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"She hath done what she could."
Mark 14:8a

Christmas Gift to Shoppers: "Naughty & Nice" List[1]

Retailers' Choice: Honor Christmas or Censor Christmas

Liberty Counsel, affiliated with Liberty University School of Law, annually publishes a "Naughty and Nice" list of over 50 national retailers who censor or recognize Christmas. The information is gathered by consumers and is updated as new data is received. Liberty's goal for the list is "to give the gift of Christmas back to those retailers who support it."

Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mathew D. Staver said, "Christmas isn't a dirty word. No other federal holiday is blacklisted to the extent that Christmas is by some retailers." Since the list began in 1995, many retailers have reversed course about Christmas. A good example:

Walgreens, November 22, 2011. If you had read the November 22nd Liberty Counsel press release entitled, "CVS and Walgreens Switched Sides on the 'Naughty & Nice List," you might have decided to boycott Walgreens during Christmas. Here's the story. For the first time since 2007, CVS Pharmacy has embraced Christmas with a "Christmas Central" portion of its web site. In contrast, Walgreens – on the "Nice" side last year – moved to the "Naughty" side this year, for not recognizing Christmas Day or Christmas Season as Christmas. Until …

Walgreens, November 23, 2011. The day after its previous press release, Liberty Counsel published a follow-up story entitled, "Walgreens Retracts Its Description of Christmas Decorations as 'Holiday' Ones." Then, explained the Walgreens turn-around:

> "Just one day after coming under a firestorm for selling 'holiday' gifts and providing 'holiday' shipping for gifts to arrive by December 25th, Walgreens has worked to regain their 'nice' status. …[A] spokesperson for Walgreens states, 'During the month of December, there will be greater use of 'Christmas' in our store and online. We should use the word 'Christmas' to describe … Christmas decorations and gifts … there will be plenty of messages in our store and online that say 'Merry Christmas.'"

But there's more. Liberty Counsel received a report that Christmas music was being played in Indiana Walgreens stores in response to a directive from headquarters. Mr. Staver commented: "I am pleased with Walgreens for joining the growing number of stores that recognize Christmas. We will be monitoring stores and updating our 'Naughty and Nice List' to help consumers support stores that support Christmas."

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[1] Source: Liberty Counsel, P.O. Box 540774, Orlando, FL 32854; 1 800 671-1776; www.LC.org; Liberty@LC.org
Naughty List: 77kids; aerie; American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.; Athleta; Banana Republic; EB Games; Gap; Garmin; J.Crew; Outfitters; Old Navy; Piperlime; Plow & Hearth; Polo Ralph Lauren; Radio Shack; Sprint; Staples; and Tractor Supply Co.
Nice List: AC Moore Arts & Crafts; Belk; Best Buy; Boss Creations; Bronner CHRISTmas WONDERLAND; Cabela's; Chic-fil-A; Christmasplace.com; ComputerGear.com; Cracker Barrel; CVS pharmacy; Dick's Sporting Goods; Dillard's; Disney.com (Naughty last year); Dollar General; Eddie Bauer (another Naughty & Nice success story); Frontgate; Hallmark; Hobby Lobby; HoneyBaked Ham; JCPenney; K-Mart. [Send LC names of retailers who switch to "Nice."]

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With expertise in catering to the cultural and linguistic needs of countries all around the world, we are USDA Approved, Russian Approved, and Halal Certified*. Butterball has a wide-array of product choices to serve almost any price point and market, and will work with you to meet specific product needs. With both the Butterball and Carolina Turkey brands, you will find all of the high quality products and experience you need to make every meal a celebration. (*Emphasis Added)

Butterball Turkeys Processed Under Sharia[1] Law

"The halal sanctioned method of slaughtering animals consists of using a well sharpened knife to make a swift, deep incision that cuts the front of the throat, the carotid artery, wind pipe and jugular veins but leaves the spinal cord intact, and the animal suffering. A prayer is said over the animal as it suffers an agonizing death: 'Bismillah allahu akbar," in the name of Allah the greatest." – *Examiner.com*, Michael Stone

Butterball turkeys are U.S. products that originated in 1954. Carolina Turkey merged with Butterball in 2006 to form Butterball, LLC. They now produce 20 percent of U.S. turkeys, with 5,500 employees and six plants. The Mt. Olive, N.C. plant is the world's largest turkey plant.

Butterball was globally certified in 2009 after submitting to a rigorous audit by British Retail Consortium. Since its compliance with over 300 international standards for food safety/quality, worker safety/quality, environmental impact and a commitment by management, Butterball is authorized to use the official BRC logo to substantiate international approval.

HALAL Meats & Groceries, Metro Atlanta Locations

Ali Baba Groceries (meat/groceries), 11060 Alpharetta Hwy. 154, Roswell; Alpharetta Halal Meat & Seafood, 10875 Jones Bridge Rd.; Bismillah Halal Meat, 279 Powers Ferry Rd., Marietta; Asia Bazaar (Johns Creek), 2920 Old Norcross Rd., Duluth; Universal Groceries, 1455 Pleasant Hill Rd. Lawrenceville; Newton County Provision Company, 449 Almon Rd., Covington; Newton County Provision Company, 449 Almon Rd., Covington; International Farmers Market, 5380 Jonesboro Rd., Lake City; Atlanta Halal Meat, 1850 Lawrenceville Hwy., Decatur; Al-Hussain Halal Meat, 3030-A Camp Bellton Rd., Atlanta; Punjab Halal Meat, 1869 Cobb Parkway, Marietta; Dar Bayda Halal Foods, 1544 Wellborn Rd. #2, Lithonia; Asia Bazaar, 2920 Old Norcross Rd. Duluth; Makka Halal Meat, 4 locations: 431 N. Indian Cr. Dr., Clarkston; 279 Powers Ferry Rd., Marietta; 2325 Powder Springs Rd., Marietta; IGUAL, 1038 Franklin Rd., Marietta; Al Salam International Foods, 3 locations: 3711 N. Decatur Rd., Decatur; 5805 State Br. Rd., Duluth/Johns Creek; 1425 Market St., S.W., Roswell; Asia Halal, 1622 Woodcliff Dr., N.E., Atlanta; Bengal Store & Halal Meat, 2493 Chamblee-Tucker Rd., Atlanta; Family Grocery, 895 Indian Trail Road, Lilburn; International Farmers Market, 5198 Peachtree Ind. Blvd., Chamblee; Fatma Halal Meat & Groceries, 926 Montreal Rd., Clarkston; GAAl-Huda, 2449 Lawrenceville Hwy., Lawrenceville; Halal Markets on Jimmy Carter Blvd., 4 locations: Shalimar Imports; Eastern Groceries; International Farmers Market; Almadina; Salam Foods & Deli, 420 14th Street, N.W., Atlanta

[1] For more information on halal products in the U.S.A., access www.muslimconsumergroup.com

Islam: Filling the Void Left by the Ban on Bibles

The U.S. was founded as a nation under God, the God of the Bible, the one and only true God.

The Council on Islamic Education provides Muslims a six-step guide entitled, "How to get religious accommodation in the public school system," which must be working for them. In some public schools foot-washing facilities, reportedly, have been provided Muslim students and/or Christian items have been purged from certain areas to create prayer rooms for Muslim students. Yet, no baptismal pool or prayer room is provided Christian students. Georgia law, actually, prohibits spoken prayer – anyone's prayer – in public schools.

Some may think accommodating the religion of Muslim students is okay, but it's NOT okay to ban the Christian heritage of the United States in the name of tolerance and multiculturalism. U.S. history disputes anyone who says this country was not founded on Christian principles.

The Bible: 400th Anniversary of the King James Version

On August 26th, *The Wall Street Journal* used this year's 400th anniversary of the King James Bible to remind us of these unique facts. It's the all-time best selling and the most quoted book in the English language. As a revision of 100 years of prior English Bible translations, it was referred to as the "authorized King James Version," but was never officially authorized by anyone … except a great multitude of people. For over 350 years, any reference to the Bible meant the King James Version. Its position in U.S. history is evident through its influence on government, religion, families and education … especially childhood education.

In 1963 the U.S. Supreme Court banned use of the Bible as a devotional tool in public schools, but held that schools may teach its historical and literary value. After the Bible was banned from public schools, privately funded off-campus classes were created. In 2006 Georgia authorized using state taxes to fund elective Bible courses and four other states did the same.

Now, off-campus classes are being cut for lack of revenue. Four years ago, 48 of Georgia's 180 school districts offered the classes, but this year only 16 districts will. In fact, Columbia County Bible classes have been cut from three to one. The culprit – dwindling taxes.

Penalties Under Shariah[1] Law	CRIMES	Penalties Under U.S. Law
	Converting from Islam	
Punishable by death		Protects expressive freedom
	Defaming Islam (Blasphemy)	
Punishable by death		Protects freedom of speech
	Interfaith Marriage	
Women may marry only one Muslim man. Men may have up to four Muslim, Jewish or Christian wives.		Treats male and female equally
	Domestic Violence	
Qur'an permits husband to beat wives.		Imprisons spouse beater.
	Theft	
Punishes by amputation.		Fines or imprisonment or both
	Polygamy	
Men may have four wives, women one husband.		Illegal for males and females
	Honor Killings	
Allows killing of non-Muslim, apostate or own child		Prohibits murder.
	Testimony of Witnesses: Men and Women	
Female's testimony half as valuable as male's.		Male, female testimony equal

[1]Source of Shariah/US data: *Shariah in America, Islamic Shariah's Threat to American Liberty,* by Jay Alan Sekulow

Georgia Supreme Court to Rule on Assisted Suicide Law

"If we can aid people into coming into the world, why can't we aid them in exiting the world?"
– Dr. Jack Kevorkian

"Since society has decided it's unacceptable to help a person commit suicide, why is it all right to kill a person, in utero or during birth?"
– Sue Ella Deadwyler

Since time began, folks have been expected to live until they die naturally or in war or in a fatal accident. But 30 years ago Dr. Jack Kevorkian raised the question, "If we can aid people into coming into the world, why can't we aid them in exiting the world?" So, in 1990 he was crisscrossing Michigan in a rusty Volkswagen van, hauling a self-injection machine to enable people to kill themselves with a lethal drug. He earned the title of "Dr. Death" and was soon charged with first-degree murder for helping an Alzheimer's patient kill herself. The charges were dropped, but later he spent eight years in prison for second-degree murder. After his parole in 2007 and a short tour on the lecture circuit, he ran for Congress in 2008, but lost.

The actions of Jack Kevorkian prompted states all over the country to outlaw assisted suicide and in 1994 it became a felony in Georgia. Ironically, Kevorkian's death last month brought him back into the news, just as the Georgia Supreme Court was scheduled to decide the constitutionality of *advertising or offering* assisted suicide. That decision is months away.

Since it's illegal to advertise their services, Final Exit Network members challenged the law, claiming it restricts their freedom of speech. Groups in favor of the law include Not Dead Yet, Georgia ADAPT and Disabled Queers in Action. They and others hope assisted suicide remains against the law, even if the Court rules the advertising section unconstitutional.

The Network has been charged with tampering with death scenes to make assisted suicides appear to be natural deaths. In addition, Network personnel told an undercover GBI agent they would "help" hold his hands down so he could not "inadvertently" rip off the helium-filled bag that would cause his death. The agent got the message. Assisted suicide services would be forcibly completed, even for patients who try to change their mind at the end.

On November 7th, the Georgia Supreme Court heard oral arguments in Atlanta and, in coming months, the justices will decide whether the Final Exit Network should be prosecuted. Meanwhile, Dr. Death's warped question brings me to a flip-side thought. "Since society has decided it's unacceptable to help someone commit suicide, why is it all right to kill a person in utero or during birth?"

Alive for Action in 2012: S.R. 153 Natural Life 'til Natural Death

S.R. 153, pro-life legislation introduced by Senator Loudermilk February 15, 2011 would allow voters to decide the following: "Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the paramount right to life is vested in each human being from the moment of creation without regard to age, race, sex, health, function, or condition of dependency?"

ACTION – Support. Call Rules Committee Senators Balfour, Ch., 404 656-0095; Hamrick, V-Ch., 404 656-0036; Mullis, Sec., 404 656-0057; Cowsert, Ex-Officio, 404 463-1383; Hill, 404 656-5038; Rogers, 404 463-1378; Williams, 404 656-0089; Tolleson, 404 656-0081; Staton, Ex-Officio, 404 656-5039; Goggans, Ex-Officio, 404 463-5263; Bulloch, 404 656-0040; Shafer, 404 656-0048; Hooks, 404 656-0065; Henson, 404 656-0085; Butler, 404 656-0075; and Unterman, 404 463-1368.

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