"Do It For The Kids!": A Vain Pursuit Of Atonement For Guilt

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I recently visited with a small group of main street businessmen who had a visit from a leader of the "Progress" group in their community. Their account of this visitor's message to these business owners was not new to me. The leader of the group is usually a woman typically in her 30's and married with an average of 1.7 children. What the businessmen are told is often the same. It is something like this - "We are working with the local school to pass a new bond issue to fund a new school. It's scheduled for a vote in a few months. This is a friendly advisement not to raise an opposition voice. If you do, my friends in and out of the school will organize a word-of-mouth and Facebook boycott of your business." In many cases the proposed new tax could be the straw that breaks the small businessman's financial back. But a sustained boycott could too!

It is an act of raw economic intimidation. I see it often and it usually serves to terrorize them into silence. I know how to neutralize it but by this point most are too scared to adopt my appropriate tactic. Then the phalanx of this 'power-suited woman' and her friends is unleashed upon their community to push the massive and wasteful new proposal. One of them will likely be the local education newspaper reporter or editor.

Why do so many mothers of public-school children in their 30's to early 40's become so aggressive about passing school bonds in their communities? After watching this phenomenon in multiple states, I am pretty sure I know why. My view is a generalization and certainly doesn't apply to all of them, nor to all who aggressively promote more community/school debt. But I am convinced it applies to most of such mothers. It is because of un-atoned guilt. Let me explain.

To borrow Pastor Scott Brown's theme – the very air they first breathed when they were born was feminist air. Being raised from defenseless little girls on up, their selfish sin nature has been appealed to as "empowerment" and "developing leadership skills"; all the while being drafted into the army of foot soldiers "crushing the oppressive patriarchal cultural conditioning." From grade-school thru women's studies courses at the local university they've been told they are freedom warriors against such 'oppressive men,' while their selfish, angry, manipulative and unregenerate hearts have been directed to a different kind of "prosperity." Anytime a man questions their desire to sinfully dominate husbands (Gen. 3:16b) and so often ruin their homes, families and children, they have been conditioned with this response – "You just can't handle a strong, independent woman!" Most of their grandmothers would see them as beings from an alien planet. They've been conditioned by barren, joyless, and cold feminists to pity the grand matriarchs of their own family line! Truly the pity runs the other way.

Yet, most still want sex with a man (after all they are taught, control over the bedroom is true empowerment over him) and they want the birthing experience (1.7 times on average, often in between a few abortions) as it makes for good 'girl talk' at power lunches. At this point they've used access to sex to complete the process of turning their husbands into the emasculated males.

When these husbands were once boys, the same classrooms conditioned him into getting in touch with his emotions, his feelings and not to "hold back" women. The marriage is now mostly his responding "How high?" to her incessant commands to "Jump!" It's only a matter of time before he stops loving her and starts spending ever more time at the bar, hunting, fishing or sporting events with his buddies. Most of whom have the same sort of wives. (Side note: The consequence to all of this is that millions of young men are now simply walking away from the very idea of marriage and family. This has unimaginably bad consequences for society.)

But then for these women, the child arrives!

These mothers struggle ever so briefly with their maternal instincts and their guilt - but then they're released from the hospital and it's back to business as usual. The child? Well off to the loveless

and cruel day-care center, of course! It's the government's time to step in and raise her child. She rationalizes her child's tears, screams, leg clutches and cries that she hears as she drops her child off at day-care by ever so cold and cruelly concluding her non sequitur, "They have to grow up!"

Then it's off to Kindergarten for her child. The guilt compounds. But all guilt needs atonement. A few come to saving faith in Christ and reject the old Adam in them, how they were taught, etc. and come, by grace, to know and trust in the atoning work of Christ. They are given a new power to overcome their once selfish, manipulative, bitter hearts.

But for most, the best way to assuage their guilt is to start buying their child's love. This goes easy at first. The child is easily distracted with the new trinket. But in time the child gets bored and more demanding. The lack of love in these children's lives is very real and very painful to them! They become vocally rebellious and defiant not knowing they are living out their sin nature while subconsciously crying out to Mom and Dad to love them. These annoyed young "Moms" respond with more gifts, more borrowing on the credit card, more running their child from one 'soccer Mom' event to another - anything but really love and sacrifice for their child(ren).

But in time the love is very hard to "purchase" as the child can no longer be conned. They know who their mother is. They love her and yet recognize that she doesn't really love them. Their pain is very deep! Yet now these children are being taught the same barren selfish ideas in school. Keep in mind somewhere around 80 to 85% of all public school teachers are now female....something unheard of in 19th century America. They have a captive audience to assert their feminist agenda on little girls and boys. See this recent column by Fred Reed: The Pussification of American Boys. Little daughters are being "sexualized" in hopes of drawing a "real man" (not their emasculated fathers) to "love" them. This love is evil and fleeting. Soon they, too, will learn the sexual power game. And the wicked cycle continues.

But Mom isn't ready to repent yet! She pushes on, convinced that the more expensive the gift (thus her greater financial servitude at work) the more her guilt will be atoned for and the more her child will love her. The child is now in their early teens, sexualized, demanding and having come to expect lots of "toys". They've lived with Mom's guilt for years. They know how to exploit it!

Then someone in their community says, "Let's build a \$50 million new high school!" (Or worse in Katy, TX, they said, "Let's build a \$69,000,000 high-school football stadium." Thank God this one was voted down, but in my experience, without organized opposition, six months from now a \$65 million proposal will likely pass in Katy.)

Once a new school proposal comes out, multitudes of these guilt-laden mothers rush to the front line of the campaign to lead their community in "progress"! They're going way past an obsessive clothes budget, iPods, a new car or truck, ski trips with their friends, etc. Now these 'mammas' are really going to prove to their 1.7 (avg) children how much they love them. **They're going to get them a shiny new \$50,000,000 school building, with all the bells and whistles!**

"Surely my child will now see how much I love them," they subconsciously think, when what they are clinging to is, "Finally, real atonement for the guilt of coldly abandoning my child since birth!" In this context the banker/ bond dealer's campaign suggestion to proclaim "It's for the kids!" is clutched deep into their soul, every bit as much as true Christians cling to the atoning work of Christ on the cross for their sins. What an easy target these mothers make for the bankers. And who's going to dare stand in the way of their zealous condemnation of the opponents to this proposal? Finally, the shoe is on the other foot and she gets to denounce opponents with, "What's your problem?! Don't you love the kids?" Their own children must gag when they hear their mothers!

Understand, historically, that the entire feminist movement was ultimately created by the Rockefeller Foundation to seduce these women out of their homes to become slaves to the tax man, the banker, etc. This is the same Foundation that bank-rolled the sexual revolutionaries, as well. Do you recall actress Bette Midler? The man who made her famous was former Hollywood producer Aaron

Russo, raised in NYC, and a friend of some of the Rockefellers. Russo died in 2007. See one of his final interviews documenting the feminist lie that was designed to entice women in to the laborpool of slaves to the bankers and tax spenders here. (Listen carefully to the citation of Gloria Steinman's admission that "Ms" magazine was funded by the CIA for these ends. Also see here.)

Then in their early 40's the game is up for many of these women with 1.7 (avg.) children and who've wanted little to nothing to do with loving and raising their children. The children have grown up and moved on to their own "selfish, loveless" relationships. The bond payments on that prison-looking new school building now make the property taxes so high that her child will be less likely to afford marriage and children of their own. Selfishness then takes on a generational compounding affect. It is a death spiral.

Even worse, many of the women who chose not to have children and were actively campaigning for the new school, then awake 'too late' to the horror of the feminist lies which they made their own. As a guest on **Huffington Post** wrote on **Taki** recently, "The reason my perfectly reasonable observation made everyone go nuts is because it resonated. I said what the silent majority is thinking. Many women would be much happier at home. I obviously don't want to enforce that as a law. I simply want women to be happier and not have to cram fertility drugs down their throat at 40 trying to reverse time, as is the case with virtually all of the women I know."

Such false 'atonement' for their guilt drives such women into a frenzy of "Do it for the kids!" while their blindness to God's creational ordinances also drives them to truly reject children and embrace slave labor for bond dealers, bankers, their boss and government bureaucrats! These same creational ordinances once served to bring her grand-parents to their 50th and sometimes 75th wedding anniversaries after years of struggles, joys, hardships and blessings. As a little girl she likely could have seen them sit in their stately chairs at the front of a church or American Legion fellowship hall while celebrating their anniversaries with a sweetness and love that radiated out to their loved ones and friends gathered with them. It was the kind of sweet love that when one of them finally died, the other died a few days later. The two had truly become one.

Meanwhile, false atonement will never let these mothers experience such deep and true love with their husband nor their kids. There is no sacrifice of time, money, (their neighbor's money through increased property taxes), self-punishment or service that will atone for their sins of rejecting God's created order, their husband's headship and their child's love! The blood sacrifice of Christ alone is their only atonement. Faith in Christ with repentance unto life is their (as it is our) only hope!

Galatians 5:1

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage."

Genesis 24:60

And they blessed Rebekah and said to her: "Our sister, may you become The mother of thousands of ten thousands; And may your descendants possess The gates of those who hate them."

Song of Solomon 6:9

My dove, my perfect one, Is the only one, The only one of her mother, The favorite of the one who bore her. The daughters saw her And called her blessed, The queens and the concubines, And they praised her.