

**News and Current Events :: Evangelical Sex Abuse Record 'Worse' Than Catholic****Evangelical Sex Abuse Record 'Worse' Than Catholic - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/7/8 11:30**

AUSTIN, Texas (RNS) The Christian mission field is a "magnet" for sexual abusers, Boz Tchividjian, a Liberty University law professor who investigates abuse said Thursday (Sept. 26) to a room of journalists.

While comparing evangelicals to Catholics on abuse response, "I think we are worse," he said at the Religion News writers Association conference, saying too many evangelicals had "sacrificed the souls" of young victims.

"Protestants can be very arrogant when pointing to Catholics," said Tchividjian, a grandson of evangelist Billy Graham and executive director of Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment (GRACE), which has investigated sex abuse allegations.

Earlier this summer, GRACE spearheaded an online petition decrying the "silence" and "inattention" of evangelical leaders to sexual abuse in their churches.

Mission agencies, "where abuse is most prevalent," often don't report abuse because they fear being barred from working in foreign countries, he said. Abusers will get sent home and might join another agency. Of known data from abuse cases, 25 percent are repeat cases, he said.

read more: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/10/01/protestant-sex-abuse-boz-tchividjian_n_4019347.html

Re: Evangelical Sex Abuse Record 'Worse' Than Catholic - posted by dolfan (), on: 2014/7/8 11:47

Revelation 9:21 ESV

21 nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

I shake at the anger God must be ready to pour upon this world., and especially those of us who call the name of Christ only to leverage Him for our own pleasures and abuses.

My wife was a child abuse investigator for the state for 5 years. Pastors and youth pastors were not the rarest among perpetrators. I have personally represented (as appointed counsel) one youth pastor sex offender. Yes, there are likely as many or more sex abusers among Protestant groups as among Catholics.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/7/8 18:36

It is a rampant problem; I have to deal with this issue at my job on a far too regular basis.

1 in 10 children in the US will be sexually abused by the time they are 18, almost invariably by someone they (and the child's family) know and trust. That means 400,000 children born in the US this year will be sexually abused by their 18th birthday unless something is done to prevent it. Only 38% of children disclose abuse.

<http://goo.gl/mRM6ld>

Re: Evangelical Sex Abuse Record 'Worse' Than Catholic - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/7/8 23:44

All this is because we send Half baked Christians as missionaries. We are more concerned about the need for spreading Gospel to the unreached than making disciples. That is why in a hurry we send those who are not disciples as missionaries. Also most of these missionaries are more concerned about sending reports of their work and getting more money from Christians in the West. Sad situation.

Instead of looking into the need in the world, let us wait patiently to hear the burden of God and then do accordingly.

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/7/9 3:28

good point Sree ,,rather than half baked Christian ,,false brethren ,,he who is born of God does not sin for God's seed is in him ,so he can not practice sin ,,he who sins has neither seen God nor known God

but who is this guy ,,i doubt he is Christian himself

how does he know all this ,,and yet this is foreign to most of us ???

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Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/7/9 4:59

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True, Catholic Church is not going to give him info on how many such cases got reported against their fathers. How can someone collect that info and then do a comparative study with Protestant missionaries? It is a lot more complex study to do, without proof a person cannot make such talks.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/7/9 6:26

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With all due respect Gary, your statement is an example of the reason child sexual abuse is such a rampant problem. We bury our head in the sand and attack the accuser or those seeking to do something about it. I know specifically of a family who had to move from their community because the community attacked and railed against their little girl who accused a beloved youth sports coach of sexually abusing her. The community was relentless against this family. Until it was later proven that this coach abused not only that girl but many young girls on THOUSANDS of occasions. And this is not the Jerry Sandusky case at Penn State.

Visit the website I linked to and do some reading. This is a very widespread issue in our culture and to think the percentages and proportions do not hold true in evangelical circles is burying your head in the sand.

I would agree however that child abusers are not Christians--regardless of who they are or what their position is. No way Jose.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2014/7/9 7:25

How did this fellow get the info that sexual abuse is not reported?

I can tell you about one place - go to any Crises Pregnancy Center and ask them! I have worked there and part of our job was to ask our clients. At that point in time it was said the stats showed a 20-25% of females had been victims. So one day I decided to do my own research with my clients. I kept a chart recording my findings, and yes it was true. It is also true that my findings can be suspect because we did not go into the byways and hedges to find our subjects, just those that came in to our center for pregnancy testing. I do not recall any of these victims having reported to the law their abuse. They are too ashamed to do so and doing so will force them to relive it in the courtroom.

(There was one case that angered me a long time whenever I thought about it. A young woman got pregnant - she was married but very young - and her OB GYN convinced her her baby was deformed and that she needed a therapeutic abortion. She went to Jackson, had the baby taken. She insisted on seeing the child. They eventually brought it to her and she said it was perfect. I do not believe in suing but I did urge it in this case but she did not want to relive this emotional trauma on the witness stand.)

Retelling their story to a probing lawyer who will work to discredit the testimony is intimidating to a victim. And...and...like it or not, some females do lie about them being a victim - some incidents were consensual, not rape. Because of this nobody wins and for the most part it will hurt other women indirectly because the law wants to be double sure they will not be prosecuting the wrong person. Too bad the liar cannot be prosecuted.

Dolfan, I wonder how can you as a Believer defend a sex offender in court? Was he guilty? I know if a fellow does it once he immediately becomes a suspect in future cases. Just wondering.

Yes, I believe the stats...based on my interviews at the CPC. Why? Because I heard too many stories of clergy and their staff being involved in fornication. Made me lose a lot of respect for clergy - I used to put them on a pedestal because my grandfather was one and I highly respected him - figured all preachers were good men! Sorry - not true. If this happens stateside why should one not think it would happen elsewhere. You see, if the church people take a lackadaisical attitude towards fornication, adultery, divorce and remarriage why should one expect otherwise on the mission field?

If you want it different you better start cleaning up here in the home church so if it happens on the field these perpetrators will be sent home in disgrace - not allow them to continue in the field under the banner of forgiveness.

Yes, I have strong opinions on a few subjects - surprised?!

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/7/10 3:04

tmk dont accuse me of attacking the abused ,you might do that i dont,, never have,, my questions a litig and honest,,, and i think if we cant at least provide the public information then i dont think it is wright to lable a movment or a cult as a sexual abuses or what ever

sree made a good point that the catholic church would not have provided the imformation need to uses as a comparisin againsts the evengelical movement ,,and if the did i like to see it rather then here it from billy grahams grand son ,,something doesnt sit right with me when any one accuse an organisation to the public ,,but doesnt show hwere the sorce or r eference are regarding the acusation

it not even an honest way to raise awereness ,,it sort of remains a conspiracy theroy ,,,,,this shgould be all over the new s bigtime ,,just like the abuse in the catholic church

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/7/10 3:09

wops im sorry tmk you said im attacking the accuser not the abused ,,no im not attacking ,,evedenc is allways a a good thing to have ,,thats all who is he where does go to get his imformation ,,

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/7/10 3:14

hi ginney are you saying that you think 20 ;25 percent of the girls where abused by evengelical cleragy,,im nor sure if th at is what you are saying

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/7/10 6:37

Gary--

My exact words were: "We bury our head in the sand and attack the accuser or those seeking to do something about it."

I did not say "You." I said "we" because this is a soceietal issue. The reason child sex abuse is rampant is because we as a society have allowed it to go on due to certain behaviors, two of which are attacking the person who makes the acc usation (again I am not saying you were doing this) or attacking organizations or people who are trying to address the p roblem.

Of course this is only a small part of the reason why this issue exists.

If you truly believe that evangelical churches are exempt from this widespread evil, I will just have to disagree with you. The better mindset is to accept that it IS happening to our children in our churches and set out to stop it by having specifi c rules in place regarding children being alone with an adult, background checks, etc. You rarely catch a child abuser in the act. You catch them breaking rules.

My guess is that the large majority of evangelical chruches don't have many safeguards in place because the attitude is "it couldn't happen here" or "i know that so and so would never abuse a child." The only problem is that this is what AL WAYS is said about an abuser before they are caught.

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/7/10 7:47

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you said we bury our heads in the sand after saying my nwords are basicy the reson an example of a reason ,,children

get sexually abused

i can explain if you like why i said i dont think he is a christian or i asked weather he was a christian ,,,,,,

and it is a biblical reason why this gyes words dont reflect what a bornagaing believe word say even if it is all true

he never once explained to the listens that the evengical movment is made of of liberal god haters who do not believe th e bible ,,and accoring to the bible are not even christian ,or true evengical in it historaical biblical context ,,he painted wit h a brord brush stroke and put all in one basket ,,and never quoted the nesasary verses from the letter of john to prove t hat most of this type of behaviour is inposable to do if you are truly born agaain

he has done the true christian a great injustise not destingishing between the children of the devil and the children of go d ,,and whenstrong persacution comes to ya over in usa from the government ,,it will be becasue of statments like that ,, ,he has played devils advocate

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/7/10 8:01

Gary what difference does it make whether the guy in the article is a Christian or not? I would suspect that he is but even if not, so what?

He is simply bringing to light an issue that has gone undiscussed in evangelical circles for too long. I applaud him for doing so.

If you refuse to accept that this is going on in the evangelical churches-even the solid non liberal ones then yes, you are burying your head in the sand.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/7/10 8:04

Quote: "Dolfan, I wonder how can you as a Believer defend a sex offender in court? Was he guilty? I know if a fellow does it once he immediately becomes a suspect in future cases. Just wondering."

I believe he said he was appointed by the court.

In this country the accused still has a right to counsel and a fair trial. Thank goodness for that.

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/7/10 8:27

well when you said we attack the accuser ,,i figuerd what i said about him probably not being a christian ,,was seen by you as me attacking him

it is the same if i found about for instance about all the sexabuse in your family by say you uncile and brothers ,,i and slander you whole family and say theres so much abuse in whaters name you have you your family you included are the worst family in america worse then moct sex cults ...no even if what i said had truth in it it is wrong to lable you family as a the worst bunch of sex abuses

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when something good comes from what he said be sure to let me know ,,no hypothetical opinions please

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2014/7/10 9:30

TMK, true.

Ginnyrose, trust me, that is a question I weigh a lot in many cases.

Here is all I can say about it:

I deal with the facts I have. Not every case is clear. Now I am referring to more than sexual abuse cases, here. Most cases, though, are.

In clear cases, I do my job and seek a plea bargain on the best terms I can. In questionable cases, we typically settle those with pleas, too. My job in those cases is, essentially, to make sure my clients constitutional rights are observed, that he knows what is happening in his case and makes decisions with knowledge of his rights and of the law and of the evidence. I advise based on the facts, the law, and my own experience.

My job is not to encourage or seek or offer lies. If I engage in untruths, they are not known to me but are falsehoods based on statements or other evidence from clients, witnesses or police. I deal in realities and do not stage or show off to try and make a client happy with useless demonstrative sideshows.

I defend guilty people all the time. And, they are punished according to the law all the time. It is the nature of this business.

Where someone has a substantive, valid defense, I provide that. Because, believe it or not, and it happens often, the police and the prosecutors are wrong. Wrong on the law. Wrong on the facts. Wrong in believing a witness who is lying.

I understand your question. I don't begrudge it. I pray a lot.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/7/10 10:07

Gary I 100% agree with you that true Christians are not abusers.

I don't believe that is what this man is saying. He is saying that wolves masquerading as Christians infiltrate churches and mission organizations (and other youth serving organizations) to commit evil. These people go where the kids are. It is a vile evil.

I think the article is a clarion call to churches to wake up and take action on this issue. Many youth serving organizations have done so. Churches should be leading the charge, not lagging behind on this issue because it is important to Jesus. What did He say about those who mistreat children?

A church or Christian organization who refuses to take steps to stop this problem and protect children is guilty pure and simple.

Re: , on: 2014/7/10 10:53

While I believe that any organization which involves young people and vulnerable people attract predators, the notion that at the Evangelical community, which I am no big fan of, is just as bad as the Catholics is just fiction.

The Catholic Church has systematically been involved, on every continent in the world, in the abuse of children, probably in the millions over the centuries. The Catholic Church is an organization that compels men into celibacy and gave cover for homosexuality for centuries and was/is corrupt from the ground up.

It is a common argument from Catholics and Catholic communities, I know, I was one and came from one, that "The Catholic Church is no worse than anyone else when it comes to abuse." This was their way of not dealing with the problem. And the losers in that scenario was always the children.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2014/7/12 9:01

Nothing is hidden from God, but in human realm, sexual abuse is defined by our legal system, and the culpability or innocence of a person is based on the evidences presented compliant to the rules of court and may not necessarily represent the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

In the epistle to the Corinthians, a grave sexual perversion has been committed, let it be remembered that in the end it still God who will decide to pardon or execute punishment or to call the offender into repentance, but this does not necessarily make church discipline or our penal system null and void.