

## AMERICA'S GROWING ADDICTION TO PORNOGRAPHY

\* Americans spend 13.1 billion dollars on pornography every year, which is the same amount the country spends on foreign aid. More than 260 million Internet pages are pornographic, an increase of 1,800% in just five years.

Christian Broadcasting Network said: "We're living in a sex-saturated society. Even the popular culture is often pulsing to a pornographic beat. Clothing that was seen only in porn magazines decades ago, now drapes some of our most celebrated pop icons.

You can now see XXX movies right on cable TV that used to be available only in seedy porn shops. And the same types of photos are now easily available on the privacy of your own computer screen.

Science is finding that porn users release chemicals in their own brains that are as powerfully addictive as cocaine or alcohol, and the Internet makes feeding this addiction irresistibly easy for the vulnerable.

Mark Kastleman, who has written a book on Internet porn, warning it's "***The Drug of the New Millennium***," said, "You hit a button and you're instantly there ... and it's anonymous. The anonymity is the real key, especially with religious people. They can do it without anyone knowing."

\* One of the biggest concerns is what this will do to the next generation, to children. Wendy Wright, of *Concerned Women for America*, said, "The average age of a child's first exposure to hardcore pornography is eight years old." Most kids see some 14,000 references to sex on TV each year. What has all this led to?

\* Six out of 10 high school seniors have had sex, and one out of four sexually active teens will get a sexually transmitted disease this year. ." - Source CBN / Aug 04

A wise king once wrote:

**"I will set no vile, wicked or worthless thing before my eyes.** (I hate the work of those who turn away *from the right path*.) *That wicked thing* shall not fasten its grip on me." (David - Psalm 101:3)

But when rationalism replaces spiritual wisdom, and when generations turn from the right path to vile, wicked *or* worthless things, is it unreasonable to suggest that God will discipline a nation today?

After the terrorist attack of 9/11, Americans flocked to churches and prayed to God. But in spite of efforts to halt the march into total depravity, the nation, continued on its relentless course, outlawing expression of God's Word in public places. It even included a call to remove the words, "IN GOD WE TRUST," from the US \$1 note.

## THE WRITING IS ON THE WALL

TODAY the writing is on the walls of the halls of administration in the US:

**“You have been weighted on the scales and found wanting ...** God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it.” (Daniel 5:27, 26)

In many regions al-Qaida operatives and their allies, rejoiced at the news of the US being devastated by Katrina and Rita. They say it's God's judgment on the US. But those who rejoice in another's disaster, need to take a hard look at themselves and their own lands, and see themselves on God's scales! The truth is that the whole world is being weighed on God's scales.

**“God now commands all people everywhere to repent** (*that is, to change their minds and to amend their ways with abhorrence for their sins*), because He has fixed a day in which **He will judge the world** in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all by raising Him from the dead.” (Acts 17:30-31)