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Safe Neighborhoods Newsletter

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Making Neighborhoods Safe for Kids & Families!

We share information to empower and keep children, families, and neighbors safe. We provide steps to make neighborhoods, communities and cities safe, healthy places to work and live.

Parents, click [here](#) for a free consultation!



Children are God's love gift; they are Heaven's generous reward - Psalm 127:3



Sexualizing children and what adults can do

By Stephanie Mann

Editor's Note: The entry from Stephanie Mann is not a full article, but based on a video presentation she made to a conference on "The Global Sex Revolution and the School Sex Education" in Korea. The link referenced is to an article from her blog she used as a basis for her video presentation for the international conference.

I want to thank Jihyo Kim, Director of the International Conference in Korea, for inviting me to participate in the Family Peace Conference in December.

Today, there are 200,000 sex addicts and 40 million people on Porn sites, leading to unrealistic expectations and a distortion of sex. The new "Woke" agenda wants to teach children about sex and body parts before they know how to develop healthy relationships or develop the ability to evaluate an individual's true character.

Parents must talk to children about sex!

Casual sex is commonplace in movies, TV, the internet, porn, and magazines. Children ages 8 to 18 can be confused and encouraged to explore sexuality before understanding the consequences. They have no idea that premature sex can lead to self-destructive behaviors, mental health issues, and drugs! Parents must guide youth so they make good choices. Parental involvement helps children reach their potential without fearing shame, rejection, or pregnancy.

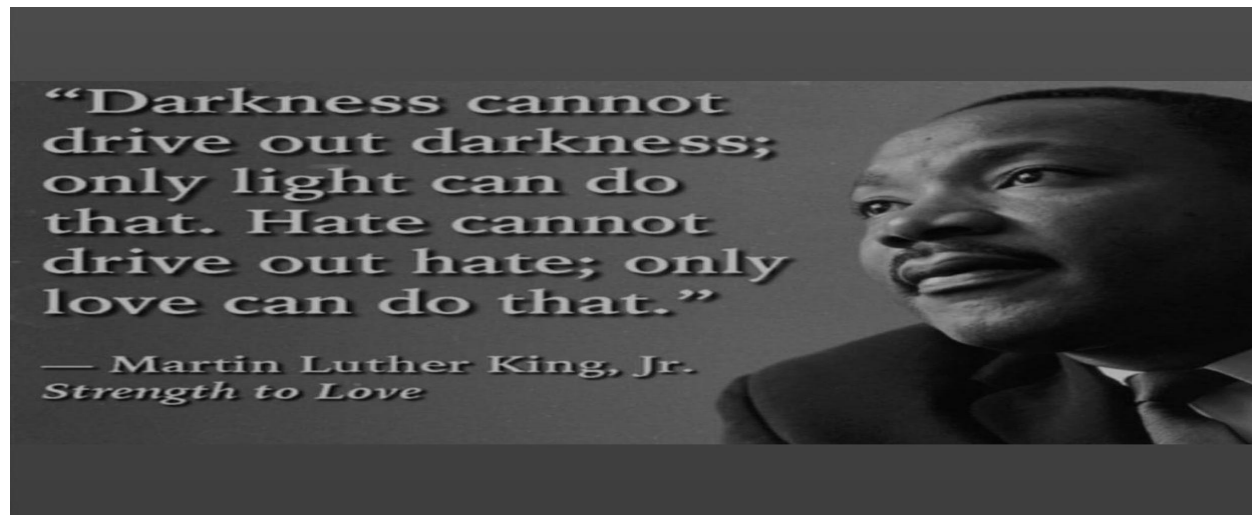
Check out the link, "Understanding Spiritual Sex," and 12 tips for parents on the link: [Understanding Spiritual Sex - Safe Kids Now Network](#).

Questions? For more information: Check out "Empowerment Parenting: How to raise resilient children who become happy, self-reliant adults." www.safekidsnow.com

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Editor's Note: We normally do not post sermons in our newsletter, but in honor of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. we proudly post a substantial excerpt from a most relevant sermon. The sermon is long, but the actual sermon is well over 4,000 words.



'Rediscovering Lost Values'

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

February 28th, 1954

These are excerpts from the full sermon Delivered by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Second Baptist Church, in Detroit, Michigan. A full transcript can be found via this link: [Rediscovering Lost Values by The Martin Luther King, Jr. - Research Education Institute](#)

I want you to think with me this morning from the subject: Rediscovering lost values... There is something wrong with our world, something fundamentally and basically wrong. I don't think we have to look too far to see that. I'm sure that most of you would agree with me in making that assertion...

I think we have to look much deeper... if we are to find the real cause of man's problems and the real cause of the world's ills today. If we are to really find it I think we will have to look in the hearts and souls of men.

The trouble isn't so much that we don't know enough, but it's as if we aren't good enough. The trouble isn't so much that our scientific genius lags behind, but our moral genius lags behind. The great problem facing modern man is... that the means by which we live, have outdistanced the spiritual ends for which we live. So, we find ourselves caught in a messed-up world. The problem is with man himself and man's soul. We haven't learned how to be just and honest and kind and true and loving. And that is the basis of our problem. The real problem is that through our scientific genius we've made... the world a neighborhood, but through our moral... spiritual genius we've failed to make of it a brotherhood. And the great danger facing us today is not so much the atomic bomb that was created by physical science.... But the real danger confronting civilization today is that atomic bomb which lies in the hearts and souls of men, capable of

exploding into the vilest of hate and into the most damaging selfishness... Problem is with the men. Within the heart and the souls of men...

My friends, all I'm trying to say is that if we are to go forward today, we've got to go back and rediscover some mighty precious values that we've left behind. That's the only way that we would be able to make... our world a better world, and to make of this world what God wants it to be and the real purpose and meaning of it. The only way we can do it is to go back and rediscover some mighty precious values that we've left behind.

Our situation in the world today reminds me of a... situation that took place in the life of Jesus... when Jesus was about twelve years old, there was the custom of the feast. Jesus' parents took him up to Jerusalem. That was an annual occasion, the feast of the Passover, and they went up to Jerusalem and they took Jesus along with them. And they were there a few days, and then after being there, they decided to go back home, to Nazareth. And they started out, and I guess as it was the tradition in those days, the father probably traveled in front, and then the mother and the children behind... They walked, and traveled on donkeys and camels and what have you. So, they traveled very slow, but it was usually the tradition for the father to lead the way.

And they left Jerusalem going on back to Nazareth, and I imagine they walked a little while and they didn't look back to see if everybody was there. But then the Scripture says, they went about a day's journey and they stopped... and they discovered that something mighty precious was missing. They discovered that Jesus wasn't with them. Jesus wasn't in the midst. And so they... went on back to Jerusalem and found him there, in the temple with the doctors of the law.

Now, the real thing that is to be seen here is this, that the parents of Jesus realized that they had left, and that they had lost a mighty precious value. They had sense enough to know that before they could go forward to Nazareth, they had to go backward to Jerusalem to rediscover this value... They knew that they couldn't go home to Nazareth until they went back to Jerusalem.

Sometimes, you know, it's necessary to go backward in order to go forward...

And so that was the thing that Jesus' parents realized, that... they had to go back and... find this mighty precious value that they had left behind, in order to go forward... And so they went back to Jerusalem and discovered Jesus, rediscovered him so to speak, in order to go forward to Nazareth.

Now that's what we've got to do in our world today. We've left a lot of precious values behind; we've lost a lot of precious values. And if we are to go forward, if we are to make this a better world in which to live, we've got to go back. We've got to rediscover these precious values that we've left behind...

The thing that we need in the world today, is a group of men and women who will stand up for right and be opposed to wrong, wherever it is. A group of people who have come to see that some things are wrong, whether they're never caught... Some things are right, whether nobody

sees you doing them or not.

All I'm trying to say is, our world hinges on moral foundations. God has made it so! God has made the universe to be based on a moral law. So long as man disobeys it, he is revolting against God. That's what we need in the world today—people who will stand for right and goodness. But, we've got to know the simple disciplines of being honest and loving and just with all humanity. If we don't learn it, we will destroy ourselves, by the misuse of our own powers.

This universe hinges on moral foundations. There is something in this universe that justifies Carlyle in saying,

“No lie can live forever.”

There is something in this universe that justifies William Cullen Bryant in saying,

“Truth, crushed to earth, will rise again.”

There is something in this universe that justifies James Russell Lowell in saying,

***“Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne.
With that scaffold sways the future. (Lord help him)
Behind the dim unknown stands God,
Within the shadow keeping watch above his own.”***

There is something in this universe that justifies the biblical writer in saying,

“You shall reap what you sow.”

This is a law-abiding universe. This is a moral universe. It hinges on moral foundations. If we are to make of this a better world, we've got to go back and rediscover that precious value that we've left behind.

And then there is a second thing, a second principle that we've got to go back and rediscover... that is that all reality has spiritual control. In other words, we've got to go back and rediscover the principle that there is a God behind the process... But, we must remember that it's possible to affirm the existence of God with your lips and deny his existence with your life.

The most dangerous type of atheism is not theoretical atheism, but practical atheism— that's the most dangerous type. And the world, even the church, is filled up with people who pay lip service to God and not life service. And there is always a danger that we will make it appear externally that we believe in God when internally we don't. We say with our mouths that we believe in Him, but we live with our lives like He never existed. That is the ever-present danger confronting religion. That's a dangerous type of atheism.

And I think, my friends, that that is the thing that has happened in America. That we have unconsciously left God behind. Now, we haven't consciously done it... You see... the text said that Jesus' parents went a whole day's journey not knowing that he wasn't with them. They didn't consciously leave him behind... You see, we didn't grow up and say, now, good-bye God, we're going to leave you now...

And, I say to you this morning in conclusion that I'm not going to put my ultimate faith in things. I'm not going to put my ultimate faith in gadgets and contrivances. As a young man with most of my life ahead of me, I decided early to give my life to something eternal and absolute. Not to these little gods that are here today and gone tomorrow. But to God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever...

Go out and be assured that God is going to last forever. Storms might come and go. Our great skyscraping buildings will come and go. Our beautiful automobiles will come and go, but God will be here. Plants may wither, the flowers may fade away, but the Word of our God shall stand forever, and nothing can ever stop Him... The God that I'm talking about this morning is the God of the universe and the God that will last through the ages. If we are to go forward this morning, we've got to go back and find that God. That is the God that demands and commands our ultimate allegiance.

If we are to go forward, we must go back and rediscover these precious values—that all reality hinges on moral foundations and that all reality has spiritual control. God bless you.

Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old, he will not depart from it. - Proverbs 22:6



Inspiring Videos...

From YouTube: [Martin Luther King Jr. - We Shall Over Come](#) - posted 1/20/2008

From The Gospel Coalition: [TGC Podcast: Prioritize Your Soul in a Post-Truth World](#)

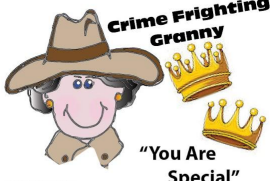


From For Kids And Country: [Interview w/ Diamond & Silk: Dinesh D'Souza \(2000 Mules Book\) And Rebecca Friedrichs](#) - (in remembrance of Diamond - aired before November 2022 election)

From the Aoki Family Journal (a new series): [Aoki Family YouTube Series](#) (Intro) + [I taught my child to read during quarantine](#)

From Crime Fighting Granny Stephanie Mann - Video #9 in Series: [Spiritually Centered Youth Stay Safe!](#)



TIP TOONS

 <p>©Ginger Griller 2019-ABR</p>	<p>Families can make you feel special by teaching you to work hard and be a blessing in other peoples lives.</p> 	<p>YOU ARE SPECIAL: Webster's Dictionary defines the word special as "distinguished by some unusual quality, being designed for a special purpose.." Problems arise when we forget how special we are or rely only on the opinions of others. All of us are imperfect, but we are still special.</p> <p><i>SPECIAL MEANS EXCEPTIONAL!</i></p>	<p>"God Doesn't Make Junk"</p> 
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Empowering Reading...



From The Center Square: [Op-Ed: How MLK embodied our founding principles](#)

From AccuWeather (w/ video): [How the weather factored into Martin Luther King Jr.'s 'I Have a Dream' speech](#)

From Web MD: [Spiritual Sex: What Does It Mean?](#)

From The Heritage Foundation: [We Must Fight the Sexualization of Children by Adults](#)

From Beech Acres Parenting Center: [What Parents Need To Know About Their Child Finding Adult Content Online](#)

Inspiring & Transforming Stories...

From For Kids And Country: [Larry Sand](#) - Like so many others, Larry Sand was subsidizing teachers unions' and their political agenda, believing all along that he had no choice in the matter. In his 24th year as a teacher, he learned that he could opt out of the political portion of his union dues, though the complicated and circuitous nature of that process was... to discourage such action.

From The Good News Network: [Singing Bus Driver Becomes a Star After Making Music Video to Show Family in India What He Did for Work \(WATCH\)](#)

From The Good News Network: [Fishing Skipper Saves 31 Lives After a Boat Capsizes in the English Channel](#)

From AccuWeather (w/ video): [Navy SEAL's quick-thinking saves his family during tornado outbreak](#)

From The Good News Network: [Never-Ending Literary Treasure Hunt Has Kids Finding Hidden Books, Reading, Then Re-Hiding Them for Others](#)



Check out **Stephanie Mann's** books here: [Read SKNN Guide Books to Instill Hope and Build Trustful Relationships.](#)

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Guide to Additional Good Books -

[Can't Wait Till Christmas by Mike Huckabee](#)

[Why America Matters: Dr Ben Carson, Valerie Pfundstein, Liz Ball: 9781737868415: Amazon.com: Books](#)

[Election Day: Choosing our President Mike Huckabee's Learn Our History](#)

Fun, educational shows, magazines, and books for every grade: [Kids | PragerU](#)

Rudy's Christmas Wish! On Amazon – [Rudy's Christmas Wish Kindle Edition](#)

From The Gospel Coalition: [5 Surprising Books to Help Navigate the Gender Debates](#)



Recommended Resources - [follow the links...](#)

Safe Family and Neighborhood Resource: [Safe Kids Now](#)

- Plus SKN binder - [Safe Neighborhoods Program for Community Leaders](#)

CRT information for parents, which they can download: [Moms for America](#)

To Restore our educational system to the excellence, morality and patriotism envisioned by our American Founders: [For Kids And Country](#)

Public School Exit Resource: [Public School Exit - Online Education Impact Program](#)

Christian Homeschool Resources: [Ed-Exit](#)

Washington Times Constitution Education Resource: [Special Section - To The Republic: Rediscovering the Constitution -](#)

Liberty Tree Constitution Education Resource: [LIBERTY TREE ONLINE UNIVERSITY](#)



Recommended Action Item - [follow the link...](#)

[Help Enough is Enough to make the internet safer for Children => Urge Congress to Act](#)

[Help Enough Is Enough \(EIE\) combat online sexual exploitation of children by adding your name to our online child protection petition.](#)



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