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A Musician's Courageous Message to the Young is Smashed by the Left-Wing Media

(Annandale, MN) What happens when a straight-talking youth minister stresses waiting until marriage, keeping away from homosexual behavior and not getting abortions? Youth and parents tend to like him, but like a modern-day John the Baptist, he comes under the fire of the mainstream media, who pounce on him with slander and self-righteous indignation.

That is what happened to Bradlee Dean, who takes his heavy-metal band, Junkyard Prophet, to public schools throughout the Midwest and the rest of the country to help students avoid the pitfalls of life so common today.

The latest firestorm of controversy began in March when You Can Run But You Cannot Hide International (YCR) traveled to Dunkerton, Iowa to perform for a school assembly. The media's distortion of the story begins with the fact that the assembly was not even given by Dean, but by team member Jake McMillian. Furthermore, YCR is no stranger to Iowa. This was in fact the group's 50th presentation there, further evidence that they are well-liked by Iowans.

Liked by Students, Hated by Media

YCR's assembly and talk was a success among those who attended. The group had visited the school in 2003, and then-principal Jim Moeller at that time a hearty recommendation of YCR's message:

"It was an excellent assembly. Junkyard Prophet had the students' attention the minute they walked in the auditorium. I heard many positive comments about the assembly. A number of students told me, "This was the best assembly ever!.... They were even begging me to bring back YCRBYCH back next year."

This year's assembly was different, merely because it happened to fall under

the critical scrutiny of the media. The morning after the performance, YCR received calls from the media who blew the issue out of proportion and falsely represented the program. Dean's message was labeled as "anti-gay," and "inappropriate for public school settings." The group was also criticized as being "anti-Semitic," a surprising assertion considering that Dean, as a committed Christian, follows Christ, who himself was a Jew.

The sections of YCR's talk on abortion and homosexuality came heavily under attack by the media – even though they comprised about ten minutes of the three-hour assembly. These segments were posted by Dean on YouTube for the public to judge for themselves. The talk on abortion did include graphic images, but the "hate-speech" accusations were groundless and completely subjective interpretations.

Dean Returns to Clarify the Matter

At the end of March, Dean and his group returned to Dunkerton for a follow-up event to respond to the surrounding criticism. Dean spoke at a local church and took questions from those in attendance. Parents and students voiced their support, many of them thanking Dean for bringing his ministry out to speak.

Dean's website also bears the testimonies of many teachers and faculty members who have attended YCR's assemblies. His ministry has received a lot of support from those who have experienced his programs, and he is lauded for speaking the truth to a world that lacks moral direction. When the media steps in – often without ever witnessing Dean's assemblies – the stories merely focus on any negativity – actual or perceived.

The same media is silent in the face of an overwhelming campaign in public schools across the country to give blanket approval to the most extreme form of homosexual behavior, abortion as a convenience, and encouragement of sex outside of marriage as long as it is "protected."

Although Dean, who himself grew up in a broken home, suffered problems afterwards, and experienced his Revelation of Christ in 1995, and now consistently tries to set the record straight. His message of Christian values and an American government which protects and upholds the Constitution is a threat to the agenda of the leftist media.

Dean, who has been featured in such publications as the *New York Times* and MSNBC, started pursuing fulltime Ministry after his conversion to Christianity in 1995. He has since dedicated himself to reaching the young to help them find a purpose in life. In 1997 Dean founded YCR, which has as its mission statement:

“To reshape America by re-directing the current and future generations both morally and spiritually through education, media, and the Judeo-Christian values found in our U.S. Constitution.”

Dean invites objective-minded reporters to view the videos of the Dunkertown event featured on a recent article in The Blaze, "[‘Anti-Gay’ Christian Band Sparks Anger.](#)”

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Bradlee Dean on the media:

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You Can Run “About Us” page:

<http://youcanruninternational.com/aboutus.html>

You Can Run positive testimonials by students and school officials:

http://youcanruninternational.com/event_assemblies/testimonials.html

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Three YCR YouTube channels: 1) [Bradlee Dean and The Sons of Liberty](#), 2) [You Can Run International](#), and 3) His rock band, [Junkyard Prophet](#).