

FALSE EQUALITY

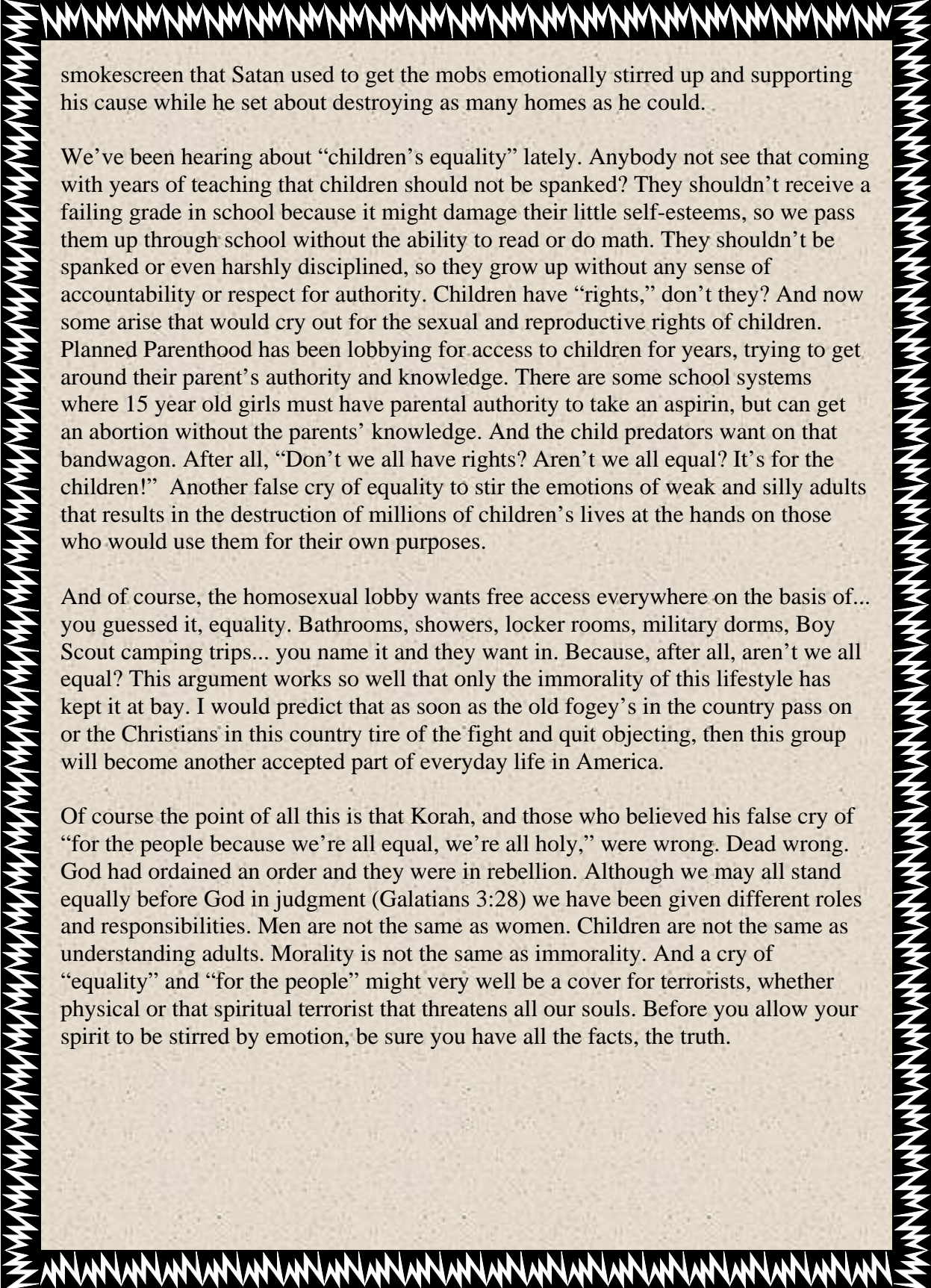
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In Numbers 16 there is found the account of Korah's rebellion against Moses. This Levite, along with several others, and backed by 250 leaders in Israel, men of renown, assembled together against Moses and Aaron. They began their rant by telling Moses, "You have gone far enough." They questioned the leadership of Moses and his brother reasoning that "all the congregation was holy, every one of them," and they left the impression that Moses and Aaron were exalting themselves over the group.

Now, at first glance this might sound like some sound reasoning. After all, weren't all in Israel just part of the same family? Wouldn't they all have had equal status, and deserved equal authority and/or counsel in the leadership process? Especially these "chosen" men, these "men of renown"? However, we have the advantage of hindsight. We know that concern for all the neglected leaders in Israel was not the real motive behind this rebellion. We know that they were actually seeking power for themselves in taking the priesthood. We also are told that in resisting the appointed leaders, they were resisting God who had determined the place of each. The cry of, "we are all equal" was a false cry to cover the motives of those who sought to win others to their ungodly cause.

In 1907, Vladimir Lenin instigated a bloody rebellion in Russia by planting terrorist bombs and then leading crowds in a mock outrage against the Czar who could not protect them from terrorists. The murderous assassination of the Czar and his family that resulted was only part of a bloody revolution "for the people" that forever changed that nation. Lenin's real motive was simple revenge for his brother, slain by the Czar. The cry of "for the people," again, was a false cry to stir up the populace.

This tactic of mob mentality that says, "it is for the people," or "we are all equal" is a tactic that is still being used. A few decades ago we began hearing about how women and men were "equal." Not "equal pay for equal work." I've never met a person who disagreed with that. What was shouted was that they were "equal" and what was meant was that they were the same. Same roles, same responsibilities. So many bought into this cry of "equality for the people" that our culture has now become one in which it is difficult to live anymore without both in a marriage working. Mothers are working and farming out the kids instead of managing homes, and fathers find themselves not only facing competition in the workplace from these professional women, but even at a disadvantage due to their minority status. Homes are stressed, roles are sometimes reversed and many responsibilities are not being met. It seems hard for me not to see that this cry of equality as just another



smokescreen that Satan used to get the mobs emotionally stirred up and supporting his cause while he set about destroying as many homes as he could.

We've been hearing about "children's equality" lately. Anybody not see that coming with years of teaching that children should not be spanked? They shouldn't receive a failing grade in school because it might damage their little self-esteems, so we pass them up through school without the ability to read or do math. They shouldn't be spanked or even harshly disciplined, so they grow up without any sense of accountability or respect for authority. Children have "rights," don't they? And now some arise that would cry out for the sexual and reproductive rights of children. Planned Parenthood has been lobbying for access to children for years, trying to get around their parent's authority and knowledge. There are some school systems where 15 year old girls must have parental authority to take an aspirin, but can get an abortion without the parents' knowledge. And the child predators want on that bandwagon. After all, "Don't we all have rights? Aren't we all equal? It's for the children!" Another false cry of equality to stir the emotions of weak and silly adults that results in the destruction of millions of children's lives at the hands on those who would use them for their own purposes.

And of course, the homosexual lobby wants free access everywhere on the basis of... you guessed it, equality. Bathrooms, showers, locker rooms, military dorms, Boy Scout camping trips... you name it and they want in. Because, after all, aren't we all equal? This argument works so well that only the immorality of this lifestyle has kept it at bay. I would predict that as soon as the old fogey's in the country pass on or the Christians in this country tire of the fight and quit objecting, then this group will become another accepted part of everyday life in America.

Of course the point of all this is that Korah, and those who believed his false cry of "for the people because we're all equal, we're all holy," were wrong. Dead wrong. God had ordained an order and they were in rebellion. Although we may all stand equally before God in judgment (Galatians 3:28) we have been given different roles and responsibilities. Men are not the same as women. Children are not the same as understanding adults. Morality is not the same as immorality. And a cry of "equality" and "for the people" might very well be a cover for terrorists, whether physical or that spiritual terrorist that threatens all our souls. Before you allow your spirit to be stirred by emotion, be sure you have all the facts, the truth.