

THE PRESENT STRATEGIC BANKRUPTCY

Not Only Have All Tactics Failed To Abolish Legalized Abortion, Every Strategy Has Created Confusion About God's Grace



Bonhoeffer and Grace: One writer summarized Bonhoeffer this way: "As a young German man, Dietrich Bonhoeffer was aware that National Socialism was an attempt to make history happen on its own, without God. He therefore, in 1933 denounced the system that made the Fuhrer its god and idol, and became a leader of the underground confessional church in Germany during World War II. Eventually he became involved in a failed plot to assassinate Hitler and was executed at the concentration camp at Flossenburg on April 9, 1945. Bonhoeffer is perhaps best known for his classic book, *The Cost of Discipleship*. Within its pages, he describes "cheap grace" as a type of faith that does not necessarily lead to actions, because it does not demand a changed heart.

"Cheap grace", he says, means 'grace as a doctrine, a principle, a system. It means forgiveness of sins proclaimed as a general truth, the love of God taught as the Christian conception of God. An

intellectual assent to that idea is held to be of itself sufficient to secure remission of sins...Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline...Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate."

Confusion About Grace In The Pro Life Movement

From the very first days of the pro life movement, grace has been cheap--in fact, pro life leaders have taught that grace literally costs people nothing

To see what I am talking about, let me give you an example. On national television one night two years ago, Alan Keyes, after saying that he was speaking for the pro life movement, berated me for having the audacity to publish pictures on the Internet of women who have hired abortionists to kill their own child.

Keyes told me why I was wrong: "Neal...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 immediately responded to Mr. Keyes by asking 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."



DOUBLE MINDED PRO LIFE LEADERS

From beginning to end the leaders of the pro life movement have been double minded about the people who were going in to kill God's children. On the one hand pro life leaders have been quick to say murder was occurring in those clinics, but on the other hand, pro life leaders have been totally unwilling to call the woman a murderer who was going in to kill her baby.

Keyes' words to me give insight into why there is this double standard. Look again at what Alan Keyes said to me and you will see the fundamental flaw in the pro life leadership in this nation. He said, "...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."

To see what I am talking about, ask yourself if Alan Keyes would say to the same thing to me if I was talking about posting the picture on the Internet of a serial ax murderer who had been killing prostitutes. Would Alan Keyes say, Neal, if you do something that makes that ax murderer think you don't care about him, that's not going to open his heart to the truth. That's not going to open his heart so he will listen to us when we tell him about the wonderful forgiveness that Jesus Christ offers to serial ax murderers.

Of course Alan Keyes would never say what he said to me about an ax murderer but he did not

hesitate to use that argument when it came time to talk about legalized abortion.

Every Christian in America must ask themselves why are we so unwilling to call the people going in to kill her child a murderer, even at the same time we say that murder is being committed inside those "clinics."

I'll tell you why we do it. At a certain level, most every Christian in this nation actually identifies with the woman going in to kill her child. At some level, every Christian in this nation knows that we, each and every one of us, literally are sharing in the action to go in to kill that baby. It is almost impossible to find a congregation in this nation that does not have members who have killed their baby. Our soul is not oblivious to these facts. This deep-seated sense of our own personal individual culpability in the murderous action of the woman going to kill the baby causes us to back away from speaking truthfully about what is happening there. We want to protect the woman going in to kill the child because we want to protect ourselves from admitting the guilt we share in her action.

If we can find ways to rationalize not treating the woman going to kill her child like a murderer, then we can easily find ways to rationalize our own personal, individual culpability in her action.

In other words, by protecting the mother who goes to kill her baby, we actually protect ourselves from having to face the true guilt that each and every citizen in the USA shares in her murderous action.

The good news, the gospel is, that God does offer forgiveness to serial ax murderers; but that forgiveness only comes after conviction of sin and repentance has occurred. And Romans 13 makes it clear that God requires government to establish the laws that define punishable sin, the laws which when enforced provide the means through which penance can begin to be fulfilled.

Alan Keyes either does not understand this, in which case he is totally unqualified to be a Christian teacher, or...well, there is no "or." Alan Keyes is simply unqualified to be a Christian teacher or leader.

But we all know he has hundreds of thousands of Christians who think he is a great leader. He is such a successful "teacher" and "leader" because the people he teaches and leads want the kind of confusion that he brings. Surrounding themselves with that kind of confusion makes it that much easier to hide from the horrible guilt that waits just outside of consciousness for most every Christian alive in the USA today, the guilt that comes from harboring and protecting the unrepentant murderers of God's children in the bosom of "Christian Fellowship," the guilt that comes from refusing to confess such sin.

THE HORRIBLE FRUIT PRO LIFE "LEADERS" ARE CREATING

The headline read, "**Mother walks free after shaking her baby to death**"



Written by Christie Blatchford and published on 2/25/04 in the Toronto Globe, the article began, "By about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, 25-year-old Elizabeth Cao was essentially free as a bird. She was given a conditional sentence of two years less a day, plus three years of probation, meaning no jail time. Judge David Fairgrieve waved off the "usual house arrest and community service provisions," deciding Ms. Cao had been punished enough by the 22 days she cruelly had been forced to serve between her arrest and release on bail."

What was the trial about? "In the fall of 2001, fed up with her five-week-old daughter Sara's crying, Ms. Cao shook her to death. "

The reporter was in the Courtroom when the Judge sentenced the woman. She described the scene, "If you had walked into courtroom M-1 at the Old City Hall courts, knowing nothing of the matter, you might have taken the heavy young woman dressed in a black T-shirt and pants for a victim of crime. Before and after the proceedings began, one or another of her two fine lawyers was usually hovering protectively at her side, as though the young woman were terribly frail. "

The defense lawyers claimed their client was "developmentally delayed" and therefore should not be held responsible for shaking her daughter to death. Even though the Judge was informed the woman had graduated from High School, and even though the Judge admitted that, "she did not lack the capacity to understand the consequences of her actions," the woman walked out of the courtroom free as a bird and a living example of the fact that it is possible not only to kill unborn babies without punishment in this world, it is possible to kill born babies as well.

All you have to do is convince people that true "love" would never want to see someone punished. How did Alan Keyes put it as he spoke for the entire "pro life movement?" "Neal...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."

In that Toronto Courtroom, the true horribly rotten fruit being grown by Alan Keyes and the rest of the well heeled leaders of the pro life movement fell from the tree.

Look at it long and hard American Christians. It is a fruit that is even now returning to the soil from which it will spring with ever more fecundity unless we begin now to dig it out at the root.

The Creator's Rights Party has the spade in hand and is already turning the soil.

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