

Wings

*"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles."
Isaiah 40:31*



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The Fruit of the Sexual Revolution

The recent revelations of sexual misconduct among our cultural elites reinforces the value of traditional moral standards. When those standards are jettisoned, women and children pay the price.

"I will not punish your daughters when they commit harlotry, nor your brides when they commit adultery; for the men themselves go apart with harlots, and offer sacrifices with a ritual harlot. Therefore people who do not understand will be trampled" (Hos. 4:14).



The sexual harassment scandals of the last couple of months have yanked the mask off an ugly secret that our cultural elites have been hiding for the last fifty years or so. For all their pious posturing about women's rights, a significant number of male journalists, politicians, businessmen, and media bigwigs—and not a few female enablers—have been exposed as hypocrites of the highest order.

The reactions to these scandals only compound the hypocrisy. Consider a statement released by a former First Couple: "We all need to build a culture—including by empowering our girls and teaching our boys decency and respect—so we can make such behavior less prevalent in the future." This state-

ment would be laughable if it was not so sanctimonious. Our country once had a culture of decency and respect. Our daughters were empowered to devote their lives to what they were best at, nurturing the next generation. Our boys were trained to treat women with dignity, even to sacrifice themselves for them. In practice, that culture was not perfect—no human system ever is—but at least it provided a standard in which everyone knew the rules and by which everyone could be judged.

But beginning with the sexual revolution of the 1960s, our intellectual superiors systematically dismantled that culture. Under constant pounding from feminist dogma and a compliant media, traditional standards were reduced to a caricature. Instead of insisting that men rise up to the moral level of women, women were given license to be just as promiscuous as men. Rules of behavior that were once clearly defined became muddled and confused. We are now seeing the fruit of that experiment.

The people who react with horror at the sexual mistreatment of women are

the same ones who for decades have been churning out a stream of movies and TV shows featuring raunchy sexcapades and vulgar humor that objectified women. They have defended pornography as a harmless pastime. Now the cultural elites are *shocked! shocked!* by the sordid revelations coming out of the halls of power. Please spare us the drama. The barbarians were only practicing what they preach—and those who knew chose to look the other way. Their hypocrisy is especially brazen, considering the mockery they heaped upon our Vice President's policy of never being alone with a woman other than his wife.

History has seen this kind of sexual lawlessness before. The upper social classes to which Hosea prophesied harbored the same kind of debauchery. God's message to that generation was chilling: "People who do not understand will be trampled." Their depravity undermined the very foundation upon which their civilization was built, and it soon collapsed. Our nation will be trampled too, if we do not acknowledge the error of our ways and turn back to God.

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