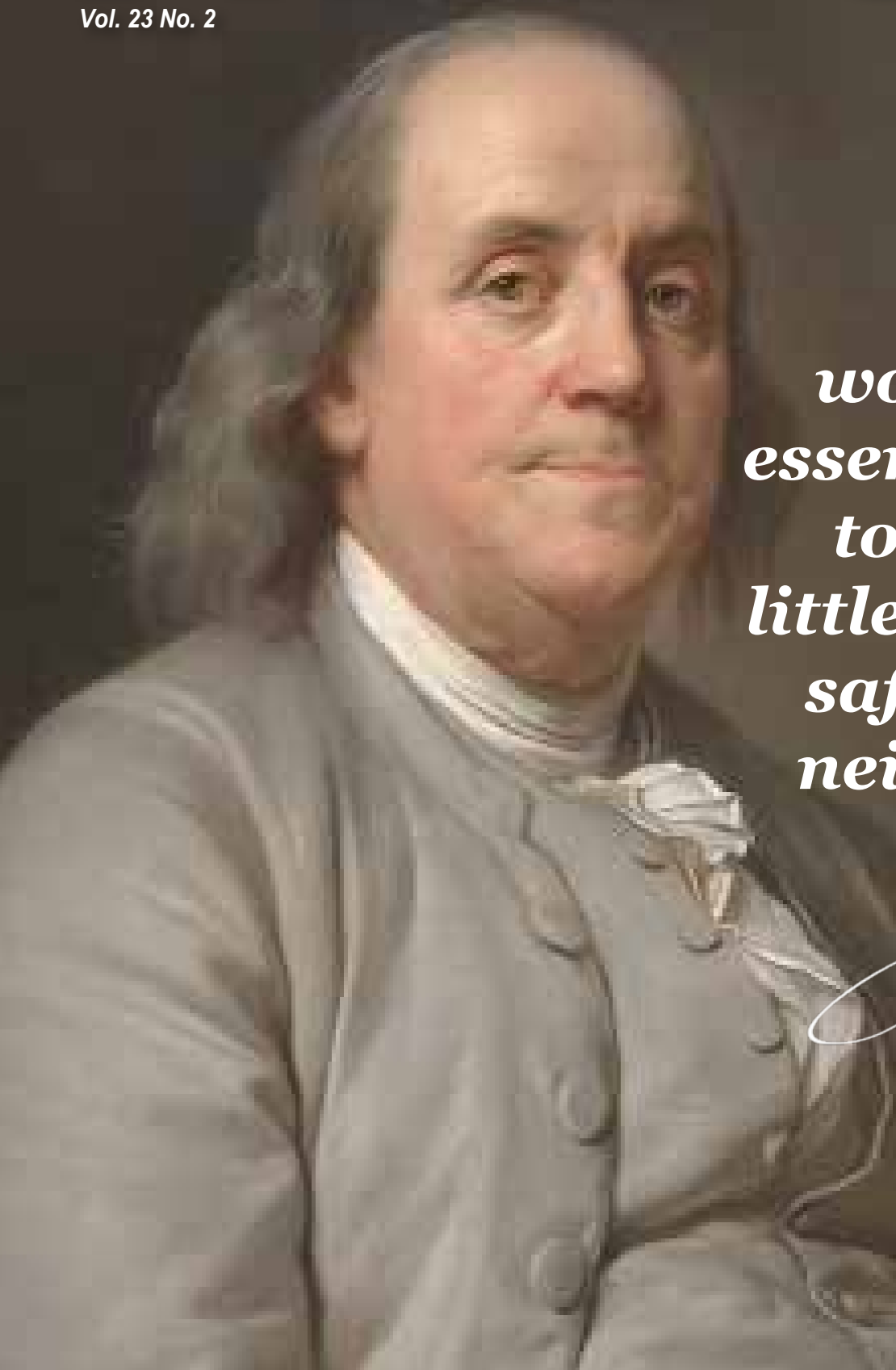


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would give up
essential liberty
to purchase a
little temporary
safety deserve
neither liberty
nor safety.”*

B. Franklin

COMMENTARY



Liberty OR TYRANNY?

by Mark Armstrong

It looks like it's about to get ugly. People are getting furious on every side of the debate about whether everything should be destroyed in order that everyone be kept "safe." The media, pretty much without exception, has been on the side of the continued shutdown. The 24 hour mantra has invaded every media source. There is no escape. Certain of the news anchors are really ticked that some people go out in public where, asymptomatic, they might infect someone who will get pneumonia and die. They're not following the mandatory guidelines!

We like our freedom, and thought it was guaranteed. Remember the U. S. Constitution? The fear-monger media and those who covet power have been trying to wrench freedom from our grasp over one overblown panic after another for years. They were going to do it over global warming, and are undoubtedly keeping that approach warm. They demanded mandates lest the planet be destroyed. That wasn't going so well. But now the available power of the bat-flu is coming into focus and they can't get enough. Turns out that the Constitution means nothing, at least until the courts are able to consider what's happened and even then we're learning the hard way that some judges have an agenda and make decisions to match. Meanwhile edicts are coming down like rain, and you'd better not resist. You might be guilty of endangering yourselves and others! Media reminds us every moment, "Stay safe, and stay home."

Can you even imagine if our parents were able to see what's become of us and our nation? When you realize the suffering in battle, the loss of life by those who believed that FREEDOM was God's plan bought with the blood of patriots who died for it, what might they think if they saw the nation "sheltering in place" on the orders of some self-im-

portant doctors and agenda-driven politicians?

What country is this? The Constitution is suspended on doctors orders? Governors and mayors now have unquestioned authority?

It's hard to believe anything that's going on due to the virus panic. Some governors and local officials that nobody ever heard of don't appreciate those few who've decided that their businesses would open before "officials" sound the all clear. When might that be? Business licenses, liquor licenses, the paperwork that cities require to operate are being threatened with revocation. You've probably heard some of these despots, whose names we'd as soon not know, issuing one threatening edict after another.

Many of them are virulent enemies of President Trump and those of us who are determined to remain free despite an ever-changing series of rules and regulations. It will never be over now that these bristling little autocrats have tasted power. To listen to the ever-sensitive Governor of California, Gavin Newsom, people better not get impatient even as they are financially destroyed.

To hear the media explain it, you're a HERO if you cower in your domicile and are particularly worthy of praise if you report neighbors who might be breaking the rules. It may have been the mayor of Los Angeles who said, "Snitches get rewards." That may depend on which neighborhood we're talking about, but that doesn't even rhyme!

Some of these local "officials" hate President Trump with a passion and want him out of office no matter the cost. They appear to be determined to drag this panic out as long as necessary if that will help prevent a second term. If the nation is crippled for years to come, they guess that is an acceptable price. Some of them are pushing for socialism in America.

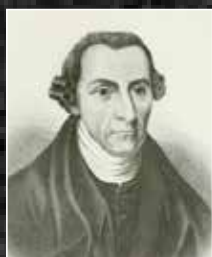
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“There is no greater tyranny than that which is perpetrated under the shield of the law and in the name of justice.”
- Charles de Montesquieu



“The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government - lest it come to dominate our lives and interests.” - Patrick Henry

“Of all tyrannies a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive.” - C.S. Lewis

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“When the people fear the government, there is tyranny; when the government fears the people, there is liberty.”
- Thomas Jefferson



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FERVENT PATRIOTISM...

Is It the Same Thing as Godliness?

by Garner Ted Armstrong

When tragedy occurs people often wonder why God did not prevent it. This article, written by Garner Ted Armstrong in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, addresses this and many other points relevant to our nation's current calamity.

If you are somewhat like me, you may be having difficulty these days with your emotions. I find myself having moving, profound, often tearful feelings of patriotism; love of country; love of America; love of freedom; and yet, at the same time, sadness at the seeming inability of our nation to confront our personal and national sins.

Up front, I need to tell you I do NOT believe those fanatical, hate-filled, suicidal mass murderers were “agents of God” sent to “punish the United States.” Let us not try to “blame God” for mindless, insane murder and horrifying mass death. God was simply not involved.

Here is the simple logic of the situation. God does exist. God COULD have prevented those attacks. God DID NOT PREVENT them. But neither did God CAUSE them to occur. He was simply not involved, one way or the other.

Does this offend you? What other possible conclusion can you offer? Oh, I know what Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson said in the immediate aftermath of the September 11 attacks. I also know they recanted their early, emotional outburst. However, I suspect there are any number of others who see the terrorist attacks as punishment heaped upon a commandment-breaking, godless society; who see it as something God Himself caused.

But God neither caused, nor prevented the actions of fanatical Muslims whose perverted twists of religious fervor led them to joyfully commit the most destructive act in our nation's history.

Throughout the history of God's people Israel and Judah, God sent His prophets to WARN the

leaders and the people about their two greatest national sins: idolatry and Sabbath-breaking! Time and time again, their warnings fell on deaf ears. The result was death and destruction; invasion from foreign nations, and captivity!

But God did not CAUSE such destruction. The pagan nations did! God simply DID NOT PREVENT it! Jeremiah cried out, “The Lord hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied: he hath thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Judah; he hath brought them down to the ground: he hath polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof.

He hath cut off in his fierce anger all the horn of Israel: he hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, and he burned against Jacob like a flaming fire, which devoureth round about” (Lamentations 2:2, 3).

While Jeremiah lamented that “The Eternal hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob [Israel],” he goes on to explain that God has simply WITHDRAWN HIS PROTECTION from Israel! He has ALLOWED foreigners to murder, pillage, burn, and destroy! God Himself is in His high heaven, beholding all the petty machinations of men! He was not at the controls of those hijacked jetliners! No, insane, murderous, hate-filled Muslims were! But God had “drawn back His right hand” from before America, just as He did in the case of ancient Israel and Judah!

Usually, when some inexplicable tragedy strikes, people tend to blame God. They say, “Where was God on September 11th?” They plaintively cry,

“Why did God let this happen?”

Some, as the two well-known evangelists (who later recanted), immediately assume such a horrifying event as September 11 was direct “punishment from God.” Others wonder why God did not stop it! For the answer, read my commentary published on our web site or call for my brochure entitled “Why Did God Let It Happen?”

The ASSUMPTION in the minds of millions is the same false assumption that was in the minds of the Pharisees and religious leaders of Jesus’ day. Jesus Christ showed His own nation their hypocrisy in claiming God was working among them; that they were “God’s country”; that wherever God’s eyes were, they were assuredly right there, among the Jewish race of Jesus’ time.

Read the following detailed experience of Christ in your own Bible, and understand. First, I will quote it entirely, then comment: “And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

“And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

“To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

“And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

“And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

“And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph’s son?

“And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.

“And he said, Verily, I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

“But I tell you of a truth, many widows were

in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

“But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.

“And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.

“And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

“And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

“But he passing through the midst of them went his way” (Luke 4:16-30).

Do you understand why they tried to kill Him? What an incredible result of a simple reciting of scripture; a simple recounting of historical fact! Have you ever attended a church service where the congregation tried to violently MURDER the preacher because of his sermon?

That is what the Pharisees tried to do!

If you missed the import of Christ’s words, consider: The Pharisees, a stern, strict religious sect, were fervent nationalists. They were patriotic to the point of xenophobia! They looked down upon “lesser races,” speaking evil of them.

They were “God’s chosen”! To them, wherever God was working, it was certainly NOT among the hated Goyim or the “Gentiles.”

To them, they were the proud children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Theirs was “God’s country.” God was right there among them, they thought. His eyes were on them, they thought. They were “God’s church.” They were “administering God’s government on earth.” They were “God’s agents; His priests; His ministers.” Their prayers were surely heard. Their fasts probably brought tears to the eyes of God Himself! Their entire lives were wrapped up in “godly pursuits.” God, to them, was the silent witness to every one of their meetings, to all of their religious services!

Yet, here was some “local boy,” (and one with an unsavory birth record at that, they all believed) who was telling them that during the days of the

two greatest prophets in their national history, God had TURNED HIS BACK ON ISRAEL, and instead sent each of those two powerful prophets to a Gentile woman, a Syro-Phoenician, and to a Syrian king!

Raging inwardly, they seethed in righteous indignation! Why, this was preposterous! It was outrageous, incredible, and blasphemous!

Losing all sense of dignity, decorum, or decency, these posturing religious leaders, who preached “Thou shalt not kill,” rose up in shrieking wrath, and tried to murder Jesus Christ!

If they had been allowed, they would have dragged Him to the precipice of a steep hill (I have been there, and seen the hill mentioned), and cast Him down headlong, surely killing Him!

When a person is so filled with a prideful mixture of patriotism and godliness, and such a person is told, “but this is not God’s country, and God is not working here,” it fills such a person with a mindless rage! Do you see why they tried to kill Christ?

What if Jesus Christ were here today? What if Jesus Christ should read the same passage of scripture, and say virtually the same things to an audience in a Roman Catholic Cathedral, or the National Cathedral, or in a major Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Episcopalian or Pentecostal church?

What if Christ were to say, “This is not God’s country. This is not where my Father is working”? What would be the reaction from the priests, clergy, and laity?

Think of conditions in our nation, and among so many other nations, such as Britain, Europe, Australia, South Africa and Canada, today. God says, “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

“For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

“Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, “Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away” (2 Tim. 3:1-5).

What an indictment! Yes, our peoples truly

ARE laboring under the burden of all those carnal, sinful emotions and actions! People ARE lovers of PLEASURES more than lovers of God! People ARE proud, blasphemers, traitors, vain and high minded! Children ARE disobedient to parents!

We have a FORM of “godliness.” We freely use the expression, “God bless America,” or “God bless you.” By our millions, we flock to our cathedrals, synagogues, mosques, temples, or neighborhood church buildings, and listen to false doctrines, myths, superstitions, and lies.

We are told we have an immortal soul, which is conscious, and goes either to heaven or to hell instantly upon death. We are told God is maintaining an “ever-burning hell fire” where victims are writhing in pain, blistering, singeing, burning, shrieking in agony for decades, centuries, and “for ever and ever.” We are told that God is an impersonal “hypostasis” or a “trinity,” or that Mary overshadows her Son, Jesus Christ, as the “mother of God” who is to be worshiped.

We adopt the sign of the cross, which is a pagan symbol; worship on the day of the sun instead of God’s commanded Sabbath day; believe the Ten Commandments were “nailed to the cross,” and that Christmas is the birthday of Jesus Christ. We believe Hallowe’en and “Harry Potter,” though soundly condemned in scripture, are harmless “fun” for our children.

We are a society riddled with crime, drug abuse and addiction, pornography and child molestation, divorce, desertion, and abandonment; a nation with mass murders taking place even in schools and churches; a nation which exports our vaunted “Western culture” in the form of “MTV,” violent, murderous movies, featuring huge explosions, hundreds killed by automatic weapon fire, and insane “music” such as “heavy metal” to countries around the world.

We are a nation which saucily sneers at the true values of God, and speaks of “our values” when it comes to homosexuality and “gay rights.” We murder millions of the unborn, and call it “a woman’s choice.” We legislate against teaching the Bible in schools, but freely allow homosexuals to teach our preschoolers about “Adam and Steve” or

about “Daddy’s Roommate.” We pass laws against praying in public, and attempt to pass laws to force the Boy Scouts to accept homosexuals as leaders.

Under the guise of “civil liberties” such organizations as the ACLU file lawsuits against those who would pray in school, those who would put the words “In God We Trust” on public buildings, or those who dare to display the American flag.

The point is, our nation cheerfully admits, nay, boasts, that we are NOT a commandment-keeping nation! Those who SHOULD be in the forefront of teaching God’s laws; God’s WAY OF LIFE, are instead the principal attackers of His laws. God says to us, “And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.


“The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

“Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and with your children’s children will I plead” (Jeremiah 2:7-9).

He is doing precisely that! Today, God is pleading with the children’s children — with the latter-day generations of those who rejected His laws in the past! Today, He pleads with YOU, and with every person to heed His call, “Repent ye, and believe the Gospel!” Peter said to the frightened people on Pentecost, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

“For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call” (Acts 2:38, 39). To repent means to be deeply sorrowful; to be remorseful, ashamed, heartsick over what one has said, thought, and done! It means to CHANGE; to “turn around, and go the other way!” It means to GIVE oneself to God! Paul wrote, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:1, 2).



“Our constitution is only fit for a moral and religious people. It is wholly unsuited to the governance of any other kind.”
- John Adams

When Jeremiah said “they that handle the law,” he did not only mean pastors and preachers. They that handle the law includes the U.S. Supreme Court, all the State Supreme Courts; the entire judiciary of our people! God’s laws against divorce, homosexuality, murder, abortion and assorted crimes of all kinds are flagrantly set aside by human legislators.

Those who “prophesy by Baal” are those who preach and predict “in the name of the Lord.” The Hebrew word “Baal” means, quite simply, “The Lord.” Jesus Christ said, “Take heed that no man deceive you.

“For many shall come in my name, saying I am Christ; and shall deceive many” (Matthew 24:4, 5). Men divided the original Greek into verses, and added punctuation marks. The inference here is that many would aver that CHRIST is Christ, and yet deceive many! Only rarely does some crazed would-be “Messiah” claim to BE Christ! But MILLIONS speak His name, and continually say, “Lord, Lord,” in their sermons and emotional song-fests. Jesus Christ says to these, “...why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46).

Baal was a PAGAN “god” who never existed! Ancient pagans worshiped their “Lord” or “Baal” in many guises. He was called Baal-Abarin, or “Lord of the mighty ones”; Baal-Aberin, or “the winged one”; Baal-Aph, or “Lord of wrath”; Baal-lashon, or “Lord of the tongue”; Baal-hatzim, or “Lord of Arrows.”

He is referred to in ancient writings and monuments as “Bel, or Belus,” and is found in many societies from ancient Babylon to Scandinavia. He is found in the origin of tree worship, and is called “Baal-bereth” or “Lord of the Fir Tree;” and masquerades as Christ in his title “Baal-Berith,” or “Lord of the Covenant.”

Is it a truthful indictment from God that MODERN preachers “prophesy by Baal”?

Absolutely! Christmas is replete with symbols of Baal worship! The day of the sun was deliberately foisted off on apostate nominal Christians over the second and third centuries after Christ!

NONE of the Apostles EVER worshiped on Sunday! God never made Sunday holy! Jesus Christ NEVER worshiped on Sunday! If you have not yet read my book *Why Would Anyone Keep Saturday for Sunday?* you may access it on our web site, or call or write, and request your free copy.

Whether we want to accept it or not, whether we believe it or not, the United States of America merely has a FORM OF GODLINESS, mixed in with a tremendous amount of patriotism, mom, and apple pie, but we DENY THE POWER thereof!

IF the pastors and those who for a few moments were center stage in the National Cathedral; at Yankee Stadium; at the Pentagon, and in the many memorial services had called upon our nation to REPENT OF SIN — and then gone on to EXPLAIN WHAT SIN IS — perhaps some few would have heeded. Dr. Billy Graham DID say we needed to “repent of our sins,” but did not explain WHAT SIN IS!

God says, “SIN IS the TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW” (1 John 3:4).

Today, America is caught up in a wave of patriotism. The “name” of God is on the lips of millions. More people are going to church. More people are waving the flag. But, in truth, it is “business as usual.” There are NOT more people truly repenting of personal and national sins! There are NOT more people coming OUT of sun-worship and spiritual Babylon, and REPENTING in broken-hearted surrender to God and His laws.

God’s prophets were the greatest patriots of all! They, too, no doubt had difficulties when they

saw clearly the impending national calamities coming upon their beloved nations! Jeremiah cried, “Thou hast made us as the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people.

“All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.

“Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction.

“Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people [Jeremiah cried many tears — was terribly distressed at the slaughter of his own countrymen!].

“Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission,

“Till the LORD look down, and behold from heaven” (Lamentations 3:45-50).

Ezekiel, who was one of God’s WATCHMEN to give warning of impending national calamities, said, “As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? (Ezekiel 33:11).

I know EXACTLY how these great men of God felt! I have shed many tears before and since September 11 because I know the horrifying punishments which are to befall our great land if we do not repent! I do not WANT to see any further terrorist attacks! I WANT to see America find and bring Osama bin Laden and all his “Al Qaeda” group to justice! I WANT to see a time of PEACE break out in the Middle East, and all over the world!

But knowing human nature, AND KNOWING BIBLE PROPHECY, I simply WILL NOT join the ranks of the false prophets who cry “peace, peace,” and there IS no peace! I DO NOT WANT to hear of a chemical or NUCLEAR attack against American cities! We have already experienced a small, fairly contained biological attack, which spread FEAR throughout the country! I share the feelings of all of God’s prophets! Patriots all — men who LOVED their country and their people — they were commissioned to take a very bleak, stern message to the leaders and the people! Yet, it was also a message of LOVE, and of deep compassion!

The great MERCIFUL God promised them

protection, peace and safety, prosperity, happiness, JOY, if they would only turn to HIM and His righteous laws which PRODUCE such wonderful benefits! Ezekiel was warned he would be met with “foreheads more adamant than flint!” Jeremiah was lowered into a slime pit, and had to be rescued, and given diplomatic immunity by the conquerors of his people!

I, too, find myself with conflicting emotions! On the one hand, a great love; a vast respect for those who gave their lives from Concord to Gettysburg; from Tripoli to Tarawa, from Guadalcanal to Iwo Jima, and from Korea and Vietnam to Kuwait. On the other hand, a deep sadness; a kind of desperate anxiety, for what I see coming upon our peoples in the future!

I served proudly during my years in the Navy. I am proud of the campaign ribbons I was issued from my service aboard the USS Antietam (CV-36), an American aircraft carrier offshore Korea, during the Korean war. I am an American. I love my country. I dread what will happen to it if we do not repent!

Abraham asked God, when he knew God would destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, where his nephew, Lot, dwelt, “Abraham stood yet before the LORD. And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?”

“Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?”

“That be far from thee to do after this manner,

to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

“And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

“And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes:

“Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.

“And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty’s sake.

“And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

“And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty’s sake.

“And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten’s sake” (Genesis 18:22-32).

But there were not even TEN in those wicked cities who obeyed God. Only ONE, Lot himself! Let’s see, now. What is the ratio of a few thousand to three hundred and fifty million? □

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Bill Gates' and Rockefeller Foundation's Plan to Track Americans

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Bill Gates — who illegally invests in the same industries he gives charitable donations to, and who promotes a global public health agenda that benefits the companies he's invested in — has gone on record saying life will not go back to normal until we have the ability to vaccinate the entire global population against COVID-19.

To that end, he is pushing for disease surveillance and a vaccine tracking system that might involve embedding vaccination records on our bodies. One example of how this might be done is using an invisible ink quantum dot tattoo, described in a December 18, 2019, *Science Translational Medicine* paper.

According to statements made by Gates, societal and financial normalcy may never return to those who refuse vaccination, as the digital vaccination certificate Gates is pushing for might ultimately be required to go about your day-to-day life and business. Without this “digital immunity proof,” you may not even be allowed to travel locally or visit certain public buildings.

Gates has a history of “predicting” global pandemics with vast numbers of deaths, and with his call for a tracking system to keep tabs on infected/noninfected and vaccinated/unvaccinated individuals, he's ensuring an unimaginably profitable future for the vaccine makers he supports and makes money from via his Foundation investments.

Along with Gates, The Rockefeller Foundation is also coordinating efforts in the direction of

social control through the implementation of draconian COVID-19 tracking and tracing measures that are clearly meant to become permanent.

NATIONAL COVID-19 TESTING ACTION PLAN

April 21, 2020, The Rockefeller Foundation released a white paper titled, “National COVID-19 Testing Action Plan — Strategic Steps to Reopen Our Workplaces and Our Communities.” In the foreword, Rockefeller Foundation president Dr. Rajiv J. Shah writes:

“In the face of an ineffective nationally-coordinated response, insufficient data, and inadequate amounts of protective gear and testing, we need an exit plan. Testing is our way out of this crisis.

Instead of ricocheting between an unsustainable shutdown and a dangerous, uncertain return to normalcy, the United States must mount a sustainable strategy with better tests and contact tracing, and stay the course for as long as it takes to develop a vaccine or cure.

Any plan to do so must win the faith of private and public sector leaders across the country, and of individual Americans that they and their loved ones will be safer when we begin to return to daily life.

The Rockefeller Foundation exists to meet moments like this. In the past two weeks we have brought together experts and leaders from science, industry, academia, public policy, and government — across sectors and political ideologies — to create a clear, pragmatic, data-driven, actionable plan

to beat back Covid-19 and get Americans back to work more safely.”

The plan calls for testing and tracing 1 million Americans per week to start, incrementally ramping it up to 3 million and then 30 million per week (the “1-3-30 plan”) over the next six months until the entire population has been covered.

Test results would then be collected on a digital platform capable of tracking all tested individuals so that contact-tracing can be performed when someone tests positive. According to the “National COVID-19 Testing Action Plan”:

“Policy makers and the public must find the balance between privacy concerns and infection control to allow the infection status of most Americans to be accessed and validated in a few required settings and many voluntary ones.”

To this end, they suggest using incentives “to nudge the voluntary use” of tracking and contact tracing apps rather than making them mandatory. They also call for the use of “innovative digital technologies” aimed at improving “workforce monitoring and early detection of recurrent outbreaks.”

“When integrated into national and state surveillance systems, such innovations may enable the same level of outbreak detection with fewer tests.

Promising techniques include anonymous digital tracking of workforces or population-based resting heart-rate and smart thermometer trends; continually updated epidemiological data modeling; and artificial intelligence projections based on clinical and imaging data,” the document states.

MODERN “WARTIME” EFFORT THAT WILL COST BILLIONS

According to the “National COVID-19 Testing Action Plan”:

“Monitoring the pandemic and adjusting social distancing measures will require launching the largest public health testing program in American history ... The effort will ultimately grow to billions of dollars per month ... But with widespread business closures costing the country \$350 billion to \$400 billion each month, the expense will be worth it.

This testing infrastructure is intended to tide the country over until a vaccine or therapy is widely

available.

Coordination of such a massive program should be treated as a wartime effort, with a public/private bipartisan Pandemic Testing Board established to assist and serve as a bridge between local, state, and federal officials with the logistical, investment and political challenges this operation will inevitably face.”

DON’T BE NAÏVE ABOUT INFECTIOUS TRACKING PLAN

Call me jaded, but this sounds like a plan to surveil Americans so that they can easily be tracked down for mandatory vaccination once a COVID-19 vaccine becomes available. It also creates the necessary infrastructure for vaccination tracking across the board, for all vaccines.

While they give lip-service to privacy and anonymization of data, privacy promises have been repeatedly broken in the past. Besides, the document clearly states that:

“Some privacy concerns must be set aside for an infectious agent as virulent as Covid-19, allowing the infection status of most Americans to be accessed and validated in a few required settings and many voluntary ones.

“The loss of privacy engendered by such a system would come at too high of a price if the arrival of a vaccine early next year was a certainty. But vaccine development and manufacture could take years, and when it comes certain populations may be excluded from receiving it for health reasons.

“In the meantime, infection status must be known for people to participate in many societal functions. Legislation protecting people from being fired over infection status must be passed.

“Those screened must be given a unique patient identification number that would link to information about a patient’s viral, antibody and eventually vaccine status under a system that could easily handshake with other systems to speed the return of normal societal functions.

“Schools could link this to attendance lists, large office buildings to employee ID cards, TSA to passenger lists and concert and sports venues to ticket purchasers. Such connections should be

made in a way that protects personally identifying information whenever possible ... Whenever and wherever possible data should be open.”

ARE YOU READY TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING OVER A VIRUS?

“Privacy concerns must be set aside.” Infection status must be “accessed and validated in a few required settings.”

Infection status will be linked to schools, office buildings, places of work, airports, concert and sport venues — in other words, most areas people need or want to frequent, if not daily, then at least occasionally. Infection status must be known “for people to participate in societal functions.” Legislation must be passed to protect people from being fired from their jobs based on their infection status. Are you concerned yet?

Anyone who remembers the tactics employed in Nazi Germany, or anyone familiar with the current surveillance of the Chinese population, will realize where this is headed.

Reading through the plan, it should also be crystal clear that this tracking and surveillance program is not designed to be temporary. You can be strongly assured this will be permanent. It calls for hundreds of thousands of new employees, updating computer systems and new laws that in many ways resemble the implementation of TSA post-9/11.

Not addressed in this report is the question of just how often would you have to undergo testing. A negative test today may not be valid tomorrow, if

you happen to come across someone who is infected between now and then. Would you have to undergo testing every single day? Once a week?

If regular retesting is not part of the plan, then the whole system is worthless as your infection status could change at any time.

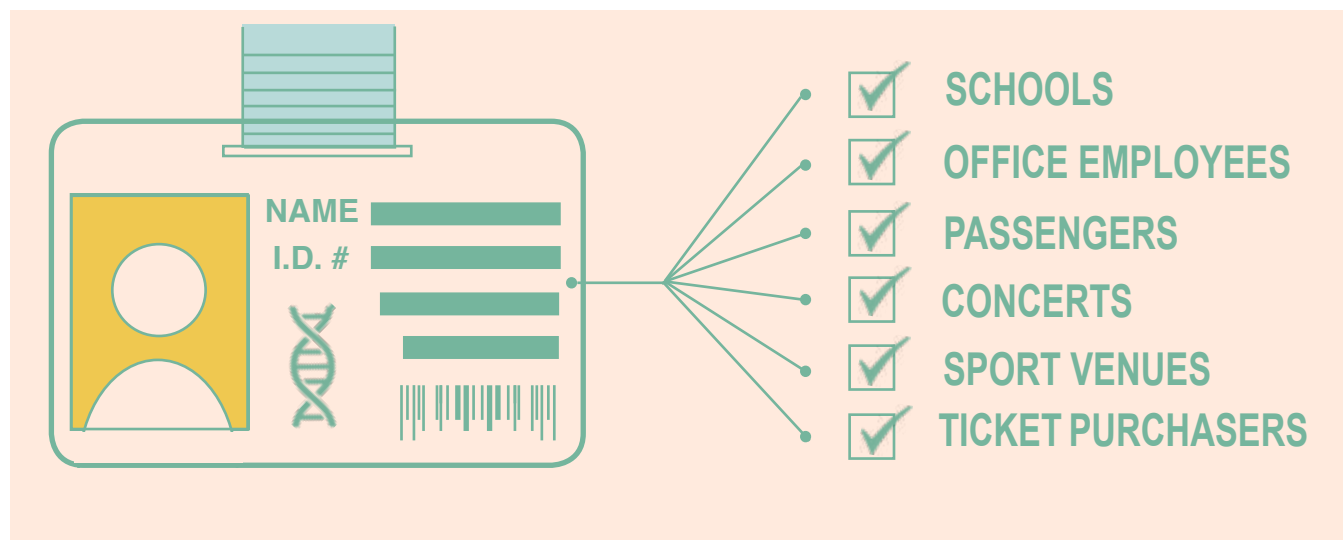
Other questions not addressed: If you happen to be in the vicinity of someone who tests positive in the near future, would you have to quarantine for two weeks? Will your employer pay for that time off? Will you have a job when you come out of quarantine?

What if you quarantine for two weeks but don’t get sick and test negative for antibodies, then go out and happen across yet another person who ends up testing positive shortly thereafter. Will you be forced into quarantine again? Where does it end?

The tracking system The Rockefeller Foundation is calling for is eerily similar to that already being used in China, where residents are required to enroll in a health condition registry. Once enrolled, they get a personal QR code, which they must then enter in order to gain access to grocery stores and other facilities.

The plan also demands access to other medical data. According to the “National COVID-19 Testing Action Plan”:

“This infection database must easily interoperate with doctor, hospital and insurance health records in an essential and urgent national program to finally rationalize the disparate and sometimes deliberately isolated electronic medical records



systems across the country ...

“Unfortunately, obtaining the necessary clinical data to bring these powerful analytic tools to bear has been difficult due to information-blocking tactics of electronic health records (EHR) vendors. Among the longtime tactics used by such vendors has been charging unreasonable fees for data access, requiring providers to sign restrictive contracts, and claiming patients’ clinical data is proprietary.

“On March 9, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released two long-awaited final rules that would prohibit information blocking in health care and advance more seamless exchange of health care data. But publication in the Federal Register, necessary to activate the rules, has been inexplicably delayed. This delay must end.”

In other words, this plan is far more comprehensive than merely tracking COVID-19 cases. It’s designed to replace the current system of “disparate and sometimes deliberately isolated electronic medical records systems across the country.”

ID2020

While The Rockefeller Foundation’s white paper simply calls for the use of a digital “patient identification number” without indicating exactly how you would carry this ID number on your person, Gates has repeatedly talked about the “need” for some sort of implantable vaccine certificate.

In 1999, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation donated \$750 million to set up Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance. Gavi, in turn, has partnered with the ID2020 Alliance, along with the Bangladeshi government, to launch a digital identity program called ID2020.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation also

funded the GSMA Inclusive Tech Lab, launched in 2019, the aim of which is to promote access to digital and biometric identity services and systems.

ID2020, which also launched in 2019, is designed to “leverage immunization as an opportunity to establish digital identity.” This digital identity system is said to carry “far-reaching implications for individuals’ access to services and livelihoods,” so to think that Gates’ call for implantable COVID-19 vaccine certificates would be limited to that alone would again be a grave mistake.

Like The Rockefeller Foundation, Gates is not presenting short-term, temporary measures. They’re both aiming to implement a totalitarian control system. It’s not so far-fetched to imagine a future in which your vaccine certificate or “unique patient ID number” replaces personal identifications such as your driver’s license, state ID card, Social Security card and passport, and is tied not only to your medical records in total, but also your finances.

I remain confident that it would be a tragic mistake to trust Gates, Rockefeller, Google or any of the other players that are being brought before us as the saviors of the day. While most people are well-acquainted with the Rockefeller name, few probably know the true history of the Rockefellers’ rise to power. If you fall in this category, be sure to read “How the Oil Industry Conquered Medicine, Finance and Agriculture,” which features an excellent video report by James Corbett.

Those who are ignorant of history are bound to repeat it, and if the Rockefeller story tells us anything, it is that unless we realize what has been done, we’ll be deceived again and again, because the oil oligarchy’s end game is yet to be realized — if we let them. □



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by Dr. James & Natalie Ricks

False Teachers Crying “Wolf!”

FALSE TEACHERS PROCLAIMING “THE END IS NOW!”

The Bible warns about false teachers being one of the first signs of the end and a problem that the church must face. Many will falsely proclaim the imminent return of the Messiah to bring in the millennial paradise and the end of this evil age. These false prophets are often both unlearned with regard to the Bible in its entirety—especially eschatology, or end time prophecies—and are ignorant of relevant history as well. Note what Jesus said:

Luke 21:6-7, “These things which you see—the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.”

“So they asked Him, saying, ‘Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?’” (NKJV)

Christ’s Apostles wanted to know what signs would accompany His second coming and the end of this age.

Luke 21:8, “And He said: ‘Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and, ‘The time has drawn near.’ Therefore do not go after them.’”

Jesus is saying clearly that one of the methods of false teachers will be crying, “Wolf, wolf! The time is drawing near for Christ’s return!”

No matter the event, false teachers will jump to the conclusion that the end is near. If they are

false teachers we can safely assume they have bad, selfish or other ulterior motives.

Notice Christ said *do not follow them*. Many false teachers use the fear of the end time to gain a following and to galvanize that following around them. History indicates that some leaders have even started wars and pushed emergencies in order to gain more power. Ecclesiastical leaders can use similar tactics. Religious leaders can use big events to say to followers, “I can save you! Give me your loyalty...and all your money.” Paul watched current events and appropriately used them to motivate the church, but never to panic them.

Romans 13:11-14, “And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

“The night is far spent, the day is at hand...”

“Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”

Watching end time events is not wrong when done in an intelligent and unselfish manner. Remember, every brick of the Temple is not yet thrown down. The Wailing Wall still exists. Further note this:

Luke 21:9, “But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately...”

Verse 11, “And there will be great earthquakes

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in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.”

Christ said certain events will move the world closer to the end but the end is not yet upon us. Note that this does include pestilences like Covid-19. The world will experience various waves of catastrophes such as wars, earthquakes, and pestilences with each one worse than the last. These will be building up to the end time but no one knows how far away the second coming is!

WHY DID JESUS ALLOW HIS DISCIPLES TO MISUNDERSTAND?

One issue that has often bothered readers of the Bible is the fact that God has allowed true disciples to anticipate the second coming of the Messiah and His Kingdom incorrectly. This clearly occurred. Some of the Apostles believed that Jesus might bring the Kingdom in their life times. Then as they grew older, they realized that they were mistaken. Why would God allow such a mistake? God did it to encourage and motivate the believers, but never to panic them. Note what the head Apostle James wrote.

James 5:7-8, “Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.

“You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

James told the brethren to patiently continue doing good works because the return of the Messiah was near. Peter said the same thing in 1 Peter 4:7. They believed it and motivated the brethren thereby. God has been using this anticipation for just about every generation to help energize them toward better growth.

Biblical, knowledgeable teachers know it is wrong to cry, “Wolf, wolf,” at every world event because it will ultimately demotivate people. Christ wants us to stay ready spiritually. He want us to be watchful of world events! However, Jesus wants us

to do our watching wisely. Utilizing our Biblical knowledge of the many prophecies, we cannot be stampeded into doing foolish things, as some cultist groups have done. It is wiser and safer to really know our Bibles and truly understand the events preceding Christ’s return.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, “Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,

“Not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

“Let no one deceive you by any means; for that day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition.”

When Paul wrote this epistle, false prophets had been dishonestly using current events and forging letters from the Apostle Paul in order to deceive people. End time hoaxes are nothing new, but they are a danger we can avoid with solid knowledge of Bible prophecy. Remember that in the end times, false clerics will proliferate.

EVERY GENERATION NEEDS MOTIVATION

Jesus knows that human nature, once it gets set on coasting, will degenerate and the person might fall away. Hearing supposed teachers cry, “Wolf, wolf,” again and again can lead to apathy and disbelief as well. This is the clear message of some of His warnings.

Matthew 24:42-45, “Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

“But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

“Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?”

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Christ tells us that we should expect some surprises. Further, He warns us that complacency is likely to happen. Jesus' advice to us is this:

Matthew 24:46-51, "Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

"Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

"But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards,

"The master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of,

"And will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

We must be like the Boy Scouts, "ever ready," spiritually. If generations of believers thought for sure that the return of Christ was not going to occur in their lifetime or even for many centuries to come, it would undermine motivation! Therefore Jesus did not allow the believers to necessarily know this information. Anyone who sets a firm date in advance is probably guaranteeing that this is a time when Christ will *not* be coming back. Jesus said he would come at an hour we do not expect.

CYNICISM, AN EVEN GREATER DANGER

The world as a whole does not believe in a real, literal second coming of Christ. This includes many Christian clerics. The "Christian Left" believes in progressive ideals and evolution, not the Bible. These modern beliefs can slowly taint our thinking as well. A believer and his children are in great danger from negative influences on all sides. The disappointments from false teachers make apathy and disbelief stronger. Not believing in the second coming of Christ at all, is the greater danger.

2 Peter 3:3-6, "Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

"And saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.'

"For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,

"By which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water."

Churches have been sucked into this world's views. The world does not believe in the literal return of Jesus to bring paradise to this deceived planet. A great falling away is prophesied to come to all the world. This falling away is much broader than the apostasy of the WWCG.

Many now teach that Jesus was misguided in His statement to His disciples about His second coming. He didn't mean He would actually come back, they say, and the world will not literally see a millennial "Paradise." Big government is man's only hope for paradise—socialism. All will remain as it is now, they claim. No one believes in Jesus's direct intervention. Men will actually become more carnal and self-centered as we get closer to the end of this age. The Social Justice movement will not solve our problems. Mankind without God—His Laws and Ways—cannot succeed.

2 Timothy 3:1-2, "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

"For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy..."

Our society has numerous bad influences, like social media's evil gossip, violent video games, pornography and violent movies. A society without solid religious foundations or moral anchors is a real sign that the end is nearing and the return of the Messiah is approaching to save us from ourselves.

Continuing in verses five through eight, "Having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

"For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,

"Always learning and never able to come to

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the knowledge of the truth.

“Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;”

Jesus could return sooner than expected and we never know when one could be tempted into decadence. Stay alert in these evil times.

Prophetic events can speed up when we least expect them and come upon us like a tidal wave.

But the end cannot happen until certain prophetic factors are in place. These factors include a third Temple, a powerful King of the North and a King of the South. Additionally, the power of America to insure global order must decline. Furthermore, the work of the two witnesses is still waiting and the world has no apparent Beast and False Prophet yet. Let no one panic you, but always be vigilant, constant in prayer and study, and close to Christ! □

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**WORLD NEWS
BRIEF****IN CASE YOU MISSED IT****DISOBEDIENCE RENEWED**

After being largely subdued for months, protests have been resumed in Hong Kong despite limitations on gatherings. Hundreds have been arrested including a lawmaker and a child only 12 years old. Protesters often gather in shopping malls for a sing-a-longs but commonly spill into the streets when police intervene. The resulting violence is what we have come to expect as China continues to assert its authority. Resistance remains alive and well and is expected to increase into the summer.

The Chinese National People's Congress (widely held to be a rubber stamp for the communist agenda) is pushing back with new "security" laws that have raised tensions in regards to Hong Kong. The new laws against "sedition" and "treason" equate to far more serious repercussions for protesters. Internationally the move is seen as infringing on the "one country, two systems" policy in place since Hong Kong was returned to Chinese control. Should China forge ahead and establish its "Security Services" in Hong Kong, the special trade status the city has maintained with the U.S. may be revoked. Hong Kong has long been exempt from the tariffs imposed on China. Over 1,300 American companies do business in Hong Kong and more than 80,000 of our citizens currently reside there.

THANKS ANYWAY, RUSSIA

A critical shortage of ventilators was one of the main reasons for panic touted by "experts" early in the Coronavirus outbreak. Countries scrambled

to compensate for this perceived shortfall, though even the usefulness of intubation has been questioned since then. In the initial rush the United States procured some hundreds of ventilators from a Russian manufacturer. While they never made their way into our hospitals, having been held in reserve, they were used in Russia. Now the same model ventilator, the Aventa-M, has been blamed for at least 2 deadly hospital fires. In St. Petersburg 5 died and in Moscow 1, but in each instance hundreds more had to be evacuated. All those who died were intubated. A short circuit reportedly caused the ventilators to explode and smoke from the fires suffocated the victims.

FAREWELL, AFGHANISTAN?

After reaching an agreement with the Taliban last February, U.S. troop withdrawals are ahead of schedule. Only about 8,600 soldiers remain, down from 13,000 when the agreement was reached. Forces are expected to be completely withdrawn by May of next year.

The Taliban continues to resist the government in Kabul. Attacks have even increased in some areas in spite of the agreement. It remains to be seen whether the western-backed government and military can survive without continued support or if circumstances will postpone a complete withdrawal and extend America's longest war. As eager as everyone is to consign this affair to the past, to leave after 19 years with the Taliban still intact, having expended \$1 trillion and thousands of American lives doesn't exactly savor of victory.

PERIPHERAL STRUGGLE

Meng Wanzhou, the Chief Financial Officer of Chinese technology company Huawei has been under house arrest in Vancouver, Canada for a year and a half. She has been hoping to avoid extradition to the United States to face charges of bank fraud. This could be seen as part of the larger struggle between the U.S. and China, particularly as it relates to technological expansion and the race to provide 5G infrastructure to the world. The ability to collect data via phones and networks and the effective control that a company has over its own equipment is a real concern.

Huawei's network equipment has been off limits in the United States since 2012 and its cellphones and other devices disappeared from shelves about a year ago. The U.S. has also pressured Europe to exclude their products. What has brought Meng within reach of U.S. authorities is a completely different issue however. She has been detained for allegedly misleading HSBC in regards to dealings that Huawei has with an Iranian company, putting HSBC in violation of sanctions. The situation has also strained Canadian relations with China. Communist papers called Canada "a pathetic clown and a scapegoat in the fight between China and the U.S." A Judge has ruled against the first portion of Meng's appeal against extradition.

THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES TO KEEP US...SAFE?

Gave their lives to keep us what? Safe? If they'd known we'd quietly quarantine for months, give up free will and the right to pursue happiness on the basis of fake news and a host of petty local tyrants, maybe the true heroes would never have displayed such high-risk bravery in the first place. The United States of America might have been defeated long ago if those warriors had known we'd turn out to be such ninnyes. During New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's Memorial Day statement, he mentioned those that had gone before and "gave their lives to keep us safe."

How sneaky! They never gave their lives to keep us safe! They gave their lives to secure our FREEDOM from the kind of despotism displayed by America's enemies. The idea that we'd voluntarily surrender our Constitutional rights, cowering inside

and scared into submission by phony numbers and fear-mongering commentators never crossed their minds. Now the despots are, of all things, governors and mayors. It may take an act of Congress to get America's big cities up and running again. And you can bet the farm the liberal precincts will keep things closed indefinitely if they think they can blame the economic disaster on President Trump, and at long last, drive him from the Oval office.

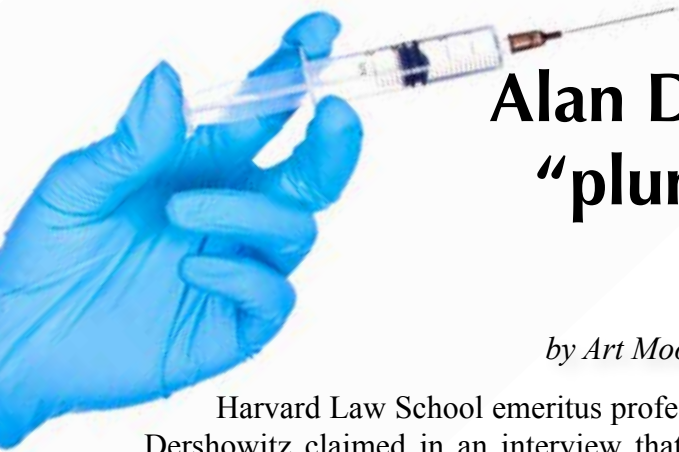
But the governor of New York spoke the line as if authentic, and it's not. What's next? Are we going to have to change the lyrics to the Battle Hymn of the Republic? To keep us safe? Freedom has become the enemy of the would-be dictators. We're not free anymore, and probably never will be again if it means petty tyrants can tell us what we can and cannot do.

BREXIT CLIMATE

Negotiations between the UK and the EU have hit a snag over climate issues. In its own right, Britain has imposed rather stringent limits on itself. In addition to participating in the Paris climate agreement Britain ambitiously bound itself to net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. We'll see, since that actually means ALL man-made emissions must be removed from the atmosphere. The EU has so far been unable to get all of its members to sign on to such a target.

Regardless, the EU is upset that the UK will not bind itself to whatever future rulings the bloc makes on this subject. That may sound foolish in and of itself, and in fact it is. The larger issue at stake is sovereignty. What the EU wants is open ended compliance by the UK. If the UK submits to carte blanche regulatory authority by the EU then Brexit exists only in name.

This will be the larger struggle that plays out over the coming months, when the final details have to be addressed at last and we can ascertain what Brexit actually means. Much is still up for grabs. This particular issue illustrates how absurd and impassable certain problems can become. Britain has climate goals exceeding that of the EU as a whole yet the EU demands permanent future alignment. Logic need not apply to things considered "increasingly politically sensitive." □



Alan Dershowitz: State has right to “plunge a needle into your arm”

Contends Constitution grants government power to forcibly vaccinate individuals

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Harvard Law School emeritus professor Alan Dershowitz claimed in an interview that the government has a constitutional right under the 10th Amendment to forcibly vaccinate a citizen to curb the spread of a contagious disease.

“Let me put it very clearly, you have no constitutional right to endanger the public and spread the disease, even if you disagree. You have no right not to be vaccinated, you have no right not to wear a mask, you have no right to open up your business,” he said.

The interviewer, Jason Goodman, interjected, asking if the famed constitutional scholar was saying that if the government decides “you have to be vaccinated, we have to be vaccinated.”

“Absolutely,” Dershowitz replied. “And if you refuse to be vaccinated, the state has the power to literally take you to a doctor’s office and plunge a needle into your arm.”

“Where is that in the Constitution?” Goodman asked on his web show, “Crowdsource the Truth,” which was posted on YouTube.

Dershowitz clarified that if a person is threatened with a deadly disease that is not contagious, he can refuse treatment.

“But you have no right to refuse to be vaccinated against a contagious disease,” he said.

“Public health, the police power of the Constitution gives the state the power to compel that,” Dershowitz said. “And there are cases in the United States Supreme Court.”

Dershowitz added that there are “cases after cases after cases” in which courts have ruled in favor of “reasonable actions to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.”

The Harvard professor – who defended President Trump in his Senate impeachment trial – was referring to the state police power doctrine derived

in part from the 10th Amendment.

The Supreme Court has recognized each state’s “police power” – defining “police” as polity or government rather than law enforcement specifically – which gives the state authority to enact health laws, including quarantine and vaccination requirements, to protect public health.

On Monday, amid a race for a vaccine against the novel coronavirus, the drugmaker Moderna received positive results from a Phase 1 clinical trial for its experimental COVID-19 vaccine, sparking a 900-point rise in the Dow.

Right to liberty

The argument against forcible vaccination is based on the 14th Amendment’s provision that no state “shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.”

But Dershowitz points to the Supreme Court’s *Jacobson v. Massachusetts* decision in 1905, which concluded a state may require vaccination if the board of health deems it necessary for public health or safety.

The court found the police power of a state included reasonable regulations established by the legislature to protect public health and safety.

The regulations didn’t violate the 14th Amendment right to liberty, the court said, because they fell within the restraints to which everyone is subject for the common good.

If any individual is allowed to act without regard to the welfare of others, true liberty does not exist, the court argued.

More than a century later, the *Jacobson* decision “has not been revisited in any meaningful way,” noted the *AMA Journal of Ethics* in 2006.

It has stood all this time, not allowing “a single individual to refuse vaccination while he or she remains within the general population on the grounds that to make such an exception would strip the legislative branch of its function to care for the public health and safety when threatened by epidemic disease,” wrote Sarah Fujiwara, MD, then a student at DePaul University College of Law and an intern at the American Medical Association.

“This ruling prevails despite occasional injurious results from vaccinations and the impossibility of determining whether a particular person can be safely vaccinated,” she wrote.

“The only exception to a mandatory vaccination is an offer of apparent or reasonably certain proof to the state’s board of health that the vaccination would seriously impair health or probably cause death.” □

Liberty or Tyranny?

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Remember the Cloward and Piven strategy? Overload the system until everything is bankrupted and everyone is dependent upon government for mere survival. They’ve worked on the philosophy from several angles. One was immigration. Let the whole world come in, and sign up for all manner of federal subsistence. Anyone expecting the United States should be spared the importation of Middle Eastern terrorists, or the human convoys from poverty-stricken cesspools to our south is racist, plain and simple. Have you no empathy?! Many segments of cities and some little towns in America’s rural areas have been completely transformed to the point that you can’t read the billboards or communicate with the locals. They now represent their own countries and cultures and you better not complain or the media will call you a racist xenophobe.

We all hope that there will be an economic boom that will return the nation to prosperity, but that is obviously not the intention of some power-drunk governors. California has just canceled summer. Don’t think things are going back to normal by September or October, or ever, said the former Mayor of San Francisco, now Governor. No, not until there’s a vaccine or a cure can we contemplate normal life again. But what if these medical geniuses don’t come up with a vaccine or cure? They’ve never come up with a vaccine or cure for AIDS.

Who ever suspected that it would be doctors in Federal agencies that would cripple the United States of America? How did this happen? Suddenly

we’ve had governors, mayors and county commissioners issuing unconstitutional “orders,” which if disobeyed can land you in jail as demonstrated by the lady salon owner in Dallas, Texas of all places.

Suddenly governors and other “local officials” have powers none of us ever realized. They cannot be overturned by a court, at least not now. And woe be to whoever considers “disobeying.” In several instances they’ve become angry and set out to accuse, humiliate and punish anybody who steps out of line. We don’t have, or didn’t have, people with King-like powers over us little children, waiting patiently to find out what we can and can’t do; what we can and can’t think or say.



The President has been criticized and accused for supposedly behaving dictatorially. There’s been no shortage of outrage on all the mainstream outlets, because Trump thinks he can make dictatorial decisions on any number of issues (true or otherwise), and we’re told we’re in danger of coming under a third-world dictatorship. But now

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he's not dictatorial enough, and the very same critics are outraged that he's not issued national, uniform orders "to keep everybody safe." Oh yeah, we need to be led around by the hand, waiting for the latest "order," or we're guilty of endangering ourselves and everybody else.

Our founders never sanctioned this kind of power being exercised by any agency of federal or local government. Our Constitution and Bill of Rights were drafted to make sure the public would never become subservient to the whims, fears or aspirations of officials. Not that they might not try to justify the use of "emergency powers" for the sake of public safety. But here's an analogy that is worth considering. How many times have we seen "mandatory" evacuation orders based on the approach of a powerful hurricane? Several if not many times, right? But people sometimes choose not to abandon their property, whether they're worried about looting, or they just reject the forecast. Do you know of any circumstance where people have been pros-

ecuted and jailed for failing to obey a "mandatory" evacuation? No! Because this is the United States of America! Officials don't get to punish people for things that are not, and could not be established as Constitutional law. They've never even tried. But as we all are reminded several times daily, these are "unprecedented times." Do tell.

One of the primary hurdles that any proposed law must clear in order to be declared Constitutional is that it apply to everyone equally. How on earth do officials have the authority to declare some jobs "essential" and others not? Is that hidden somewhere in the fine print of our Constitution? No, it isn't. So there will be an explosion of lawsuits, with the resulting damages liable to bankrupt every city and state that imposed legal (or illegal) punishments for people and their jobs declared "non-essential." Millions (so far 20 million plus) are unemployed because their line of work was declared "non-essential." If and when the judicial system ever figures out how to hold court again there will be legal



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challenges, probably thousands of them. Legislatures are going to have to get busy and pass laws that prohibit suing states, counties and cities for damages resulting from this.

Life wouldn't have been much fun at all if Dr. Fauci had been keeping us all "safe." Think about it. If you've ever enjoyed any activity during which some get injured or killed, and about 20 come to mind immediately, the doctors would undoubtedly recommend against it. Thankfully, they haven't been making our decisions for us, or life wouldn't have been nearly so fulfilling.

But it turns out that the little doctor has quite a history of destroying those who dare disagree with him. The social media giants are banning testimony that tells those stories from the victims' perspective, but they're making the rounds anyway. Surely the President cannot be unaware of these things. Though he did declare a state of emergency under what was undoubtedly unbearable pressure, it was the governors and other local officials who've "mandated a shutdown." Whether the nation survives it, how many years it takes to compensate for the damage done we'll just have to see. Some governors had the good sense not to "mandate" everybody stay home. Too bad there weren't more.

The U. S. is not the only nation to have "shutdown" economically over the panic. Britain is in historically dire straits. The EU was already in big economic trouble and some believe this will further weaken the European Union to the point of collapse. Australia, Canada and every so-called western nation is on the brink of economic collapse and it's all somehow justified by the queer "numbers" of Covid cases and the purported death toll?

We're all going to die someday, and we hope that day is way off in the unforeseeable future. But

this might be a good time to remember that the first lie ever told was in the garden of Eden when Satan told Eve, "You shall not surely die..." Unless we're alive at the Second Coming, we're all going to die sooner or later. But this is unacceptable in popular culture. "People are dying!" And they claim everybody who is dying is dying from you know what. But, look it up if you must. The death rate in nearly every circumstance is equal to or lower than the statistics from every other year. How can that be when the bat-flu is killing people right and left? Shouldn't the death rates increase by at least as many Covid deaths they're reporting? Kind of makes you go, "Hmmm," doesn't it? Maybe it's the decrease in traffic deaths with so many "sheltering in place," but it's doubtful that makes up the difference.

The main thing is that we obey the mandates, or the "authorities" will see that we're punished. Some in law enforcement have expressed their loyalty to our Constitution and made it be known that they're not about to arrest or jail citizens for merely going to work. Unfortunately, some of the tipsy tyrants have other methods of punishing the disobedient.

Our rights may come from God, as the Founding Fathers of the United States agreed, but we're finding out they're not inalienable after all. Far from it. State governors, mayors and county commissioners obviously have the power, if not the legitimate authority, to alienate every last right. Do something completely logical that endangers the safety of no one, and you just might get to wear some fancy bracelets and get a free ride to the local lockup. Don't want to get locked up? Stay locked down! Go broke and demand some of that brand new government money. I'm sure the grandkids will understand. □

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CRUSHING DEBT

by Michael Armstrong

“The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.”

Proverbs 22:7

Throughout our lifetimes the United States has been the wealthiest, most prosperous nation in the world. A multitude of conveniences, now considered necessary, have provided a style of life unparalleled in history. The sheer magnitude of our commerce, agriculture, and manufacturing is staggering. Yet all of our wealth has not been enough. The United States, like most other nations, continues to sink deeper and deeper into debt.

While many politicians have bemoaned this deplorable state of affairs (when it suits their agenda and the blame can be laid elsewhere) nothing ever seems to get done. Is it compassion? Is it corruption? Certainly the individuals or industries on the receiving end would rally against anyone threatening to cut their funding. Some self interest is inevitable in those who must repeatedly face election. For most it is their career that is at stake, their livelihood. It takes an uncommonly resolute individual to make that kind of sacrifice on principle, and in congress it takes a majority to do anything at all.

So delay is the name of the game. Now is never the time to take action, there is always some necessity requiring a continuation of the status quo. That's not to say that there is any easy solution. There isn't. Difficult choices will be required to solve this problem the right way. For instance, neither party has any appetite for addressing Social Security, and since the crisis is still an estimated 15 years away, you can bet that neither will. Assigning blame doesn't fix anything and you can hardly fault people who paid into the program their entire lives for living longer.

Regardless of the difficulties in finding a solution, one of the major problems with delay is

being graphically illustrated around the world right now. That's right, the Dread Virus Corona. Though reluctant to mention it at all, and dreaming of the good old days when “going viral” had positive implications, mentioned it must be. The mainstay of those who have sought to calm concerns about the rising debt has been the power and potential growth of the economy. Somehow, that's not very comforting right now.

“Normal conditions” don't exist at the moment. Trillions in emergency spending have been piled on top of the deficit that already existed. Lots more will be “necessary” if you believe any of those who will actually be making the decisions. Meanwhile the economy limps along on two broken legs looking for a cure that may or may not exist. To think we are going to pick up right where we left off is a delusion.

Many businesses have already adapted, finding they can work remotely with no loss of productivity. What sort of ripple effect will that create? Smaller office requirements mean less demand for commercial property, a sector that has already been devastated by digital commerce. You can extrapolate from there; less insurance, cleaning services, maintenance, amenities like coffee and even utilities will lose revenue. The same exercise can be applied to people who will not be commuting and the change in their habits. What will the effect be on clothing sales, the automotive industry, convenience stores, and restaurants, just to name a few?

As of this writing the U.S. national debt is over \$25 trillion but that is likely to increase, perhaps substantially before this magazine makes it to

print. We are approaching 120% of GDP but with the economy in a state of flux this may not be the most reliable measure. Perhaps a more startling figure is that of total debt, which includes individual and business obligations as well as those of local, state, and federal government. It has surpassed \$77 trillion and since one of the stop-gap measures being employed is rapid credit expansion, we can only expect it to rise.

The Federal Reserve has also been resorting to unprecedented measures. Holding interest rates at near zero percent is nothing new and neither is quantitative easing. Purchasing corporate bonds to shore up businesses whose losses can be attributed to the virus (based on certain metrics and past performance) is *not* something we've seen before. Various bailouts notwithstanding, the approach is quite different. Hopefully they will not resort to negative interest rates, as some European countries have, to discourage saving and promote investment. With the situation developing so rapidly it's hard to know exactly where each country stands, fiscally, but the problems faced by the EU in recent years have only been compounded.

Greece's debt is well over 200% of GDP and Italy is over 150%. On the other side of the world Japan is actually approaching 300%! These figures do not take into account the enormous amounts of spending on the Coronavirus and right now we can only guess what the increase will be. Countries like Saudi Arabia and Russia have less than 20%, which helps explain what they have done to the oil and gas industry in the midst of all this. China has a little over 50%.

Not to be dire, but the world is working its way into a dangerous and above all fragile situation. What further shock could our systems stand at the moment? It's good to put on a brave face and be positive (indeed the system is largely sustained by confidence, which is scary in and of itself) but reality needs to be acknowledged and addressed for there to be any real hope of recovery. Provided of course the legislative appetite for it ever materializes, and not just in this country but around the world.

The charade cannot continue forever and no country is free of foreign entanglements. Major corporations (the "too big to fail" kind) operate

all over the world. Financial systems overlap. It's troubling to consider that a country as overloaded as Japan actually owns more than \$1 trillion of U.S. debt. The major nations of the world have lined themselves up like dominoes. This is why countries like Greece continue to get "bailouts" despite irresponsible fiscal practices. Their commitments are still considered assets on the balance sheets of debt holders. If they collapse that all gets wiped out, which cannot be allowed.

What a mess. How can it be solved? Or do the powers-that-be really intend to solve it at all? Are we heading towards some type of strategic bankruptcy for nations scenario? Our own President employed such tactics for his own corporations multiple times in the past and he is not shy about discussing it. Time will tell, but it doesn't seem like the status quo can be maintained forever. Everyone is familiar with what the Bible prophecies for the last days and the Mark of the Beast that will be required for anyone to buy or sell. We have discussed before how modern technology has now made such a thing feasible.

While global finances are inextricably linked, sovereign systems still exist. With so many engaging in unsustainable practices and devaluing their currency to the chagrin of their debt holders, can you see how there might be a push to do away with that? Can you see how wild spending in an emergency, like we are seeing right now all over the world, could be used to collapse a system already abused to the breaking point in a way that "it's nobody's fault"? In the midst of calamity or emergency, changes are possible that would otherwise be rejected out of hand.

Things can happen very rapidly. What has transpired on account of this virus would have been unimaginable even a year ago. Whatever direction this country or the world takes, our trust is in God alone, and certainly not in government or currency. Our lives are in His hands. It's comforting that this has always been the case, though we seem to talk about it more in times of trouble. Let's pray that this nation, born from those who risked all to be able to worship according to their conscience without fear of persecution, is still something He considers worth saving. □

DEFIANCE

There Are More of Us Than Them...



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In April something was bugging me... a familiarity amid the COVID lock-down status & another time... I couldn't quite put my finger on it until a dear friend reminded me.

Many U.S. states are acting like the early 1980s and the imposition of Martial law in Poland to target the Solidarity movement. Subsequently I wrote about it on a Twitter thread, because the parallels were really quite remarkable.

Both Poland circa 1980 and the U.S. friction in 2020, center around fragile economic issues. Both were an outcome of state control; and the key connection is government targeting control over the workers.

In both examples the state took exclusive control of the economic and social state of the citizens, and the courts provided no option for redress. In both examples the state locked down the citizens and would not permit them to interact with each other.

In 1981 the government in Poland initiated Martial Law and citizens were forced to communicate underground. In 2020 a considerable number of U.S. state governments locked-down citizens in similar fashion and banned citizen assembly.

In 1981 in Poland the communist regime used economic psychological pressure, selecting workers permitted to earn wages. Those workers identified as "essential" to the state. In 2020 many State governors selected workers to earn an income by designating them "essential" to the state.

In 1981 in Poland; communication amid the Solidarity Movement was forced underground. In 2020 many oppressive State governors demanded social media remove public content adverse to the interests of the Stay-at-Home confinement orders. Big Tech complied with the authoritarian dictate.

In 1981 Polish authorities arrested anyone organizing protests against the authoritarian state. In 2020 numerous authoritarian officials arrested citizens for non-compliance with unilateral dictates. From a New Jersey governor arresting a woman for organizing a protest; to an Idaho mother arrested for allowing her children to play at a park; to a Texas salon owner arrested for operating her business.

In 1981 Polish authorities had a program for citizens to report subversive activity against the state. Snitching. In 2020 New York City, LA and numerous state and local officials started programs



A quarter of the Polish population joined some branch of the Solidarity Movement, comprising an estimated 80% of the entire workforce. The election of Pope John Paul II helped galvanize the Poles' national sentiments at the expense of the Soviet Union. Despite the arrest of its leadership, violent reprisals, censorship, and years of repression under martial law, the Solidarity Movement was eventually allowed to re-organize. They went on to sweeping electoral victories as the Soviet Union began to crumble.

for citizens to report non-compliant activity against the state. Similar snitching.

In both 1981 Poland and 2020 USA we also see media exclusively creating ideological content as propoganda for the interests of the authoritarian state (controlling citizens).

Interestingly, as we begin to see the American people saying “enough”, and openly defying the authoritarian state, there’s another parallel that is comparable, enlightening and quite remarkable.

Just before the authoritarian state in Poland collapsed there was a rapid movement for the citizens to take to the streets in defiance of state control. I remember watching with great enthusiasm as I saw a very determined Pole shout on television

“We take to the streets and today we realize, there are more of us than them...”

Fast forward more than thirty years later and those glorious voices are prescient. The power of the government comes from the people; or as we say in the U.S. “from the consent of the governed.” Thus the underlying principle behind our defiance.

If the people will lead, the politicians are forced to follow: If one person refuses to comply, government can, as we have witnessed, arrest them. However, if tens of thousands rebuke these unconstitutional decrees, there isn’t a damn thing government can do to stop it... and they know it.

If one barber shop opens, the owner becomes a target. However, if every barber shop and beauty salon in town opens... there is absolutely nothing the government can do about it.

If one restaurant and/or bar opens, the state can target the owner. But if every bar and restaurant in town opens; and if everyone ignores and dispatches the silly dictates of the local, regional or state officials... there isn’t a thing they can do about it.

The power of the local, regional or state authority comes from the expressed consent of the people. As soon as the majority of people deny that consent, those officials and state authoritarians lose all of their power. Yes, it really is that simple.

Go live your best life. You’re worth it. □



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LESSON FOUR: HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the essence, power, mind and spiritual extension of God. God begets Christians as His sons through this Spirit. It strengthens a Christian spiritually, converts his mind and serves as an earnest or guarantee of eternal life.

DOCTRINAL OVERVIEW:

The Holy Spirit is described in the Bible as “the Spirit of God,” “the Spirit of the Lord,” “the Spirit of Jesus Christ,” “the Spirit of truth,” and “comforter” or “advocate.” It is the power of God, the mind of God and the extended means by which God accomplishes His work throughout the universe. As such, the Holy Spirit is not a separate entity, it has no independent existence as an individual entity or person within the godhead.

It was through His Spirit that God created the earth (Gen. 1:2). It was through this Spirit that David received his moral strength (Psalm 51:10-13), and by it Elijah and Elisha—men with normal physical proclivities and weaknesses—were made into powerful prophets of God (2 Kings 2:9, 15). Even though these men and others had access to God’s Spirit, it is also clear that they were among the relative few who in the Old Testament era were blessed with the privilege of actually having the mind and power of God work with or dwell within them.

God uses His Spirit to accomplish all His work. Whether causing prophets to prophesy, kings to reign, craftsmen to create (Ex. 31:3), bodies to be moved (Ezek. 3:12, 14) or people to keep His laws (Ezek. 36:26-27), everything God does is through the power of His Spirit.

God is spirit (John. 4:24); both members of the godhead (“Elohim”), Father and Son, are literally composed of spirit; they are wholly made of

spiritual essence, in the same fashion as we are made of physical particles. Yet God the Father and Jesus Christ are separate beings: each maintains His own distinct identity and independent existence; and each, therefore, utilizes His own “Spirit,” though both the Father’s Spirit and Christ’s Spirit are an integral part of the common Holy Spirit. The being who later became Jesus Christ was the God who revealed Himself to the patriarchs and prophets and worked with them. When He utilized His mind, His nature and His power, He was doing so through His Holy Spirit which was the projection of His own unique, perfect spiritual power. God the Father was unknown in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ came to reveal Him in the New. God the Father was the one who begat Jesus Christ; He did so through His Spirit, which is the same Spirit He begets spiritual children through today. Indeed, God the Father has retained to Himself the unique capacity to beget new spiritual beings.

Under the New Covenant the Spirit of the Father has been made available in a universal way, as was explained by Peter on the day of Pentecost when the Church began (Acts 2:17-18). Before His death, Christ promised His disciples that the Holy Spirit, which then worked with them should be given to them and should actually be in them (John 14:17). This “Comforter” should teach the disciples all things and remind them of all that Christ had said to them (John 14:26).

This same Spirit which was given to the disciples on the day of Pentecost is available to all whom God calls. Upon true repentance granted by God and upon true belief in Jesus Christ, one may be baptized and then receive God's Spirit through the laying-on-of-hands ceremony performed by God's ministers (Acts 2:38; 8:12-17). God further states that He gives His Holy Spirit only to those who obey Him (Acts 5:32). God's Holy Spirit is efficacious—it creates deep changes within the individual, actually converting or changing the type of mind that the person possesses. The Holy Spirit generates within Christians its very fruit, which “is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance” (Gal. 5:22-23). It encourages us through trials and empowers us to do the Work of God.

Once a person receives the precious gift of the Holy Spirit, he must use it in order to grow in the knowledge and grace of God. God's Spirit gives Christians the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16) to enable them to view life from a godly perspective instead of from a selfish one. It is this power that gives us the capacity to obey God. The deep mystery of the plan of God for mankind cannot be completely and totally understood without the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:7-10).

Of even greater significance is the fact that through this Spirit we are actually “begotten” as sons of God and become members of the body of Christ—the Church (1 Cor. 12). 1 Corinthians 12:13 reads, “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into

one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one spirit.” The seed of this Holy Spirit, planted by God after baptism, grows and develops spiritually within us as we grow in obedience and submission to God's law. The Holy Spirit is dynamic: it flows from God to and through the Christian and is expressed in his attitudes and actions. The more we use God's Spirit the stronger our new spiritual life becomes. Finally, at the resurrection, this spiritual part of us becomes the totality of our composition and essence and overtakes the physical, so “that mortality [our physical essence] might be swallowed up of [spiritual] life” (2 Cor. 5:4).

God's Word reveals that the Holy Spirit is an “earnest”—a formal pledge or assurance—of eternal life which God has implanted within us, making us sons. As long as this Spirit is living within us, we are actually sons of God and brothers of Christ. “Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His” (Rom. 8:9). “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God” (Rom. 8:14). Indeed, the presence of the Holy Spirit is the best criterion to define the true Christian: it is his only real ratification, for one cannot be a true Christian without it.

As long as we nurture the Holy Spirit, and continue to renew it daily within us (2 Cor. 4:16) through prayer and diligent study of God's Word, then this earnest of God's Spirit is the absolute guarantee that we will be resurrected to spiritual life at Christ's return (Eph. 1:13-14). □

SUMMARY: Read these scriptures in your own Bible:

- **Acts 2:17-18 and Leviticus 23:15-16** - The Holy Spirit first became available to large numbers of people on the Old Testament Holy Day of FEASTS OF FIRST FRUITS or Pentecost. Pentecost means to count fifty.
- **Psalm 51:10-13** - David received moral strength by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **Exodus 31:3** - God can give craftsmen talent by His power.
- **Ezekiel 36:26-27** - Christians keep the Law by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **John 4:24** - God is spirit.
- **Acts 2:17-18** - Under the New Covenant, the Spirit of God is available in a universal way.
- **John 14:17** - Jesus promised the disciples the Holy Spirit after His resurrection.
- **John 14** - The Holy Spirit is called the Comforter.
- **Acts 2:38 and 8:12-17** - The Holy Spirit is imparted by the ceremony known as the Laying on of Hands.

- **Galatians 5:22-23** - Read about the fruits of the spirit that are created within you by the Holy Spirit.
- **1 Corinthians 2:16** - By the Holy Spirit we develop the mind of Christ.
- **1 Corinthians 2:7-14** - We cannot fully understand the plan of God or spiritual concepts without the Holy Spirit.
- **1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 1** - Through the Holy Spirit in us, we are assured of eternal life. It is an earnest of eternal life.
- **Romans 8:9** - The Bible says that without the Holy Spirit we are none of His.
- **Romans 8:14** - If we are led by the Spirit, we are the sons of God.
- **2 Corinthians 4:16** - We are renewed day-by-day by the Holy Spirit.
- **Acts 2:38 and Acts 8:12-17 and 2 Corinthians 5:4** - A convert to Christianity at baptism is begotten by the Holy Spirit.

QUESTIONS (ANSWERS BELOW):

1. The Holy Spirit is a spirit being. True or False?
2. The trinity is a false, man-made doctrine. True or False?
3. God begets Christians as His sons through this Spirit. True or False?
4. For a called out Christian, the Holy Spirit _____ his mind. [does what?]
5. The Holy Spirit gives the Christian spiritual _____. [what?]
6. The Holy Spirit in a Christian acts as an _____ [what?] of eternal life.
7. God uses His Spirit to accomplish all His work. True or False?
8. In the New Testament, the word, “comforter” is referring to _____ [what?]
9. The Holy Spirit is not a _____ entity. [what?]
10. David received his moral strength by power of the Holy Spirit. True or False?
11. Not many in the Old Testament had access to the Holy Spirit. True or False?
12. Kings reign by power of the Holy Spirit and the will of God. True or False?
13. In the Bible we see craftsmen being given special talent to create beautiful works via the Holy Spirit. True or False?
14. Christians are able to keep the Law of God by their own power and will. True or False?
15. According to John 4:24 God is a _____. [what?]
16. Spirit beings, including Father and Son, have bodies composed of spirit. True or False?
17. Father and Son each maintain their own distinct identity and independent existence. True or False?
18. God the Father was unknown in the Old Testament. True or False?
19. Mary was made pregnant with Jesus by the Holy Spirit. True or False?
20. Jesus Christ can beget new spiritual beings by power of the Holy Spirit. True or False?
21. God begets spiritual children today by power of His Holy Spirit. True or False?
22. Under the New Covenant the Spirit of God is available in a universal way. True or False?
23. This (above statement) is first explained in what verses?
24. The Spirit of God in a Christian can guide them, teach them and remind them of the things of God. True or False?
25. Newly called Christians receive the Holy Spirit after repentance and baptism by the ceremony

- known as _____ . [what?] *hint: Acts 2:38 and 8:12-17*
26. According to Acts 5:32 to receive the Holy Spirit we must _____. [do what?]
27. Members of God’s church do the Work of God by what power?
28. Godly principles (love, joy, peace, honesty, etc.) are created within a true Christian by the Holy Spirit. True or False?
29. Once a person has the Holy Spirit in them they must _____. [do what?]
30. You cannot understand the plan of God without the Holy Spirit. True or False?
31. A Christian, by the power of the Holy Spirit, can actually have the _____ [what?] of Christ. *hint: 1 Cor. 2:14-16*
32. Just as a human father can beget children, God by power of the Holy Spirit can beget sons of God to become members of the Body of Christ—the Church. In what scripture passage do we read this?
33. Only people of Jewish roots receive the Holy Spirit in these New Testament times. True or False?
34. Once a person is baptized and receives the Holy Spirit in them, it actually continues to flow into them from God. True or False?
35. The more we use [or invoke] the power of the Holy Spirit in us, the stronger we become spiritually. True or False?
36. When we receive the Holy Spirit, we enter the Salvation Process as sons of God. We remain His son, assured of eternal life as long as we _____. [what?]
37. Bible quote, “Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is _____.” [what?] *hint: Rom. 8:9.*
38. Bible quote, “For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the _____.” *hint: Rom 8:14.*
39. The best definition of a true Christian is _____. [what?]
40. We are renewed daily by the Holy Spirit through _____ and _____. [what 2 actions or habits?]

LESSON FOUR — ANSWERS:

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| 40. (prayer; diligent study) | 27. (by the power of the Holy Spirit) | 14. (False) |
| 39. (one who has the Holy Spirit) | 26. (obey God) | 13. (True) |
| 38. (sons of God) | 25. (the laying on of hands) | 12. (True) |
| 37. (none of His) | 24. (True) | 11. (True) |
| 36. (retain God’s Spirit in us) | 23. (Acts 2:17-18) | 10. (True) |
| 35. (True) | 22. (True) | 9. (separate) |
| 34. (True) | 21. (True) | 8. (The Holy Spirit) |
| 33. (False. It is available to both Jew and Gentile - everyone!) | 20. (False - God the Father retains this unique capacity:) | 7. (True) |
| 32. (1 Corinthians 12) | 19. (True) | 6. (earnest) |
| 31. (mind of Christ) | 18. (True) | 5. (strength) |
| 30. (True) | 17. (True) | 4. (converts) |
| 29. (use it) | 16. (True) | 3. (True) |
| 28. (True) | 15. (spirit) | 2. (True) |
| | | 1. (False) |



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