

# I'm Sick of Progress

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*Progress* is a relative term. To a skunk progress is squirting a hunting dog in the face and escaping. But the dog would not call that "progress." So with humans. What is progress to one is the opposite to another. *Progress* should connote something good, positive, and helpful. However, if the wrong people are allowed to define the term, look out. I fear that this has already happened to a considerable degree in our beloved nation.

Usually, those who campaign for liquor in a dry area, do so in the name of *progress*. They will even profane this good word by including it in the title of their organization. If making liquor, with its long train of tragedy and suffering, more easily purchased is progress, then I'm sick of progress.

Astute observers from other nations have labeled America the most "sex-obsessed" nation in history. We are bombarded with books, magazines, TV shows, and movies that should never have been allowed to escape the cesspools that produced them. Modern "liberated" women despise being mere "sex-objects," yet they bare more and more of their bodies each year for the eyes of ogling males. Liberal-minded educators and sociologists are determined to drag sex instruction into the public-school curriculum. The climate of immorality is such that the homosexual does not feel ashamed to openly speak of his (or her) evil relationships. To many it is great "progress" to be "liberated" from so many moral hang-ups, but to the pure in heart it is all very sickening.

Opposition to capital punishment, general leniency for criminals, relaxation of abortion laws, the ever-spreading welfare system that makes it more profitable not to work than to work, and the flourishing attitude (bequeathed to us by the radical "peace children" of the 1960s), *if it feels good, do it*, all add up to "progress" to far too many in our society.

To some unbalanced persons, it is even a sign of *progress* to escape the "shackles" of believing the Bible to be the Word of God. I tell you, I'm sick of this kind of *progress*. It is the devil's progress, if it is progress at all. Watch out America: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil" (Isa. 5:20).

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