



# SHIELD OF FAITH

"Take Up the Shield of Faith" - Paul

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*Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding. — Proverbs 23:23*

## Do Not Sell It

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This is curious. Buy truth, and do not sell it. What could this mean? The writer then urges the purchase of wisdom, instruction and understanding. We Americans have become really good at overpaying for college. I don't think that's the meaning here.

I'm going to suggest that the writer is wanting to assign a high value to these qualities of human existence — truth, wisdom, instruction and understanding. They are worth having even if you must purchase them. Our society gets away with charging obscene amounts of money for these pursuits because it is natural to assign a high value to them.

It's instructive that the Proverb says, "do not sell it." We are to buy truth. We are not to sell it. Higher education is all about selling lies, especially in the humanities. Not so much in the hard sciences. Colleges get away with charging such high prices because they market their wares as truth. We all know now that much of what is learned in schools has nothing to do with truth, wisdom, instruction or understanding. What's learned is mostly political correctness ... especially in the humanities.

Indonesia's politics have come up hard against truth. The politicians are listening to majority Islamic forces in their society that maintain strict laws governing sex. Young people are rioting in the streets. A new reform of the nation's laws is on hold. The reforms would ban premarital sex. Horrors. The Yahoo News story from which I learned about this unrest reports very helpfully (sarcasm), "The controversial changes could affect millions of Indonesians, including gay and heterosexual couples who might face jail for having sex outside wedlock, or having an affair."

Let's look for some truth, wisdom and understanding here.

The changes are controversial, the article states. Why? Because young people apparently want to act more like rabbits than human beings. The Western democracies are very interested in all things LGBTQ. They are spinning up the rabbit-spirit in Indonesian youngsters instead of just agreeing that it would be better for everyone if premarital sex stopped. Western democracies believe, however, that freedom is primarily sexual. A nation proves its commitment to liberty by developing public policies that wink and nod at all things sexual. The important thing in a free state is being able to encode into law the idea that all sex is good sex as long as it's consensual.

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The article also reports millions would be affected. Among the millions, of course, are the “gays.” Also affected are the “heterosexual couples.” I hate these words.

There is nothing gay about sodomy. Happiness and love are the exact opposite of all things gay and heterosexual. These terms, along with “sex outside of wedlock” and “affair” are not at all helpful in bringing understanding. So this closing sentence in the Yahoo article is nonsense, “The controversial changes could affect millions of Indonesians, including gay and heterosexual couples who might face jail for having sex outside wedlock, or having an affair.”

Christianity is clear. Sex outside of marriage is not love. You hate the person you are violating sexually. You don't love them. You hate them. Muslims are being helpful in Indonesia. In this particular case their theology is pointing in the right direction. Christianity, however, doesn't support four wives, covering women head to toe in black or their mutilation.

The Christian world should be celebrating Indonesia's desire to rein in the rabbit-spirit that is loosed among the young by globalists intent on using sexual liberation as a form of political control. The most empowering movement that should spread globally right now isn't climate alarmism. We need more self control and less political control. The people of the world, especially the people of the West, need to start controlling their private parts. They must stop messing around with the public parts of other nations and peoples. Especially when the public leadership is trying to do the right thing.

It is true and wise to build a civilization on marriage. Loving marriage produces children who go on to produce grandchildren, great grandchildren etc. Children must have a man and a woman to raise them in love. These roles are called father and mother. Only a man can be a father. Only a woman can be a mother. These are plain truths. Money can't buy them. Instruction in how to fulfill these roles well can be bought in only one way — with knowledge gained by experience over time. These truths cannot be sold. They are purchased with time.

Christianity nurtures these truths and roles. It doesn't undermine them. We all must turn away from false leadership that is teaching a different gospel. Jesus Christ will have nothing to do with sexual sin. It is repugnant to Him. A special place in hell is reserved for leaders who prefer millstones to tender, loving protection of innocence.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Amen.