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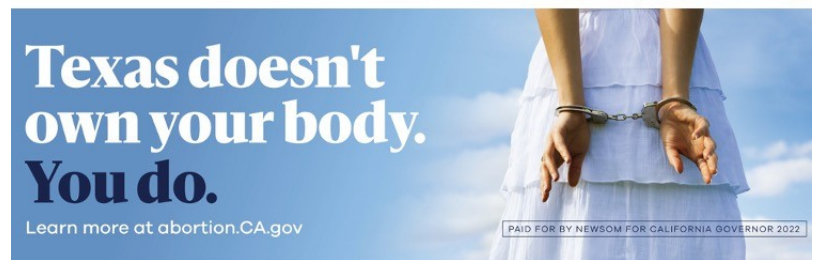
California Pastor Blasts Newsom's "Blasphemous" Promotion of Abortion

Certain of his reelection as governor of California in November, Gavin Newsom is spending some of his \$24 million in campaign funds to buy billboard space in seven pro-life states promoting abortion.

[One of those ads reads:](#)

Need an abortion? California is ready to help.

Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no greater commandment than these — Mark 12:31



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This immediately elicited outrage from believers, including Kathleen Domingo, executive director of the California Catholic Conference:

It is unconscionable that these ads distort Scripture to support abortion, specifically in states that have already dramatically limited abortion in favor of supporting life.

Chris Check, president of the California-based apologetics ministry Catholic Answers, said Newsom's ads "commit blasphemy by co-opting Sacred Scripture in service of abortion."

But [the letter from John MacArthur](#), pastor of Grace Community Church (and the target of much of Newsom's wrath during the Covid "crisis"), expanded on Newsom's blasphemy:

Almighty God says in His Word, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). Scripture also teaches that it is the chief duty of any civic leader to reward those who do well and to punish evildoers (Romans 13:1-7). You have not only failed in that responsibility; you routinely turn it on its head, rewarding evildoers and punishing the righteous.

MacArthur called Newsom rebellious, wicked, and reprehensible for the ads:

In mid-September, you revealed to the entire nation how thoroughly rebellious against God you are when you sponsored billboards across America promoting the slaughter of children, whom He creates in the womb (Psalm 139:13-16; Isaiah 45:9-12).

You further compounded the wickedness of that murderous campaign with a reprehensible act of gross blasphemy, quoting the very words of Jesus from Mark 12:31 as if you could somehow twist His meaning and arrogate His name in favor of butchering unborn infants.

You used the name and the words of Christ to promote the credo of Molech (Leviticus 20:1-5). It would be hard to imagine a greater sacrilege.



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In that Scripture, God warned anyone burning his child in a sacrifice to the Canaanite god Molech:

I will set My face against that man, and I will cut him off from his people, because he has given some of his descendants to Molech, to defile My sanctuary and profane My holy Name.

MacArthur called out Newsom's hypocrisy — he calls himself an "Irish Catholic" — with this:

Furthermore, you chose words from the lips of Jesus without admitting that in the same moment He gave the greatest commandment: "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30).

You cannot love God as He commands while aiding in the murder of His image-bearers.

MacArthur ended his letter telling Newsom that, despite his grievous sins against God and man by promoting the murder of unborn children,

Our church, and countless Christians nationwide, are praying for your full repentance. Please respond to the gospel, forsake the path of wickedness you have pursued all your life, turn to Christ, ask for forgiveness, and use your office to advance the cause of righteousness (as is your duty) instead of undermining it (as has been your pattern).

Eric Metaxas no doubt is pleased to learn that MacArthur is willing to take the fight to the enemy. Regarding his new book *Letter to the American Church*, Metaxas said he wrote it "calling the American Church to actually be God's church, with all that entails, so that we might avoid the mistakes of the German church in the 1930s, and those direst consequences we know to have been the result."

Metaxas must also be asking, where are the other pastors protesting Newsom's blatant opposition to the Lord of Life?

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