

From Ugly Reality to God's Glory . . .

Have you heard the story about Gavin Newsom shopping at Target and seeing a shoplifter just walk out of the store without paying? He was shocked and asked a nearby employee why nothing was done to stop it.

From **Yahoo! News**:

"Why aren't you stopping him," Newsom said he asked the employee. . . .

"We don't stop them because of the governor," Newsom said [quoting the employee]. . . "The governor lowered the threshold and there is no accountability."

After blaming Newsom for the crime, the worker allegedly gave Newsom a second glance and realized who she was speaking with.

"And then she looks at me twice, and then she freaks out . . .

Where is your manager?" the governor recalled . . .

"Why are you blaming the governor," Newsom said.

After the worker attributed the rise in brazen crime to Newsom lowering the "threshold" for serious crimes, the governor pushed back.

"That's just not true," Newsom told the store's employee. "We have the tenth toughest in America-- look it up, no one gives a d---."

Following the exchange, Newsom asked why he had to pay for his goods while "everyone" could just "walk the h--- right out" without facing consequences.

"I was like, why am I spending \$380 and everyone can walk the h--- right out," Newsom said.

In a statement to **Fox News Digital**, a spokesperson for Newsom said that retail theft per capita in California is "17.0% lower than the average among states."

I don't know whether to laugh or cry. Newsom exposed himself for the utter fool (and worse) that he is. And then that last statement, that retail theft per capita in California – that is a huge joke or an utter lie. San Bernardino County, bless their hearts, has a special group of deputies stationed in retail locations just to deal with out-of-control shoplifting!

On a related subject, **J.B. Shurk**, one of my favorite writers at **American Thinker**, wrote "Hell Must Be Empty." (American Thinker, 2/5/2024). This truly is ugly reality.

Democrats' attacks on police officers and coddling of criminals are part and parcel of their larger war against the American people. In this day and age – when the Marxist destroyers have risen to the heights of institutional and financial power – they barely disguise their hatred for the United States or their contempt for regular Americans. Every insane policy initiative . . . can be understood if seen through the lens of a simple question: does the policy damage American society? If so, then Democrat politicians, Uniparty [sellout Republicans who cooperate with the Dems] co-conspirators in the swamp, and the Marxist globalists who seek money and power from America's demise are all on board. . . . In effect, the federal government steals from the incomes of struggling Americans so that it can pay for violent criminals. . . to break our laws, victimize American communities, and gang-stomp police officers. The sick SOB

actually make Americans pay for the foreign invasion from which they suffer.

. . . This is just plain old evil disguised as politics. Only in a nation under attack from demonic forces would J6 [January 6, 2021] political hostages be imprisoned for exercising their First Amendment rights at the U.S. Capitol when a congressional staffer can make gay porn videos in a Senate hearing room without any risk of ever being charged for a crime. Only in a nation suffering from the widespread proliferation of evil would the Department of (in)Justice seek decades-long prison sentences for peacefully protesting Americans who dare to speak out against abortion, while federal agents routinely look the other way as "unknown assailants" vandalize and firebomb the buildings of Christian churches, pro-life organizations, and politically conservative groups. Only in a nation whose government chooses to embrace evil and reject godliness could a Christian veteran be charged for the "hate crime" of destroying a demonic shrine celebrating Satan. **When adherence to moral conscience is criminalized and the protection of flagrant sin becomes government's chief concern, there can be no doubt that evil has risen from the shadows and seized control of the State.** (Emphasis added.) When Christians are punished for their convictions and Satan has more America's institutions are rotting from the inside. . . .

Lies beget evil, and evil begets more lies. One thing is certain: Hell must be empty, because all the devils are ruling right here.

We do know this, don't we? Our nation is toast – morally, politically, militarily, and above all, SPIRITUALLY. As a society and culture, we have turned our backs on God, hating Him and His Holy Spirit, for which we will be held accountable.

The only salvation will be for each of us individuals who will separate ourselves from the evil of our culture, and then turn to God, changing our lives and living in obedience to Him. I don't use the word "repent" because it sounds so hackneyed religious, but it means "turn around" 180 degrees, and following God instead of the world.

And then, "Ugly Reality" fades into the background, and we begin to experience God's awesome Presence, His Glory, and His Spirit.



Here is your antidote to "Ugly Reality":

Psalm 19:1-6

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;

let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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