

God Came Down with a Big Message 神下來報告重大訊息



Genesis 創世記 18、19 章

MGC 4-18-21

About Today's Sermon

關於今天的講道

On Feb 24, 2021 at 11:30 am. I came before the LORD and inquired Him what I should preach next time. I had several topics in mind, but I wanted God to tell me.

God's answer came much quicker than I anticipated. Only 20 minutes later, a brother sent me a video. After I watched it, I got the impression God was telling me to preach from Genesis 18 & 19. You may recall I preached on Genesis 17 last time. So Genesis 18 & 19 was one of my choices. However, for some reasons I prefer not to preach on these chapters.

Since that date, I kept on running into news, articles & videos related to this sermon. I became convinced God wants me to preach on this subject.

I am afraid some of you may not like today's message and I can understand why. However, if God wants to tell us something, we better listen and pay attention regardless of whether we like it or not. I believe today's message has important implications for all of us.

We have a lot of Scriptures and topics to cover today, so I won't waste time going into the details in Genesis 18 & 19

A Brief Summary of Genesis 18 創世記十八章簡述

The story in Genesis 18 & 19 took place Right after Abraham circumcised all the males in his household in Genesis 17.

Act of Faith & Obedience
相信與服從

There are 3 scenes in chapter 18

Scene 1: The LORD came to have dinner with Abraham.

18: 1-15

Fellowship
交通

Scene 2: The LORD disclosed the real purpose of His visit to Abraham.

18:16-21

Revelation
啟示

Scene 3: Abraham pleaded with the LORD not to wipe out the cities of Sodom & Gomorrah

18:22-33

Intercession
代求

A Brief Summary of Genesis 18 創世記十八章簡述

Scene 1 – Abraham was met with three “celestial visitors” (天外訪客)

One of them was later identified as the LORD (耶和華) and the other two as angels.



Abraham played hospitality to his visitors and served them with a lavish dinner.

What an honor to have God come to have dinner with you !

A Brief Summary of Genesis 18 創世記十八章簡述

Scene 2: After dinner, the visitors got up to leave and Abraham walked along with them to send them off (送客). At that point the LORD disclosed **the real purpose of His visit:** He has **an important message** for Abraham: **Judgement is Coming to Sodom and Gomorrah** because of their grave sin.

The LORD let Abraham know what He was going to do for 2 reasons:

1) Abraham is called God's friend and the LORD said: "Shall I hide from Abraham (my friend) what I am about to do? 耶和華說、我所要作的事、豈可瞞著(我的朋友)亞伯拉罕呢"? (John 約 15:15)

2) For Abraham's sake, The LORD wanted to deliver his nephew Lot's family out of Sodom before He destroys the cities.



Therefore the LORD let Abraham know what was coming so he could intercede according to His will.

A Brief Summary of Genesis 18 創世記十八章簡述

Scene 3: Abraham pleaded with the LORD not to wipe out the cities of Sodom & Gomorrah

Abraham made the plead based on the LORD's righteousness.

“Far be it from you to do such a thing--to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?” 將義人與惡人同殺、將義人與惡人一樣看待、這斷不是祢所行的。審判全地的主、豈不行公義麼？

Then Abraham began a bargaining process with the LORD: “if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? 假若那城裡有五十個義人、你還剿滅那地方麼。不為城裡這五十個義人饒恕其中的人麼。



A Brief Summary of Genesis 19

創世記十九章簡述

There are 4 scenes in chapter 19

Scene 1: The two angels were dispatched to Sodom. They were met & greeted by Lot at the city gate. It is believed that Lot held a high position in the city government of Sodom and worked at the city gate. (Gen 19:1-2)



A Brief Summary of Genesis 19

創世記十九章簡述

Scene 2: At Lot's house. It is believed that the two angels were very good looking males. They attracted the attentions of the homosexual males in the city and they all gathered outside Lot's house and demanded Lot to handover the two angelic visitors to them for sex (Gen 19:1-2)

Lot tried to protect his two visitors and offered to give his 2 unmarried daughters to the crowd instead.



The crowd got mad at Lot and attempted to rape him instead.

The 2 angels pulled Lot inside the house and caused the crowd to go blind so they couldn't get inside.

Rescue the Perishing 拯救滅亡人

Scene 3: Then the two angels told Lot the outcry from the city's grave sin had reached the LORD and for that reason they were sent to destroy the cities. The angels told Lot to get everyone in his family out of the city immediately.

Lot told his future sons-in-laws about the news and they thought that was a joke. Meanwhile Lot and his wife and daughters hesitated to leave. So the angels had to grab the family out of the city by force.

Sodom & Gomorrah were destroyed by burning sulfur sent from heaven



Lot's wife looked back at Sodom despite warned not to. She was turned into a pillar of salt.



Scandal in a Mountain Cave 山洞裡的醜聞

Scene 4: Lot went to settle in Sodom because he was a greedy man and wanted to get rich, even though he knew Sodom was a sinful city. He did acquired wealth & a high position in the city.

But at the end he lose everything he acquired including his wife. He and his daughters were barely saved like burning sticks snatched out from the fire 從火中抽出來的柴

Lot was too ashamed to go back to his uncle Abraham. Even too ashamed to live in any community after having lost everything. He decide to live in a mountain cave with his 2 daughters.

The daughters decided to get their father drunk and committed incest (亂倫) with their father for the sake of “preserve the family line 為家族存留後裔”

Each daughter bore a son from their father
The 2 sons became fathers of the Moabites (摩押人) and the Ammonites (亞捫人) which became the enemies of the Israelites later.



Why Did God Punished Sodom & Gomorrah So Severely?

神為何嚴厲懲罰所多瑪和蛾摩拉諸城

1) God is holy and righteous. He cannot tolerate sin & let it go unpunished. However because of His great love He was willing to send his son Jesus to bear the punishment for the sinners and died for those who repent and put their trust in Jesus.

2) Despite all the excuses and arguments, God's word clearly stated that homosexuality is a sin abominable to Him. 不管人用什麼藉口和論據，聖經清楚說明同性戀是神憎惡的罪 (Lev. 利未記 18:22)。It violates God's creation design. 同性戀違反了神創造的設計。As Genesis 19 witnessed, homosexuality was rampant in the city of Sodom. So God burned those cities into ashes. 正如創世記19所見證的那樣，在所多瑪城，同性戀氾濫猖獗。所以神用硫磺與火滅那些城。

3) God is patient; He always gives people the opportunity to repent before judgment comes. But there is a limit to God's patience: "They always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last. 他們不斷地累積自己的罪，惡貫滿盈；神的義憤終於臨到他們的身上。" (2 Thes 帖前 2:16) (現代中文譯本)

4) God used the destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah **as an example to warn** future generations, especially **those living near the end time**. (Lk 路 17: 28-30; 2 Peter 彼後 2:6; Jude 猶 7-8).

Today's Sodom and Gomorrah Is Here
今天的所多瑪和蛾摩拉就在這裏

U.S. Supreme Court Ruling Legalize Same Sex Marriage
美國最高法院裁決同性婚姻合法
June 25, 2015



Today's Sodom and Gomorrah Is Here 今天的所多瑪和蛾摩拉就在這裏



The Seattle Times

Biden's ambitious LGBT agenda poises him to b...

Homosexuality Has Gone Global 同性戀已經走向全球

2019年5月17日——台灣寫下歷史，成為亞洲第一個同婚合法國家



Openly LGBT Heads of World Governments 公開是男女同性戀，雙性和變性者的國家元首



 Iceland



 Belgium




 Luxembourg



 Ireland



 Serbia

LGBT CEOs of Major Corporations LGBT 在大企業當總裁

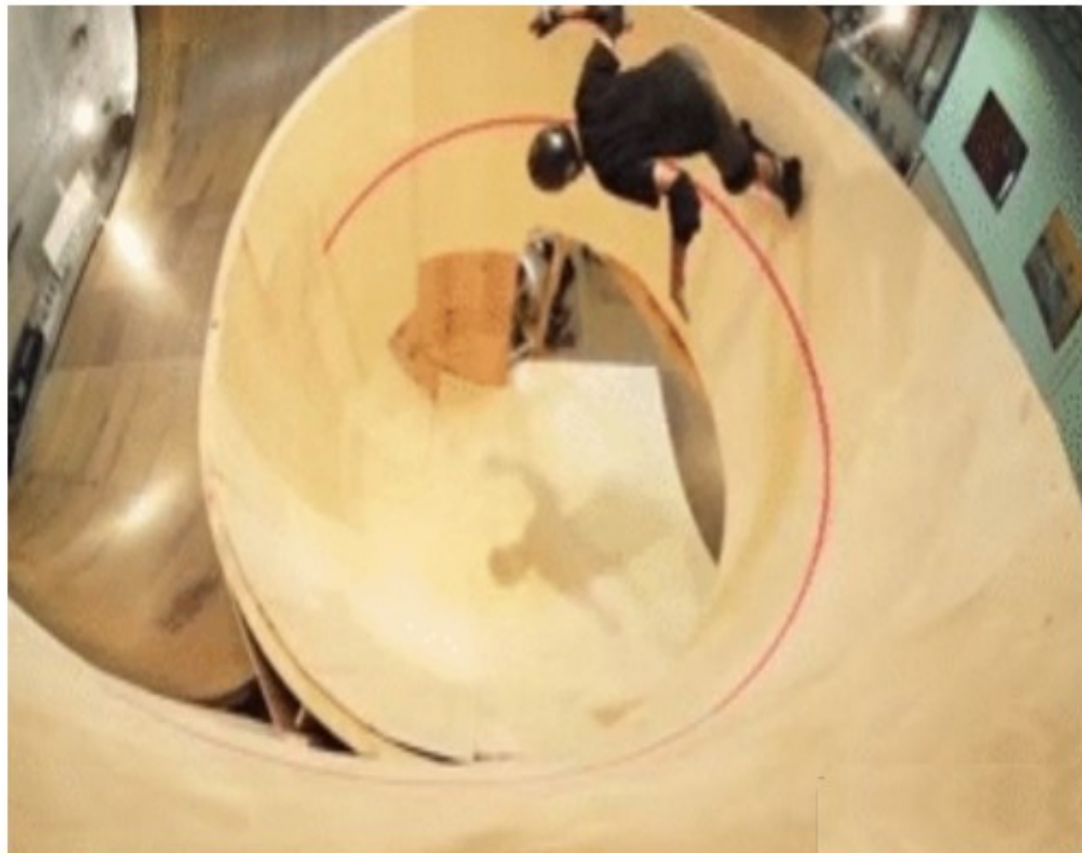


Spiraling Down to Depravity

漩渦般墮落

The Bible (Romans 1: 18-32) tells us the progression of sins follows a sequence. It doesn't just happen. There is a cause for every effect. It starts with the suppression of truth and the rejection of God. Then it spirals down rapidly like a swirl and becomes unstoppable.

羅馬書第一章告訴我們罪惡的發展循著一個順序, 始於對真理的壓制和對神的抗拒, 然後迅速像被捲入漩渦般墮落, 一發不可收拾。



The 4 Stages of Depravity

墮落的四個階段

Cause 原因

Romans 羅馬書
1: 18-32

Effect 後果

Stage 1 They knew God, but they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him (They took pride in themselves or in other people / things) (Rom 1:21)

第一階段 他們雖然知道神、卻不榮耀祂、也不感謝祂 (他們以自己或別的人物/事物為榮耀)

Thinking became futile their hearts became darkened they became fools

他們的思想因此變得荒誕乖謬，原來已經無知的心，更加昏暗不清。他們自以為聰明，其實是愚蠢。(現代譯本)

Stage 2 They exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images (idols) (i.e. they worship & go after things other than God) (Rom 1:22)

第二階段 他們將不能朽壞之神的榮耀、變為偶像、彷彿必朽壞的人、和飛禽走獸昆蟲的樣式。(追求崇拜神以外的事物)

God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another (Rom 1:24)

所以神任憑他們(把他們交給)、隨著污穢的內心，縱慾行淫，糟蹋自己的身體(現代譯本)

The 4 Stages of Depravity 墮落的四個階段

Cause 原因

Romans 羅馬書
1: 18-32

Effect 後果

Stage 3 They **exchanged** the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things (idols) rather than the Creator (Rom 1:25)

第三階段 他們寧可信謊言也不信神的真理，寧可敬拜事奉受造的各種偶像、也不敬奉那造物的主

God **gave them over** to shameful lusts, to **exchange** natural sex for **unnatural sex** (i.e. **homosexuality**)

因此神**任憑他們(把他們交給)**放縱羞恥的情慾，放棄正常的男女關係，換取變態反常的同性戀行為。

Stage 4 They think it was not worthwhile to know God, so they ignore Him.

第四階段 他們認為不值得他們去認識神、便故意不理會神。

God **gave them over** to a **depraved mind**, to do all sorts of **wicked things**★

神就**任憑他們**隨著自己**墮落的心靈**，去作種種**邪惡的事**★

★ Romans 1:29 -31 list those **wicked things**
羅馬書 1:29-31 列舉**邪惡的事**

Includes mass murder
包括集體槍殺

How America's Downward Spiral to Depravity Unfold

美國道德急轉直下是如何展開的

100 years ago it was the law in most states to teach creationism (創造論) in schools

But in 1925, a teacher in Tennessee began to teach Darwin's evolution. He was taken to court by the state and charged.

However a powerful political group hired a brilliant lawyer to defend the teacher. The trial attracted nation attention and was famed "The Scopes Monkey Trial 1925"(1925年猴子審判)"



The teacher was found to be guilty but due to his lawyer's strong arguments, he was only fined \$100.

And a few years later his case was even overturned for "technical reasons"

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美國道德急轉墮落是如何展開的

30 years later, two playwrights turned “the “1925 Scopes Monkey Trial” into a play (舞台劇) called “Inherit the Wind (風的傳人)”. The play was made into a Hollywood movie in 1960.

Both the play and the movie fictionalize (虛構化) the original account with many invented portions to make creationism look silly.



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Based on this propaganda movie, the scopes trial began to appear in American history books. Then in 1968, the US Supreme Court struck down the laws that prohibited the teaching of evolution.

Once it was allowed, teachers unions and scientific academies began to ban the teaching of creationism. So the American law flip-flopped from a God honoring position to a God denying position (suppress God's truth)



Earlier on June 25, 1962, the US Supreme Court decided prayer in school is unconstitutional.

Similarly, in the following year the court ruled Bible readings in public schools is unconstitutional.

So now we have generations of Americans who have been raised to disregard and even laugh at the idea of a Creator God – this is **the first step in the descent of a culture.**

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Subsequently, the US Supreme Court legalize abortion in 1973.

And in a series of decisions starting from 1971, the U.S. Supreme Court gradually struck down discriminations against homosexuals. Finally on **June 26, 2015**, it struck down all state laws that ban same-sex marriage and legalized it in all fifty states.



Abandoned by God (excerpt) John MacArthur 【上帝已棄絕美國】(摘錄) 麥克阿瑟牧師

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4adwkv0G0_I (2 min 49 sec)



An Excerpt from John MacArthur's Message 麥克阿瑟牧師上一個月的講道摘錄 (March 2021)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1pgqGwQIQY&t=314s> (2 min 34 sec)



kind of insanity
a nation abandoned

JOHN MACARTHUR

Evidences of Depravity & Insanity 道德敗壞和精神錯亂的明證

NEW YORK POST

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New York parent seeks OK to marry their own adult child

By Kathianne Boniello

April 10, 2021 12:00pm | Updated

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/new-york-parent-seeks-ok-to-marry-their-own-adult-child>

Also in <https://nypost.com/2021/04/10/new-york-parent-seeks-ok-to-marry-their-own-adult-child/>

A New Yorker who wants to marry their own adult offspring is **suing to overturn laws barring the incestuous practice**, calling it a matter of “individual autonomy.”

“The proposed spouses are adults,” the filing says. **“The proposed spouses are biological parent and child..”**



Evidences of Depravity & Insanity 道德敗壞和精神錯亂的明證

Father Arrested After Continuing To Call His Child “She” After Court-Ordered Gender Transition Treatments *March 19, 2021*

<https://nationalpost.com/news/b-c-father-arrested-held-in-jail-for-repeatedly-violating-court-orders-over-childs-gender-transition-therapy> **Also appears in**

<https://jonathanturley.org/2021/03/19/father-arrested-after-continuing-to-call-his-child-she-after-court-ordered-gender-transition-treatments/>

There is an extraordinary case out of British Columbia where a father referenced as CD was arrested after he continued to refer to his biological 14-year-old daughter (known as AB) as “she” and his “daughter” after he transitioned to a male gender. The Supreme Court of British Columbia, Canada ordered that the child receive testosterone injections without obtaining parental consent. CD opposed the transition as the parent but he was overruled after physicians at BC Children’s Hospital who decided the girl should receive testosterone injections. The father continued to defy gag orders, including a bar on his trying to persuade with his own child to wait before making such a change.

Evidences of Depravity & Insanity 道德敗壞和精神錯亂的明證

California Bill Would Give \$1,000 Fines to Retailers with Separate 'Girls' and 'Boys' Toy Sections

The proposed bill from Assembly Members Evan Low and Cristina Garcia would require stores to have one unisex section for children's products and apparel.

CHRISTIAN BRITSCHGI | 2.23.2021 10:30 AM

<https://reason.com/2021/02/23/california-bill-would-give-1000-fines-to-retailers-with-separate-girls-and-boys-toy-sections/>



Evidences of Depravity & Insanity

社會道德敗壞和精神錯亂的明證



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CITY OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS
ARTHUR CYBIATEK, CHAIRMAN

Christopher Columbus



George Washington



George Washington

Thomas Jefferson



Robert Lee



Homosexuality Has Infiltrated Our Government
同性戀已經滲透國家政府

Putin mocks U.S. Embassy for flying rainbow flag



Homosexuality Has Infiltrated Our Government 同性戀已經滲透國家政府

LGBT in US Government (Cabinet Level) 美國總統內閣中的 同性戀，雙性戀和變性者



LGBT in US President's White House 美國總統府內的同性戀，雙性戀和變性者



Homosexuality Has Infiltrated Our Government

同性戀已經滲透國家政府

List of LGBT state supreme court justices



WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

Order ◆	State ◆	Justice ◆	Service as Justice ◆
1	Oregon	Rives Kistler	2003–2018
2	Oregon	Virginia Linder	2007–2016
3	Colorado	Monica Márquez	2010–present
4	Hawaii	Sabrina McKenna	2011–present
5	Massachusetts	Barbara Lenk	2011–2020
6	Vermont	Beth Robinson	2011–present
7	Connecticut	Andrew J. McDonald	2013–present
8	Washington	Mary Yu	2014–present
9	Oregon	Lynn Nakamoto	2016–present
10	Minnesota	Margaret Chutich	2016–present
11	Nevada	Lidia Stiglich	2016–present
12	Massachusetts	Elsbeth B. Cypher	2017–present
13	New York	Paul Feinman	2017–2021
14	Washington	G. Helen Whitener	2020–present
15	California	Martin Jenkins	2020–present

America's Destiny 美國的命運

“My Heart Aches for America 我為美國心痛”

“If God doesn't punish America, He'll have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah.

神若不懲罰美國，祂就要向所多瑪和蛾摩拉道歉”



Rev. Billy Graham 葛培理牧師

GOD'S JUDGMENT

IS ABOUT TO FALL ON THIS NATION



America's Destiny 美國的命運

Excerpts from Lamb & Lion Ministry 羊與獅事工

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLmd0GzNF4k&t=30s> (3 min 36 sec)



AMERICA'S
DESTINY

Depraved Education 墮落的教育

“If you can get control of the education institutions, you can get control of the nation.

你若能掌握教育機構，你就可以控制整個國家”

So they are corrupting our children from very young age thru schools 所以他們把我們的孩子從小時就在學校教壞



NY lawmaker wants sex ed for kindergartners

By [Mary Kay Linge](#) and [Susan Edelman](#)

March 6, 2021 | 12:46pm | [Updated](#)

<https://nypost.com/2021/03/06/ny-lawmaker-wants-sex-ed-for-kindergartners/>

Get ready for the latest woke wave in education: comprehensive sex ed for kids as young as 5 — thanks to a new bill in the state Senate.

NYC School ‘Inclusive Language’ Guide Encourages Students to Stop Saying ‘Mom,’ ‘Dad’

BY GQ PAN **March 11, 2021** Updated: March 11, 2021

https://www.theepochtimes.com/nyc-school-inclusive-language-guide-encourages-students-to-stop-saying-mom-dad_3729542.html?utm_source=news&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=breaking-2021-03-11-3

A private K-12 school in Manhattan is encouraging its students to stop using the terms “mom,” “dad” and “[parents](#),” in an effort to make the campus a more “welcoming and inclusive” space.

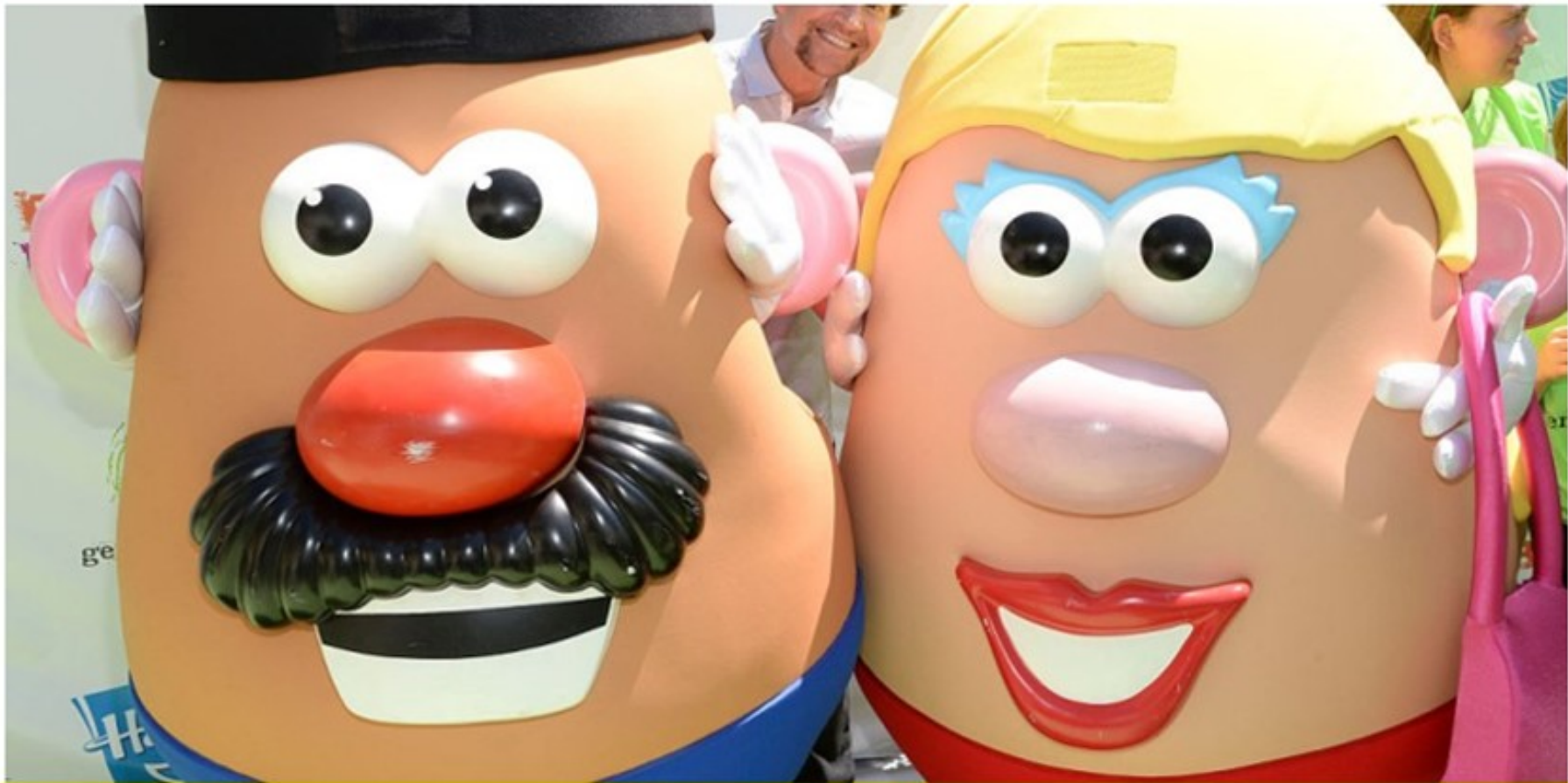
Depraved Education 墮落的教育

Mr. Potato Head to Become “Gender Neutral” to **Allow Kids to Create “Same-Sex Families”**

Company wants to challenge “heteronormative narratives.”

Paul Joseph Watson **25 February, 2021**

<https://summit.news/2021/02/25/mr-potato-head-to-become-gender-neutral-to-allow-kids-to-create-same-sex-families/>



Toy giant Hasbro has announced that Mr. Potato Head will become gender neutral ‘Potato Head’ in order to encourage kids to create “same sex families.”

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Fast Company

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The iconic Mr. Potato Head gets a 21st-century rebrand



The iconic Mr. Potato Head gets a 21st-century rebrand

Mr. Potato Head can now marry another Mr. Potato Head.

[fastcompany.com](https://www.fastcompany.com)

Hope Amid Despair 絕望中的希望

I want to end today's message on a positive note.

At the end of the last video, the speakers said: "While there is not much hope for our nation, but there sure is hope for individuals. Salvation is not a national thing, it is an individual, personal matter". Those who repent and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ will be saved (even for the homosexuals).

The story of Christopher Yuan (袁幼軒) and his parents is a very good example. Their powerful testimonies demonstrate God's saving grace and the power of the gospel on hopeless sinners.



Chris' father was a successful dentist in Chicago and Chris was also a graduating dental student.

But Chris became a gay and got into drugs. He even became a drug lord (毒梟) while in college.

His parents were about to divorce and his mom on the verge of committing suicide.

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Even worse, Chris got caught selling drugs and was locked up in jail. On top of this he was diagnosed to be HIV+ which to him was like a death sentence.

At the darkest moment God's salvation came to this family. Chris' parents accepted Christ and their marriage was saved. Chris also genuinely repented and turned a new leaf in his life. His jail term was substantially reduced and got out of prison.

God even called Chris to go into the ministry. He was accepted by Moody Bible Institute when he was still in jail. Later He earned a master & a Ph.D. degree there and became a professor at Moody.

1 我曾是同性戀, 但神拯救了我!- 袁幼軒 I Was a Homosexual but God Saved Me (in English with Chinese subtitle 英語附中文字幕)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SR-2EZe6Xlc> (11 min 36 sec)

2 從毒梟到教授-袁幼軒 (國語) From Drug Lord to Professor (Chinese)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhEFqkMheiY&t=5s> (51 min)

Rescue the Perishing

【趕快救滅亡人】
生命聖詩 254

by Fanny J. Crosby



Is Lot a Righteous Man 羅得是個義人嗎？

He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; and if He rescued **Lot, a righteous man**, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men (for **that righteous man**, living among them day after day, was tormented in **his righteous soul** by the lawless deeds he saw and heard) 2 Peter 2: 6-8

神又判定所多瑪、蛾摩拉、將二城傾覆、焚燒成灰、作為後世不敬虔人的鑑戒。只搭救了那常為惡人淫行憂傷的**義人羅得**。因為**那義人**住在他們中間、看見聽見他們不法的事、**他的義心**就天天傷痛。 彼後 2: 6-8



唐崇榮國際佈道團STEMI Taiwan
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羅得是義人嗎？ (唐崇榮牧師解答)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kzw7-RBd5E> 2 min. video 2 分鐘視頻

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zc6d1g27nBE> 3 min. video 3 分鐘視頻

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