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Paramount's "Dr. Laura" continues to win the hearts and minds of America. The cinematically and morally fresh and uplifting daytime television series, launched Sept. 11, 2000, continues to bring the immensely popular radio personality into millions of American homes. Dr. Laura's frank talk, girded by her commitment to covenant biblical values of honor, faith, loyalty, trust, marriage, birth, child and marital protections, has clearly distinguished her broadcasts from the national malaise of raunchy or trivial clutter dominating daytime talk shows.

But this has not stopped powerful adversaries from arraying about Dr. Laura to censor her and her message about honor, responsibility and even holiness cold. One would have to be deaf not to know by now that Dr. Laura's remarks regarding the seldom published facts about the "gay" issue have provoked the bully boys to campaign relentlessly to censor her. Free speech be damned.

What makes Dr. Laura controversial can be found in the 1998 book that she and co-author Rabbi Stewart Vogel wrote entitled "The Ten Commandments: The Significance of God's Laws in Everyday Life." The following extensive quote is drawn from her preface, since it establishes the foundation of Dr. L's current television program and its unerring success:

Everybody knows the Ten Commandments, right? Let's see: There's something about stealing, lying, murdering ... ahhh ... that's only three ... ahhh. More people claim to live by the Ten Commandments than seem to know what they specifically are, let alone what they really mean. ... What too many people haven't learned about the Bible is that it's filled with wisdom and direction for all ages to elevate our lives above mere frantic, animal existence to the sublime levels humanity is capable of experiencing ... to demonstrate how, through their application, your life can be made more satisfying, meaningful, directed, moral, and even holy. ... After reading the book you will stop and think about the right thing to do. Although you might, at that moment, feel annoyed at

the challenge coming from your soul and psyche, you will ultimately feel enlightened and elevated. We promise.

Schlessinger and Vogel made good their promise in "The Ten Commandments: The Significance of God's Laws in Everyday Life." Dr. L has also made good that promise in her unique television show. Don't fall for the spin that claims the program isn't outstanding — because that is a flat out lie.

The bullies who eagerly or blithely tolerate Howard Stern and Jerry Springer labor to deny Dr. Laura's millions of listeners the right to hear her advice on network television. The thugs have harangued her sponsors and several corporations have slinked off into that fearful night: American Express, Gateway Computers, AT&T, Procter and Gamble, Kraft.

However, other corporations have disdained the shrill threats and mean-spirited efforts at intimidation. Liberty-loving Americans need to come along side the folks who support Dr. Laura; Room Store, Marlo Furniture Chains, America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses, Checkers Fast-Food, Nasonex Allergy Nasal Spray, L.A. Weight Loss Centers, Bally Total Fitness Centers, Honey Nut Chex and Total Cereals, Brinks Home Security and others. Watch the program and support those who support Dr. Laura.

There are a number of difficulties we all face today: Should I leave my husband? Stay home with the kids? Breast feed in public? Adopt a child of a different race? Boycott a baptism? Allow my teenagers to have pornography in their rooms? Have a baby at 50? Date my boss? Have sex before marriage? The subjects that impact our lives are dealt with by Dr. L in her unique style of candid assessment, wit, charm and old-fashioned, "Mother Laura says."

Dr. Laura's TV crew wanders our streets, questioning average folks about their views on a given moral problem. In keeping with her basic theme, "Go, do the right thing," Dr. L presents her assessment of the most morally responsible action. Especially challenging is her call to self-absorbed parents not to let the state or a nanny rear their young, but to be the best parents they can be for themselves and their children. Dr. L points out that parents will either invest time and treasure in their children when they are small or they will be investing

time and treasure in their children from adolescence on throughout adulthood.

The bully boys have silenced Dr. Laura's speech about threats to children from the "gay agenda." The campaign against her has been partly successful certainly. She does not talk about the "gay rights" war against the Boy Scouts' rejection of homosexual leaders. Nor has she recently addressed the mainlining of sodomy techniques to elementary schoolchildren delivered under the smokescreen of sex education or AIDS prevention.

So the bullies won a brutal round or two in the fight against all that Dr. Laura stands for. But, she is still on TV, still in production, still nagging on fully 98 percent of the television markets. Only a small number of these markets have banished her to the wee morning hours.

So let's do the right thing by Dr. Laura. Keep listening, watching and recommending her show everywhere we can. For, she promised, after watching her program "you might feel annoyed at the challenge coming from your soul and psyche, but you will ultimately feel enlightened and elevated." Dr. Laura promised. And, she has kept that promise.

Viewers who want to ask Dr. Laura a moral and/or ethical question can call the new 1-888-203-4442 hotline, e-mail her at tvmail@drlaura.com.

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