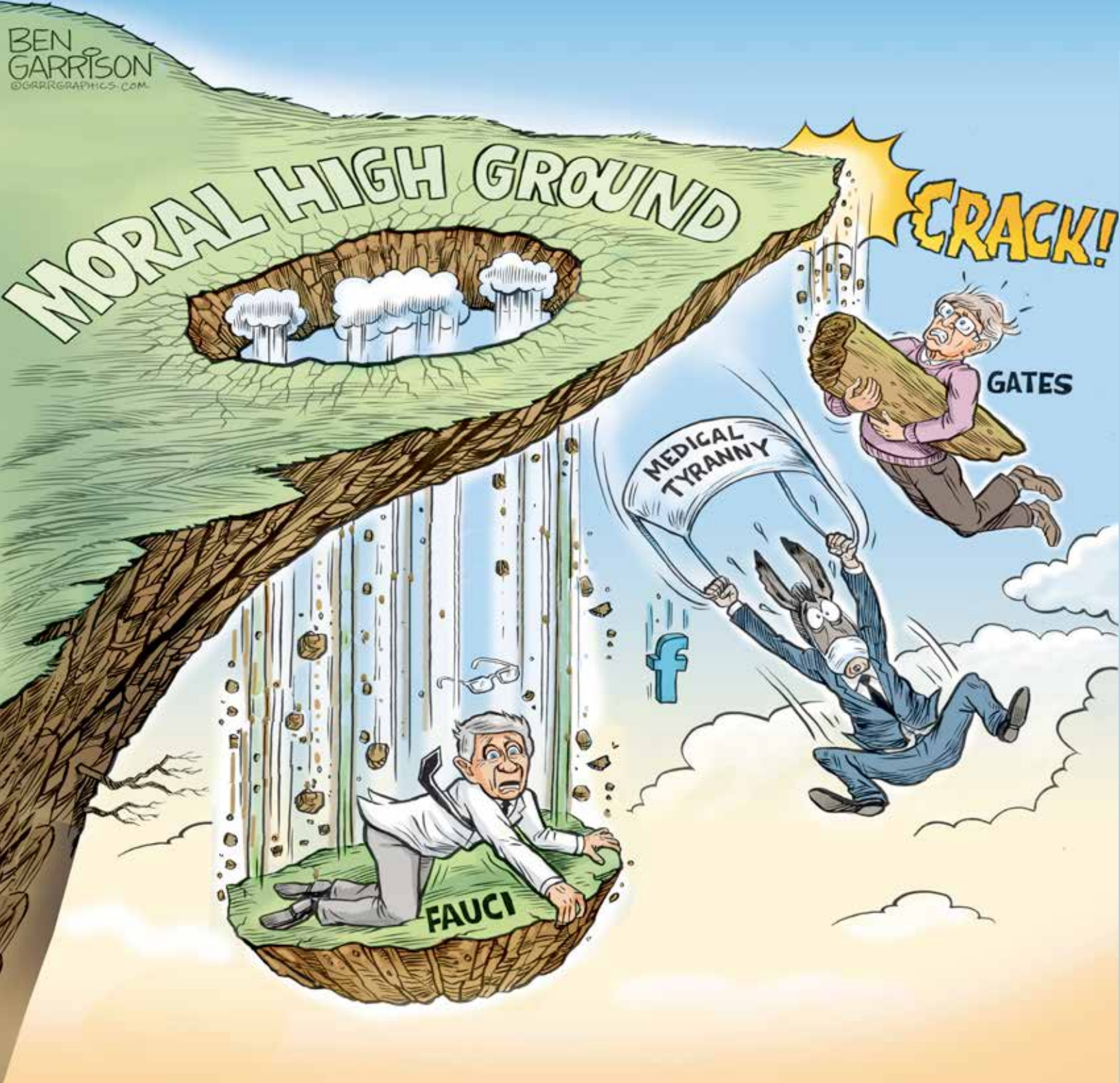


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# AN ACT OF WAR

*by Mark Armstrong*

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Now it truly looks as if the bottom has dropped from beneath Fauci's feet. He was warned by scientists from India that the "virus" had a strand that appeared to be from AIDS, and couldn't have arisen naturally. It looks as though he already knew that and couldn't afford to let word get out. Fauci got that idea squashed and reportedly used American tax dollars to squelch the "dangerous" information. Bill Gates, also featured in the illustration, has been pushing "medical solutions" that appear to do more harm than good, especially in the third world.

Meanwhile, one of the two parties that guide America has doubled down on the mask issue, even after it's been proven that the masks (required by airports, airliners and some businesses) are utterly ineffective unless the wearer is sick. And even then... The whole last year and a half has been devastating to the U. S. and most of the Western world. Aspiring dictators here in the U. S., Canada, Australia and Great Britain have issued crushing edicts causing untold economic and social damage. Articles contained in this issue will shed more light on the situation, but there seems to be more undeniable confirmation of the elaborate scam daily. Discussing any of this on social media over the past year and

a half would get you banned as a conspiracy theorist. The documentation that's emerged has changed that, finally. The truth is no longer speculative. They can't keep the lid on this one any longer.

Now that incalculable damage has been visited upon the entire western world and wannabe dictators have abused the citizens of the States they govern... Now that thousands of businesses have been forced to declare bankruptcy or simply close for good... After people have been banned from social media platforms for having swallowed "conspiracy theories" and tried to alert others... Might the truth finally be gaining some traction?

It's starting to look like China is calling all the shots here in the United States. Celebrities are making fools of themselves apologizing for saying anything with which the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) disagrees. Like, for instance, Taiwan is a country. That could hurt your income big time, pal. They don't mind accusing Americans and the United States of every conceivable thought crime. It's in their financial interests. Many, if not most of us, are NOT watching them taking a knee during the national anthem, or raising their fists to signal racial something or other. Their owners, managers and team mates could care less how it affects the American audience.

The sports franchises have figured out that the audience in China is much, much larger and the money to be made is out of this world. They dare not say anything that might offend the masters of their financial future. It used to be a crime to sell out

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# Please DON'T Give Me That “OLD TIME RELIGION”



*No wonder “religion” is utterly rejected by so many millions today. No wonder a broad segment of Americans cannot find anything about “Christianity” to inspire and challenge them. No wonder our youth reject the time-honored “establishment” of our “spiritual heritage.” Here’s the truth about a part of Christianity you’ve probably never heard before — the part about what it means to be a Christian!*

*by Garner Ted Armstrong*

It’s about time men of the cloth wake up to realize modern society cannot — will not — accept the traditional “faith of our fathers,” “old-fashioned gospel,” churchianity of the past!

Small wonder youth is in revolt, that all of society is in turmoil, when religion has failed utterly to give them any real purpose in living. Irreligious people see religion as a “spiritual tranquilizer” — an imaginary sop to stave off fear; an empty faith to cling to; an impractical dream in a hard, cold, practical world. And are these people so wrong, after all?

Just how does it sound to an educated, fairly intelligent businessman to hear frantic pleas of “Ohhhhh won’t you come — just now — and give your heart to the Lord?” (often pronounced “lard”).

How does it sound to mil-

lions of frustrated youths, facing a seemingly useless future, to be told with stentorian thunder, “Christ is the answer!”?

How many people are really given some meaningful goals to cling to when they hear, “Repent, sinner — right now (pronounced “rat naow”) — and don’t take a chance on goin’ to hell” (sometimes pronounced, “hail”)?

I don’t need to tell you how it sounds. You know.

It sounds utterly meaningless to most people. It sounds ignorant, and less than sane to some — impractical and terribly out-of-date to others. And it is not working! But — shocking as it may sound — you have probably never heard the plain truth about what it really means to “give yourself to Christ” or to “live a Christian life!”

Have you? Have you the remotest notion of the actual

day-by-day way of living that is described, in the Bible, as “Christian”?

It would shock many to know that the Bible condemns long-haired men; that Christ said He came not to bring peace but a sword; that Christ drank wine; that a true Christian life is one of fantastic interest and excitement; one of love, one of ruggedness and challenge — and is certainly NOT a life of drab, dull, uninteresting self-righteousness!

So if you too have wondered whether “Christ is the answer,” and if He is, just how is He, then read on.

## THE USUAL

### “ACCEPTANCE” CEREMONY

Thousands have “made decisions for Christ.” But what did they DO? How long did it last? How were they benefitted?

Continually, many peo-

ple become “converts” at evangelistic campaigns. They try to “give” their lives to Jesus Christ. Usually, they are remorseful over some shameful deeds in their past — brokenhearted over the loss of a loved one — distraught with financial worry — sick and diseased in their bodies.

They are most sincere! Like all society, they are sincerely looking for something!

But what do they find? How does a person do such a thing as giving his own self to Christ? What does it mean? Is it merely a temporary decision, or a sentiment? Is it something that is of the emotions only? Or is it a down-to-earth, concrete, practical course of action — a way of living?

#### THE COMMON BELIEF

A foremost religious leader once said, “First, let us understand what Christianity is NOT. It is not a way of life!”

But what does the newly converted Christian DO then, that makes him a Christian? Commonly, it is believed that the remorseful feeling of sorrow over past mistakes and misdeeds, plus the acceptance of Christ — the worship of Christ — is a saving experience. Hundreds of thousands of sincere, well-meaning, earnest people are content they are Christians — satisfied they are headed toward eternal life — when they actually have never taken the first step toward becoming a true Christian, believe it or not!

#### CHRIST SAYS REPENT!

Listen to what the Bible actually says!

“From that time Jesus began to preach...” (Mat. 4:17). Jesus was a preacher. Jesus Christ came with a message from God the Father — and that message was what He preached. What was the very first thing He told His audiences to do? “...Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Mat. 4:17). Notice — the words of Jesus are: “Repent!”

Later, the apostles — Peter, James and John, the apostle Paul and others — preached the same message Jesus brought from His father. When Peter stood up to explain the amazing events of the Day of Pentecost in 31 A.D. he said, “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” (Acts 2:38). Later, Peter said, “Repent

ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19). Jesus gave stern warning that “except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3,5).

Then there is something required in addition to the acceptance of Jesus as personal Savior! Jesus said so!

#### A CHANGE REQUIRED

Do you suppose it could be possible that these many thousands of sincere, well-meaning people could actually be trying to gain eternal life — but are headed in the opposite direction? What does the Bible say? What did Jesus actually say?

He instructed, “Strive to enter in at the strait [difficult] gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able!” (Luke 13:24).



**Repentance — deep regret for a life lived contrary to God — is only the first step on the road of Christian growth.**

Diametrically contrary to what many thousands of people presently believe, and what is taught as an accepted standard of Christianity today, Jesus said, “Not every one that saith unto me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter into the kingdom of heaven...” (Mat. 7:21). Again, He said, “This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth [by professing Christ — by making a “decision” for Him orally] and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men” (Mat. 15:8-9).

Do you see? Jesus Christ, the Savior (and He should be the One who really KNOWS, shouldn’t He?) tells us that it is possible to worship Him — to praise Him — to believe on Him — and be doing it all in vain!

What was it Christ said to do?

“Repent.” That was His cry.

That was His message!

To repent and be converted is to change. That is the very meaning of the word “convert.” Just what is that change, then?

#### CHANGE WHAT?

“I’m a changed man,” said the reformed smoker. “I have finally quit the tobacco habit!” This man felt, because he had dropped a bad habit, he was a changed man! But was he really?

What is it Christ wants you to change? Merely your way of “thinking” about Him? Do you change your “outlook” on religion? Do you change your church? Change your habits? Change what?

The apostle Paul explained that the “...carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be” (Rom. 8:7). That carnal mind is the natural human mind — the normal, sincere, natural, common “way of looking at things”

that all of us were born with! It’s the mind of every normal human being prior to this change Christ was talking about. Paul went on to say, “Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ — he doesn’t belong to Christ, and therefore is not a Christian.”

This change has something to do with the carnal mind, and the Spirit of Christ. Let’s notice another important scripture. “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” (Rom. 12:1-2). Read that scripture again. Study it!

Study all the scriptures given in this article in your own Bible. None of them will sound at all like the usual run-of-the-mill “old-time religion” ideas you’ve heard preached from so many quarters.

What you’ll find here is the plain, straight-from-the-shoulder truth you should have been hearing all your life; the truth about real Christianity.

When you study the literal meaning of the scripture just quoted, you’ll see God says you must undergo a renewing, a transforming, a changing — *of the mind!* This changing of the mind is a change of human nature.

The normal, natural way of human nature is the way of selfishness. The self is the entire



**Repentance and baptism then require a change in both attitude and action. But what change? What exactly must be done next?**

motivating drive in human nature. It is the pleasing of the self, the satisfaction of the self — the way of getting for the self that is the basis of human nature. You are extremely selfish! All human beings are selfish.

And, behind the selfishness of every person lies the root cause of it all: vanity!

“Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity” (Eccl. 1:2). Every person is filled with vanity, in one form or another. Notice that Paul tells us, “For the creature [correct meaning, “creation”] was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope” (Rom: 8:20).

All is vanity! The desire of every person to be “liked” by others — to be “well thought of,” to be accepted by the society, looked up to, respected, admired, and loved by others — all this is vanity!

It is vanity which leads a person to say, “What will my friends say?” or, “What will people think?”

#### **ENSNARED IN SOCIETY**

Having been reared in a world that measures everything by what people think, you probably are quite concerned about the opinions of your friends, neighbors and relatives. You are wrapped up in this age, this society. Whatever is the standard, whatever is looked upon with approval by these people, whose acceptance you covet, that becomes the standard of your life! If you’re

like most people — you live in the way which is most likely to gain for you the acceptance and approbation you seek. You are a part of this world. Your life is regulated by this world: its customs, its holidays, its practices.

Most people are ensnared by it — trapped into conformity with whatever is the way of the majority — following like blind sheep wherever society leads, never questioning whether it is right, but simply conforming to the ways of others.

Many people have seen this desire to conform, and have rebelled against it.

But, non-conformists who would be honest with themselves would be forced to admit their non-conformity is merely conforming to a different group than before. The “hippie” who claims to be “non-conformist” actually wears a uniform — addicts himself to certain clearly definable social customs as an obvious mark of his new conformity. “Kidding” himself he is “escaping” from the establishment, he enslaves himself to a new establishment.

And all this is just so much vanity! It is to release us from these shackles of tradition and society that Jesus calls us out of this world.

#### **JESUS CALLS YOU OUT OF SOCIETY**

Jesus said, “My Kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36). He was the Messenger from God the Father of a better kingdom — the world-ruling Kingdom of

God! When Christ walked this earth as a man, He spoke to His disciples of a soon-coming world government that would supersede and put down all opposing, man-made governments and rule this world! (Rev. 2:26-27.)

He prayed that His disciples would be separate from this world. “I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine” (John 17:9).

Did you know Jesus Christ Himself said — if you are a true Christian, your former friends, your relatives, this society will HATE you?

Listen! “If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you” (John 15:18-19).

Jesus said your own family would begin to look down on you, if you are really willing to obey Him! “Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a man’s foes shall be they of his own household” (Mat. 10:34-36).

If you are really following Christ — living as He did, doing as He did — keeping God’s Law as He did — this society, even your closest former friends and your own relatives, will begin to resist and persecute you.

“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind... For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles... wherein they [former associates] think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you” (I Pet. 4:1-4).

Notice how strongly God impresses on every Christian that they must discontinue their relationships with this sinning society! “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” (I John 2:15-17).

#### **A CHOICE TO MAKE**

Rather than becoming a more respected part of this society when you “accept Christ,” Jesus Himself, your Savior, said you would be persecuted by it, scorned and rejected by it — even hated by it! Had you realized that?

Notice, even in His parables, He spoke of those who will covet the well-wishes of their friends more than they will desire the approval of Jesus and of God! “Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower... He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of

this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful” (Mat. 13:18-22).

“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me” (Mat. 10:37-38).

Jesus plainly said anyone who would rather be conformed to this world than to serve Him and obey Him, is not worthy of Him — and is not a Christian!

“If any man come to me and hate not [love less by comparison] his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple!” (Luke 14:26.)

#### **COUNT THE COST**

In this section of Luke the 14th chapter, Jesus sternly warns every prospective Christian to count the cost of being a true follower of Him. How many people are being told to count the cost? Or even told what that cost is?

Are they being told what it really means? Are they being told how to give themselves to God — how to serve Christ — what to do — what it means — are they being told to come out of this society, and not be conformed to the world? No! They most decidedly are not!

#### **WHAT IS THE COST?**

Remember, Jesus tells you what you must do to become a

Christian!

“Not every one that saith unto me, ‘Lord, Lord’ shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” (Mat. 7:21). “Repent” said Christ! “Do the will of God,” said Jesus!

God’s will is expressed in His Word. “Thy word is truth” (John 17:17). It is the true word of God that will set you free.

Here is what it really costs to become a true Christian and a begotten son of God: It costs your life! Literally!

Does that shock you? Perhaps it does, unless you think I mean that statement as a kind of “spiritual phraseology.”

God’s Word tells you that you must literally lay down your life for Christ.

“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” (Acts 2:38).

After you have been broken up, and your own human will has been totally shattered, after you are disgusted with yourself — filled with abhorrence at your own actions, your own way of life — your own self, which is the vanity within you — then you should be baptized!

#### **WHAT IT MEANS**

Immersion into a watery “grave” is a deep, spiritual symbolism which signifies the old self (YOU the way you have been) and the resurrection of a new you — newly conquered by God, surrendered to God, meek-



ly and humbly childlike in your obedience and trust in Him as your Living Savior.

“Know ye not, that so many of us were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin [the former “you”] might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin” (Rom. 6:3-6).

Paul explained this principle further when he said, “For I was alive without the law once [without a knowledge of the law]: but when the commandment came [to his consciousness — so he became aware of what sin was] sin revived [he was able to see clearly that he was a great sinner] and I died!” (Rom. 7:9). Paul said, “For sin, taking occasion by the commandment [being brought to light for what it was by the law of God] deceived me, and by it slew me. Wherefore [because God’s law had shown him he was a sinner] the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good!” (Rom. 7:11-12).

#### A CHANGE OF MIND

The apostle Paul was a true Christian. He had the Spirit of God, which is promised to every one who will literally lay down his life, and surrender the self-



**“And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” (I John 2:15-17).**

will, performing the ordinance of baptism, and coming to God’s throne of Grace as a meek child. Paul said, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of God, who loves me, and gave himself for me” (Gal. 2:20).

After repenting and being baptized, which symbolizes the burying of the old carnal self, which was formerly hostile toward God, the Holy Spirit is then implanted within your mind and changes your mind. Jesus Christ begins to motivate your thoughts, guide and direct your every action — live His life over again, within you!

And He does it through the power of God’s Holy Spirit!

This is a great mystery to most human beings — and yet, the Spirit of God must enter our carnal minds to change those

minds and make them yielding, humble, and obedient to God, where they had been hostile, antagonistic, resentful, and bitter toward our Creator.

The receiving of God’s Spirit to change human nature is the receiving of an outside power — a begettal which makes us His sons!

#### A CHANGED ATTITUDE

If you are a true Christian, you will not be able to blindly follow the customs and practices of this society any further. Instead, you will begin asking, “What is God’s will; what does God say about it?” And you will begin to search the Bible to get to KNOW the will of God.

Your outlook and attitude will gradually become Christ-like. You will begin saying, with Christ, “Nevertheless not my will, but THY will, be done!”

Where you formerly “went

along with the crowd” in social activities, in customs of dress, in business practices, you will then begin to question the ways of the crowd. You will want to first ascertain what God’s will is concerning these ways of life.

That is the definition of a Christian! A Christian is a person who lives by every word of God!

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Mat. 4:4). So said your Savior! But are most professing Christians really living by every Word of God?

Not so. Most professing Christians do not even know a small portion of what the Word of God says! It is because they don’t study the Bible and begin to drink in the Word of God that they gullibly swallow and accept whatever others say and believe!

#### WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

A Christian, then, is conquered by God. His carnal will is broken! He realizes he has sinned. Sin is any action that is

contrary to the laws of God (I John 3:4). He then cries out to God and asks for forgiveness for those sins and a lifting of the death penalty, which every sin brings (Rom. 6:23). He accepts God’s promise of forgiveness, on faith, by accepting the sacrifice of Christ, accepting Jesus’ death in place of his own. The Christian then takes the ordinance of baptism which shows God he really means it.

He expects God to stand back of His promise to give him the Holy Spirit as a result of the repentance and the baptism which God demands.

Then — AND NEVER UNTIL THEN — will you become a true Christian.

Finally, you will begin to practice as a habit the very life of Christ. “He that saith, ‘I know him,’ and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him” (I John 2:4).

“He that saith he abideth in him [is a Christian] ought himself also so to walk [live], even as He [Christ] walked” (I John 2:6).

The true Christian, who

has really repented, will live as Christ lived! He will keep the laws of God, being obedient to God in every way, and becoming the recipient of the great happiness and tremendous blessings that come with that obedience!

“For ever hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps” (I Pet. 2:21).

Check up on yourself! Study these scriptures in your own Bible. Many of you think you are already “saved” and that you are already good Christians! But “Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall” (I Cor. 10:12).

Remember, to “examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is IN you, except ye be reprobates?” (II Cor. 13:5.)

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# THE JERUSALEM JIHAD

## SAME AS IT EVER WAS

**“If we searched the entire world for a person, more cowardly, despicable, weak and feeble in psyche, mind, ideology and religion, we would not find anyone like the Jew. Notice, I do not say the Israeli.” — Hassan Nasrallah, leader of terrorist organization Hezbollah**

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Israel finds itself in a cycle of endless small wars due to four political illusions — strategic errors, really.

### **THE TEMPLE MOUNT**

Starting in 1948, the struggle against Israel was about religion — and imprudent tolerance. When the IDF recovered Jerusalem, twice, in fact, Israel should have done what any Muslim, Arab, Persian, or Ottoman victor would have done: remove or relocate adversarial symbols of religious submission. The Al Aqsa Mosque, built over the ruins of the Jewish temple by Umayyad Calif Abd al-Malik, is a permanent beacon, a signature of Islamic privilege. Yet the Jewish temple on the same spot in Jerusalem has a pedigree that precedes Islam by millennia.

After serial defeats, Islam still has its mosque and its “Dome of the Rock” fictions — centrifugal symbols that motivate local and global jihad terror at the expense, to be sure, of Jewish culture, security, safety, peace, and sovereignty.

Wars with, and within, Islam are underwritten by the fusion of realpolitik and toxic religion. For Islamists, separation of church and state is a sacrilege cultivated by Jews, like-minded infidels, heretics, and apostates.

A case on point might be the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul: originally built as a Christian cathedral by Justinian in 537 A.D.; seized by the Ottomans in 1453 A.D. and converted to a mosque; rebranded as a museum by Atatürk in 1933; and now reopened as a mosque by a modern neo-Ottoman, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

Symbol and significance matter.

Over time, the Christian Church in Turkey, once the majority religion, was systematically extinguished by political atrocity and Islamic intolerance. Today, Sunni and Shia zealots are united in their quest to see that Jews and Judaism suffer a similar fate in the Levant.

### **THE TROJAN HORSE**

From the start, the modern

state of Israel has been beset by enemies from without. Indeed, the Mideast has been a bad neighborhood for non-Muslims since Mohamed’s time. Israel now has to deal with an internal Arab-Muslim citizen demographic that may hold the balance of domestic secular power.

If Al Aqsa is a brick-and-mortar Trojan Horse in the heart of the Jewish state, the real threat is the Jerusalem jihad, those 1.5 million so-called “Palestinian” Arab-Israelis, a Sunni demographic that would never tolerate a like number of Jews in their midst should they have the upper hand.

Ironically, as Islamofascists like Hezb’allah and Hamas assume more local control, a second Holocaust is as near as any certainty can be. Talk of wiping Israel and Jews off the face of the map is not empty rhetoric; it is the lynchpin, the objective, for Palestinian, Shia, and Sunni zealots worldwide.

No subject, at home and abroad, unites Muslims so well as Jew-hate.

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## GAZA GOATS

In spite of formidable military prowess and exceptional national courage, Israel has always tried to temper victory with justice. Modern Israel, in part a nation of immigrants, is always sensitive to charges of “imperialism,” a slander more appropriate for historical and modern Islam than Judaism. Conquest, proselytizing, forced conversions, and related atrocities are Islamic, not Judaic values.

From 1948 to 1967, the Gaza strip was occupied and administered by Egypt, yet Cairo never granted Palestinians Egyptian citizenship. After the 1967 Arab attack against Israel, the IDF took the Sinai and Gaza from Egypt. Under Israeli control, between 1967 and 1982, the Gaza Strip had a growth rate that averaged 10% per annum.

In the interests of peace with Egypt, the Sinai was returned to Egyptian control, but Cairo never had any illusions about the Muslim Brotherhood or the Palestinian tar baby. After the Oslo accords of 1993, Israel ceded administrative control of the West Bank and Gaza to the Palestinian Authority (née PLO), again in the interests of a permanent peace.

In short order, a rift developed between the P.A. on the West Bank and Hamas in Gaza. The PLO and Hamas are joined only by terror and virulent religious bigotry. Hamas, now allied with Shia Hezb’allah, is poised to take complete control in Arab Palestine, another certainty if de jure Palestine ever holds another election.

By granting measured politi-



cal autonomy to Gaza, Israel enabled the “two state” fiction, an Arab fantasy where Israel would be flanked on two sides by fratricidal attack dogs dedicated to the demise of Israel.

Hamas does not recognize Israel’s right to exist.

Withal, Arab Palestine has never been able to take yes for an answer, and now politics has been hijacked by religious jihad and political terror – again at Israel’s expense.

Palestinian autonomy, once a peace offering, is now the dagger pointed at the heart of Zion.

## THE TWO-STATE FICTION

Reality is a bitter pill even on a good day.

Unlike the Arabs, many Israelis could never accept the facts of modern Palestinian culture, a Petri dish of discontent and sedition. Religious jihad today is as much a threat to Arab tribal totalitarians as it is to the state of Israel. While keeping Palestinians at arm’s length, Arab neighbors use the West Bank and Gaza Arabs as confrontation proxies. Palestinians are in every sense sacrificial goats — permanent Muslim paties at best, front-line cannon fodder at worst.

Every janissary, dictator, or Muslim autocrat is, alas, hostage to a persistent mujahedeen threat. Keeping the Israeli-Palestinian conflict alive serves several Muslim interests, inclinations, and

prejudices — and policy world-wide. Israel was always naïve to think that it could cut a deal with local jihad proxies while the Jerusalem trophy and the Temple Mount were in play.

Any thought of legitimizing a nation, like Palestine, on two Israeli borders is a triumph of hope over experience. “Two states” has never been the solution — only a toxic problem. A Palestinian state is a recipe for national suicide and another Jewish holocaust.

### GRIM HORIZONS

Over time, there are few silver linings in the clouds over Israel. Today is no exception. Clearly, Muslim zealots see the 2021 sea change in Washington politics as a golden opportunity to roll back

the Abraham Accords and related progress in Arab-Israeli relations. The Biden/Harris administration is likely to minimize or ignore the Trump initiatives and return to the recidivist apologetics of the Obama era. The smoke hardly cleared from the latest Jerusalem jihad when the Biden White House assured Palestinians, and Hamas, that America would rebuild anything that Israel’s Defense Force had destroyed. Thus, Muslim attacks from without and within Israel are now motivated or incentivized, in part, by post-conflict American support and largesse. Any idea that humanitarian aid can go to Palestinians without Hamas taking a butcher’s cut is just another fantasy.

In the West Bank and Gaza,

we now have a perfect storm where terror, corruption, and jihad meet at the merge. Islamic terror and Palestinian corruption are subsidized by the United States again — self-fulfilling prophecies underwritten by American tax monies.

Over time, the Palestinian question was so central to Arab politics that the P.A. or Hamas had the power to kill any initiative that improved relations with Israel. The Abraham Accords were a benchmark of sorts to the extent that they canceled the Palestinian “veto.”

Feckless, if not reckless, American policy now gives veto power back to Hamas, a neo-national terror state. The Jerusalem jihad has new life in 2021, again at Israel’s expense. □



Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (left), Hezbollah Secretary General Hassan Nasrallah (center), and now deceased Qods Force commander Qassem Soleimani (right). This photo is believed to have been taken in Tehran.

## An Act of War

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be business as usual. The NBA and the NFL don't mind abusing the American audience, claiming we're all full of privilege, born racist or whatever may be the the current mainstream "logic." In the long run, they don't need us. Who cares if they're playing to empty stadiums? The communists don't.

What about the virus? Was it not created intentionally? Why does the top bio-weapons expert in China work at the Wuhan lab? Why are they studying bat diseases in the first place? Why are we STILL subsidizing this with our

tax dollars? To add insult to injury, Fauci has finally, inadvertently admitted he's not so sure the virus sprang from nature! He probably hated himself while walking out of the hearing where he was nailed down on that. After several heated public exchanges with Rand Paul where he dodged around and then went

on fake news programs to wonder aloud what's wrong with that guy, he has now finally admitted that he's not so sure the virus is "natural."

Not only that, it was AMERICAN TAX DOLLARS funding weird, dangerous "experiments" in China. That part isn't, and never was, in dispute. What's the meaning of that? What on earth!?!

So the brilliant doctor has gone from being the world's foremost expert on how to avoid contracting this Chinese concoction to trying to convince us that he wasn't responsible for funding it! But he's not given up lecturing us about masks and lockdowns. No, no. Some of these governors, you know who they are, are still keeping the charade alive, even though ALL of them violate their own orders.

Do we really love our devices so much that we can't be bothered to notice when the communists in China commit a crime of the Coronavirus mag-

your country for personal profit.

Now it seems to

nitude? If you believe in any of the information the mainstream forbids, you know the business connections between the imposter's son and Chinese officials. Maybe you're not crazy after all. Whatever the next move is, assuming Western civilization survives this one, will be explained to the satisfaction of no one by our own government and media.

I say send them ALL to China. The NFL, NBA, Hunter, the Big Guy, even the mainstream networks and their oh so earnest (smirking) anchors, all of them. Maybe they can enjoy their fortunes over there. We need them out of our lives. How long must we pretend that our worst enemies are "friendly?"

They may have instigated the destruction of our currency, all while smiling, shaking hands and stabbing us in the back.

From New York to San Diego, we're seeing reports of roving truckloads of "Palestinians" chasing and attacking

Jews. Who brought in the

"Palestinians" and when? Was it really a good idea to bring the proponents of antisemitism to the United States, where they are continuing their "jihad" against Jewish people, soon to be followed with recriminations against Americans for having helped them?

We've all seen, to our chagrin, the chaos playing out in Israel. Thousands of new and improved rockets have been fired, sometimes from office buildings, sometimes from apartment buildings, into Israel. At this writing there is a fragile "cease fire," no doubt giving the terrorists time to smuggle in more rockets from Iran.

The purported administration is not enforcing agreed upon sanctions against Iran. Iran is selling so much oil to China, it's mind boggling. The third term Obama administration, with the sleepest front man ever, is shutting down pipelines in the United States while signing off on the undersea pipeline

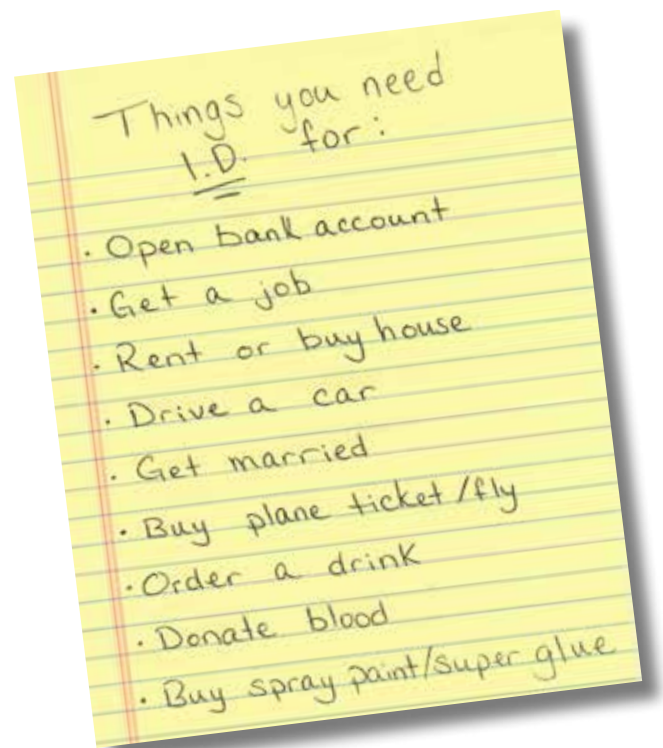


from Russia to Germany. Can you even imagine the fallout if President Trump had done such a thing? Why, they'd have called him Putin's puppet. But wait, they did call him that for his entire presidency! No, the rasper of gibberish can do no wrong. The media is making sure he gets nothing but praise and respect, even if he can't remember what he's supposed to be talking about.

Biden, or more likely those handling him, are determined to get America back into the Worst Deal Ever, no matter the cost. The United States is down on one knee, begging to be allowed back into a deal that virtually assures future conflict between Iran and Israel, maybe of the nuclear variety. Israel has already been chastised by the media and the fraudulent administration for having responded to the missile attacks out of Gaza with air strikes. Washington has reportedly assured the terrorists that the buildings destroyed by Israel in the air strikes will be rebuilt, courtesy of the American taxpayer. Why on earth would we allow our tax dollars to rebuild buildings the terrorists used as launch sites?

Nobody told us this would happen, but suddenly the media and the swamp have decided that we're back on the side of the terrorists. One of the founders of Black Lives Matter has recently declared that, "The imperialist project known as Israel must come to an end." So the white race and the Jews are in for a rough ride. Hardly a day goes by that we don't hear of the great threat of white supremacy. It's America's greatest challenge and reparations are long overdue, to hear the mainstream tell it.

Maybe you haven't heard, but there are still some of us (maybe most of us) who believe that the presidential election was skewed by fraud. An audit of ballots is underway in Arizona, and there are at least three other states (probably more) where this needs to happen. The mainstream media doesn't even know it's going on and will do everything within their power to make sure you don't either. If they don't report it, it must not be happening. Texas is apparently poised to enact a law that says I. D. is required. That's just RACIST says the swamp, the mainstream media, and the puppet. Neanderthal logic, they say. But who's really the racist? Maybe it's these people who turn such arguments into their lifelong vocation.



Are we to believe that "people of color" are somehow unable to acquire I. D.? Is it unavailable to them, or are we supposed to believe that they just can't wait in line like everybody else? If the claim is that they just can't figure out how to get I. D., how racist is that argument? It's an insult, at the very least, and would seem as though the shoe is on the other foot, so to speak. Who is the racist? One who says you have to prove who you are to fly, drive a car, buy alcohol and so many other mundane activities, or one who says the requirements are somehow racist. We don't hear the airlines being called racist. The TSA puts your drivers license under a black light before you can enter an airline terminal and they scribble a signature on your boarding pass. It's a wonder we've put up with a fraction of this nonsense. Apparently we had somewhere to be that seemed important enough to put up with the invasion of our persons. But I digress.

The mainstream, the swamp, the fraudulent political leaders; they're not just coming after those of the Jewish religion. They're coming after EVERYBODY who resists their ignorant accusations! The Jews just get targeted first, and those poor, pitiful "Palestinians" are chasing them around in America. They'll come for everybody else if nobody puts a stop to it. □

# VOID OF JUDGMENT:

## IDENTIFYING THE CAUSE

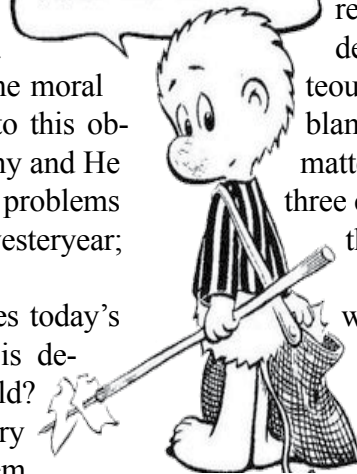


by John Mitchell

For those of us genealogically challenged enough to remember a cartoon character very popular in the daily newspaper from 1948 to 1975, I would like to reintroduce him to you. For those who are too young to remember, all I can say is you missed a lot of common sense teaching with layers of social and political satire dressed up in a comedic presentation. This character, named “Pogo,” was a possum found in our southern states. His theme was the events of the day and his analysis of them. In one episode he was deploring the moral decline of the country and came to this observation: “We Have Met the Enemy and He Is Us.” Our problems then and our problems today are the same as Pogo’s of yesteryear; we are our own worst enemy.

Where and from whom comes today’s “void of judgment” mindset that is destroying our nation, indeed the world? In American society today, in every society around the world, there seem to be three curses that permeate those society’s structures and lead to the weakening and eventual downfall of each society. This has been true since the early days of mankind’s kingdoms. We know the three curses all stem from one source, Satan, the great deceiver who uses each curse to destroy the right relationship between men and women and weaken the family unit until it is no longer thought of as a sacred blessing from Almighty God. Society is reduced to the most basic of animal instincts through Satan’s manipulation and lies on a grand scale.

WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY AND HE IS US.



But Satan does not come to society as a red dragon with a long tail holding a pitch fork. No, there would be no acceptance by society of his plan if he used an approach revealing who he really is. Oh no, he must disguise himself and his false teachings to make them acceptable to those in positions of teaching others. They then appear as teachers of “truth,” enlightening their audience, but deceptions will eventually drown out the truth as people accept it as normal. However, the result of accepting falsehoods is the moral destruction of a nation, no matter how “righteous” it appears. Definite curses will come and blame will be placed on those responsible, no matter how innocent they may appear. These three curses were foretold long ago by none other than the Apostle John.

John 2:15-17, “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

Here we find the curses of every society, the point of no return unless we turn to God in national repentance. Let’s note them specifically and see the damage they have done and continue to do on a daily basis.

### THE LUST OF THE FLESH

What is the lust of the flesh? The lust of the flesh is that temptation to feel physical pleasure from



some sinful activity; to do something to make the flesh feel satisfied. It can involve any type of sinful activity that will bring pleasure to the body. It can be doing violence to others, hate filled gossip, witchcraft, drunkenness, addiction to drugs, adultery and fornication. However, the most useful tool of Satan involves sexual sins. The sexual lust of the flesh bombards our senses 24-7-365 doing its destructive work in the hearts, minds and souls of both adults and children. If your five year old child can turn on a computer and operate a mouse, they can find this destructive work in the form of non-stop pornography. You can forget the so called “block content” filters said to prevent displaying these pages of filth. According to the latest research widely available, half of women tune into internet pornography at least one time a month, and the same basic percentage goes for men. Ninety percent of children aged eight through sixteen have watched pornographic content they would not want their parents to see. Thirty-seven percent of teens say they watch pornography on a regular (3 times a week average) basis. Why does someone not cry aloud and warn people of the dangers of such behavior? Why is there no voice shouting to stop this insidious sin that is ruining the values of all segments of our society?

Because, there is another group that has been infected with the “lust of the flesh,” through pornography that is staggering. Fasten your seat belts for here they are.

One in five youth pastors and one in seven senior pastors use porn on a regular basis and are currently struggling to overcome it. That’s more than 50,000 U. S. church leaders. Forty-three percent of senior pastors and youth pastors say they have struggled with pornography in the past. Sixty-four percent of Christian men and fifteen percent of Christian women say they watch porn at least once a month. Only seven percent of pastors report their church has a ministry program for those struggling with pornography.

What effect does this “lust of the flesh” have on its viewers?

Sixty-eight percent of divorce cases involved one party meeting a new lover over the Internet. Fifty-six percent involved one party having “an obsessive interest in pornographic websites.” Seventy percent of wives of sex addicts could be diagnosed with

PTSD. Prolonged exposure to pornography leads to:

- Diminished trust between intimate couples
- Belief that promiscuity is the natural state
- Lack of attraction to family and child-raising

A 2014 study from the website “Covenant Eyes,” found that compulsive pornography users “had greater impairments of sexual arousal and erectile difficulties in intimate relationships but not with sexually explicit materials.”

Pornography has done a masterful job of turning the God given proper sexual intimacy between a husband and wife into the “lust of the flesh.” The sad part is these are the leaders of the nation’s churches and Christian schools educating the malleable minds of our youth. They have neutered and abandoned those given the responsibility written in Isaiah 58:1, “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.”

The vast majority of sermons preached each week by the pastors in America are nothing more than “holy hogwash.” By that I mean tune in on Sunday and watch and listen to the fifteen to twenty minute messages on how to live a sweet and peaceful life. Messages titled, “When the going gets tough, the tough get going,” “It’s going to happen quickly,” “Wisdom keys,” “Discover the Champion within you,” and all the rest of them delivered in a measured, soothing tone to make you feel good and salve your conscience. Never mind the fact that a large part of their audience are slaves to pornography and the other sins of the “lust of the flesh.” They can’t cry aloud because they are captive themselves.

### THE LUST OF THE EYES

What is the lust of the eyes? The lust of the eyes is that temptation to look upon things we shouldn’t look upon, or to have things that we shouldn’t have. In other words, it is to cast our eyes upon something with desire or pleasure, even though God has told us not to look upon those things.

The sin of coveting is a prime example of the result of succumbing to the lust of the eyes. We rarely hear of the sin of coveting in today’s time, but “thou shalt not covet” was the 10th commandment that God gave to the Israelites. To covet means to have a yearning or a strong desire to have something that

rightfully belongs to someone else. “That’s not fair that he has such a beautiful wife. I want her as my wife,” is a prime example. Other examples of the lust of the eyes include looking at pornography, desiring others’ material possessions, status, appearance, etc. It’s the recognition that something sinful has visual appeal, and then wanting it for the sake of its visual appeal.

*To defeat the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is to continually have the rod of God’s Law before your eyes.*

As in the former phrase “lust of the flesh,” so here again sexual lust is only a fraction of the meaning of the phrase. The “lust of the eyes” describes someone who is captivated by an outward show of materialism. See a new car, must have it. See a dress, must have it. See a position, must have it. The list is endless! Cars, dresses, positions, etc., are not in and of themselves sinful. But the inordinate desire to have what we see is sinful. An inordinate desire to have anything contrary to God’s will is sinful.

Before we experience genuine repentance and are led by the Holy Spirit, there is no conflict with the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. Our wandering eyes were full of the lust of the flesh and we didn’t have an issue with it. Sin was a pleasure, not a plaguing problem. But the moment we turned in genuine repentance, the battle began. A man has no problem smoking forty cigarettes a day until he tries to stop. That’s when war is declared and the battle begins.

#### THE PRIDE OF LIFE

What is the pride of life? The pride of life is that sinful temptation for excess greatness or power that we all feel the temptation to attain. Pride itself is one of the sins that God hates most. It is the sin that made Lucifer (light bringer) turn into Satan (the adversary, the destroyer). Some examples of this sin include the following:

- Desiring to get credit or glory for things that others (or God) did

- Desiring for others to hold us in excess esteem, “to make a name for ourselves”

- Desiring to feel valued or more important than others around us

- Desiring positions of power over others in a way that puffs up our own ego for the sake of bragging rights (Jesus said that those who desire to be great should be the greatest servant)

Consider the words of Satan himself, who was so filled with pride that he wanted to be God:

Isaiah 14:14, “I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”

In looking at these three temptations in action we see that every sin we commit will involve at least one of these three temptations, but it may include all three. Notice how Satan used all three temptations with Eve in the Garden of Eden, and with Jesus in the New Testament. Eve succumbed to the temptations, yet Jesus resisted them.

Eve’s temptation by Satan is found in Genesis 3:6. “And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food [lust of the flesh], and that it was pleasant to the eyes [lust of the eyes], and a tree to be desired to make one wise [the pride of life], she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”

Jesus’ temptation by Satan is found in Matthew 4:3-10:

“And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread [lust of the flesh]. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

“Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone [the pride of life]. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

“Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them [the lust of the eyes]; And saith unto him, All these things will

I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

It’s important to know that it is not a sin to enjoy physical pleasure in things in which God allows us to feel pleasure. For example, God created food to taste delicious. There’s nothing wrong with enjoying a delicious meal (we have to eat to live), but gluttony is a sin. God also created sex. There’s nothing wrong with enjoying intimacy with our spouses, but adultery or fornication is sin.

There is nothing wrong with looking at beautiful things. There are many beautiful paintings, materials, and even creation itself is breathtaking. Is there anything more beautiful than a rainbow, a mountain landscape, the ocean, or the stars? But when we lustfully look upon things God has commanded us to avoid, such as pornography, other people’s spouses, or other people’s possessions, it becomes sin.

There is nothing wrong with having ambition or desiring to work hard. However, when we fail to give glory to God, when we desire to be praised for other’s efforts, or when we desire power or knowledge for the sake of puffing ourselves up, we become entangled in the pride of life.

We will all face the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. However, the Bible tells us that when we are tempted, God will always give us an escape option.

1 Corinthians 10:13, “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it”.

No matter how tempted you may be in a situation, Jesus felt that same temptation. God promises us that no matter how hard the temptation is, He will always provide an escape route. We can always choose obedience over sin.

We all know that the original cause of sin lies with Satan the Devil and he will answer for all mankind’s sins when Jesus returns and casts him into the bottomless pit. And we also know that today he does not come at society head on, for no one would accept his lies. He uses those in human authority to spread

his lies and deceive the world. People since the Garden of Eden have been deceived by him and those responsible for teaching the truth have become ensnared by him and thus do not know the truth.

The “void of judgment” mindset that is destroying our nation comes from the refusal of the pastors of the land to look their congregations in the eye and call sin what it is—sin! To defeat the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is to continually have the rod of God’s law before your eyes. That’s what it means to walk in proper awe and fear of God.

But how can people know God’s law unless it is taught by the pastors and teachers? There would be very few people who were “void of judgment” if they knew and kept God’s Law and His Ten Commandments. But no, it is taught that God’s Law was done away with by Jesus and you are free to do whatever you feel like. Pastors don’t tell their congregations that they are to worship only the true God. Pastors don’t tell them not to take God’s name in vain. Pastors don’t tell them that the proper day to worship God is the Sabbath, not Sunday. Pastors don’t tell them to honor their parents; no, rebel against their parents and then warehouse them in nursing homes to die when they are elderly. Pastors don’t tell them not to commit adultery. One minister said he could not even define adultery. Pastors don’t tell them not to murder; no, human life is cheap and Planned Parenthood is a wonderful place to get rid



**WORLD NEWS  
BRIEF****IN CASE YOU MISSED IT****CORPORATE GLOBALISM**

One interesting development in the push for worldwide government and regulation is the push for a minimum corporate tax rate to be adopted globally. The measure is aimed at punishing corporations for shifting business to so-called tax havens around the world, thus putting much of their revenue out of reach. The U.S. administration is pushing their Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income tax (called GILTI but possibly pronounced “guilty”) as a starting point for further international discussions. Many developed countries such as Germany, France and the UK are pushing for a rate of at least 21% while the U.S. Treasury Department’s outline has 15% as the minimum for beginning negotiations. Britain has already pledged to hit 25% by 2023. Another concern is which country receives the tax that is paid. This is particularly important to Europeans who resent American internet giants generating enormous revenues in their countries and sending the tax revenue back home.

**WEIRD SCIENCE**

When an animal sheds and regrows part of its body, like lizard tails, it is known as autonomy. One of the most radical examples of this has recently been discovered by scientists in Japan. Coming in one morning, a researcher found that one of the sea slugs she was studying had shed its entire body. The head was crawling around on its own and continued to survive. In a grizzly scene reminiscent of the French Revolution, the phenomenon was reproduced with other slugs. What makes this so remarkable is that the 6 inch slugs

leave behind their heart and organs, unlike most cases of autonomy which merely involve appendages. Scientists speculate that the sea slugs are sustained by algae they have consumed, temporarily absorbing energy from photosynthesis until they can regrow their body and organs. After detaching, the head shrinks and turns green. The new body is grown in less than a month and the natural cause of such an extreme undertaking is thought to be infestation by parasites. Weirder still are the scientists’ hopes that this new discovery will help with the regeneration of human tissue.

**THE NATURAL STATE**

Arkansas is the first state to prohibit transgender treatments for minors. Others are reportedly considering similar legislation. The ban includes surgery, hormone therapy, and puberty blockers. Whether the law will be able to withstand legal challenges remains to be seen. The ACLU will be challenging it in court before it takes effect later this summer. Other states may be waiting on the outcome before enacting their own prohibitions. The Arkansas legislature had to override a veto by Republican Governor Asa Hutchinson to push it through in their state. Whatever the outcome, it is a bold stand for traditional values in a world ever more warped by “progressive” cultural norms.

**EXPLOITING AID AND AIDS**

The Global Fund is a coordinated international effort to combat diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria and HIV. It is funded by many high profile individuals as well as world governments. Bill Gates is quoted on their website as saying,

“The Global Fund is one of the best and kindest things people have ever done for one another.” Touting their strategy of “country ownership,” the Global Fund claims, “People implementing programs on the ground know best how to respond to AIDS, TB and malaria in their local contexts. Country ownership means that people determine their own solutions to fighting these three diseases, and take full responsibility for them.” Recent events have certainly cast a shadow over these types of statements.

One of the efforts funded is the National Association for People Living with HIV. Reports have surfaced of gross misconduct among their leadership. Access to their services, including treatment, was used as collateral for sexual and monetary exploitation. The allegations cover a period of nine years. Obviously this is a huge embarrassment for the 60 plus world governments who have contributed over the years, including the top donor (the USA) which has donated over \$17 billion. The Executive Director of the Global Fund described what has happened as “abhorrent.” However, an investigation into the matter has concluded that oversight of intermediary organizations is “inadequate” when it comes to preventing abuse of the ultimate recipients.

#### EUROPEAN UNITY MEETS SWISS NEUTRALITY

Negotiations for a comprehensive agreement between Switzerland and the European Union have finally unraveled. The process began in 2014 and has recently been ended by the Swiss over potentially insurmountable differences. There are currently over 100 separate agreements defining the relationship between Switzerland and the EU, all of which have expiration dates. The negotiations were for a single overarching plan but some of its stipulations proved to be a bridge too far. Major areas of disagreement include free movement, one aspect of which would entitle EU citizens to settle and enroll in Swiss social programs. Others are “dynamic” regulatory alignment as well as state aid and protections for certain industries. While celebrated by some as a victory for national sovereignty, this development further

threatens the EU’s unified approach.

After Brexit, the EU has been increasingly protective of its system. The idea that countries can leave or only participate in a limited way, such as Switzerland and Norway, potentially undermines the whole concept of the single market. If countries think they can have the best of both worlds, i.e. EU access *and* national sovereignty, then what is the benefit of full membership? The Euro-zone’s fragile economic state cannot stand many setbacks at this point.

This threat has defined Europe’s negotiations with Britain and can be seen in its attitude toward Switzerland as well. The EU is currently refusing to update their deals with Switzerland one by one as they expire, hoping to force them back to the negotiating table. The first to lapse involves medical technologies and is expected to cost the Swiss over €100 million this year. Whether this hard-line approach by the EU will work remains to be seen.

#### A BAS LA MACRONIE

French President Emmanuel Macron took a tour through France to measure how the public was feeling as the country emerges from Covid-19 lockdowns. One young man in southern France showed the President exactly how he felt. As Macron began to greet the crowd he placed his hand on the arm of Damien Tarel. After shouting “A bas la Macronie,” (“Down with Macronia!”) Tarel slapped Macron solidly across the cheek. Tarel was quickly taken into custody and has since been sentenced to four months in jail.

French media BMF TV reports that Tarel is a medieval period enthusiast and practices sword fighting such as you would find at a renaissance fair. As he was hauled away he yelled the battle cry of the French monarchy. In court he claimed not to have planned to slap Macron, but admitted that he had considered bringing an egg or a pastry to throw. When asked why he had done it he replied, “If I had challenged Macron to a duel at sunrise, I doubt he would have responded.” He also said, “I think that Macron represents very neatly the decay of our country.” □

**BIBLE STUDY***by Dr. James & Natalie Ricks*

# A Remnant Saved

## **GOD WILL CUT SHORT THE MORAL DECLINE OF HIS PEOPLE**

Paul talked about cutting the work short. We are going to look into this obscure and usually overlooked scripture for a deeper understanding. Paul, when talking about Israel, mentions that God will cut short His work on Earth to stop the moral decline of His people. If God did not cut short that time, what would happen? Paul writes:

Romans 9:26-29, “And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.

“Esaias [Isaiah] also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:

“For He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

“And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha.”

The problem with Sodom was that sin was totally accepted in that society. They existed in a society of near total corruption. They wouldn't — or couldn't — repent because they knew no shame! The entire city was accepting of the attempted forcible rape of the two angelic men sent to rescue Lot. It was not rape in some dark back alley; it was in full

view in public.

God abhors sin. We all should feel some shame when we slip and sin. How much more must He abhor it when sin becomes wholly accepted by society? However, God will not allow Israel to completely rot away morally. God told Israel to repent while they still could.

Isaiah 1:16-17 “Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil,

“Learn to do good; Seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.”

God warned them that corruption was starting to infect all parts of Jerusalem's society, from the princes to the business leaders and judges. All greedily sought bribes and the people suffered accordingly.

Isaiah 1:23, “Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves; Everyone loves bribes, and follows after rewards. They do not defend the fatherless, nor does the cause of the widow come before them.”

God's plan would prevent the entire society from becoming totally rotten, without shame and unable to repent.

## **GOD SENT ISRAEL INTO CAPTIVITY TO SAVE A REMNANT**

Paul quoted the prophets regarding this. He was aware of the historical examples. Paul is paraphrasing Isaiah 10:22-23. This warning from God

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through the prophet was regarding saving a remnant of Judah from becoming totally corrupted. God cut short that nation's freedom for 70 years to punish them and to save them for later repentance.

Isaiah 10:22-23, "For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea, a remnant of them will return; The destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

"For the Lord God of hosts will make a determined end in the midst of all the land."

God warned that He was about to end the kingdom and take them into captivity unless they repented. Paul also referenced the prophet Jeremiah's warnings.

Jeremiah 7:16-19, "Therefore do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them, nor make intercession to Me; for I will not hear you.

"Do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

"The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger.

"Do they provoke Me to anger?" says the Lord. 'Do they not provoke themselves, to the shame of their own faces?'"

God is saying to the prophet that the people have gone too far into idolatry. They have no shame. They have reached the point of NO RETURN, where they cannot repent for lack of knowledge. Therefore, to save a remnant before they are all morally poisoned, God chose to send them into captivity.

Jeremiah 8:12, "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed, nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; In the time of their punishment they shall be cast down," says the Lord."

Sin had become totally accepted by a vast majority of that society, so how could they ever repent? God requires us to feel shame when we sin. All mankind sins and we all should feel shame and guilt and then repent. Historically, the northern ten

tribes of Israel had been cut short and went into captivity.

2 Kings 10:32, "In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel;"

The northern ten tribes of Israel began approaching the point of NO RETURN long before the southern kingdom of Judah. Both were warned by prophets but the downward drift continued. God called Judah to repentance but only a remnant would remain faithful. Israel went into captivity in 722 BC and Judah was taken in 586 BC to Babylon. Note what God told the prophet Elijah:

1 Kings 19:18, "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him."

God always left a remnant by cutting short the days of corruption. After these chapters warning of the growing moral corruption, the prophets told of the Messiah's wonderful rescue. We see this after both chapter one and ten in Isaiah. Judah returned from captivity and then remained steadfast regarding idolatry, Sabbath keeping and preserving the word of God. Hard times can strengthen people. Remember that the Great Depression and World War II did that for America after the prosperity of the Roaring Twenties led to rampant moral decline.

## THE MESSIAH'S WONDERFUL RESCUE OF THE REMNANT

These are some of the most encouraging words in all the Bible. Those with a repentant, obedient heart will all be in paradise where repentance will be abundant.

Isaiah 2:3-4, "And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

"And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their

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swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.”

Isaiah 11:6-9, “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

“And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

“And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice den.

“They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.”

### HISTORY: A WARNING FOR END-TIME BELIEVERS

All the world will be cut short to save a remnant of Israel in the end times. Mankind, if left

to his own devices, would go so far astray that it would poison the planet. Jesus warned of this:

Matthew 24:21-22, “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

“And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.”

We are warned to stay in a repentant and ready spirit because the days will be suddenly cut short.

Matthew 24:42-44, “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.”

God is saving this planet for us — the spiritual remnant of Israel — by cutting short the evil days ahead. Stay focused! A soft heart and a responsive conscience are prized by God. □

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of an unwanted child (it’s not just a fetus, it’s a living child of God). Pastors don’t tell them not to gossip, envy or lie about each other. No, they let that one just slide on by.

God is removing His providence from America because America has turned its back on God. Margaret Sanger opened the first birth control clinic in the U. S. in 1916. Sanger founded the American Birth Control League in 1921, which changed its name to Planned Parenthood in 1942 with abortion as its main function. In 1925 Evolution became accepted in school. The Sabbath was abandoned in 325 AD by false teachers and Sunday substituted as the day of worship which continues to this day. Adultery, fornication and deviant sex is the order of the day in America. Lies are told from the head of the government to the first grader.

Why is this? Because the “religious leaders” do not cry aloud and show their people their sins! They preach a “greasy grace” and as a result the people are

destroyed and scattered in every direction. Morality and moral values are considered “archaic” and out of touch with today’s world. The minds of the people are “void of judgment” for lack of the true knowledge and wisdom contained in the laws of God. Our society is crumbling before our eyes because of our sins. Only one thing can save America; that is a national repentance before the Creator God. And national repentance cannot come without the knowledge of the word of God, His laws and way of life.

How can that come about? By every pastor, minister, preacher, evangelist, bishop and priest returning themselves to the law of God and without apology or hesitation stand in their pulpits and tell their people what sin is. Tell them to overcome the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life by true repentance and ask God for forgiveness of their sins and to be guided by His Holy Spirit. For every pastor, minister, preacher, evangelist, bishop and priest to set the right example before their congregations. Then, and only then, will there be an orderly society. □





# THE SHOT HEARD ROUND THE WORLD

by Charles "Sam" Faddis, *ANDmagazine.com*

At Concord Bridge in 1775, a revolution started when a handful of American colonists stood up, refused the King's orders, and said they would make their own decisions about how to live their lives. The ripple effects changed the world.

The next American revolution may have just begun, not at Concord but at Target.

Within the last few days, an employee of Target went to work and — sick and tired of having her rights trampled upon — refused to wear her mask as directed by her employer. She informed her manager that she would not comply with his directive to wear the mask, that there was no scientific basis for the rule, and that there was no legal authority, which would allow him to enforce it. The employee added that she was in contact with the legal team at America's Frontline Doctors (AFLDS) specifically an attorney named Tom Rentz, and had retained his services.

The Target manager directed the woman in question to go home and advised she was being terminated. Within 24 hours she was contacted at home and called back into work. The mask requirement was dropped. Ap-

parently, somebody at Target's legal department knew the name Tom Rentz and had bothered to check the law.

Since the outset of the pandemic the American people have been subjected to a whole series of restrictions imposed, allegedly to control the spread of COVID-19 and keep us safe. All of these have been justified in the name of "science" by which proponents appear less to mean a rational thought process than a new religion and a government-mandated orthodoxy.

None of the claims for a scientific basis for the control measures have ever been true. There never has been any substantial science to justify these actions, and the American people, patient but steeped in common sense, have now begun clearly to see that this is true.

Lockdowns of healthy people, which early on became the key feature of our pandemic control measures have never been utilized in dealing with previous pandemics. They were never part of planning in the United States for dealing with a threat of this type. They were imposed, largely by recommendation of bureaucrats like Fauci, after the Chinese Communist Party de-

cidated to lock down its own population. Demonstrably, as seen most recently in Texas, they do not work and appear largely counterproductive.

Masks were imposed upon us based on the idea that we were surrounded by hordes of strangers who, despite the fact that they showed no symptoms of the disease could be spreading it asymptotically. The fact is there has never been any credible body of evidence to show that COVID-19 is even passed asymptotically. On the contrary, the evidence suggests strongly it does not and never has.

Masks themselves appear at best dubious physical measures anyway. We don't have any real data to suggest they work effectively. We do by this point have lots of indications that they become covered in dirt and bacteria, restrict airflow and produce all sorts of negative psychological impacts.

Undeterred, however, the autocratic proponents of "science" have now determined to issue yet another edict. Now, we must be vaccinated. Anyone who resists is ignorant, presumably Neanderthal and deserving of no consideration. We may or

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may not have vaccine passports but one way or the other you will be made to comply or find that your life is unlivable.

You won't be able to shop for food. You won't be able to travel. You won't be able to hold a job.

The price of being allowed to live your life? Participate in what amounts to a giant clinical trial in which you are the lab rat.

#### **FDA APPROVAL Vs FDA EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION**

None of the three vaccines in use in the United States have been approved or licensed by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) via the normal process by which drugs reach the market. All of them are currently available via an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) only.

If you have taken the vaccine you have taken an experimental drug. Even Anthony Fauci has emphasized the significance of this point.

"I hope they do it quickly (approve the covid shots), because ... people when they hear it's still emergency use, they still have a little concern about how far you can go with it." - Anthony Fauci on CNBC.

The FDA allowed companies to begin testing the COVID-19 vaccines on humans before the completion of any animal trials. Instead, all three companies were allowed to proceed with human trials and those were completed in less than a year. Press reporting has suggested the animal trials were terminated when the animals kept dying.

No large trials of any of the vaccines now being marketed have been completed yet. The only evidence on the safety of the vaccines comes from small phase I and phase II trials of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines, with follow-up typically less than two months. There is as yet insufficient evidence to support any conclusions on their comparative dangers.

As a consequence, as with many of the other COVID-19 restrictions, there is actually no legal authority for mandating the taking of any of the vaccines on the market. By definition, as the vaccines are experimental, their use can be refused. No one can be ordered to participate in a medical experiment. We prosecuted Nazis for exactly this kind of thing after the Second World War at Nuremberg.

As the American colonists suffered under British tyranny for

many years before the breaking point at Concord, so have American citizens today suffered at the hands of their own government. They, like their forefathers, have demonstrated incredible patience even as that patience has worn thin.

Americans are patient no longer. They are standing up, asserting their rights, pushing back, and making clear they will no longer comply. The oligarchs may have in mind that they can simply continue this tyranny forever with masks, social distancing, and most hideously of all, vaccines.

They cannot. The revolution has begun. There may or may not ever be a statue of the woman at Target as there is of the Minuteman in Massachusetts. She is no less significant. Another shot heard round the world has been fired. ☐



**Masks have proven ineffective and unnecessary. Lockdowns have resulted in unemployment, lack of education, depression, increased substance abuse, and domestic violence.**



# Know Your ENEMY

*by Michael Armstrong*

China has become an ever increasing cause for concern among western nations. From their massive economic expansion in the past few decades, their manufacturing dominance, aggressive regional posturing, increasing international involvement and investment they have proven a force to be reckoned with. Add this to their technological and military advancement and the question has to be asked, "What is the end of their ambition?"

The history of China is long and complex. The land occupied by the modern country has been fractured and united many times. Unification first occurred under Qin Shi Huang, who styled himself Emperor, in about 230 BC. His efforts to unify hostile and diverse states within his domain included much reform, standardization and road construction as well as connecting various regional walls to create a precursor of the present Great Wall of China. His legacy is brutal and generally unfavorable though his centralizing activities have been praised in more recent years. His Qin dynasty was followed by the Han dynasty.

The Han further expanded the empire. From them we have derived the eponymous ethnic designation Han Chinese. Over

90% of the population of modern China is Han. They also account for 18% of the population worldwide. Their rule formalized and solidified trade along the famous Silk Road which lasted over 1000 years and has played such an enormous role in the exchange of goods and ideas. The plague is also thought to have made its way into Europe by this route. Trade took place with the West by both land and sea. There are reports of a few travelers and even small diplomatic missions passing between Rome and China during the Han dynasty, which lasted from 206 BC to 220 AD. These routes continued to be used through the centuries, though serious disruption occurred as the Mongol Empire, famously visited by Marco Polo, disintegrated.

In addition to silk and spices, China produced numerous other goods. The list of inventions attributed to the region is staggering. It includes such revolutionary items as paper made from pulp, printing, gunpowder, the compass, paper money, watertight bulkheads in ships, cylinders to collect natural gas, a helicopter rotor, soy sauce and toilet paper. As the world's top exporter, their merchant tradition holds strong today.

The land is uniquely suited

for international commerce. Rivers run from west to east, tying in nicely with the historic north to south trade routes along the coast. Two of the world's longest rivers are among their number, the Yellow River (6th) and the Yangtze (3rd). The Yangtze is particularly beneficial. Navigable by ocean going cargo ships for over 600 miles into the interior of the country, major industrial centers have grown along its banks allowing for direct exportation. The delta alone has 10 cities that approach or exceed New York City (8 million) in population, not to mention the mammoth Shanghai which hosts 24 million. The now infamous Wuhan, with a population of 11 million, is much farther upstream.

Farther still is the Three Gorges Dam. In addition to having massive ship locks, facilitating further commercial traffic upstream, the dam is the most productive power station in the world. Its capacity is roughly equivalent to 20 Hoover dams. Of the 20 largest stations in the world, 7 are in China. These realities fuel the national pride of the Chinese people, demonstrating to them that China is a great power and a force to be reckoned with.

The last dynasty to rule China was the Qing, which didn't end

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until 1912. The Chinese conceive their modern identity from this period, included in their so called “century of humiliation.” Many events had weakened the Empire, as had corruption. Bloody rebellions, famine and infighting left the Qing in no position to face off against industrial powers such as Britain and France. The industrial revolution had left China, which was almost completely shut to foreigners, far behind in terms of technological advancement. Imperial prestige (or conceit) prevented the Emperor from negotiating with other countries as equals.

Canton, now known as Guangzhou, was the only port open to international trade. Efforts to expand trade, as well as illicit attempts to recoup what became a huge imbalance in China’s favor, led to what is known as the Opium Wars between Britain and China. The Chinese were indeed humiliated. Defeated by forces they vastly outnumbered, they were forced to accept terms overwhelmingly favorable to the victors. This included opening many more ports to trade, provisions that foreigners could not be punished under Chinese law and giving over Hong Kong to British control.

Conflicts continued to arise and further gains were made by Britain, France, Russia and Japan. This fostered preexisting foreign animosity among the Chinese and a strong desire to revive their former glory. This drive was based on what was considered “new culture” and was highly critical of traditional Confucian strictures, which it blamed for their current problems. A revolution ended Im-

perial rule, ushering in the Republic of China. Far from solving anything, this era was full of chaos.

Factions and warlords battled one another continuously. There was international intrigue and even brief efforts to restore monarchy, all of which helped fuel the growth of the communist party. Having joined and contributed to the Allied cause in World War I, the Chinese were infuriated when Japan was given control of portions of their territory formerly administered by Germany. This perceived betrayal undermined the appeal of western-style democracy at the same time the Bolsheviks were sweeping all before them in Russia.

Despite this, it is not thought that Communism could have taken hold in China without the support they received from the Soviet Union. Civil war raged in China for 10 years before Japanese invasion forced a tenuous truce, which never amounted to cooperation until after the end of World War II. While both sides benefited from the USSR initially, support for the Chinese Communist Party solidified after the war. Captured Japanese arms and hardware were turned over to the CCP. Mass defections from their rivals, the Kuomintang (KMT), as well as promises of land to any peasant who would join their cause, swelled their ranks. In later years over 1 million landlords were executed to fulfill this promise.

United States policy actually kept Japanese soldiers in place until KMT forces could be transported to replace them, fearing that communist forces would

overrun the country in a vacuum of power. The event was not long delayed, however. Nationalists were forced to retreat to the island of Taiwan, which the communists were unable to conquer. Before they were able to rally the force necessary, the situation dramatically changed with the onset of the Korean war and American attitudes towards communism.

This tenuous state of affairs remains to the modern day. What we call Taiwan is still technically the Republic of China (ROC), as opposed to the People’s Republic of China (PRC) founded by the communists on the mainland in 1949. The communist “One China Policy” prevents most nations, including the United States, from having formal relations with Taiwan. Any insinuation that Taiwan is independent (which it is) is incredibly insulting to the PRC to this day. It was not until the 1990s that Taiwan backed off its claim to be the sole legitimate government of China.

The western world stood by the ROC until about 1971 when the UN switched recognition to the PRC. After secret negotiations by Henry Kissinger, President Richard Nixon floored the public by announcing a week-long official visit. He later referred to his trip as “the week that changed the world.” If it was for the better remains to be seen. It did help fracture already strained relations between China and the USSR as China began to open to the world for business.

Strict communist rule had proven rather disastrous for China. Significant reforms took place in

the late 1970s and 1980s and the country began to grow into the economic powerhouse it has become. What changed? Essentially capitalism was allowed inside of the country, though for political reasons it has been dubbed a “socialist market economy.” Many national interests were privatized and even publicly held businesses are allowed to function as if they were. Though it has slowed some recently, China’s annual GDP growth rate still averages over 9% for the last 20 years.

By western standards, life in China seems bleak and oppressive under a totalitarian regime that constantly censors free speech and is extremely touchy concerning criticism. So why would nearly 1.5 billion people put up with that? The chaos in China’s recent past, of which we have detailed only a fraction, is one reason. Stability counts. Time and again in history oppressive governments emerge out of turmoil. National pride is another. Internationally speaking, they are now more con-

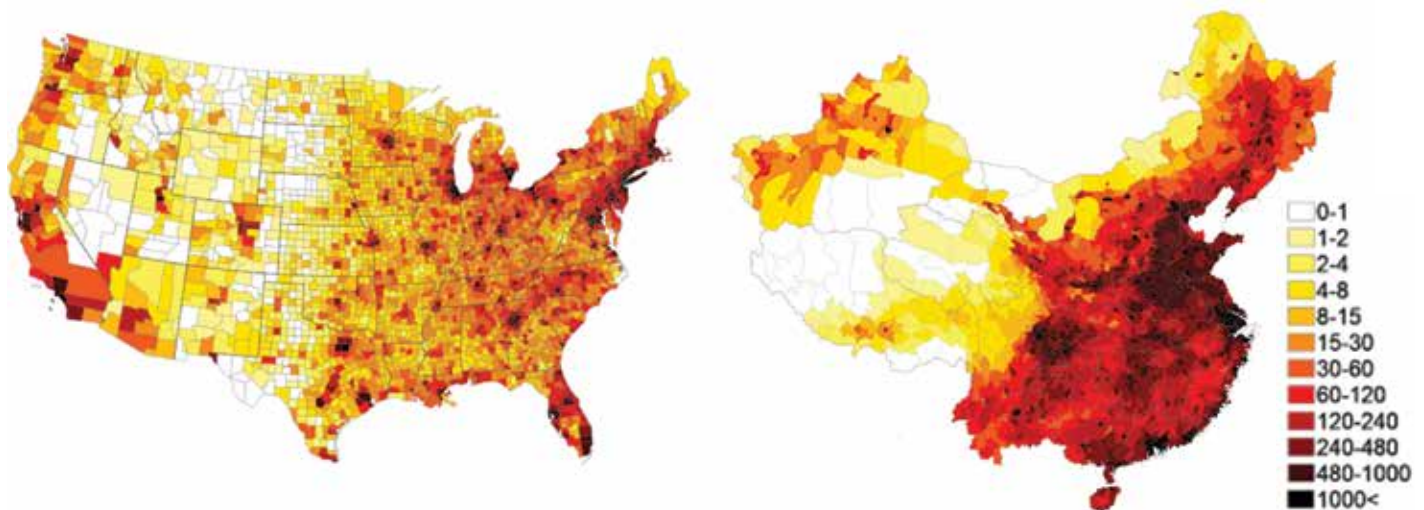
sequential than ever before. Their population, manufacturing capacity, the world’s largest standing army and many other accomplishments can be touted by the ruling communist party. While it may not seem worth it from our point of view, many Chinese believe in their system wholeheartedly.

A Pew Survey in 2010 reported over 90% approval among Chinese of their government’s handling of the economy. A Harvard study found similar levels of satisfaction with government in general. Potentially people are afraid to be critical, even in relative anonymity. There are, however, surprising responses to many government directives.

Take China’s one child policy. After years of enforcement, which included abortion and sterilization, a declining population forced the government to revise the policy to two children in 2016. This year that was deemed insufficient to offset the current 1.3 children per woman birthrate and the policy was switched to three

children. A Reuters report quoted multiple women who claimed they did not want more children, already having two, as saying they would consider it if compulsory education was free, or after their children were older “to respond to the government’s call.”

The pressing question today is what sort of threat China poses to the world. The virus and China’s reticence in investigating its origins is one aspect. Military expansion, particularly in the South China Sea is another. Slow encroachment allows them to evaluate our response without providing a decisive cause for intervention. Taiwan also factors into this. China has constantly probed their airspace over recent months, if only to expend their resources. Hong Kong has been shifted more firmly under China’s control. Encroaching on the “one country, two systems” approach that appeased western powers brought no more consequence than verbal condemnation. The same goes for human rights abuses



**United States and China population density maps. The two countries are roughly equivalent in size. Numbers measured people per/km². U.S. population is currently 332,851,587. China is 1,444,599,629.**



**Uyghur “re-education” camps in Xianjing have led to some international sanctions, but many countries are forcibly silenced through China’s predatory loan practices. Abuses include detention, forced labor, separation of families, and there are even reports of forcible sterilization, medical experimentation and organ harvesting.**

and the internment of Uyghurs.

China majorly influences developing countries through its loan programs. Loans are thought to equal 5% of Global GDP, around \$1.5 trillion, to over 150 countries. Over 20 have required restructuring in the last decade. Investment is used as a tool in developed countries, with cash flows around \$1 trillion in the last two decades. The main recipients are the U.S., Canada, Germany, the UK and Switzerland. During the same period China also invested around \$500 billion with its regional neighbors, \$150 billion in Latin America and \$50 billion in Africa. In turn, China is the top destination for new foreign investments in the world.

Furthermore, how many American industries find themselves utterly dependent on Chinese manufactures or access to their market? Tech concerns and entertainment have shown utter moral bankruptcy in their dealings with the CCP. Even Donald

Trump’s attempts to play hardball with the Chinese over trade imbalances had to include subsidies to American farmers who would be affected by reprisals. Automakers found themselves in the lurch over semiconductor chips this last year, an increasingly essential industry China has a virtual monopoly on. The Senate has only just passed legislation promoting domestic production to end this dependency.

This only scratches the surface. Numerous industries have moved overseas due to regulations prohibiting the very processes required in manufacture. Plumbing fixtures are a huge example of this. The idea that this somehow benefits the environment is utterly illogical, as moving production to less regulated areas actually results in more damage. A similar and majorly relevant example would be “gain of function” research on viruses. If it’s too dangerous for America why would we fund it in China? More countries are pushing for

new investigations into the origin of Covid-19 as new evidence surfaces suggesting its components were engineered.

Chinese warrior and philosopher, Sun Tzu wrote in *The Art of War*, “Know your enemy and know yourself; in a hundred battles you will never be defeated.” There is no question that China is positioning itself to be the dominant world power of the future. They have a homogeneous population and long traditions to support their notions of cultural superiority. Historically they do not shrink from brutality if it is considered to be in the national interest.

Their communist leadership has shown itself pragmatic in adopting free market principles, rejecting the rigid blindness that drove the Soviet Union into the ground. Their military flexing, innovations, involvement in the new space race and many other things prove to their people that they are strong. Their economy continues to grow, with only \$8 trillion in debt compared to our \$23 trillion.

Corrupt U.S. leadership, busily tearing apart our own nation, turning people against each other with divisive rhetoric, is good for little more than vague and empty threats. Fragile western economies are virtually dependent on the status quo. Where is the moral high ground if we are reliant on those we condemn? If the United States expects to keep its world superpower status it is past time to get serious about this situation. The advance of globalism is concerning enough without a totalitarian atheist regime at the helm. □

# Preacher fired and reported as TERRORIST for sermon on religious rights



*He allegedly “hurt some people’s feelings and undermined the school’s LGBT agenda”*

*by Bob Unruh, WND News Center*

A Christian chaplain, with the help of the Christian Legal Centre in the United Kingdom, is fighting back after he was accused of being a terrorist – and dismissed from his job – for preaching a sermon on the campus of Trent College on religious rights.

The offense by Rev. Dr. Bernard Randall, 48?

He preached that religious beliefs are protected in law, and students were not required to adopt the LGBTQ “ideology.”

He’s now taking the school to court for discrimination, harassment, victimization and unfair dis-

missal, and his hearing is expected to be heard at East Midlands Employment Tribunal starting June 14.

Randall, after being excluded from a campus discussion on whether to adopt an LGBT-promoting agenda, which school officials did because he might “disagree,” he explained in a campus sermon that no protected characteristic is more protected than another.

And he said, the Legal Centre explained, “for Christians, where there is disagreement, it is vital to love their neighbor, leaving no

room for personal attack or abusive language towards anyone.”

He explained Church of England’s biblical position on marriage and human nature, and said children at the school were not compelled to “accept an ideology they disagree with.”

The result was that the “Designated Safeguarding Lead” in the school “began the process of reporting Dr. Randall, without his knowledge, to the government’s counter-terrorism watchdog, Prevent, as a potentially violent religious extremist.”

The situation had developed because school officials adopted a radical agenda proposed by LGBT activist Elly Barnes, of the “Educate and Celebrate” program that seeks to “embed gender, gender identity and sexual orientation” into the school, which previously described itself as having a “protestant and evangelical” Church of England ethos.

Barnes’ agenda, as she has described it, is to “smash heteronormativity.”

Randall’s job description included his being “the particular voice and embodiment of ...



**Trent College Day & Boarding School in Derbyshire, England is for students ages 11-18. Pupils are required to attend chapel services throughout the week and boarders must attend Sunday services.**

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Christian values,” and he was alarmed by the school’s plan, and soon found himself excluded entirely from all evaluation and decision-making processes.

The Legal Center explained, “In a hostile interrogation, Dr. Randall was told that his beliefs were not relevant and did not matter, and that the sermon had hurt some people’s feelings and undermined the school’s LGBT agenda.”

The school also “began the process” of reporting him as a possible terrorist.

Randall explained he preached the sermon because a student had approached him “whether he would address ‘How come we are told we have to accept all this LGBT stuff in a Christian school.’”

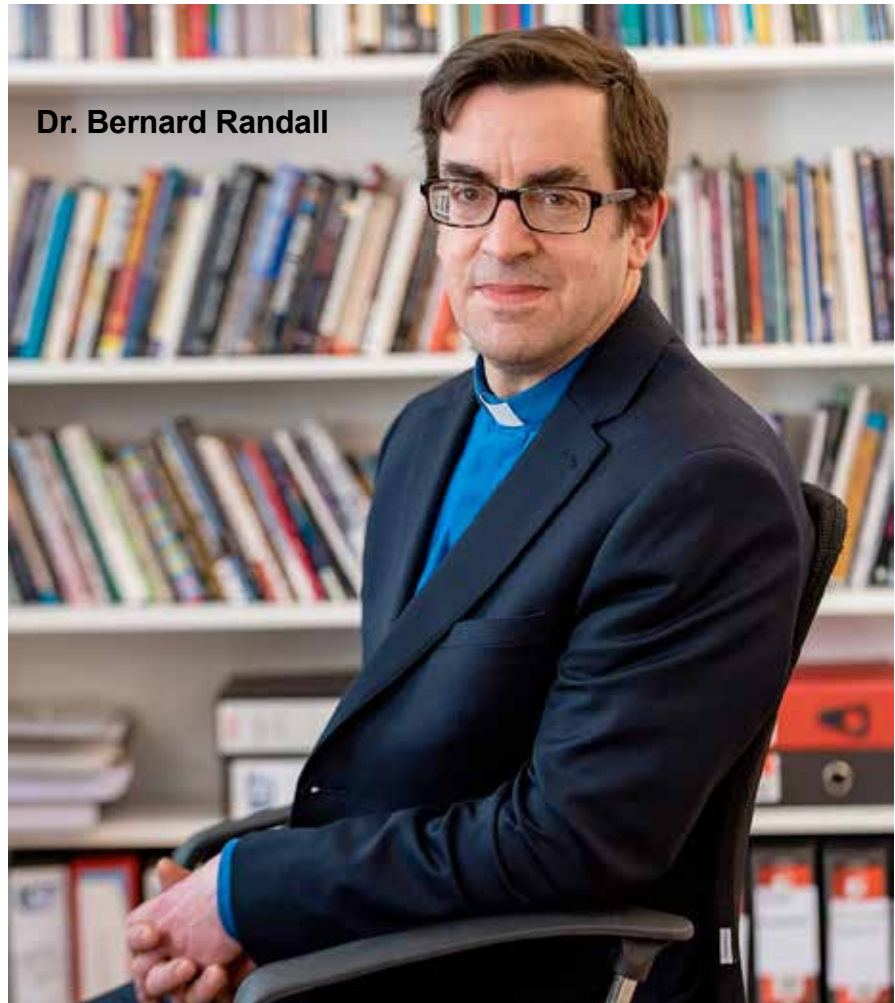
A resulting police investigation, by Derbyshire police officer Richard Barker, explained the sermon posed no counter-terrorism threat.

He was fired but the school’s governors overturned that only to impose a list of 20 demands that he no longer express “any opinion” that could “cause offense” to anyone.

And they required every sermon to be censored by school leadership.

He then was removed from his employment again because of COVID-19 lockdowns.

Randall said, “Being reported as a potential terrorist, extremist and a danger to children are arguably the worst crimes you could be accused of. When I found out that they had reported me without telling me, my mind was blown trying to comprehend it. I had gone to such lengths in the sermon to stress that we must respect



one another no matter what, even people we disagree with. I am not ashamed to say that I cried with relief when I was told that the report to Prevent was not going to be taken further.”

But he said he was ordered to “support everybody else’s beliefs, no matter what, while my Christian beliefs, the Church of England’s beliefs, were blatantly censored.”

He added, “My story sends a message to other Christians that you are not free to talk about your faith. It seems it is no longer enough to just ‘tolerate’ LGBT ideology. You must accept it without question and no debate is allowed without serious con-

sequences. Someone else will decide what is and what isn’t acceptable, and suddenly you can become an outcast, possibly for the rest of your life.”

Andrea Williams, chief executive of the Christian Legal Centre, said: “When an ordained Church of England minister can’t give a simple sermon in a Church of England school without being reported as an extremist and hounded out of his job then who is safe?”

“For many years Bernard Randall has worked in education motivated by his love for God and others. When someone like him is pursued and punished it’s an attack on us all. It’s time to stand up and speak up for these freedoms.” □





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## LESSON EIGHT: MANKIND

*The greatest truth of the Bible is that God is reproducing Himself through mankind. Hence, humanity's goal and purpose for existence is, ultimately, to enter God's family and to become literal sons of God. Human beings are physical beings with no inherent immortality, but they can receive eternal life as a free gift from God. Man was created by God to be wholly flesh and blood, yet in God's image and with a spiritual component added to his brain to create the human mind.*

### DOCTRINAL OVERVIEW:

To understand that God is reproducing Himself through mankind is absolutely essential for understanding the nature of man. The fact that human beings were made with the potential and the destiny of entering God's family as His literal children and thereby actually sharing His God-level plane of existence is fundamental to our knowledge of who and what we are.

Man was created as a physical being, a "living soul" (Gen. 2:7). The English word "soul" is translated from the Hebrew word *nephesh* and simply means a "living, breathing creature." The same word is used in reference to all "breath-bearing life" (which is a good working definition of *nephesh*: animal as well as human life). *Nephesh* refers to animals in Genesis 1:20, 21, 24; 2:19; 9:10; 12, 15 (where it is translated "creature") and also Genesis 1:30; 9:4; Leviticus 11:10; 17:11, etc. (Note a legitimate, literal translation of Genesis 1:20: "Let the waters swarm with a swarm of living souls.")

The Greek equivalent of *nephesh* is *psuche*, which also literally means "breath," — animal as well as human (Rev. 8:9; 16:3). Thus, the biblical "soul" is just the physical life of man and beast alike. Solomon makes the point clear: "For man's fate is a beast's fate, one fate befalls them both; as the one

dies so the other dies, the same breath is in them all" (Eccles. 3:19, Moffatt).

Interestingly enough, *nephesh* is also used to represent "dead bodies" — "dead *nepheshes*" or "dead souls" (Lev. 21:11; Num. 6:6, 11, etc.). The biblical "soul" then can simply become the "body," and when it dies, it dies all over. Thus man is a living soul which lives and dies as does any animal soul; therefore, man neither has nor is an "immortal soul."

Ezekiel twice states that, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4, 20). Jesus proclaimed that both the body and the soul can be destroyed in hell (Matt. 10:28). John agreed: "no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him" (1 John 3:15), and Paul concurred: "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23).

In Psalm 146:4 we read that when man's "breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." Solomon wrote that, "The dead know not anything" (Eccles. 9:5). Clearly then, when a human being dies, he is indeed mentally as well as physically dead — wholly unconscious, unaware, unknowing. The example of David confirms this. Here was a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22), the eternal king of Israel (Ezek. 37:24); yet Peter stated that, "David... is both dead and buried, and... is not ascended into the heavens" (Acts 2:29, 34).

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Although man and animals have identically mortal “souls,” man has been created superior to animals in a number of important respects. First, God shows that man was made in His own “image” and “likeness” (Gen. 1:26) and therefore carries the general appearance of God (unlike the animals who are simply made “after their kind”). In addition, God has given “the spirit of man” to humans. This “spirit in man,” — a nonphysical component which God designed to combine with the human brain to form the human mind — is the primary factor which distinguishes man from animals, elevating man’s mental capacity from the wholly physical to the spiritual. The spirit in man imparts godlike abilities and capacities. Man is thus able to experience a likeness to God in his mental, emotional and spiritual dimensions; however, man is presently limited to the physical dimension while God lives and moves in the spiritual dimension. Man is physical and mortal, but through the spirit in man has the potential of moving into the God-plane level of existence and of becoming spiritual and immortal.

The spirit in man, then, is that essence which imparts human mind power to physical brain tissue. It is the means by which man exercises his promised “dominion” over all other creatures (Gen. 1:26).

The spirit in man is not an “immortal soul”; it has absolutely no consciousness apart from the brain. Job speaks of such a spirit: “it is a spirit in man... that giveth them understanding” (Job 32:8, Jewish Pub. Soc.). Paul asks, “What human being can understand the thoughts of a man except [by means of ] the spirit of man which is in him” (1 Cor. 2:11; Moffatt; ccf. KGJ). This simply states that self-consciousness — the awareness of one’s thoughts, not just thoughts themselves — is generated by the spirit in man. The spirit of man is not the man, but rather a spiritual essence which provides man with his utterly unique characteristics of self-awareness and mind, and thus lifts him far above the level of mere animal intelligence.

Zechariah shows that the Eternal God of Israel “formeth the spirit of man within him” (Zech. 12:1). No immortal soul here — the “spirit of man” and the “him” are separate entities, with the former located “within” the latter. Paul confirms that this “spirit of man” is “in him” (1 Cor. 2:11). This does not say that

man is a spirit, but rather that this “spirit” is located in the man. (If a man swallows a marble, that marble would be in him, but does that then make the man a marble? The man may have “lost his marbles,” but he is surely not a marble himself.)

If we are not careful, we can very quickly begin to think that the spirit in man possesses conscious sensation, thought and awareness independent of the brain. This is wholly wrong. The spirit in man, of itself, cannot sense, cannot think, cannot reason, cannot know. The brain performs these tasks. But to engender the exquisite qualities which constitute the human mind, the spirit in man must be added.

We can liken the spirit in man to a blank recording tape and the human brain to a tape recorder, neither one able to generate the human mind without the other. The tape recorder houses all the machinery and wirings required for its particular operation, that of sound reproduction. Likewise, the human brain contains all the necessary structures and circuits for its manifold responsibilities which are sensation, memory, emotion, creativity, etc. Just as the tape recorder produces nothing without the recording tape running through it, so the human brain is severely limited without the spirit in man joined to it. The recording tape imparts the capacity of auditory reproduction to the tape recorder; this same tape also records and stores the magnetic impress from the tape recorder. Analogously, the spirit in man imparts the capacity of creative intellect and self-conscious personality to the brain, while at the same time recording and storing the stamp impress from the brain.

At death, the spirit in man “tape” is complete. It contains, at that time, the incredibly detailed, indelible record of every nuance of life, thought, personality, attitude and character which made one exactly the singular individual he was. The “tape” can then be “filed” until needed again for reactivation, an event called the “resurrection” in biblical terminology. Solomon alludes to this “filing” of the spirit in man as well as to the mortality of the man in Ecclesiastes 12:7: “Then (at death) shall the dust (the human being) return to the earth as it was: and the spirit (the spirit-in-man tape) shall return unto God who gave it.”

Again, we can easily make the mistake of attributing consciousness to this filed-away “tape”

which is no more the former living individual than a boxed piece of magnetic recording tape is the peaceful third movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. In order to reconstitute those serene musical vibrations from the magnetic recording tape, the tape must be reinserted into a tape recorder. Similarly, in order to reconstitute the specific person's conscious awareness from the "spirit-in-man tape," the spirit in man must be reinserted into a brain. Therefore, a reorganized brain and body (whether spiritual or physical) are necessary adjuncts to the spirit-in-man tape in order to reactivate — or resurrect — the original individual.

Man was created physical, mortal and limited so that God could work with and prepare him for his ultimate destiny. God's moral character is self-determined by His own free choice. If man is to be like Him and share eternity on His level, he must also be free to make his own decisions and thus to build his own character. Physical life provides the arena for man to learn the object lessons necessary to become like God in character. This kind of character can be developed only through time and experience.

Freedom of choice requires the possibility of rejecting God's character and way of life. If a man, given every conceivable opportunity over a protracted period of time, becomes set in the kind of moral character which would poison him and his environment, God in His infinite mercy and wisdom would not endow that man with His eternal life and unlimited potential.

The Bible states that when God created man, He "saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good" (Gen. 1:31). Man was thus not created with an evil nature. This is confirmed in Ecclesiastes 7:29: "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright." On the other hand, man was not created with the righteous, holy character of God, which it is impossible to create instantaneously. One might say man was created morally neutral so that he could develop moral character through experiencing life.

Although a free moral agent, with the full capacity to make his own decisions, man is subject to influences. As a part of the human learning and growing process, God has allowed Satan, the ultimate source of evil, to influence man for the period

of human history. Much of what can be called the natural mind — the mind in opposition to God's mind — is a result of Satan's influence as well as man's own wrong choices as he lives and experiences life without God's guidance. It is important to understand that God did not create man with an intrinsically evil nature but rather with free choice,

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and subject to the influences of both good and evil.

All humans are born morally neutral, as was Adam when he was first created. Unfortunately, Adam chose to follow Satan the Devil and thus sinned, with the result that his frame and direction of mind became evil and perverted. Likewise, as we sin, our minds become perverted from their moral neutrality and become, instead self-oriented, filled with vanity, jealousy, lust and greed, becoming oriented as Satan's mind is oriented, in opposition to the orientation of God's mind. The Bible states that, "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7), and that man's "heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked," (Jer. 17:9) reflecting clearly in both scriptures what is the attitude of Satan.

How does this happen? How does man reflect Satan's nature? Ephesians 2:2 reveals some critical, indeed startling, information. Satan is called "the prince of the power of the air," projecting a form of "spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." This seems to indicate that Satan the devil has the capacity to influence individual human beings by having his negative, evil "spirit" affect their neutral spirit in man, much as a radio broadcast will affect thousands of neutral radio receivers to "play its tune."

The only antidote to Satan's broadcast, the remedy required to change the heart of man, is God's Holy Spirit. It is impossible for man to obey God in the full spirit of the law without it. And this

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is precisely what God wants us to learn: that we desperately need God's Holy Spirit in order to have our minds and hearts converted; to have our whole direction of life changed to follow God's way.

The spirit in man is, of itself, incomplete. It indeed elevates man's mental capacity to the spiritual plane, but all this does is cause spiritual problems without any spiritual solutions. The existence of the spirit in man clearly demonstrates our burning need of the missing dimension of the Spirit of God. Thus the reality of the spirit in man becomes the focal point of all human life. And it is in the arena of human survival that the spirit in man takes on monumental significance because the mere existence of a spiritual component in the human mind unveils the fundamental cause underlying all mankind's troubles.

Consider what the spirit in man signifies; the human mind operates with a spiritual dimension, and that means spiritual problems. The spirit in man adds spiritual problems to the physical human brain. (The human mind and its resultant spiritual problems are as directly related together as are the animal brain and its resultant instinctive behavioral patterns. Thus, while the animal brain maintains perfect harmony in nature, the human mind is about to utterly destroy the earth!).

That is the crux of the matter. That is why mankind is planning its own extinction: human beings have spiritual problems but only physical solutions and physical solutions just cannot solve spiritual problems. This is why the spirit in man must become

the focal point of all human knowledge, because it enables us to understand for the first time that all man's physical difficulties are caused by deep-seated spiritual complications. No amount of physical measures, no matter how intricate or expensive, will ever improve the overall welfare and happiness of the human race. If we ever hope to solve our physical problems and have an abundantly happy world, our spiritual problems must be solved first.

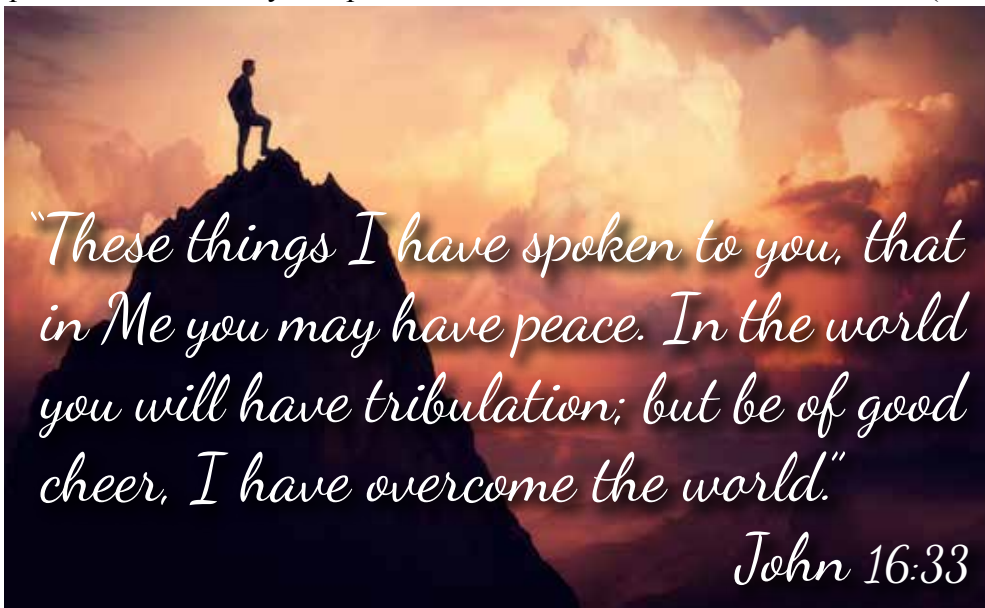
The spirit in man is the key to man. The knowledge of it suddenly reorients us. It points us in the proper direction. It tells us where we must look if we are ever to have a peaceful planet.

Spiritual solutions are needed to solve spiritual problems. If this one fundamental point were understood, man should be forced to realize that the structure of his entire society — from the government of nations to the behavior of children — needs radical revision before people can at last be joyfully busy with peace and progress.

This is where God's plan of salvation comes in. God first calls us by opening our minds to His truth, leading us to recognize our wretched, sinful state, cut off from God. Then upon our heartfelt repentance and sincere acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Savior, God enables us through baptism and the laying on of hands to receive His Spirit. Conversion by God's Holy Spirit means a renewing of one's mind (Rom. 12:2), a complete changing of one's attitude and heart; it is the creation of a new man, walking in newness of life (Rom. 6:4). Through God's Spirit

man can have the fellowship and connection with God that is so important to growth in God's mind and character.

It is not fully revealed how God's Spirit actually works. We know that it alters our whole mental outlook and direction in life from evil to good, from satanic to godly. Yet how does it do this? Romans 8:16 states that God's Holy Spirit "itself beareth witness with



our spirit [in man] that we are the children of God.” This begins to show that God’s Holy Spirit functions by working through the spirit in man which is the intrinsic spiritual component of every human mind. If to this we add biblical analogies of conversion to begettal and of spiritual conception to physical conception, we arrive at the working model of God’s Holy Spirit impregnating and energizing man’s spirit much as a male sperm impregnates and energizes a female ovum. (There are many spiritually instructive understandings and extrapolations to be derived from this analogy.) Thus the spirit in man becomes the focal point of human existence; it is the one essential element differentiating us from animals; and it is, at the same time, both the vehicle through which Satan can influence us and our link with the divine, giving us the full potential for spiritual conception through God’s Holy Spirit.

Although the negative or evil side of man must be dealt with, the Church of God chooses to focus on the positive and awesome potential of mankind. This is the heart and core of the message Jesus brought to man. Through God’s grace and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ man can be forgiven of his wrong choices and sins. God in His infinite love and wisdom has provided a plan by which man can, as a free moral agent, gain the experience and character necessary to receive eternal life. If the spiritual essence God gives us at baptism continues to grow within us, we will personally be born into God’s family at the resurrection. Conversely, God shall destroy in the lake of fire any who absolutely refuse to repent and obey Him, that is, those who have been spiritually aborted. From this we draw the conclusion that there is no “second chance” for those who totally reject God and His way after having been enlightened. Their end is to be destroyed (Heb. 6:8). But not having a “second chance” presupposes that every person must really have a full first chance for salvation. This means that God will only condemn unrepentant, deliberate sinners “who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the Word of God and the powers of the age to come” (Heb. 6:4-5). To have a real opportunity for salvation, to be judged by God, human beings must really know the truth (Heb. 10:26).

Since it is God’s will and purpose for all men

to reach their full potential as sons of God, all men shall have a full opportunity to actualize that potential. Thus mankind will become God (as its family name), and God’s family will grow into the multiple billions. The lengthy history of man’s mostly negative experience is only one phase of God’s plan, not the final chapter.

The ultimate destiny of man is truly beyond our limited comprehension now, although God does give us certain hints. God’s purpose is to put “all things” — everything including the whole universe — under man (Heb. 2:8). Not only are human beings promised eternal life but also the sharing of all that it means to be in the family of God. God’s greatest desire is to share everything with us. His only concern is that His sons be prepared in character, attitude and experience for that fabulous destiny.

Thus we see that God did not conclude His spiritual creation in the first seven days recorded in Genesis 1 and 2. Rather, those chapters record the physical creation of man. God is now working with man spiritually and creating His own character in man so that in time he might be born into God’s Kingdom to share God’s greatness as a veritable son of God for eternity. Earth is thus the proving ground where we physical human beings can gain the character necessary to rule with God for all time.

Although the ultimate purpose of human life is to be fulfilled at the resurrection, God does not neglect the present physical life. Indeed the fulfillment, abundance, happiness and success of this human life are an integral part of God’s plan. The entirety of the book of Proverbs is filled with instructions and exhortations explaining how men, women and children should act in order to achieve the maximum success in their lives. God truly wants all mankind to prosper, with everyone achieving his or her own fullest individual potential in all areas of living: social, economic, intellectual, family and personal. Jesus Christ stated, “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). And the apostle John gives it the proper perspective: “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health” (3 John 2). In line with God’s most magnificent truth of man’s destiny, the Church of God upholds and seeks to promote the dignity of man in every facet of human life. □

**SUMMARY:** Read these scriptures in your own Bible:

- **Genesis 2:7** - Man was created a “living soul.”
- **Ecclesiastes 3:19-20** - Both men and beasts breath the same air and share the same fate at death; to return to the dust of the earth. Man is not immortal.
- **Ezekiel 18:4, 20** - Ezekiel twice states that, “The soul that sinneth it shall die.”
- **Romans 6:23** - The wages of sin is death.
- **Ecclesiastes 9:5** - The dead know not anything. They have no thoughts in the grave.
- **Job 32:8 and 1 Corinthians 2:11** - Mankind can think and reason because of something called the “spirit in man.”
- **Zechariah 12:1** - God is the one who put the “spirit in man” in him.
- **Ecclesiastes 12:7** - The “spirit of man” returns to God after a person dies.
- **Genesis 1:31 and Ecclesiastes 7:29** - In Genesis, after God had made everything, He beheld it as good, including man.
- **Deuteronomy 30:19-20, Joshua 24:15 and 1 Kings 18:21** - God has given mankind free choice.
- **Romans 8:7 and Jeremiah 17:9** - The Bible states that “the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be,” and that man’s “heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.”
- **Ephesians 2:2** - Satan is an evil presence in this world and attempts to influence man to sin.
- **Romans 12:2 and Romans 6:4** - Conversion by God’s Holy Spirit means a renewing of one’s mind, a complete changing of one’s attitude and heart; it is the creation of a new man, walking in newness of life.
- **Romans 8:16** - God’s Holy Spirit “itself beareth witness with our spirit [in man] that we are the children of God.”
- **Hebrews 6:6-8** - Those who totally reject God and His way after having been enlightened, their end is to be burned.
- **Hebrews 10:26** - To have a real opportunity for salvation, to be judged by God, human beings must really know the truth.
- **John 10:10** - Jesus Christ stated, “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”



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**QUESTIONS (ANSWERS BELOW):**

1. The ultimate purpose of man is to become an angel being and exist in heaven forever. True or False?
2. Human beings are physical beings with no inherent immortality. True or False?
3. One must earn eternal life. True or False?
4. Man was made wholly flesh and blood in \_\_\_\_\_ image? (Whose?)
5. One can find the phrase “immortal soul” in the Bible. Yes or No?
6. The Hebrew word for “soul,” *nephesh* is used for both human and animal life. True or False?
7. The soul that sinneth, it shall \_\_\_\_\_. (What?)
8. No murderer hath \_\_\_\_\_ abiding in him. (What?)
9. King David is: a) dead and buried OR b) presently in heaven
10. Man can think and reason because of something called, \_\_\_\_\_. (What?)
11. The “spirit in man” is immortal. True or False?
12. The spirit of man is not the man, but rather a spiritual essence which provides man with his utterly unique characteristics of self-awareness and mind. True or False?
13. In this doctrine on mankind, the brain is likened unto a cassette tape recorder. The “spirit in man” is likened unto \_\_\_\_\_. (What?)
14. At death, the “spirit in man” returns to God but has no consciousness. True or False?
15. Physical life provides the arena for man to learn the object lessons necessary to develop the character of \_\_\_\_\_. (Whom?)
16. Man was created a) with an evil nature OR b) upright
17. It is impossible for man to obey God in the full spirit of the law without \_\_\_\_\_. (What?)
18. Because of the “spirit in man” the human mind operates with a spiritual dimension, and that means \_\_\_\_\_ problems. (What kind of problems?)
19. Though man has spiritual problems, he possesses only \_\_\_\_\_ solutions. (What kind of solutions?)
20. Conversion is accomplished by the \_\_\_\_\_. (What?)
21. If the spiritual essence God gives us at baptism continues to grow within us, we will personally be born into \_\_\_\_\_ at the resurrection? (What?)
22. Does anyone ever get a second chance or opportunity at Salvation? Yes or No?
23. Everyone who has ever lived will have their opportunity to know truth, have access to the Holy Spirit, enter the Salvation Process, and, if successful there, enter into the Family of God with eternal life. True or False?
24. In Genesis 1 and 2 we see the physical creation of man. God is now working with man \_\_\_\_\_. (How?)

**LESSON EIGHT — ANSWERS:**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. (recording tape)</li> <li>14. (True)</li> <li>15. (God)</li> <li>16. (b, upright)</li> <li>17. (the Holy Spirit)</li> <li>18. (spiritual problems)</li> <li>19. (physical)</li> <li>20. (Holy Spirit)</li> <li>21. (God's family)</li> <li>22. (No, but everyone will get a first chance)</li> <li>23. (True)</li> <li>24. (spiritually)</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (False)</li> <li>2. (True)</li> <li>3. (False, it is a gift of God)</li> <li>4. (God's image)</li> <li>5. (No)</li> <li>6. (True)</li> <li>7. (die)</li> <li>8. (eternal life)</li> <li>9. (a, dead and buried)</li> <li>10. (the spirit in man)</li> <li>11. (False)</li> <li>12. (True)</li> </ol> |
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