

A Nation That Has Abandoned Conscience

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There are many troubling things going on in the world. In a culture that murder's babies, and seeks to "defund the police" and wants to stop Churches' from gathering, there is yet more to come. All you have to do is ask your teenage child, I'm sure if they watch Netflix, they can inform you about the new Netflix movie, which is known as "Cuties". As USA Today described it, it is "The award-winning French film". The immediate controversy was over art and advertisements by Netflix about the movie and then the trailer of the movie. Now, the controversy is about the movie itself. The movie has pre-teen actresses dancing in midriff-baring tops and short shorts with their backs arched. It's actually more than that, even as you look at the advertising image, the look on the girl's faces is also blatantly sexualized. As I was reading about this film, I'll be honest I was extremely troubled. I also need to note, that I have not seen the film nor do I intend to. Cuties is the story of 11-year-old Amy who's fascinated with a twerking dance crew. The film comments on the hypersexualization of preadolescent girls. I am going to stop there and interject an important concept. Society has become so tolerant that no behavior, it seems, is too perverted to be openly advocated. Everyone is scared to say it because we live in America and everyone thinks that "niceness" is the way to God. The truth is this, all this going on is frightening evidence that God has abandoned our sinful society to its own degrading passions. Humanism has dehumanized our culture. You can quote 2 Chronicles 7:14 until the cows come home. That verse is not confined to the borders of the United States, its for God's covenant people- His Church. Many Church leaders are scared to take a stand. They are scared because they would rather be comfortable. By all means they know who butters their bread. This has led to Churches' being reluctant to take an uncompromising Biblical stand. The Apostle Paul makes it very clear that the evidence of a society that has put to death conscience follows the same trajectory. In Romans 1 we see the downward spiral of sin. Scripture teaches that homosexuality practices are "indecent acts" (v.27), driven by "degrading passions" (v.26). Perhaps what's even more distressing is the realization that we have already reached the final stage on the spiral downhill due to the fact that conscience is silenced. At this point nothing is left to instruct people's behavior but their own depraved corrupt minds. When this happens, the mind becomes a tool for unrestrained lust (see Romans 1:28-32). The result of this is God giving his people over to impurity (v.24), then giving them over to degrading passions (v.26), then the final outcome is God giving them over to a depraved mind (v.28). For many of us, this doesn't even move us. It really doesn't even cause us to fear. There really is something wrong. Anyone who wants to follow the culture rather than obey God's Holy Word is utterly without excuse (Rom. 1:32). My heartfelt message to you is this. You may, dear friend, suppress your sense of guilt now, but when you give an account to God your own conscience will stand against you. Jesus said, "the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). Those who reject the light are condemned to darkness. Society's conscience's have been seared, debased, repressed, and overturned this is why you see people sinking deeper into sin. The only hope is those who would repent, come to Christ (Ac. 2:38) and to follow hard after Christ, having your conscience cleansed and renewed at baptism (Heb. 9:14). True freedom is slavery to Christ and His Lordship.

