

The Destruction and Exploitation of America's Daughters

Many in Hollywood (and their liberal supporters) are proclaiming the moral high ground in protecting the environment from economic "destruction and exploitation." I wish that they were just as determined to stop the destruction and exploitation of America's daughters from the vile material that they create. God is clear when he says in Luke 17:2 "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown in the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones."

Hollywood is not only offending but is doing significant harm to the young girls of America. In a recent report, the American Psychological Association states that young girls are being mentally and physically harmed by the sexualization of American culture. This includes everything from gangster-rap lyrics and stars like Paris Hilton behaving badly; to video games where women are violated and mainstream clothing companies selling thongs for girls as young as seven or eight. This debasing of America's daughters by Hollywood has given misogynistic behavior a mainstream outlet. For example, it is well documented that pedophiles regularly use pictures of young girls in suggestive clothing and poses as a form of arousal.

Hollywood also loves to claim that its moral compass is in tune with the rest of the world (as if this makes their violation of America's daughters any less repulsive). But a recent case from England shows that the rest of the world is starting to realize that the Hollywood culture has crossed the line when it comes to its attitude towards young girls. The Advertising Standards Authority in the U.K. recently lambasted the "No Added Sugar" childrens clothing catalogue for its use of children in their magazine. The company had children pose in suggestive poses and used the pictures in the magazine. The Advertising Standards Authority were right in their condemnation of the photographs and the magazine was forced to change its marketing strategy.

Finally, my suggestion is for those of us who love Christ and the Judeo-Christian values which our great nation was founded on to take the cultural fight to Hollywood. We should support politicians and legislation which uphold decency in television and movies. We should help our churches and social organisations remind parents to be diligent in protecting our young children from the cultural ills in society. And we should make sure to teach our young girls that God is clear when he says in Proverbs 31:30 "Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord shall be praised."