

The Wake-up Herald

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof. Romans 13:11-14

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SHAME!

Americans Love Hollywood!

One of entertainment's most powerful men, Harvey Weinstein, stands exposed as a serial womanizer and a brazen pervert, a fitting symbol of a corrupt industry. In not-unrelated news, a few weeks ago pornographer Hugh Hefner died, and was widely eulogized as a cultural revolutionary, a valiant conqueror of sexual repression.

These regrettable headlines reveal the sick state of American morality.

Weinstein had been at his gross escapades for decades. He targeted dozens of women. Many acquiesced to his salacious demands, and many more to his threats to keep quiet, fearing harm to their careers.

Everyone is piling on Mr. Weinstein. Suddenly, everyone is appalled. Politicians who accepted millions of his dollars are acting disgusted and shocked. But Weinstein's behavior was no secret. Everyone knew. Employees around him helped; untold numbers—including his political

connections—looked the other way. His sins were condoned and nurtured within the fetid incubator that is America’s entertainment industry. He thrived within a vast system of complicity.

Pretending like Weinstein was an anomaly in Hollywood is as phony as a Styrofoam movie prop. Weinstein was abetted by a “casting-couch culture” that has pervaded his industry from its earliest days.

Scripture condemns not only the thief, but also the person who consents with him—not only the adulterer, but also the one who keeps company with him (Psalm 50:18).

Nobody can be genuinely shocked at this man’s amorality. Hollywood glamorizes amorality. That this powerful producer—whose movies have made billions of dollars and garnered dozens of prestigious film awards—could commit these sexual crimes for so long highlights the nature of the people he mixed with and the product he peddled. Over and over again this kind of private vice is made public, scripted, acted, filmed, polished, distributed, projected, broadcast and streamed worldwide. How can society suddenly condemn his actions (which *are* justifiably condemnable), yet not recognize the problem with the *films* that disseminate this culture far and wide? How is a secluded solicitation worse than one that is recorded and circulated? It is ridiculous to believe society can freely enjoy the latter without having to deal with the former as an ugly consequence.

Jesus Christ told us to judge by fruits, and the revelations about Harvey Weinstein are fruits by which the industry must be judged.

Since the truths about Weinstein have emerged, others have denounced him—only to be subsequently exposed for similar sins of their own. More and more women are emerging with accusations against more and more actors and industry leaders. One former child star insists that sexual harassment of women in Hollywood is secondary to the *greater* problem of sexual harassment of *children*. His explosive charge was backed up by the 2015

documentary *An Open Secret*, which exposed the “pedophilia epidemic” in entertainment.

These are people with enormous social influence. These are people Americans subsidize and idolize. They shape society’s attitudes, guide its standards and mores, animate its dreams.

God calls America “an hypocritical nation” for good reason (Isaiah 10:6). Hollywood culture is epically hypocritical. It masquerades as feminist and pro-women, while it treats women as sex objects—both in parlors at private parties and in the cinema reels purposefully intended to arouse lust. It is anti-gun in the political arena but ceaselessly romanticizes gun violence on the silver screen. Its moral standards are as fake as its movie sets. Perhaps this shouldn’t shock us in an industry whose business is playacting, whose product is *image*.

A lot of people are getting a self-righteous charge out of condemning one movie producer right now. The Motion Picture Academy booted him and said, “[T]he era of willful ignorance and shameful complicity in sexually predatory behavior and workplace harassment in our industry is over.” We’ll see. But don’t expect the product to change.

Romans 1 condemns those who, rejecting God, take on a reprobate mind and become filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, maliciousness, deceit and malignity. But God doesn’t just condemn those who commit such things—He also condemns “those who have pleasure in them that do them.” That’s a whole lot of people in America today.

Can we then turn around and expect only blessings?

“How shall I pardon thee for this?” God asks through one of His prophets (Jeremiah 5:7-9). “[T]hy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots’

houses. They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?"

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Scriptural Warnings That Apply to

Movie and Television Viewing

The following Scripture passages have a direct application to this issue and are a loud warning to those who have ears to hear. Parents need to teach their children these biblical principles and guide them in learning how to apply them to their daily lives. It is not enough to have a list of do's and don'ts.

"I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me (Psalm 101:3).

This verse single-handedly forbids the child of God to watch the vast majority of the movies and television programs that are made today. Consider just a few of the wicked things that you or your children will see:

- * The breaking of God's commandments
- * Flaunted immorality
- * Casual drinking and drug usage
- * Drunkenness portrayed as humorous
- * Sexually alluring fashions
- * Sexually enticing dancing
- * Violence and mayhem
- * Casual dating and petting (Parents, do you want your children to date after the fashion portrayed in most movies and television programs?)
- * Mockery of the things of God
- * Mockery of God's people
- * Pagan religions depicted as truth
- * Situational ethics

* Occultism, paganism, humanism, evolution, and New Age error (even in cartoons and in a large number of Disney movies).

God says:

1 John 2:

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Jesus said:

“Repent or perish!”

Luke 13:1-5

Wake-up, Pastors! Wake-up, Christians!

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