belief alone and entails nothing other than the will of the individual.

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But then note that Mr. Alcorn took that which can be said about the ministry of evangelism and applied it whole cloth to people who are going to commit abortion.

It is right there that grave and fatally dangerous confusion was revealed not only to exist in Mr. Alcorn's mind but to be a part of Mr. Alcorn's very ministry for Jesus Christ. For a teacher of God's word to almost get it right is to sow confusion in those parts that were almost correct, but in fact wrong.

### **The Proper Relationship of the Ministry of Grace to the Ministry of Government**

Consider the subject of evangelism, properly called the ministry of grace. Evangelism is engaged with one individual whose decision to follow or reject Jesus Christ will cause eternal consequences, but that individual literally cannot be forced to believe that which is not actually believed by that individual. Duress might obtain words of faith from the individual but those words would be lies and have no real saving effect unless the person believed without duress.

Now consider the person on the way to commit abortion: that person not only has their own personal welfare at risk, but the very life of another human being is at risk...or so Mr. Alcorn has always said. That other human being—the passenger within the person going to commit abortion—can be saved if the prospective aborter is deterred from carrying out her abortion goal for a few short months. In other words, duress can force the person to delay their actions, thereby preventing them from killing another human being.

Now Mr. Alcorn would tell us that we have no "duty" to "force someone not to have an abortion..."

The confusion of his position comes clear the moment we ask ourselves if Mr. Alcorn would say that about any other person who was on their way to commit murder. Would Mr. Alcorn say if we knew in advance of the intention to murder, that we could not force such a prospective murderer to refrain from the crime?

It is impossible for an accomplished author such as Mr. Alcorn to be so dense.

There is another explanation. Is Mr. Alcorn a pacifist—an Amish or a Mennonite perhaps—who believes that a Christian under no circumstances would lift a hand in force against another human being, even to protect the lives of his wife or his children or the people who buy his books? Perhaps that explains the apparent confusion in Mr. Alcorn's words. For centuries there have been pacifist Christians who literally taught that it was evil for Christians to engage in force against another human being. Those Christians have paid a terrible price for their convictions. Is Mr. Alcorn one of them?

Look at his picture again. Its word value is high. The man is no Amish or Mennonite Anabaptist.

Mr. Alcorn is a garden variety Protestant or Catholic—it doesn't really matter which—both are quick to say that government is fully authorized to use force, even deadly force, in the just enforcement of the law.

But somehow, Mr. Alcorn is utterly oblivious to the obvious contradiction of his believing that abortion kills a human being while at the same time he denies that he has a "duty" to see the law applied in the defense of that human being the same way the law is applied in the defense of every other human being in this nation.

Now that is confusion with a capital C.

### **CHRISTIANS HAVE ABDICATED RESPONSIBILITY TO ENFORCE THE LAW**

There was a time when Christians in the USA

understood that government was not only for the people but was of the people and by the people as well. All you have to do to prove it is read any books written by or about Christians during any of the government crises in this nation. From the Revolutionary War until the Vietnam War, Christians understood that government power was a delegated power flowing from the individual citizen, then to the elected representatives of those citizens, and from there to the officers appointed by those elected representatives. The only divergence from this understanding was found in members of religious denominations that ranged the gamut from the Anabaptist Amish and Mennonites to the Jehovah's Witnesses.

But listen to teachers like Mr. Alcorn who represents the emerging consensus of Christians in the USA in this generation and you will see that virtually all Christians today have abdicated responsibility to enforce the law...and they do it by specifically teaching that Christians can do nothing else.

### **Alan Keyes Defined Why Christians Have Allowed This Confusion to Grow for Thirty Years**

If what I am saying is true, then a question remains that must be answered: Why would Christians in the USA have allowed this confusion to grow for the last thirty years? What possible explanation can be given for this most ungodly behavior? Alan Keyes answered that question.

To really put this in perspective, you've got to see who Alan Keyes is. For over a decade, Alan Keyes has had a high profile in this nation and especially in the pro-life movement. A perennial candidate for President from the Republican Party and a host of nationally broadcast television and radio programs, his point of view has influenced millions. Few would deny that he is a leading spokesman for the Evangelical Christian consensus in this nation.

During an interview with me on his television program broadcast on MSNBC in June, Alan Keyes berated me for the actions I have taken in resisting legalized abortion. Without planning to do it, Alan Keyes revealed during that interview with me the underlying reason why legalized abortion and the other grievous examples of the desecration of God's authority continue in the USA. As you examine his words, and meditate on the fact that Alan Keyes' words are not his alone but that he is speaking as a voice of the Evangelical Christian consensus in this nation, you will see exactly why the confusion that presently rules this nation has gone unresisted and unchecked for so long.

Keyes purpose for having me on his show was to tell me he thought I should stop publishing pictures of people around abortion clinics. He said to me, "But I want to tell you quite bluntly that I think that what you are doing is wrong, that it's harmful to the pro-life movement, that it represents the kind of tactic that will disgrace and discredit what we are trying to do, and that it involves a tactic that because it disregards what ought to be our own principle of care and concern for life is actually contrary to the truths we're supposed to stand for. And I want to say quite bluntly on behalf of the pro-life movement itself, I wish you'd stop it."

Because I had great respect for Alan Keyes I did not laugh in his face when he said my actions were "harmful to the pro-life movement." The idea that anybody can do anything to harm the pro-life movement has to be one of the most bizarre ideas the mind can conceive.

How can you harm something that has been a total failure for thirty years? If you haven't noticed, the "pro-life movement" has been a complete failure. In attempting to deter people from butchering God's unborn children, the only movement that has been effective at all has been the movement of individuals who were willing to place themselves in opposition

to the "pro-life movement" by doing things that the "pro-life movement" was always opposed to. Research the non-violent civil disobedience phase of the "pro-life movement" and you'll see that the leaders of the "pro-life movement" decried the tactics from beginning to end. And that is only one example. On top of that, how is it possible to do anything that would result in more babies being killed when literally anybody who wants to kill an unborn baby can kill that baby even after portions of the baby's body have begun to protrude from its mother's birth canal? What did he think? My actions were going to make it possible for people to not only kill their children but to then legally eat them as well?

Anyway, I responded by saying, "But I think you're wrong right now, because I think you're, you're ignoring the fact that these people are going to kill God's children. And what I'm trying to do is to point out that fact. And you can say that it's wrong to point it out, but a woman who goes and kills her baby is involved in some degree of homicide and she's going to be punished. And we can pretend she's a victim, but the reality is she knows what she's doing. And God knows she knows what she's doing. And we've got to start acting like that's the truth or else we confuse people."

If you will examine the remainder of my conversation with Alan Keyes', you will see that his response proves what I had long suspected: "pro-life Christians" will do nothing with the power to arrest legalized abortion because they are afraid that to do anything other than the failed tactics of the last thirty years would endanger themselves.

#### Fear Among Christians Is At the Root of the Continuing Desecration

Listen closely to what Alan Keyes says and you will see the fear he harbors.

Alan Keyes responded to me, "We ought to be representing the truth that converts the heart. And I've got to tell you, it seems to me that standing there, especially if you're adopting a tactic that might convey to this woman, you don't care about me, you don't care if somebody comes and hurts me, that's not going to open her heart to the truth. That's not going to open her heart so that she'll listen to the plea that God puts in our mouths on behalf of her child. We want her to hear us, not shut her heart against us."

I then asked him, "Why don't you say that to the policemen who we hire to go out and interrupt people who are about to commit homicide. The fact is you're treating these people like they're not fixing to kill their babies. No wonder they're confused. No wonder they don't understand that what they're doing is a heinous sin."

Listen closely to what Alan Keyes then says to me and you will see that Alan Keyes, along with the Christian consensus that he is a spokesman for, is literally in bondage to fear.

Keyes said, "Quite the contrary. Neal, what I am doing is I am treating this situation as what it is, a situation in which we must not unleash greater evils in what we do to stop the evil we're looking at. And if we go forward in a way that suggests we're declaring some kind of physical war on people, then the end result will be a worse situation, and we'll be to blame for it. I plead with you again..."

Alan Keyes was not talking about me posting pictures on the Internet of people at abortion clinics. Alan Keyes was saying that anybody who did anything other than things that had been done for the last thirty years

risked unknown consequences, consequences that could cost even more people their lives than the babies who were surely going to die if things continued to be the same. The point is obvious: in Alan Keyes eyes any risk whatsoever to born people could not be tolerated even if unborn babies continued to be legally slaughtered in the USA forever.

Look again at what he said: "We must not unleash greater evils in what we do to stop the evil we're looking at." In other words, Alan Keyes was saying that the evil "we're looking at" is acceptable if the alternative is to risk any possibility whatsoever of "greater evils."

What does that mean except Keyes and all the people he speaks for are willing to accept literally millions of babies being legally slaughtered rather than do anything except continue the impotent tactics and actions that have been repeated over and over ad nauseum for thirty years?

Do you see what the actions of this generation of "pro-life leaders" prove? Based on thirty years of investment in a self-serving theology designed to justify why God's people tolerate the slaughter of God's unborn children, the "pro-life" Christians like Alan Keyes and the Christians he speaks for can be trusted to do nothing that carries the slightest theoretical risk to either themselves or the people they speak for.

Can you see that that is a recipe for political coma?

Why?

Everything carries a theoretical risk. A silly, fearful mind can find threats in every motion of the universe, in every sound that's heard, in every statement that's made. People in bondage to fear will always find words to justify their fear. People in bondage to fear will not take risks that literally threaten their own lives. They will always find a fearful reason to avoid new things even when those things are allowed by Holy Scripture as a just response to the fact that God's children are being slaughtered before our very eyes by the thousands each day that passes in the United States of America.

The Apostle Paul says of those like himself, "But we have not received the spirit of fear..."

What about you? What spirit leads you? Is it the spirit of fear? Or is it the Holy Spirit who cries out today about the horrible, legalized butchering of His children in the United States of America? One thing is for certain, how you respond to this issue of the Abortion Abolitionist magazine will go a long way toward demonstrating conclusively which spirit you serve. END



**What Altar Do You Worship At?**