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MEDICALIZATION OF EVIL

Sadly, it wasn't much of a surprise when I saw the news that a woman in Frankfort, Illinois who had been following the Lindsay Clancy murder trial, hanged her two year son. Corie Walsh said she had to kill her son because he was "the devil" and the "anti-Christ". Her attorney, who had represented Casey Anthony (who had been acquitted of murdering her two year old daughter Caylee Anthony in 2008) said Walsh was "psychotic" and added there was no connection between her client's case and the Clancy case. "They are not related at all. It's just accidental...this is a tragedy for the Walsh family, all of whom are mourning the loss of this child." Andrea Lyon is quoted as having said. However, friends of Walsh said she was invested in the Clancy case and posted in a group text message about such, only three or so hours before her son was found dead, brutally hung by his neck.



"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil..." (Isaiah 5:20)

Over the past twenty or so years, there has been a decided push to change the way in which society views unmitigated evil. By using the term "medicalization" it serves as a rationale for a paradigm shift, wherein behaviors that in the past had been seen as sinful, criminal and or downright evil, are now viewed through the lens of psychiatry or medicine. Which then removes seeing the person who commits the atrocity as being a morally corrupt, free moral agent. Instead their actions are a byproduct of something that can be treated medically or psychologically.

"For those who turn justice into wormwood, and throw righteousness to the earth." (Amos 5:7) It is more than apparent that we are seeing the utmost of disregard with respect to the

moral standard of God and how it has been treated with contempt, thrown to the ground as it were. While Amos issued the warning more than two millennia ago, nevertheless it still applies to us today. God rejects those who try and set in place any teaching that will lead to moral decay and alienation from His word. Openly feigning ignorance of His word and moral structure.

Consider the following as seen Malachi 3:15. *"So now we call the arrogant blessed; not only are the doers of wickedness built up, but they also put God to the test and escape punishment."* Pay close attention to the words, "escape punishment." While we recognize there may be the easement around the laws of the land and a somewhat nebulous approach to an accepted moral standard in the minds of a growing number in society; there isn't with God. Note what Jesus had to say in this regard. *"You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God."* (Luke 16:15)

"He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous, both of them alike are an abomination to the Lord." (Proverbs 17:15)

It is so heart breaking to think of those precious little children, who at the hands of their mother were hung, strangled and choked to death. Can you imagine the abject terror in their eyes as they stared into the face of the woman who gave them birth? Then to have a contingent in society seek to mitigate such a heinous act of killing their innocent off-spring. I don't know about you, but I can't wrap my mind around how something as vile as the murder of your own children can be made just. Children are a gift from God (see Psalms 127:1ff), they are to be cared for, protected, taught and loved (see Colossians 3:21) (wbe)

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