

A Message From Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) to Lawmakers on Legislation Regarding Her Counter-Demonstrations at Funerals of Dead Soldiers

Once again the people are raging, imagining a vain thing, to wit: that God loves them, while he's plainly punishing them. Predictably, weak leaders elected to lawmaking positions are pandering to the mob, and promising them untoward and unconstitutional laws, with the stated goal (by the mob and the lawmakers) of blocking our message. This paper will speak to the position of the church on this latest effort.

Background

For fifteen years WBC has warned this nation not to defy God by institutionalizing sin as her mores, most particularly related to that uniquely pernicious and front-page-news sin of homosexuality (attended by such filthy deeds as feces-eating, called scat). During that fifteen years many of the soldiers now assigned to Afghanistan and Iraq were raised up with every adult (parent, teacher, preacher, etc.) telling them in innumerable ways that "it's OK to be gay," "it's OK to indulge anything you want," and "if anyone tells you otherwise they're a hater to be mocked, vilified and physically attacked." That's the generation now being blown to bits by IEDs.

Meanwhile along this journey, America set off an IED at WBC. Don't pretend it was some ragtag renegade off on a frolic of his own. He lived in this country, and in particular the city and state where WBC's members are long-standing well-known citizens, and he knew full well he had complete safety in his attack, which he plotted at the local university with his friends. He knew every government official would give him a pass, and give WBC no relief. The anatomy of this great crime is found in detail at <http://www.godhatesfags.com/featured/bombing/america-bombed-wbc.html>. It is no coincidence that the weapon God has chosen to punish this nation is IEDs. A decade ago when the cunning ambassador of this nation bombed WBC with an IED, no one had heard of that term. Today every household in America is in some form of mourning at the hands of IEDs; everyone knows that term now. God did that!

Also along this journey, WBC identified the fact that America worships the dead. This distinct form of idolatry first reared its ugly head in connection with the funerals of practicing homosexuals whom "gay rights" activists turned into heroes when they died. The best example of this is Matthew Shepard. He died during a drug-deal gone bad, but because he was a proud practicing fag, organizations like the Human Rights Campaign, and the complicit media, turned him into a hero. Today his portly mom makes a handsome living telling a false tale of his death to empty-headed children on campuses across America, urging them to live like he did. That opportunity was handed to her on a platter when Matt's funeral was turned into a three-ring circus by fag activists and the media.

Because of the public nature of these events, and to counter the screaming message outside that "it's OK to be gay," and "he's a hero because he was a fag" (in some instances "fag-enabler"), WBC has picketed the funerals of those who die in proud sin, or

who spent their days, resources and influence promoting sin, when those funerals are held as grand public affairs. Whenever this society uses a death event to promote sin, **count on it**, WBC is going to be there with a counter-message.

This led to the passage of the Kansas Funeral Picketing Act and an ordinance in Topeka related to funerals. It won't surprise you to learn that the lawmakers went too far, overreaching in the limits they tried to impose. They forgot their fundamental duty to uphold the constitutions which they swore to protect, so WBC challenged those laws in federal and state court. Ultimately the laws were narrowed down to where they belong, and WBC's counsel received attorneys' fees and expenses they incurred in the process.

Today's Dynamics

Several months ago the media began reporting on the funerals of soldiers killed in Iraq (or occasionally in Afghanistan). Theretofore, the media had been in *pari delicto* (equal fault) with President Bush and his administration in pretending no one was dying in these wars. Then the tide turned, and the media began reporting on the funerals. The stories portrayed public events, with strutting soldiers, marching bands, flag-waving, America-worshiping and peals of self-pity and human worship spread all over the public sidewalks. It became clear that the media, military and families of these dead soldiers were using the deaths of these young men and women to promote their agendas, and impose upon the American people at large their God-less views about the war and the deaths of these soldiers.

In the midst of these public orgies some things were noticeably absent. No one spoke a word about this nation angering the Lord their God to the point that he was using what is a common technique for him to punish a nation, to wit: defeating them in battle. No one mentioned the scores of verses where God plainly says if you obey him he'll bless you, and if you disobey him he'll curse you. No one talked about the fact that God was spreading these dead bodies all across the war zone. Let alone did anyone speak of the sinful lifestyle of the deceased. Instead, people puffed out their chests, thumped them long and loud, waved that dishonorable ignoble filthy fag American flag, and screamingly demanded that God bless them. They pretended a young person who spent out his or her years living any way desired, sinning whenever sin crossed the heart, serving in a Christ-less military, and otherwise ignoring his or her duty to God, was in heaven.

So it was time for WBC to step up. Now, when the death of a soldier is turned into a public platform to lionize America, worship the dead, and defy God, we will be there. We stand at a respectful distance, on lawfully accessed public right of ways, and hold up some signs with words. The words are plain and unmistakable in their message. E.g., America is Doomed, God Blew Up the Soldier, Thank God for Dead Soldiers, Thank God for IEDs, Too Late to Pray, God is Your Enemy, God Sent the IED, etc. When hundreds of necromancers stand outside – most always *directly in front of the church or funeral home* – chanting “U.S.A.!” we’re going to chant back, “I.E.D.!” When they scream “God Bless the USA,” we’re going to reply with “God’s cursed the USA.” When

they falsely claim the soldier is in heaven, we're going to speak words of truth, that the soldier is in hell. When the soldier's family members walk hundreds of feet, sometimes hundred of yards, to stand squarely in front of us and cuss us, we're going to remind them that their loved one is going to cuss them eons in hell for lying to them on the important matters of eternity.

Those are the facts, ladies and gentleman, and if we didn't say them, the stones would! Then you could get busy passing some laws against the stones. While you're at it, see if you can whip up some legislation that orders God not to have a Judgment Day, that outlaws any more IEDs, or that dictates the bringing-back-to-life of the dead soldiers. Your acts are all equally impotent under the force of the condign wrath of the Almighty God!

Rather than heed the words of the prophets, this nation has, with one voice, dialed up its rebellion. You claim to love freedom, yet move heaven and earth to block or silence our words. You claim God should bless you, but fortify your resolve to disobey him. You claim you're victorious, but the dead bodies keep coming home. You puff out words about how "indecent" and "intolerable" we are, while with your other hand you enable and support filth, sin and disobedience – all of which is utterly indecent and intolerable to the Lord your God. You know the words we're saying are true; you feel it in the deepest part of your conscience and being. So, you have now joined hand to pass laws that stop us.

One more point: We aren't anti-war protestors; we aren't anti-don't-ask-don't-tell protestors; we're the prophets of God. We don't care who's in office; we don't care about your politics; we don't care about your policies on the war. The fact is the American public will never know the truth from its politicians about how this war started or what's really going on in Iraq. The other fact is that there are a variety of viewpoints among Americans and Iraqis about whether we should be at war; the purpose of the war; and how it's going. All of that is irrelevant to us. The simple fact of the matter is this: This war had to happen; Bush has to be persuaded to stay in this war; America had to become Babylon. This is the means by which God is punishing America, and nothing is going to change that fact. We're going to stay on message no matter how many talking heads churn up new ideas, polls, strategies, theories, and so forth. You don't define us; our duty to God does. Whether it's by hurricane, IED, terrorists, or other means, God is punishing this nation. He has become an active enemy fighting against America. That is our message, and we will apply the scriptures like workmen who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, giving it timely, topical, relevant, effective, notorious application.

Our Message to You About Your Proposed Laws

Let it be known by all, that if and when you pass any law, this is our response:

1. Thanks for helping publish our message. Every time a biker coward revs her engine, a family member tearfully vilifies us, a lawmaker blusters about what he

or she is going to do, an editorial writer gaspingly condemns us, or any other person or organization in this land turns attention to us, everyone sees the words. We are a Great Publishing Company, and our mission is to make sure everyone in our generation gets the message. It's not our desire to convince you; it's not our prerogative to convert you; it's only our job to tell you. This scenario is a classic example of what the Bible calls the elder (reprobate) serving the younger (elect) (think Jacob and Esau; read Romans 9 and Malachi 1).

2. Your standard is "reasonable time, place and manner restriction." If you go one bit over that line we're going to litigate, and request fees.
3. We already stand a reasonable distance from the funeral events. That's because we're utterly disinterested in squaring off with anyone, whether it's the military, the biker cowards, the family members, or anyone else. Our 15-year record clearly reflects that we have one goal, to wit: to publish words. You have a remedy in this country if you don't like the message; it's called "avert your eyes." (You won't; this message is too powerful until it is wholly irresistible.) We don't care to be up close with the necromancers. But they can't stand not being up close to us. They *do* want to be confrontational, because they hate God, they're angry at what is happening, they refuse to be accountable for their part in it, their rebellion waxes stronger and stronger, and they suppose they can shut us up and take away the pain. But we're not giving them that option; we're insisting on an appropriate neutral zone, with each side having their place to stand and publish. That's the American way.
4. When you pass your laws, you had better make absolutely sure they are content neutral and apply equally to all messages. Your proposals are rampant with blatant content-focus, so most likely you'll end up in court. When you pass your laws, once they are lawfully framed, you will be required to move the military, the bikers, the flag-wavers, and everyone else, an equal distance. We have hours of video footage and hundreds of still photos showing that the original demonstrators – against whom we are counter demonstrating – are on top of the funeral-goers, creating an enormous ruckus, and the only ones truly disrupting anything. This footage also shows that they are in constant and direct violation of Kansas law in the events occurring in Kansas. The law requires one rule for all messages, and we intend to hold you to that rule of law.
5. The rule of law you must abide by is that you cannot remove people with a message from their intended audience. So stop all the chatter about distances like 2000 feet. Anything more than about 100 feet will go too far, in most locations, so they will be subject to challenge. We are going to deliver this message to the people going to these events, whether inside or out. That's our intended audience, and you don't have the constitutional ability to remove us from our audience. You'd be wise not to go down that trail.

6. If you don't want us answering the viewpoints expressed at and in connection with these funerals, about God, America, the war, and related events – all of which are clearly issues of great public interest and international import – provide an equally viable and alternative forum. In some jurisdictions, local media with a streak of decency have given us open lines on radio or TV, so we can publish our counter message on these important issues. When that happens, we don't go to the funeral. But again, when the funeral is used to publish a message, we're going to publish a counter message.
7. If any family of a dead soldier wants a private funeral, all they have to do is tell the military and bikers to stay home, and have a private funeral. Some families do that. When they do, we're not there. When they do, there is no public event. It's not complicated; it's disingenuous of you to all pretend we've created this public platform. It's not the fact that we're outside a funeral; you obviously don't care if people stand outside a funeral with message-bearing paraphernalia. It's the content; it's the words; it's the message. You don't get to pick and choose what message is delivered.

So pander for votes if you must; but stay within the bounds of the constitution, and leave us the proper room to publish our message to our intended audience. Above all, remember that he who holds the Key of David, with the keys to death and hell hanging from his belt, opens doors of utterance, and no man – including all men combined – can shut it. This message is going to be delivered to this generation. We're not going to get distracted with your nonsense. If you go too far, and prohibit our publishing efforts, we have the means, the evidence, the will, and the energy to take you to court. So beware, recall your sworn oath, rise above the fray, and perhaps – silly as this idea might be to your simple mind – actually listen to the words. Crack a Bible; read it; learn the truth; fear God; keep his commandments; and recognize that you don't have the power to stop the Destroyer who draws nigh.

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