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TYRANNY

GENESIS 10:8-12

Let us be reminded up front that “LORD” in the Old Testament is Jesus Christ, the Word of God. The Lord Jesus spoke to Moses on the mount in Exodus 20, just as sure as he spoke to his disciples on the mount in Matthew 5.

I encountered a message on tyranny which needs to be developed in the light of our world-wide social, political, financial and religious chaos. (It is obvious that the chaos is planned for a purpose.)

Biblical Christianity requires examining everything in the light of what is said by the Word of God from the beginning. I certainly am not promoting newspaper exegesis by saying that all the chaos means an imminent return of Christ. Such thinking is anti-Christian. Nor am I giving any kind of credence to secret conspiracies, for our God rules in the heavens and does whatsoever He pleases on the earth.

Acts 15:18 “Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.”

Biblical Christianity understands that all things are working according to his divine, predetermined counsel. Those things are working for the glory of God and for the benefits of the Elect. Conspiracies are not the problem; sin is the problem, and Jesus Christ is the answer. Man plans, but Christ disposes. (Pro 16:33)

Even Satan himself is working God’s everlasting and righteous plan.

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God is the one who works in the hearts of various people, including those with astounding amounts of money, those with almost unlimited political power, those who could stop the misuse of power, those who kill for the excitement, and those who will sell their

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soul for a dime. (Pro 21:11)

If he is God, and he is, he is also the one who allows false prophets to prosper, and allows them to gather great numbers of people to follow them down the broad road to destruction. We have dealt with the rise of false prophets and the willingness of people to follow them in the past, so we will not do so again here. (www.biblicalexaminer.org)

We all know the story: Adam was placed in the garden with the command to do all things for the glory of God. If he had obeyed that “dominion mandate”, the Garden Paradise would have continued. But Adam believed the lie that he could have paradise by being his own god.

With the fall, man set out to bring about paradise by following his own heart. Thus, a new religion was introduced into the world, Humanism, which says that man can be his own god. The new religion quickly developed to where every thought of fallen man was continually evil, and God determined to destroy everything that had the breath of life.

In his day, Noah alone was found righteous, and he found grace in the eyes of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ made provision to bring him and every species of animal life through the flood.

Noah’s three sons came through the flood. Ham, Shem and Japheth. Noah lived 350 years after the flood, and Nimrod was his grandson. Noah died about the time Abraham was born, so Nimrod’s grandfather was very much alive when Nimrod rebelled.

Genesis 10:8 "And Cush begat Nimrod: (i.e., "we will rebel") he began to be a mighty one in the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. 10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar."

"Mighty one", warrior, tyrant. (Hebrew Lexicon, OLB)

• **QUOTING BUSH (ONLINE BIBLE)**

A mighty hunter. Heb. a giant, or mighty one, in hunting. Gr. 'a hunting giant.' Arab. 'a terrible tyrant.' Syr. 'a warlike giant.' The original term for 'hunting' occurs elsewhere, not so much in reference to the pursuit of game in the forest, as to a violent invasion of the persons and rights of men. Thus 1Sa 24:12, 'Thou huntest my soul (i.e. my life) to take it.' La 3:15, 'Mine enemies chased (Heb. hunted) me sore.' Jer 16:16, 'I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them (i.e. the people) from every mountain.' This usage undoubtedly affords us a clue to Nimrod's true character. Though probably, like most of the heroes of remote classical antiquity, addicted to the hunting of wild beasts, yet his bold, aspiring, arrogant spirit rested not content with this mode of displaying his prowess. With the band of adventurous and lawless spirits which his predatory skill had gathered around him, he proceeded gradually from hunting beasts to assaulting, oppressing, and subjugating his fellow-men. That the inhuman practice of war, at least in the ages after the flood, originated with this daring usurper, is in the highest degree probable.

Proud Nimrod first the bloody chase began, A mighty hunter — and his prey was man

With this view of the character of Nimrod the ancient testimonies strikingly accord. They uniformly represent him, not only as the first of tyrannical oppressors of their kind, but also as the prominent instigator of a widespread apostasy from the faith and worship of his patriarchal ancestors. Josephus says of him that 'he was a bold man, and of great strength of hand; and that he gradually changed the government into tyranny, seeing no other way of turning men from the fear of God, but to bring them to a constant dependence on his own power.' The Targum of Onkelos on 1Ch 1:10, informs us, that 'he began to be a mighty man in sin, a murderer of innocent men, and a rebel before the Lord.' In the Jerusalem Targum it is written; 'He was a hunter of the children of men in their languages, and he said unto them, Depart from the religion of Shem and cleave unto the institutes of Nimrod.' It was doubtless the original

design of the Most High that the earth should be settled in small colonies, tribes or communities, under the patriarchal form of government, De 32:8, and Nimrod's sin consisted in boldly contravening the divine counsel in this respect, and in laying the foundation, by means of raping, violence, and usurpation, of that species of dominion ever since distinguished by the name of kingdoms, empires, monarchies, &c, by which the great mass of mankind have been in fact doomed to ignorance, and held in degrading servitude. It is proper then that every mention of Babylon in the sacred writings, should recall to righteous reproach the memory of Nimrod.

Before the Lord. That is, highhandedly, presumptuously; an expression which would scarcely have been used, had nothing more been intended than that he was a courageous hunter of wild beasts. The phrase denotes his daring spirit, that he did what he did in the face of heaven, in defiance of the divine authority. Thus Ge 13:13, the inhabitants of Sodom are said to be wicked and 'sinners before the Lord,' or in an aggravated degree.

Wherefore it is said, &c. Nimrod's fame was so great that his name became proverbial. In after times any one who was a daring plunderer in defiance of heaven was likened to him, just as the wicked kings of Israel were likened to Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. He became the type, pattern, or father of usurpers and martial marauders, and just one of those kind of men whom history and poetry are prone to celebrate as 'a hero'; their admirers little thinking that things which are highly esteemed among men are held in abomination with God. **(End of Bush's quote.)**

Now it was Nimrod who excited them to such an affront and contempt of God. He was the grandson of Ham, the son of Noah, a bold man, and of great strength of hand. He persuaded them not to ascribe it to God, as if it were through his means they were happy, but to believe that it was their own courage which procured that happiness. He also gradually changed the government into tyranny, seeing no other way of turning men from the fear of God, but to bring them into a constant dependence on his power. He also said he would be revenged on God, if he should have a mind to drown the world again; for that he would build a tower too high for the waters to reach. And that he would avenge himself on God for destroying their forefathers. (Josephus, Ant. I: iv: 2. Emp. added.)

Nimrod was mighty in hunting, and that in opposition to YHWH; not 'before YHWH' in the sense of according to the will and purpose of YHWH, still

less... in a simply superlative sense... The name itself, 'Nimrod' from marad, 'We will revolt,' points to some violent resistance to God... Nimrod as a mighty hunter founded a powerful kingdom; and the founding of this kingdom is shown by the verb with consecutive to have been the consequence or result of his strength in hunting, so that hunting was intimately connected with the establishing of the kingdom. Hence, if the expression 'a mighty hunter' relates primarily to hunting in the literal sense, we must add to the literal meaning the figurative signification of a 'hunter of men' (a trapper of men by stratagem and force); Nimrod the hunter became a tyrant, a powerful hunter of men (Keil and Delitzsch 1975: 165).

"in the face of YHWH" can only mean 'in defiance of YHWH' as Josephus and the Targums understand it (op. cit.: 166).

And the proverb must have arisen when other daring and rebellious men followed in Nimrod's footsteps and must have originated with those who saw in such conduct an act of rebellion against the God of salvation, in other words, with the possessors of the divine promise of grace (loc. cit.)."

(<http://www.christiananswers.net/dictionary/nimrod.html>)

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First, he was "the prominent instigator of widespread apostasy". **Second**, he instigated a tyrannical government in order to turn men from the fear of God, and bring them into constant dependence on his power. **Third**, his goal was to turn men from the fear of Shem's God, and to cleave unto him. Noah and Shem were alive, so Nimrod had to be very persuasive to others from the God of Judgment to himself. He trapped men by stratagem and force. **Fourth**, though he knew God to be a just and all-powerful God, he acted with a very daring, defiant, bold spirit, as he challenged God. **Fifth**, he persuaded Men not to ascribe their happiness to Shem's God, but to his government. **Sixth**, his tower was to avoid God's judgment if God should decide to send another flood. **Seventh**, in his apostasy, he did not believe God's promise not to destroy the earth again with a flood. **Eighth**, he believed that through self-effort, he could avoid God's just retribution against sin. **Ninth**, he sought revenge on God for destroying his forefathers.

Whether in the religious or secular realm, Nimrod became the "father" of all who challenge God as he is revealed in the law, prophets, psalms, gospels and in the epistles. They are all one word from God.

Nimrod was a religious tyrant: he hunted the souls of men, intent on corrupting them from the true faith of Noah and Shem. His goal was to take dominion over the mind, souls, bodies of men, as well as every aspect of life and thought. He was intent on being man's god on earth through his tyrannical government on earth.

People were still fearful of the God who had destroyed the earth with the flood, so Nimrod was the first to boldly and aggressively defy heaven. Nimrod became the type, pattern or father of all tyrants who followed him, whether "secular" or "religious". He is the father of all who teach or rule in the "religious" or "secular" realm apart from the lawful authority as established in the Law-Word of God.

There were tyrants before the flood, but Nimrod is the first one listed after the flood. Though he pursued game in the forest, he specialized in pursuing men. His predatory skills were developed to bring people under his control. He was a daring usurper of the rights of others.

He was not only a tyrannical oppressor, but he was a prominent instigator of widespread apostasy, gradually changing the truth of Shem's God into a lie; that is, turning men from the fear of God to the fear of himself, thereby making them dependent upon the power of his government.

Even with the fresh memory and evidence of God's wrath against rebellion, fallen men welcomed Nimrod's message of rebellion against God.

Accordingly, even those who seek "good works for the benefit of the people" are tyrants when their efforts are not according to the Law-Word of God. "Bible Believing" preachers are tyrants if they ignore, add to or take away from the total Law-Word of God.

Thus, the Lord's hand is against the tyrants in the pulpit who undermine the TRUTH that is in Jesus Christ, who undermine the Law as given by Christ to Moses at the mount, and that law as expanded upon by the person of Jesus Christ in the Decalogue.

Nimrod's kingdom was a kingdom of tyranny, and it was named Babel. Babel's foundation consisted of whatever needed to be done to remove the fear of Shem's God, and replace godly fear with the fear of man, giving man total rule.

Matthew 10:28 *"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."*

Romans 1 tells us that the State is to reward good and punish evil. The tyrannical State reverses that order, and

works to replace fear of God with fear of itself. Nimrod gradually changed his government into tyranny. He saw that the best way to turn men from the fear of God was to make them fear the State. He then worked to make people constantly dependent upon the State, fearful of what the State might do if they did not submit.

Nimrod's foundation was lies, murderers and basically rebellion before the Lord, and anything that could bring people under the control of the tyrant. His kingdom was and is made up of dogs, *i.e.*, sodomites, and sorcerers, *i.e.*, rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, whoremongers, murderers and idolaters, defined as those who under the name of "Christian" offer gods of their own making, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. (Rev 22:15)

"*Before the Lord*". He had a daring spirit of rebellion and defiance against the Lord. His name and the name of his kingdom became synonymous with all those who are in defiance of the Divine Authority of the Law Word of God.

The spirit of Nimrod has continued in Babel, Assyria, Babylon, Nineveh, &c. It is the spirit of Antichrist, and has fought against the spirit of Shem, the spirit of Christ, since Nimrod. John clearly tells us that the spirit of Antichrist has been common throughout the age. (1 Jn 2:18, 2:22, 4:3, 2 Jn 7.)

The Son is against the spirit of Nimrod that is found in all the nations which have the dream of a man made paradise through man's laws. He promises its total destruction. The book of The Revelation of Jesus Christ foretells the fall of Babylon the Great. (Rev. 14:8, 16:19, 17:5, 18:2, 18:10, 18:21.). His hot wrath is against the spirit of rebellion, "*Kiss the son lest he be angry and thou perish in the way.*"

Tyranny, TYRANT: A tyrant is anyone who seeks to exercise authority apart from the authority granted to him by Jesus Christ, the Word of God.

One may be a good, moral person, "fighting" for and even preaching good morality, but if his message and motive is not according to the Law Word of God, he is a tyrant, operating in the Spirit of the Antichrist. God's hand is stretched out against the works of the tyrant, regardless whether his tyranny is in the religious realm, or in the "secular" realm. The religious leaders are especially warned, for judgment must begin in the house of the Lord.

All of the tyrants are not in Washington DC, nor

in the capital cities around the world, nor even in our local communities. The tyrant is especially obvious in the statist's education system. A tyrant can be a husband who commands his wife and family without the authority of the Word of God.

"And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?" (Ac 13:10)

"Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." (Ga 1:7. Gal 16:19, 24:17, Mic 3.)

Those who subvert the "right ways of the Lord" and "pervert the gospel" are tyrants. A tyrant can be a "Bible Believing" "pastor" or "Bible Teacher" who compromises the Word of God in order to support his personal ideas. He yields to the modern "PC theology", or in order to attract and keep followers. He separates the law as delivered by Christ to Moses and its applications

from the law as delivered by Christ to his disciples. Of course, the mediation laws are fulfilled, but the moral

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and social laws are still binding on his people.

(Note that the doctrine of the last days is open for wide interpretation, and no one can speak with authority where God does not clearly speak. He does clearly speak of the visible return of Christ, and his righteous judgment of the quick and the dead.)

The modern definition of tyrant has changed, and has lost its true meaning. Today, the tyrant is one who rules contrary to the wishes of the people, rather than one who rules contrary to the clearly revealed wishes of God.

The revolution against God started in the garden, and man was cast out when he sought to make himself God. "You can be as God, determining for yourself what is good and evil. You do not need to obey the Word of God in order to have a paradise of 'peace and prosperity', paradise on earth."

The dream of that paradise with man being his own God continued through the flood, and Nimrod was the first to put reality to that fallen dream. His tower was a step pyramid, and spoke of man's desire to ascend into the heavens, and be his own god. The top level represented the ruling hierarchy over the whole of mankind. The step pyramids had altars on them for human sacrifice to appease the "gods".

Nimrod's spirit and dream is clearly seen on the one-dollar bill with the "all seeing eye" at the top of

the pyramid. The dream from the time of Nimrod has been of an all-powerful, all-seeing elite group to govern all of mankind. They are confident that the average man cannot care for himself, so they must care for the masses as a shepherd would care for his sheep. (How did people survive without seat belts, helmets, &c.)

We see that technology is making this fallen dream of the all-powerful ruling class a reality. The dream is that with Biblical Christianity removed and everyone under total control of the “Nimrod State”, there will be peace and prosperity for all mankind, *i.e.*, paradise restored without God’s commands. The promise (lies) of prosperity increases as tyranny increases. (The economy is improving!!)

Man’s fallen dream of paradise without God has risen and fallen over the ages. In God’s good timing, he has stepped in to bring confusion to the dream. When God’s time is right, he will step in, and his confusion will reign in the kingdom of men. Are Christians ready to fill the vacuum?

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Nimrod must war against Shem’s God, for the laws of Shem’s God will stand against and will overturn Nimrod’s plans. The war is between Nimrod and Shem, and Nimrod seems to be winning right now.

In every age since Nimrod, the tyrants have dreamed of and planned for a paradise without God. But without Shem’s God, there is no meaning to life, other than “eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die.” So the further man gets from God, the more meaningless his life becomes. So he looks for meaning in his work, wealth, possessions, “love”, education, drugs, &c. The result is seen in the vast number of people, young and old, on antidepressants, which lead to mass murders, and suicide. Moreover those who hate God love wars, death and destruction. (James 4:1)

Nimrod and Babel show us that when man seeks to be his own god (humanism), only confusion and death can result.

Tyranny seeks to establish a law for every thought and action, and the “Thought Police” patrol the world to make sure the subjects’ thoughts are right. If they are not, then a “hate crime” has been committed. Strangely, the “hate crime” charges are only leveled at those who

are out of favor with the “Nimrod State”. That State is seen as god on earth, so it cannot be charged nor prosecuted for any crime. The “god on earth” can do no wrong. Things such as sodomy and abortion are good because the State says they are good.

Nimrod’s desire is to displace Shem’s God with himself being the god over his fellow man.

Babel has surfaced many times throughout history: Babylon, Assyria, Chaldea, Greece, Rome, the Church of Rome, up to the modern pagan state that is convinced that it is the rightful god on earth, and though it has no legitimate authority, it has the power to enforce its unholy claim.

Of course, because there are those who refuse to be subject to Nimrod, coercion must be used to subdue everyone to the totalitarian state. As we have seen, however, even those who stand against tyranny apart from the Law-Word of God are themselves tyrants. So we have one tyrant disagreeing with another tyrant, and those who desire to obey the Christian God as revealed in his law are caught in the middle of two warring gods.

Tyranny is slowly brought in by lawlessness. There must be a lawless population for the tyrant to be accepted. The population must be removed from the moral laws of the Word of God. “Public” education has been the leader. The lawless education institutions produce lawless people, including lawless preachers, religious leaders, teachers and professors who instruct the next generations in lawlessness and servitude to the “Babylon, the Nimrod State”.

Civil order must be replaced with chaos for the people to accept, and even ask for a tyrant to bring order out of the chaos (which the tyrant created).

• **EXAMPLES:**

Paid protesters

After the Ferguson protests, it was revealed that liberal billionaire George Soros paid for activists from various protest groups to travel to Ferguson and take part in the demonstrations. However, the protesters did not get paid, so they protested that they did not get paid. (<http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/Ferguson-Missouri-paid-protesters/2015/05/25/id/646587/>)

Soros is helping Clinton raise \$20million.

The paid protesters were also offered hundreds of dollars to go to Boston and protest. “Black lives matter” is also a well organized and funded paid protest.

(<http://www.weaselzipper.us/224034-more-proof-of-paid-protesters-asking-for-protesters-to-travel-to-protest-list-of-payouts-to-ferguson-protest-organizers/>)

A simple search for “paid protesters” will reveal

many things, such as homeless man being paid to picket employers for various unions.

The shootings

Every one of the mass killers was known to either be taking mind-altering prescription drugs at the time of their massacres or recently using such drugs.

(http://www.naturalnews.com/050138_mass_shootings_bowl_cuts_hair_styles.html)

Response to the shootings

The one who put Bush in office, Karl Rove said that the “Only Way To Stop The Violence Is To Repeal Second Amendment.”

(<http://dailycaller.com/2015/06/21/karl-rove-only-way-to-stop-the-violence-is-to-repeal-2nd-amendment/>)

Charleston shooting: Dylann Roof’s stepmother defends ‘smart’ boy ‘drawn in by internet evil’

(<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/the-stepmother-of-dylann-roof-defends-the-smart-boy-she-raised-having-been-affected-by-internet-evil-10334590.html>)

These events are being used by the anti-gun crowd, and by those who want to control the internet. Such control will result in the censoring of any non PC news.

**** Open doors**

Then we have the open doors to illegals, particularly the Muslim illegals, who will turn America into a Muslim nation. (see biblicalexaminer.org/muslims, where I have posted the material we have gathered for our local radio/tv series on muslim persecution.)

**** Money**

‘It’s time to hold physical cash,’ says one of Britain’s most senior fund managers

The manager of one of Britain’s biggest bond funds has urged investors to keep cash under the mattress.

(<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/personalfinance/investing/11686199/Its-time-to-hold-physical-cash-says-one-of-Britains-most-senior-fund-managers.html>)

“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his

wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.” (Ps 2)

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The tyrannical State proves Psalms 76:10,

“Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.”

NAE JOUKING IN THE CAUSE OF CHRIST

JAMES GUTHRIE

By John Huffman

Since the founding of the Church of Jesus Christ, Christians have delighted to give the worthiest of their fellows very honorable “nicknames.” Jesus was called by his brethren “Barnabas,” meaning “the Son of Consolation” (Acts 4:36). Luke was called “the Beloved Physician.” There was a believer in the city of Philippi whom Paul called “True Yokefellow.”

So it was that a worthy Scottish preacher was given the nickname “Sickerfoot,” meaning “Sure of Foot” in the old Scottish dialect. He lived during the dark days of the persecution of the Covenanters. The Stuart monarchs had imposed their own religion upon the Kirk of Scotland, and a band of worthy men, women, and children vowed that they would worship Christ alone as the only King over His Church. A group of courageous Scottish lords drew up a “National Covenant” in which they affirmed that Christ alone was Head and King of His Church. Ever after, these people were called “the Covenanters.” For their refusal to submit to man made regulations and liturgies, these people were persecuted

violently. One of the most prominent of them was called “Sickerfoot” by those who knew him.

Sickerfoot was a stalwart pastor in the famous and ancient Scottish town of Stirling. Here, from his pulpit, “Sure of Foot” proclaimed that the Bible alone was the rule of Church faith and practice and that as much as he honored the office of the king, the King of Scotland had no royal authority in the matters of the Church of Jesus Christ. He wrote a series of pamphlets against the Royal Prerogative, entitling one of them “The Causes of the Lord’s Wrath Against Scotland.” Titles like this did not make Sickerfoot a popular man in the royal palace, and soon the King issued orders for the arrest of this bold preacher of the Gospel.

Sickerfoot was dearly beloved for his piety and for his loving pastoral care over his flock. He had a wife and two small children still at home named Sophia and William. Besides these two, there were also other children who had already gone on to fill the ranks of Christ’s service. Naturally, the people of Stirling wanted to keep their pastor whom they loved. One of his dearest friends once approached him and said, “We have an old Scots proverb, ‘Jouk (duck) that the wave may gang oure ye!’” Then the friend asked him, “Will ye nae jouk a wee bit?”

Sickerfoot was touched by the concern of his friend. He knew full well that he could do what many had done—he could “duck a wee bit” by making some small compromises. He could take an oath to the King. If he did—he would be able to retain his pulpit, his ministry, even his life. The prelates, eager to gain the allegiance of this man, had once offered him a comfortable bishopric if he would only compromise a little.

But “Sickerfoot” had founded his life upon the rock of Jesus Christ. He was not given his nickname for nothing. Looking back at his dear friend, the Scottish worthy replied, “There is nae jouking in the Cause of Christ.”

Just as his friend feared, Sickerfoot was arrested and sentenced to be hanged at Edinburgh Cross on the first day of June, 1661. His head was to be severed from his body and placed upon the end of a soldier’s pike in Netherbow Port, so that all those who passed by could see the price of resisting the King.

Sickerfoot met his death without a murmur. The soldiers and magistrates mocked the way he was throwing away his life. They reminded him that he had a wife and children. One man predicted that if he died, his children would become vagabonds. But “Sure of Foot” knew Psalm 68:5. “A father of the fatherless, and

a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.”

Placing his young wife and little children in the hands of God, he was resolved to shed his blood in defense of the truth that there is no king over the Church but King Jesus. Permitted to see his wife and little children one last time, the father took his little five-year-old William upon his knee. “Willie,” the father said, “the day will come when they will cast up to you that your father was hanged. But be not thou ashamed, Lad. It is a good cause.”

As Sickerfoot ascended the scaffold at the city cross, he handed his “last testimony” to a friend. It would be delivered to little William when he became of age. He then asked a bystander if he would remove the ring from his finger and deliver it to his beloved wife. The courageous martyr then quoted the words of Simeon which begin, “Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.” Then he calmly placed a napkin over his eyes. On the scaffold, he was just as “sure-footed” as he had been ensconced in his pulpit. For, as he put it, there was “no ducking in the cause of Christ.”

Just before the noose tightened, he lifted his napkin once more, looked about upon this mortal world for a final time, and cried out, “The Covenants! The Covenants! They shall yet be Scotland’s reviving.” With these words, our hero entered eternity.

But that is not the end of the story. The given name of Sickerfoot was James Guthrie. The descendants of this Scottish pastor still populate this world magnificently. They have proven to be just as “sure-footed” as their noble father.

Today, in the hustle and bustle of our modern world, where “jouking” (ducking) to let the waves of modernism pass over has become commonplace, there are still direct descendants of James Guthrie who avow the message of his ancient Covenanter father, “There is nae jouking in the Cause of Christ.”

Some of these descendants came to the American colonies where they took their places in the service of Christ. These children and grandchildren continued to be faithful to the crown and covenant of Jesus Christ. Churches still exist in places as widely diverse as Connecticut, New York, Illinois, and Alabama, that were established and maintained by these determined and uncompromising men.

James Guthrie would be thrilled to know that the faithful generations of his progeny are still worthy of that ancient name, “Sickerfoot,” and that his posterity

continues to affirm that there is “nae jouking in the Cause of Christ.”

Here are a few books that contain excellent biographical sketches of James Guthrie and other Scottish Covenanters:

—Fair Sunshine by Jock Purves contains a splendid sketch of the life and martyrdom of James Guthrie. This book has been written recently and is published by Banner of Truth in Carlisle, PA.

—The Scots Worthies by John Howie places James Guthrie in the highest ranks of Scottish Christians. This excellent book from the 1700s is reprinted by Banner of Truth in Carlisle, PA.

—A Cloud of Witnesses by John Thomson was written when the memory of the Covenanters was still fresh. This book does not contain a sketch of James Guthrie because it focuses primarily on the martyrs of the following decade, but it is a book that every lover of the Scottish Covenanters should possess. This book has been reprinted by Sprinkle Publications in Harrisonburg, VA.

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CHRISTIAN RECONSTRUCTION

Many Christians get upset with the idea of “Christian Reconstruction”; that is, an effort to reinstate the once Christian law-order, “common law”, this nation had at its beginning—more commonly known as Post-Millennialism. Many mock, even despise, the “Post-Mil” view of history, and some even consider it a demonic deception.

Meanwhile, they have no problem when humanistic law, even Muslim law, is enforced in the public schools and in various cities, i.e., Detroit and Memphis. Sharia Law is being installed in Seattle.

Christians are fearful of the word “Christian Theocracy”, yet they are permitting, even paying for a Humanistic Theocracy, including a Muslim Theocracy, to be imposed upon them without as much as a whimper. How many who despise the thought of Christian Dominion or Christian Theocracy have spoken out against Humanistic, or the Muslim Theocracy that is now being enforced? Someone will have dominion: The city of God or the City of man.

We have been recording the Hardy County School Board meetings for our local TV station. We have seen no one speak against the wicked, humanistic text books that are being force fed to the children.

What is wrong with this picture?

In my research for our radio/tv program on Muslim persecution, I found the main reason for such violent

and well-publicized deaths to Christians is to instill fear in other Christians, so they will not try to evangelize the followers of Muhammad. That **fear is a wall of protection** for their evil, Antichrist culture. Fear protects them as they work to change the Christian culture to an openly pagan Muslim culture. (The sodomites have also used fear to silence all opposition, even from the church. Their 3% of the population has changed the law of the land. Christians claim to have a much larger percentage, but their withdrawal from society has delivered the us to the sodomites. The opportunity to write anti-sodomite “Letters to the Editor” are now past. They probably will no longer get published.)

Generally, Muslims know there is nothing to their “religion”, and many are seeking a way out, making them open to the Christian gospel message. See www.morethandreams.org.

The enemy knows that as the people of God apply the righteous and holy laws of the Kingdom of God as revealed by Jesus Christ through Moses, the kingdom of men will be overthrown.

The battle rages over whose laws will prevail in society. There is an all-out war against any trace of a Christian law-order. Yet the vast majority of Christians have been kept ignorant that there is even a war taking place to determine which culture will control the nations.

Christians are not only sacrificing their children to the Antichrist culture, they must finance it with tax monies, as they support and vote to increase the anti-god property tax to support anti-christ education. However, we must admit that the planned destruction of the Biblical family, and of the middle class has forced many parents to send their children to the “public” schools.

PUBLIC SCHOOL’S WAR AGAINST CHRIST

Public schools ruining U.S. kids with indoctrination’

Americans warned, ‘Get off of Facebook, turn off the TV, and educate yourself’. There is only death in the government education system.

<http://www.wnd.com/2015/07/public-schools-ruining-u-s-kids-with-indoctrination/>

1 IN 3 10-YEAR-OLDS ACCESS PORN

Health experts gathered in Washington, D.C. this week to bring the epidemic of pornography access to children to the attention of Congress. The Christian Post reports that director of Sexual Trauma and Psychopathic Program Center for Cognitive Therapy

Mary Anne Layden warned congressional staffers that online pornography is quickly becoming an addiction crisis in the United States.

According to research presented by Ernie Allen, former president and CEO of the International Center for Missing & Exploited Children, the average child sees pornography for the first time at age 12. One in three 10-year-olds and 53 percent of 12 to 15-year-olds access internet pornography.

Layden said, "What information is it feeding them? It is telling them this: There is no such thing as too much sex and there is no sexual behavior that is harmful, toxic or traumatizing, and that sex is not about intimacy, caring, love or respect."

She continued, "[It is teaching them that] sex is not about marriage or having children. Sex is casual, recreational, adversarial and it is non-intimate. In fact, you don't even need to know your partner because sex with strangers is the best and most intense time for sex, and you can see the consequences of that in hookup culture on our college campuses."

"Of course, all these things are not true. That's because internet pornography is actually giving them sexual junk food. No wonder that the psychologists are calling pornography the new crack cocaine."

<http://www.christianheadlines.com/blog/1-in-3-10-year-olds-access-porn.html>

No doubt the above numbers are vastly underestimated to cover over the "problem". At the government's insistence, Gideon Bibles have been replaced with classroom porn. (A simple search for "Pornography in the Classroom" will give a startling amount of links.)

The reason for state sponsored pornography even in the public schools to the youngest is a message all in itself. The results are obvious all around us as our culture changes to pagan fertility culture, such as what greatly troubled ancient Israel, and brought down God's wrath. One article I saw was of a mother finding her 9-year-old son was involved with pornography, and he did not even know what pornography was. When he asked his mother what it was, and she told him, he admitted guilt, but had no sense of guilt.

In Numbers 24, Balaam could not curse Israel, so he taught Balak how to cause Israel to sin. Balak then sent his women to seduce Israel into literal fornication in order to cause God to judge Israel. 24,000 died in the resulting plague. (Num 25:9, 2 Pet 2:15, Jude 1:11, Rev 2:14)

The easy access to pornography for anyone who can use a "smart phone" is producing a totally

pagan generation, so their every thought is only evil continually.

THE GOAL OF PORNOGRAPHY IS TO DESTROY THE CHRISTIAN MALE.

It is obvious that the state considers the law-abiding, self-controlled Christian male its most dangerous enemy, particularly if he is armed, and determined to protect his family and property. The state finances the importation of "radical" Muslims, yet forbids any Christians who are being persecuted by the Muslims.

Pornography plays a major role in destroying the family, and destroying what might remain of a Christian law-order and culture. It is a means of creating a people who are against God's law, and without law, chaos must develop. Planned chaos is to make people welcome the tyrant who promises order out of the chaos.

But there is a God in heaven and his Spirit on earth, so the tyrant will be subdued under the mighty hand of God, in God's time in the manner that pleases him.

**** Library Removes Christian-themed Books:** "It was nothing short of a Christian purging.... They allege the school removed any book from its library that was either written by a Christian author or had a Christian message.

"It is alarming that a school library would attempt to purge books from religious authors," said Brad Dacus....

"A parent... discovered the library purging last month. 'She was told by one of the library attendants that the library has been instructed to remove all books with a Christian message, authored by Christians, or published by a Christian publishing company.'"

<http://radio.foxnews.com/toddstarnes/top-stories/atty-library-removes-christian-themed-books.html>

**** God redacted from high school graduation speech:** "Brooks Hamby never wanted to be a rabble-rouser. He just wanted to thank Jesus in his high school graduation speech. But the Brawley Union School District in Brawley, Calif., said the references to Jesus and prayer in Brooks' graduation speech were 'inappropriate' and violated 'prevailing legal standards.'"

"School officials rejected three versions of the young man's graduation address, and one administrator went so far as to redact every religious reference with a black marker... So the 18-year-old Christian did what any red-blooded, Constitution-loving American would do – he defied school officials and thanked God anyway.

"I didn't want to compromise my faith,' Brooks told me. 'I wasn't interested in removing every trace of God or Jesus.'" [His faith is already compromised by

going to a “government” school.]
<http://radio.foxnews.com/toddstarnes/top-stories/god-redacted-from-high-school-graduation-speech.html>

**** School: We have a right to ban God:** “Attorneys representing the Brawley Union High School District have written a 10-page letter defending the school’s right not only to censor graduation speeches, but also to ban any speech that references God or Jesus. It is well established in the Ninth Circuit and California that a public school salutorian has no constitutional right to lead a prayer or include sectarian or proselytizing content in his/her graduation speech.”

<http://radio.foxnews.com/toddstarnes/top-stories/school-we-have-a-right-to-ban-god.html>

(Via Bob McCurry.)

CULTURAL CLEANSING OF CHRISTIAN MALES

By Patrick J. Buchanan

The culture war against Christianity is picking up speed.

Last week came word Saint Louis University will remove a heroic-sized statue of Fr. Pierre-Jean De Smet S.J. from the front of Fusz Hall, where it has stood for 60 years.

The statue depicts Fr. De Smet holding aloft a crucifix as he ministers to two American Indians, one of whom is kneeling.

Historically, the statue is accurate. Fr. De Smet, “Blackrobe,” as he was known, was a 19th-century missionary to Indian tribes who converted thousands. A friend of Sitting Bull, he spent his last years in St. Louis.

And as the mission of this Jesuit university is, presumably, to instruct the Catholic young in their faith and send them out into the world to bring the good news of Jesus Christ as Lord and savior to nonbelievers, what exactly is the problem here?

According to SLU Assistant Vice President for Communications Clayton Berry, “some faculty and staff ... raised questions about whether the sculpture is culturally sensitive.” Senior Ryan McKinley is more specific: “The statue of De Smet depicts a history of colonialism, imperialism, racism and of Christian and white supremacy.”

But if the founder of Christianity is the Son of God, then Christianity is a superior religion. What Ryan and those faculty and staff seem to be ashamed of, uncomfortable with, or unable to defend, is the truth for which Saint Louis University was supposed to stand.

But simply because they are cowardly, or politically correct, why should that statue be going into the SLU art museum? Why should not they themselves depart for another institution where their sensitivities will not be assaulted by artistic expressions of religious truths?

The message the SLU president should have given the dissenters is simple: We are a Catholic university that welcomes students and faculty not of the faith. But if you find our identity objectionable, then go somewhere else. We are not changing who we are.

Yet another missionary to the Indians is now becoming a figure of controversy. On his September visit to Washington, D.C., Pope Francis plans to canonize Fr. Junipero Serra, the Spanish Franciscan whom John Paul II beatified in 1988, who converted thousands of Indians in California in the 18th century, when it still belonged to Mexico.

Fr. Serra established nine missions up the coast, among them missions that would grow into San Diego, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Barbara and San Francisco.

Not only is Fr. Serra’s name famous in California, his statue has stood since 1931 in the U.S. Capitol in one of two places set aside for the Golden State. The other statue representing California is that of President Ronald Reagan, unveiled in 2009, which replaced a statue of the preacher Thomas Starr King.

With the pope coming here to canonize Fr. Serra, the war drums have begun. It is said the priest accompanied Spanish soldiers who brutalized the Indians, and Fr. Serra helped to eradicate their religion and culture, replacing it with his own.

Now a move is afoot to remove Fr. Serra’s statue.

According to the Religion New Service, “State Sen. Ricardo Lara, an openly gay Los Angeles Democrat, wants to replace a bronze statue of Serra with a monument honoring Sally Ride, the nation’s first female astronaut. Lara said Ride would become ‘the first member of the LGBT community’ to be honored in Statuary Hall.”

Another drive is underway by feminists to remove the visage of Andrew Jackson from the \$20 bill and replace it with that of a woman, preferably a minority woman. Jackson, it is said, was responsible for the ethnic cleansing of the Cherokees in the Trail of Tears.

Yet, Jackson, slashed across the head by a British soldier in the last days of the Revolution for refusing to polish his boots, was also arguably the greatest soldier-statesman in American history.

Gen. Jackson led the 1815 defense of New Orleans

against the British invasion force, and crushed the Indian marauders in Florida, drove out the Spanish governor, and cleared the path for annexation.

Twice elected president, Jackson is, with Jefferson, a father of the Democratic Party, and he and his proteges Sam Houston and James K. Polk virtually doubled the size of the United States.

One Internet poll advanced four leading candidates to replace Jackson: Eleanor Roosevelt, Rosa Parks, Wilma Mankiller and Harriet Tubman.

But when we look at who is currently on America's currency — George Washington on the \$1 bill, Abe Lincoln on the \$5, Hamilton on the \$10, Jackson on the \$20, Ulysses S. Grant on the \$50, Ben Franklin on the \$100 — do any of these women really compete in terms of historic achievement with what those great men accomplished?

Aren't we carrying this affirmative action business a bit too far?

What all these arguments are at bottom all about, however, is a deep divide among us over the question: Was the European Christian conquest of America, given its flaws and failings, on balance, a great and good thing. Or not?

<http://buchanan.org/blog/cultural-cleansing-of-christian-males-16094>

THE CONFEDERATE FLAG NEEDS TO BE RAISED, NOT LOWERED

Chuck Baldwin

Ladies and gentlemen, I submit that what we see happening in the United States today is an apt illustration of why the Confederate flag was raised in the first place. What we see materializing before our very eyes is tyranny: tyranny over the freedom of expression, tyranny over the freedom of association, tyranny over the freedom of speech, and tyranny over the freedom of conscience.

In 1864, Confederate General Patrick Cleburne warned his fellow southerners of the historical consequences should the South lose their war for independence. He was truly a prophet. He said if the South lost, "It means that the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy. That our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers; will learn from Northern school books their version of the war; will be impressed by all of the influences of History and Education to regard our gallant debt as traitors and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision." No truer words were ever spoken.

History revisionists flooded America's public schools with Northern propaganda about the people who attempted to secede from the United States, characterizing them as racists, extremists, radicals, hatemongers, traitors, etc. You know, the same way that people in our federal government and news media attempt to characterize Christians, patriots, war veterans, constitutionalists, et al. today.

Folks, please understand that the only people in 1861 who believed that states did NOT have the right to secede were Abraham Lincoln and his radical Republicans. To say that southern states did not have the right to secede from the United States is to say that the thirteen colonies did not have the right to secede from Great Britain. One cannot be right and the other wrong. If one is right, both are right. How can we celebrate our Declaration of Independence in 1776 and then turn around and condemn the Declaration of Independence of the Confederacy in 1861? Talk about hypocrisy!

In fact, southern states were not the only states that talked about secession. After the southern states seceded, the State of Maryland fully intended to join them. In September of 1861, Lincoln sent federal troops to the State capital and seized the legislature by force in order to prevent them from voting. Federal provost marshals stood guard at the polls and arrested Democrats and anyone else who believed in secession. A special furlough was granted to Maryland troops so they could go home and vote against secession. Judges who tried to inquire into the phony elections were arrested and thrown into military prisons. There is your great "emancipator," folks.

And before the South seceded, several northern states had also threatened secession. Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island had threatened secession as far back as James Madison's administration. In addition, the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware were threatening secession during the first half of the nineteenth century--long before the southern states even considered such a thing.

People say constantly that Lincoln "saved" the Union. Lincoln didn't save the Union; he subjugated the Union. There is a huge difference. A union that is not voluntary is not a union....

People say that Lincoln freed the slaves. Lincoln did NOT free a single slave. But what he did do was enslave free men. His so-called Emancipation Proclamation had NO AUTHORITY in the southern states, as they had separated into another country. Imagine a President today signing a proclamation to free folks

in, say, China or Saudi Arabia. He would be laughed out of Washington. Lincoln had no authority over the Confederate States of America, and he knew it.

Do you not find it interesting that Lincoln's proclamation did NOT free a single slave in the United States, the country in which he DID have authority? That's right. The Emancipation Proclamation deliberately ignored slavery in the North. Do you not realize that when Lincoln signed his proclamation, there were over 300,000 slaveholders who were fighting in the Union army? Check it out.

One of those northern slaveholders was General (and later U.S. President) Ulysses S. Grant. In fact, he maintained possession of his slaves even after the War Between the States concluded. Recall that his counterpart, Confederate General Robert E. Lee, freed his slaves BEFORE hostilities between North and South ever broke out. When asked why he refused to free his slaves, Grant said, "Good help is hard to find these days."

The institution of slavery did not end until the 13th Amendment was ratified on December 6, 1865.

Speaking of the 13th Amendment, did you know that Lincoln authored his own 13th Amendment? It is the only amendment to the Constitution ever proposed by a sitting U.S. President. Here is Lincoln's proposed amendment: "No amendment shall be made to the Constitution which will authorize or give Congress the power to abolish or interfere within any state with the domestic institutions thereof, including that a person's held to labor or service by laws of said State."

You read it right. Lincoln proposed an amendment to the U.S. Constitution PRESERVING the institution of slavery. This proposed amendment was written in March of 1861, a month BEFORE the shots were fired at Fort Sumter, South Carolina.

The State of South Carolina was particularly incensed at the tariffs enacted in 1828 and 1832. The Tariff of 1828 was disdainfully called, "The Tariff of Abominations" by the State of South Carolina. Accordingly, the South Carolina legislature declared that the tariffs of 1828 and 1832 were "unauthorized by the constitution of the United States."

Think, folks: why would the southern states secede from the Union over slavery when President Abraham Lincoln had offered an amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing the PRESERVATION of slavery? That makes no sense. If the issue was predominantly slavery, all the South needed to do was to go along with

Lincoln, and his proposed 13th Amendment would have permanently preserved slavery among the southern (and northern) states. Does that sound like a body of people who were willing to lose hundreds of thousands of men on the battlefield over saving slavery? What nonsense!

The problem was Lincoln wanted the southern states to pay the Union a 40% tariff on their exports. The South considered this outrageous and refused to pay. By the time hostilities broke out in 1861, the South was paying up to, and perhaps exceeding, 70% of the nation's taxes. Before the war, the South was very prosperous and productive. And Washington, D.C., kept raising the taxes and tariffs on them. You know, the way Washington, D.C., keeps raising the taxes on prosperous American citizens today.

This is much the same story of the way the colonies refused to pay the demanded tariffs of the British Crown--albeit the tariffs of the Crown were MUCH lower than those demanded by Lincoln. Lincoln's proposed 13th Amendment was an attempt to entice the South into paying the tariffs by being willing to permanently ensconce the institution of slavery into the Constitution. AND THE SOUTH SAID NO!

In addition, the Congressional Record of the United States forever obliterates the notion that the North fought the War Between the States over slavery. Read it for yourself. This resolution was passed unanimously in the U.S. Congress on July 23, 1861, "The War is waged by the government of the United States not in the spirit of conquest or subjugation, nor for the purpose of overthrowing or interfering with the rights or institutions of the states, but to defend and protect the Union."

What could be clearer? The U.S. Congress declared that the war against the South was NOT an attempt to overthrow or interfere with the "institutions" of the states, but to keep the Union intact (by force). The "institutions" implied most certainly included the institution of slavery.

Hear it loudly and clearly: Lincoln's war against the South had NOTHING to do with ending slavery--so said the U.S. Congress by unanimous resolution in 1861.

Abraham Lincoln, himself, said it was NEVER his intention to end the institution of slavery. In a letter to Alexander Stevens who later became the Vice President of the Confederacy, Lincoln wrote this, "Do the people of the South really entertain fears that a Republican administration would directly, or indirectly, interfere with their slaves, or with them, about their slaves? If

they do, I wish to assure you, as once a friend, and still, I hope, not an enemy, that there is no cause for such fears. The South would be in no more danger in this respect than it was in the days of Washington.”

Again, what could be clearer? Lincoln, himself, said the southern states had nothing to fear from him in regard to abolishing slavery.

Hear Lincoln again: “If I could save the Union without freeing any slave I would do it.” He also said, “I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery in the states where it exists. I believe I have no lawful right to do so and I have no inclination to do so.”

The idea that the Confederate flag (actually there were five of them) stood for racism, bigotry, hatred, and slavery is just so much hogwash. In fact, if one truly wants to discover who the racist was in 1861, just read the words of Mr. Lincoln.

On August 14, 1862, Abraham Lincoln invited a group of black people to the White House. In his address to them, he told them of his plans to colonize them all back to Africa. Listen to what he told these folks: “Why should the people of your race be colonized and where? Why should they leave this country? This is, perhaps, the first question for proper consideration. You and we are different races. We have between us a broader difference than exists between almost any other two races. Whether it is right or wrong I need not discuss; but this physical difference is a great disadvantage to us both, as I think. Your race suffers very greatly, many of them, by living among us, while ours suffers from your presence. In a word, we suffer on each side. If this is admitted, it affords a reason, at least, why we should be separated. You here are freemen, I suppose? Perhaps you have been long free, or all your lives. Your race is suffering, in my judgment, the greatest wrong inflicted on any people. But even when you cease to be slaves, you are yet far removed from being placed on an equality with the white race. The aspiration of men is to enjoy equality with the best when free, but on this broad continent not a single man of your race is made the equal of a single man of our race.”

Did you hear what Lincoln said? He said that black people would NEVER be equal with white people--even if they all obtained their freedom from slavery. If that isn't a racist statement, I've never heard one.

Lincoln's statement above is not isolated. In Charleston, Illinois, in 1858, Lincoln said in a speech, “I am not, nor have ever been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of

the white and black races. I am not nor ever have been in favor of making voters or jurors of negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with white people; I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between the white and black races which I believe will forever forbid the two races from living together on social or political equality. And inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together there must be the position of superior and inferior, and I as much as any other man am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white.”

Ladies and gentlemen, in his own words, Abraham Lincoln declared himself to be a white supremacist. Why don't our history books and news media tell the American people the truth about Lincoln and about the War Between the States?

It's simple: if people would study the meanings and history of the flag, symbols, and statues of the Confederacy and Confederate leaders, they might begin to awaken to the tyrannical policies of Washington, D.C., that precluded southern independence--policies that have only escalated since the defeat of the Confederacy--and they might have a notion to again resist.

By the time Lincoln penned his Emancipation Proclamation, the war had been going on for two years without resolution. In fact, the North was losing the war. Even though the South was outmanned and out-equipped, the genius of the southern generals and fighting acumen of the southern men had put the northern armies on their heels. Many people in the North never saw the legitimacy of Lincoln's war in the first place, and many of them actively campaigned against it. These people were affectionately called “Copperheads” by people in the South.

I urge you to watch Ron Maxwell's accurate depiction of those people in the North who favored the southern cause as depicted in his motion picture, “Copperhead.” For that matter, I consider his movie, “Gods And Generals” to be the greatest “Civil War” movie ever made. It is the most accurate and fairest depiction of Confederate General Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson ever produced. In my opinion, actor Stephen Lang should have received an Oscar for his performance as General Jackson. But, can you imagine?

That's another thing: the war fought from 1861 to 1865 was NOT a “civil war.” Civil war suggests two sides fighting for control of the same capital and country. The South didn't want to take over Washington, D.C., no more than their forebears wanted to take over London.

They wanted to separate from Washington, D.C., just as America's Founding Fathers wanted to separate from Great Britain. The proper names for that war are either, "The War Between the States" or, "The War of Southern Independence," or, more fittingly, "The War of Northern Aggression."

Had the South wanted to take over Washington, D.C., they could have done so with the very first battle of the "Civil War." When Lincoln ordered federal troops to invade Virginia in the First Battle of Manassas (called the "First Battle of Bull Run" by the North), Confederate troops sent the Yankees running for their lives all the way back to Washington. Had the Confederates pursued them, they could have easily taken the city of Washington, D.C., seized Abraham Lincoln, and perhaps ended the war before it really began. But General Beauregard and the others had no intention of fighting an aggressive war against the North. They merely wanted to defend the South against the aggression of the North.

In order to rally people in the North, Lincoln needed a moral crusade. That's what his Emancipation Proclamation was all about. This explains why his proclamation was not penned until 1863, after two years of fruitless fighting. He was counting on people in the North to stop resisting his war against the South if they thought it was some kind of "holy" war. Plus, Lincoln was hoping that his proclamation would incite blacks in the South to insurrect against southern whites. If thousands of blacks would begin to wage war against their white neighbors, the fighting men of the southern armies would have to leave the battlefields and go home to defend their families. THIS NEVER HAPPENED.

Not only did blacks not riot against the whites of the south, many black men volunteered to fight alongside their white friends and neighbors in the Confederate army. Unlike the blacks in the North, who were conscripted by Lincoln and forced to fight in segregated units, thousands of blacks in the South fought of their own free will in a fully-integrated southern army. I bet your history book never told you about that.

If one wants to ban a racist flag, one would have to ban the British flag. Ships bearing the Union Jack shipped over 5 million African slaves to countries all over the world, including the British colonies in North America. Other slave ships flew the Dutch flag and the Portuguese flag and the Spanish flag, and, yes, the U.S. flag. But not one single slave ship flew the Confederate flag. NOT ONE!

By the time Lincoln launched his war against the

southern states, slavery was already a dying institution. The entire country, including the South, recognized the moral evil of slavery and wanted it to end. Only a small fraction of southerners even owned slaves. The slave trade had ended in 1808, per the U.S. Constitution, and the practice of slavery was quickly dying, too. In another few years, with the advent of agricultural machinery, slavery would have ended peacefully--just like it had in England. It didn't take a national war and the deaths of over a half million men to end slavery in Great Britain. America's so-called "Civil War" was absolutely unnecessary. The greed of Lincoln's radical Republicans in the North, combined with the cold, calloused heart of Lincoln himself is responsible for the tragedy of the "Civil War."

And look at what is happening now: in one instant--after one deranged young man killed nine black people and who ostensibly photo-shopped a picture of himself with a Confederate flag--the entire political and media establishments in the country go on an all-out crusade to remove all semblances of the Confederacy. The speed in which all of this has happened suggests that this was a planned, orchestrated event by the Powers That Be (PTB). And is it a mere coincidence that this took place at the exact same time that the U.S. Supreme Court decided to legalize same-sex marriage? I think not.

The Confederate Battle Flag flies the Saint Andrews cross. Of course, Andrew was the first disciple of Jesus Christ, brother of Simon Peter, and Christian martyr who was crucified on an X-shaped cross at around the age of 90. Andrew is the patron saint of both Russia and Scotland.

In the 1800s, up to 75% of people in the South were either Scotch or Scotch-Irish. The Confederate Battle Flag is predicated on the national flag of Scotland. It is a symbol of the Christian faith and heritage of the Celtic race.

Pastor John Weaver rightly observed, "Even the Confederate States motto, 'Deovendickia,' (The Lord is our Vindicator), illustrates the sovereignty and the righteousness of God. The Saint Andrews cross is also known as the Greek letter CHIA (KEE) and has historically been used to represent Jesus Christ. Why do you think people write Merry X-mas, just to give you an illustration? The 'X' is the Greek letter CHIA and it has been historically used for Christ. Moreover, its importance was understood by educated and uneducated people alike. When an uneducated man, one that could not write, needed to sign his name please tell me what

letter he made? An 'X,' why? Because he was saying I am taking an oath under God. I am recognizing the sovereignty of God, the providence of God and I am pledging my faith. May I tell you the Confederate Flag is indeed a Christian flag because it has the cross of Saint Andrew, who was a Christian martyr, and the letter 'X' has always been used to represent Christ, and to attack the flag is to deny the sovereignty, the majesty, and the might of the Lord Jesus Christ and his divine role in our history, culture, and life."

Many of the facts that I reference in this column were included in a message delivered several years ago by Pastor John Weaver. I want to thank John for preaching such a powerful and needed message. Read or watch Pastor Weaver's sermon "The Truth About The Confederate Battle Flag" here:

(The Truth about the Confederate Battle Flag: <http://www.confederateamericanpride.com/battleflag.html>)

Combine the current attacks against Biblical and traditional marriage, the attacks against all things Confederate, the attacks against all things Christian, and the attacks against all things constitutional and what we are witnessing is a heightened example of why the Confederate Battle Flag was created to begin with. Virtually every act of federal usurpation of liberty that we are witnessing today, and have been witnessing for much of the twentieth century, is the result of Lincoln's war against the South. Truly, we are living in Lincoln's America, not Washington and Jefferson's America. Washington and Jefferson's America died at Appomattox Court House in 1865.

Instead of lowering the Confederate flag, we should be raising it.

See "Discussions by R.L. Dabney, Vol. IV, Secular," 1897. Chapters "Colonel Baldwin's Interview With Mr. Lincoln & "The True Purpose of the Civil War". Sprinkle Publications reprint, 1994. Ed.

PERSONAL

We are moving to southwestern Ohio, Hillsboro area, to be closer to three of our children and 16 of our grandchildren. (One family an hour east, another an hour southwest, and another about 35 minutes. A total of 16 grandchildren.) I am 74, and Bettie is 70, and we have never lived close enough to any of our children to have a good relationship with them, nor with their children. Time is quickly running out.

I almost yield to the sin of envy of those who settle in one place for life with their children and grandchildren around them. The families here have been here for

generations. Families generally settle close together, maybe one valley over, and everyone seems to be related. If not related, they know them. I know that is not unique, but we have lived among them here. We certainly "hate" to leave such a beautiful home and state, and move from our cool and secluded position on our mountain. I will miss the strong Southern influence where Robert E Lee's and Stonewall Jackson's pictures hang in the county court house, and the confederate national flag flies in a cemetery. Memorial Day sees the "battle flag" marking many graves. Moreover, the gun culture is very strong here. But children and grandchildren will make the move worthwhile.

Being a pastor's son and having been a pastor, living very long in one location has never been the case, although the Need family had been 5 generations in Owen County, Indiana, and owned a huge amount of farm land. I can remember 5 moves by the time I went into the military. The 20 years at Linden has been the most lengthy stay in one place, and that was only cut off because of Carol's death. Those who have lost a spouse can understand that.

Watch the web site for our new address, though I will e mail it out when we get one. We sold our house here within 24 hours of announcing it was for sale. And we have one in Ohio to move into. But I wanted to get out this mailing before we moved, which should be the first of Sept, Lord willing. Mail to our present address will be forwarded to us. Lord willing, we will be able to publish more often.

So it may be as late as October before you hear from us again. Check the web site. We are certainly too old for moving.

**** Our court case** against the two commissioners is working its way to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. It should be heard in September.

**** Letter**

Dear Pastor Need,

You have written a marvelous book dismantling dispensationalism at its root. You have taken it all the way back to the beginning and taken apart every whim and fancy of manmade religion. This is a very thorough and very much needed topic for thoughtful believers today. I am deeply indebted to you for this contribution to me and to my family.

I live in a world surrounded by sincere but misguided brethren. You have put Christ again on the pedestal, triumphant over time, history, and the souls of men. It is refreshing to read such a thorough work that is so

Christ-honoring. You have struck a blow at the root of the error, and we are all indebted to you.

I thank you for your loyalty to Christ and for your friendship to me and to my family.

P. S. I especially like the connection you make between mysticism and millennialism.

Pastor Gary Huffman

"Death of the Church Victorious". 600 pages. \$25 postpaid.

HOW TO WAGE THE WAR FOR TRUTH

J.C. Ryle

The late Anglican bishop J.C. Ryle (1816-1900) penned these words in the nineteenth century. As with pretty much all his writings, they are equally applicable for today:

Our lot is cast in an age of abounding unbelief, scepticism, and, I fear I must add, infidelity. Never, perhaps, since the days of Celsus, Porphyry, and Julian, was the truth of revealed religion so openly and unblushingly assailed, and never was the assault so speciously and plausibly conducted. The words which Bishop Butler wrote in 1736 are curiously applicable to our own days:—"It is come to be taken for granted by many persons, that Christianity is not even a subject of inquiry; but that it is now at length discovered to be fictitious. And accordingly they treat it as if, in the present age, this was an agreed point among all people of discernment, and nothing remained but to set it up as a principal subject of mirth and ridicule, as it were by way of reprisals for its having so long interrupted the pleasures of the world." (Butter's Analogy, Introduction.) I often wonder what the good Bishop would have now said, if he had lived in the present day.

In reviews, magazines, newspapers, lectures, essays, and sometimes even in sermons, scores of clever writers are incessantly waging war against the very foundations of Christianity. Reason, science, geology, anthropology, modern discoveries, free thought, are all boldly asserted to be on their side. No educated person, we are constantly told nowadays, can really believe supernatural religion, or the plenary inspiration of the Bible, or the possibility of miracles. Such ancient doctrines as the Trinity, the deity of Christ, the personality of the Holy Spirit, the atonement... the necessity and efficacy of prayer, the existence of the devil, and the reality of future punishment, are quietly put on the shelf as useless old Almanacs, or contemptuously thrown overboard as lumber! And all this is done so cleverly, and with such an appearance

of candour and liberality, and with such compliments to the capacity and nobility of human nature, that multitudes of unstable Christians are carried away as by a flood, and become partially unsettled, if they do not make complete shipwreck of faith. . .

. . . The times require at our hands distinct and decided views of Christian doctrine.

I cannot withhold my conviction that the professing Church of the nineteenth century is as much damaged by laxity and indistinctness about matters of doctrine within, as it is by sceptics and unbelievers without. Myriads of professing Christians nowadays seem utterly unable to distinguish things that differ. Like people afflicted with colour-blindness, they are incapable of discerning what is true and what is false, what is sound and what is unsound. If a preacher of religion is only clever and eloquent and earnest, they appear to think he is all right, however strange and heterogeneous his sermons may be. They are destitute of spiritual sense, apparently, and cannot detect error. Popery or Protestantism, an atonement or no atonement, a personal Holy Ghost or no Holy Ghost, future punishment or no future punishment, High Church or Low Church or Broad Church, Trinitarianism, Arianism, or Unitarianism, nothing comes amiss to them: they can swallow it all, if they cannot digest it! Carried away by a fancied liberality and charity, they seem to think everybody is right and nobody is wrong, every clergyman is sound and none are unsound, everybody is going to be saved and nobody going to be lost. Their religion is made up of negatives; and the only positive thing about them is that they dislike distinctness and think all extreme and decided and positive views are very naughty and very wrong!

These people live in a kind of mist or fog. They see nothing clearly, and do not know what they believe. They have not made up their minds about any great point in the Gospel, and seem content to be honorary members of all schools of thought. For their lives they could not tell you what they think is truth about justification, or regeneration, or sanctification, or the Lord's Supper, or baptism, or faith, or conversion, or inspiration, or the future state. They are eaten up with a morbid dread of controversy and an ignorant dislike of party spirit; and yet they really cannot define what they mean by these phrases. The only point you can make out is that they admire earnestness and cleverness and charity, and cannot believe that any clever, earnest, charitable man can ever be in the wrong! And so they live on undecided; and too often undecided they drift

down to the grave, without comfort in their religion, and, I am afraid, often without hope. . .

. . . what I say. If you want to do good in these times, you must throw aside indecision, and take up a distinct, sharply-cut, doctrinal religion. If you believe little, those to whom you try to do good will believe nothing. The victories of Christianity, wherever they have been won, have been won by distinct doctrinal theology; by telling men roundly of Christ's vicarious death and sacrifice; by showing them Christ's substitution on the cross, and His precious blood; by teaching them justification by faith, and bidding them believe on a crucified Saviour; by preaching ruin by sin, redemption by Christ, regeneration by the Spirit; by lifting up the brazen serpent; by telling men to look and live—to , repent, and be converted.

This—this is the only teaching which for eighteen centuries God has honoured with success, and is honouring at the present day both at home and abroad. Let the clever advocates of a broad and undogmatic theology—the preachers of the Gospel of earnestness, and sincerity and cold morality—let them, I say, show us at this day any English village or parish, or city, or town, or district, which has been evangelized without “dogma,” by their principles. They cannot do it, and they never will. without distinct doctrine is a powerless thing. [sic.] It may be beautiful to some minds, but it is childless and barren. There is no getting over facts. The good that is done in the earth may be comparatively small. Evil may abound, and ignorant impatience may murmur and cry out that Christianity has failed. But, depend on it, if we want to “do good” and shake the world, we must fight with the old apostolic weapons, and stick to “dogma.” No dogma, no fruits! No positive Evangelical doctrine, no evangelization!

*Taken from: Holiness: Its Nature, Hindrances, Difficulties, and Roots.
(Via Robert McCurry)*

(Christians must take seriously their profession of Christ, obey his laws, and pray for the Spirit to teach them how to apply those laws in their everyday life. Ed.)

DOES ISAIAH 17 PREDICT WAR AGAINST SYRIA?

By Thomas Williamson

“The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.” Isaiah 17:1.

Isaiah 17 is a prophecy of doom and destruction against Damascus, which in ancient times was the

capital of Syria, and still is today. We are told in v. 1 that Damascus will be taken away from being a city, and will become a ruinous heap, or a heap of ruins.

On the basis of this verse, some are predicting that there will soon be a war between Israel and Syria, and that Israel will defeat Syria by dropping a nuclear bomb on Damascus that will destroy that city. The assumption here is that Isaiah was not talking about events in his own time, but rather about events to come at least 2700 years later.

Unfortunately, there is a tendency, when reading these Old Testament prophetic scriptures, to assume that the events described are going to happen in our own time, and yet they never seem to come to pass as predicted.

What we need to do is look carefully at this passage for clues that will show us whether Isaiah was talking about a destruction of Damascus in that generation he was preaching to, or to a generation many centuries in the future, perhaps even our own generation as is so glibly assumed by some.

Our first clue is in v. 8, where we are told that the judgment on Damascus and Syria will cause men to forsake their idolatry. That would apply very well to conditions in Isaiah's own day, at which time the Syrians and the Hebrews in the northern kingdom of Israel were given over to idolatry. It would not apply very well to our day, because the modern Syrians do not practice literal idolatry – their Muslim religion strictly forbids it. The Jews in Israel today also do not practice any literal idolatry, since their religion also forbids it.

We get another clue in v. 3-4 where we find that the judgment or calamity which brings destruction upon Damascus will simultaneously bring the same destruction on Ephraim, or the northern kingdom of Israel. We are told that at the same time that Syria is destroyed, the fortress will cease from Ephraim, v. 3, and that the glory of Jacob will be made thin, v. 4. Clearly, this passage and prophecy does not have to do with a military victory by Israel over Syria in the early 21st Century AD. Whatever judgment it is that falls upon Syria also falls upon the children of Israel at the same time.

The final piece of the puzzle falls into place when we realize that at the time that Isaiah was prophesying, Syria and Israel (the northern kingdom also known as Ephraim) were in an alliance together against the southern kingdom of Judah, and that Isaiah was the court prophet of the kingdom of Judah. Basically, what

Isaiah is saying here to the King and people of Judah is, “Don’t worry about the alliance of Damascus and Israel – God is going to wipe out both of them.”

Let’s refresh our memory about this alliance of Syria and Israel against Judah. In Isaiah 7:1-9 it is described as a confederacy between Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel. In Isaiah 7:17 we find out who is going to be God’s agent of destruction against Israel and Syria – it will be the king of Assyria. In Isaiah 8:12-13 the prophet counsels the people not to be afraid of the confederacy of Syria and Israel against Judah.

By now it should be evident that Isaiah is prophesying judgment against the Damascus of his own generation, not against modern Damascus 2700 years later. History records that about the year 722 BC, the Assyrian kings Sargon and Shalmanezar invaded and overthrew the kingdoms of Israel and Syria. Naturally, this would have raised, in the minds of Isaiah’s hearers, the question: “If the Assyrians are going to conquer and destroy Syria and Israel, then what about us down here in Judah – are they going to wipe us out, too? Isaiah gives the answer to that in v. 14: The answer is “No” – 185,000 Assyrian troops under King Sennacherib were destroyed by the angel of the Lord, and when they woke up in the morning, the remnants of the army found that their fellow troops were all dead, and they had to end their siege of Jerusalem and beat a hasty retreat back to Assyria, where Sennacherib was later assassinated by his own sons. That familiar story is told in 2 Kings 18-19 and in Isaiah 37. It is this miraculous defeat of the Assyrian invader, during the reign of King Hezekiah, that is the subject of Isaiah’s prophecy in the last several verses of Isaiah 17 and also the 18th chapter of Isaiah, which is sometimes mistakenly identified as the United States of America in prophecy, although actually it has absolutely nothing to do with the United States.

Now that we understand the historical context of Isaiah’s prophecy against Damascus, let’s take a closer look at Isaiah 17 to see what it is talking about and how it applies to us as Christian believers in this day and age. We are told in v. 1 that the city of Damascus is to be destroyed by the invader. The houses, walls, gates and fortifications are to be laid waste and the people carried away captive. The fulfillment of this prophecy is found in 2 Kings 16:9: “And the king of Assyria hearkened unto [Ahaz]: for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.”

Ahaz, the king of the southern kingdom of Judah,

was in fear of the northern confederacy of Syria and Israel, but as a result of the Assyrian military campaign, first against Damascus and later against Israel, the confederacy was smashed, fulfilling Isaiah’s prophecy. Clearly this is not a prophecy of a 21st Century AD military attack and victory by Israel over Syria, because as Matthew Henry says, “The burden of Damascus, which was the head city of Syria, reads the doom of Israel too.”

The cities of the Syrian province of Aroer, v. 2, were also destroyed, being converted into sheep pastures. As a result of Syria’s fall, the fortresses of Ephraim or the northern kingdom of Israel were soon to be destroyed also, v. 3. The remnant of Syria would be in the same weak and pitiful situation as the remnant of Israel. Few Israelites would be left, v. 4. The victorious Assyrian army would carry away the people and the spoil, v. 5, doing so in a thorough manner, leaving nothing behind, like the harvestman who carefully collects every last ear of corn, leaving nothing to go to waste.

In v. 6 we are told that a remnant of Israel should escape the disaster. Some members of the 10 northern tribes of Israel remained in the land, and we find mention of them in 2 Chronicles 30, where we see members of the tribes of Ephraim, Manasseh, Asher, Issachar and Zebulun coming down to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover in the reign of good King Hezekiah. In verses 7 and 8 we find that this remnant will be a sanctified remnant – as a result of the judgments they have suffered, they will repent of their sins, look up to their Creator, acknowledge His hand in all the events concerning them, and shall submit to His hand. They shall turn away from their idols, their altars, the work of their own hands, and worship the true God only.

What a wonderful application and exhortation this provides for us. Suppose that we should suffer as the Israelites did in the time of the Assyrian invasion – our homes burned down by a foreign invader, our friends and relatives carried off into exile, our livelihoods disrupted. Would it turn our hearts against God, or would it turn us back to God? According to Isaiah, the Assyrian conquest of Israel resulted in some of the children of Israel getting saved and turning back to God. Oh, that in the day of calamity, we might look to our Maker, and to the Holy One of Israel.

In v. 9 Isaiah returns to his description of the destruction to be wrought by Assyria. The strong cities will be cut down like a forsaken bough or a dead branch on a tree. The reason is given in v. 10 – it is because they forgot God. They trusted in themselves

for salvation and security, and did not rely upon God to protect and save them from their enemies. All their careful cultivation of the land, described in the second half of v. 10, will come to nothing, because in v. 11 we see the enemy come in and ruin the harvest.

Verse 12 is a description of the Assyrian invader – he is noisy, and he rushes forward across the land as an irresistible multitude. In v. 13 we see that God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off. At morning they are not, v. 14. The fulfillment of this is found in Isaiah 37:36:”Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.” God allowed the Assyrian armies to destroy Syria and Israel in judgment, but in His mercy He spared the southern kingdom of Judah from destruction by Assyria. Judah continued in existence 125 years longer until it was overthrown by Babylon in 586 BC.

The application of this message is clear – if we want to enjoy God’s protection and salvation, in this life and for all eternity, then we must rely on Him, and be mindful of the rock of our strength and the God of our salvation. We must not forget God. We must not turn to idols as the Syrians and Israelites did. And we must rely on God for our salvation, not on our own good works. The Israelites relied on their own altars, the work of their hands, their groves and their images, and as a result they were overthrown. We must depend on God alone for our salvation, recognizing that there is nothing worthy in us and that we have no power to save ourselves.

Don’t you just love “why did the chicken cross the road” jokes – they are a perfect example of “Poultry in Motion.”

MEN ARE HAPPIER

Men Are Just Happier People-- What do you expect from such simple creatures? Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can be President. You can never be pregnant. You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky. You don’t have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Same work, more pay. Wrinkles add character. Wedding dress \$5000. Tux rental-\$100. The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected. New shoes don’t cut, blister, or

mangle your feet. One mood all the time.

Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat. You know stuff about tanks. A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own jars. You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend.

Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack. You almost never have strap problems in public. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes. Everything on your face stays its original color. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck. You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache; it is not mandatory.

You can play with toys all your life. Your belly usually hides your big hips. One wallet and one pair of shoes -- one color for all seasons. You can “do” your nails with a pocket knife. You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes.

No wonder men are happier.

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SECRET WAR ON CASH

“Discussions at Bilderberg Centered Around Capital Controls, Abolition of Cash”

According to some, a very quiet stealth war on cash has begun

During the conference, Bilderberg will set the consensus for green lighting economic restrictions under the justification of stopping financing for terror groups like ISIS. Bilderberg will also discuss new controls on the sale of precious metals throughout Europe.

Numerous influential voices have recently called for eliminating physical currency altogether, giving central banks and governments the power to directly control your finances under the justification of preventing an economic collapse and bank runs.

<http://www.infowars.com/secret-war-on-cash-discussions-at-bilderberg-centered-around-capital-controls-abolition-of-cash-2/>

Revelations tells us that the anti Christian city of man, Babylon the great will seek to number every man, to put it’s stamp on everyone. To the point that there can be neither buying nor selling without permission, total control. So that the freedom of the unregenerate-- we talked about being free from God as real freedom ends up as the total tyranny of a world state in which there is no ability to buy or sell or do anything apart from god. [The State is god, ed.] But in God’s order we are free, and each of us reveals the image of God in us. (RJR)

God is allowing the city of man to try to consume the

whole earth, as the wicked reap the result of violating God's financial laws. Sound money must prevail in the long run as man's fiat financial system is being shaken to its very foundation. Its foundation of sand will not allow it to stand, even if it controls the financial system of the world. Check the link above.

NIMROD'S STATE

(Rev 13) Verse 17. *And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark* "If any," observes Bishop Newton, "dissent from the stated and authorized forms; they are condemned and excommunicated as heretics; and in consequence of that they are no longer suffered to buy or sell; they are interdicted from traffic and commerce, and all the benefits of civil society. So Roger Hoveden relates of William the Conqueror, that he was so dutiful to the pope that he would not permit any one in his power to buy or sell any thing whom he found disobedient to the apostolic see. So the canon of the council of Lateran, under Pope Alexander III., made against the Waldenses and Albigenses, enjoins, upon pain of anathema, that no man presume to entertain or cherish them in his house or land, or exercise traffic with them. The synod of Tours, in France, under the same pope, orders, under the like intermination, that no man should presume to receive or assist them, no, not so much as hold any communion with them, in selling or buying; that, being deprived of the comfort of humanity they may be compelled to repent of the error of their way." In the tenth and eleventh centuries the severity against the excommunicated was carried to so high a pitch, that nobody might come near them, not even their own wives, children, or servants; they forfeited all their natural legal rights and privileges, and were excluded from all kinds of offices. The form of excommunication in the Romish Church is to take lighted torches, throw them upon the ground with curses and anathemas, and trample them out under foot to the ringing of the bells. It is in this and similar ways that the false prophet has terrified the Latin world, and kept it in subjection to the secular and spiritual powers. Those interdicted by the two-horned beast from all offices of civil life are also such as have not: — The name of the beast, or the number of his name. (Adam Clarke)

EXPERT SAYS "BANNING CASH" THE ONLY SOLUTION TO NEGATIVE INTEREST MARKET PROBLEMS

As everyone knows by now, the Federal Reserve's main tool in economic warfare has become hyper low interest rates and, thus, extremely cheap money for

large institutions vis-à-vis the controversial reign of QE – quantitative easing.

Now, the how-low-can-you-go climate has created negative interest rates, meaning not only that many investments carry no return but that many deposits cost money.

Well-known Citigroup economist William Buitert says the solution to this backwards market is to rein in the appeal of normal currencies like cash – because it is "causing problems" for central bank manipulation:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-04-10/citi-economist-says-it-might-be-time-to-abolish-cash>

http://www.shtfplan.com/headline-news/expert-says-banning-cash-the-only-solution-to-negative-interest-market-problems_04172015

Cash on Lockdown: Bankers "Want Badly to Charge YOU Interest for Depositing YOUR Funds"

The Federal Reserve bank and its owners, the largest banks on Wall Street, want badly to be able to charge you interest for the privilege of depositing your funds. The problem is getting you to stand for it. ...

The Goal Is to Force You to Deposit Cash and Charge You Interest

http://www.shtfplan.com/headline-news/cash-on-lockdown-bankers-want-badly-to-charge-you-interest-for-depositing-your-funds_04302015

Banned: Chase Bank Says You Can No Longer Store Cash or Precious Metals In Your Safe Deposit Box

Last week we reported that a Citigroup economist said that we need to abolish currency like the U.S. dollar, or at the very least, tax those who possess it.... [The] end-game is complete control over peoples' assets and a desire to track the purchasing activities of consumers...

Some JPMorgan Chase customers are receiving letters informing them that the bank will no longer allow cash to be stored in safety deposit boxes.

http://www.shtfplan.com/headline-news/banned-banks-say-you-can-no-longer-store-cash-or-precious-metals-in-your-safe-deposit-box_04222015

THE MODERN CARPETBAGGERS

By Ron Rumburg

I'm writing this to Southern folks who still have a love of their family and heritage; while others are happily being snookered in the enemy camp. "Honor your father and your mother" the Lord God said. Some of you still have a sense of family and want to obey God. Remember it is always better to obey God than man!

Abraham Lincoln's party is still trying to reconstruct the South. Look at the political figures in the South. Many were trained in the north, have their roots in

the north or are New Englanders like the Bushes who moved south to continue the old Reconstructive policies minted 150 years ago. Haley and Graham in South Carolina and McAuliffe in Virginia to mention a few are nothing but old carpetbaggers writ large.

Why have Southern people catered to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party as far as that is concerned? Both groups hate our heritage and our God and the Bible He gave us! They keep up the old propaganda that the South fought for slavery. No one seems to pause and contemplate that 90% of Southern people during the war era did not own slaves. They personally confessed their purpose for fighting in their diaries and letters. They said they were fighting for the same rights as George Washington, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, etc. and the others in the First War for Independence. But the Yankee propaganda machine has never stopped.

Will Southern folks ever wise up? "Those people" have no use for us except to vote them into office and then they do what they will against our beliefs. Sadly our people are their own worst enemies and gladly surrender their symbols as little guilt ridden stooges. There is an old Southern adage that if you play with skunks you will soon smell like one! The skunks in Virginia and South Carolina are running wild. Could they be rabid with carpetbagger intents? They are still robbing us but now it is something more precious than our confiscated tax money to support causes that repulse us, now they are seeking to remove the last vestiges that our ancestors fought for the last Christian nation in this hemisphere the Confederate States of America.

Can you imagine they feel that a flag is destructive and causes deaths? If you buy into the propaganda that the Confederate flag stands for slavery why do you fly the US flag? There was 80 plus years of slavery under that flag. Remember the Emancipation Proclamation was not issued until 1863 and then only had reference to areas that were outside the jurisdiction of Lincoln and his party.

These same people have no trouble supporting the murder of over a million babies in their mother's wombs each year. They have no trouble supporting the lifestyle of Sodom. They have no trouble leaving our borders open to criminals and carriers of diseases. They have no trouble making it easy on Islamic terrorists. They have no trouble being soft on evil but that Confederate Flag posses a grave danger.

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Morgan Palmer in a lecture The Tribunal of History to the Southern Historical

Society in 1872 astutely remarked:

As with the individual, so it is with every corporate society. These, too, run their allotted course, with the full liberty of developing the principles on which they are based. Every false conception of government, like the flaw in cast-iron machinery, reveals itself in some terrific catastrophe when it has had time to grow warm by friction, and the usual strain presses against the weak spot. It may lie hidden long, far down amongst the principles untested as yet. But the crisis comes at length, which brings forth its unsuspected power; and with this, the crash that astounds the World.

This present culture is collapsing and what will they blame next, the flags on each hole of a golf course? Truly Jesus' words are appropriate: "Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat and swallow a camel."

VARIOUS

One-Third of Young Adults Regret Going to College

by Halah Touryalai

Here's an indication of how burdensome student loans have become: About one-third of millennials say they would have been better off working, instead of going to college and paying tuition.

<http://joemiller.us/2013/05/one-third-of-young-adults-regret-going-to-college/>

Cyber experts warn of voting-machine hacks

'Unusual activity' found at Virginia polls

The machines can be broken into from the parking lot by those with simple knowledge. (We k

<http://www.wnd.com/2015/06/cyber-experts-warns-of-voting-machine-hacks>

The lost interview with the late Dr. Nicholas Gonzalez: Chemotherapy drugs are derived from World War I nerve gas chemicals

http://www.naturalnews.com/050540_chemotherapy_nerve_gas_chemicals_Dr_Nicholas_Gonzalez.html

Is Trump, a long time supporter of Hillary, Hillary's secret weapon? He will split the conservative vote.

THE SLUMBERING GIANT IS FINALLY AWAKENING

By: Ray Rooney, Jr.

Finally, the eyes of the slumbering giant in America are beginning to flicker open. The American church has been in a deep sleep for decades; possibly even as long as a century. Evolution, pluralism, progressivism, abortion, and pornography have all come and established themselves in the culture with barely a collective stir

from the people of God.

Education, open-mindedness, tolerance, love, and acceptance have long been used as excuses by Christians to keep their eyes closed and their mouths shut to the infusion and acceptance of sin in the culture. “Maybe God used evolution as His mechanism of Creation,” “maybe it’s a little much to say that Jesus is the only way of salvation,” “maybe the Church should show it’s openness to changing cultural mores as a means of reaching people,” and “maybe God has grown up and changed His views on sexual practice” are just a few of the ways Christians have for decades justified their ongoing slumber.

After all, we’ve had more important matters to attend to than gearing up for some silly culture war. Parking lots needed paving, carpet needed updating, relocations, grounds crews, staff salaries, and audio/video equipment had to be installed. The American church had too much going on to take notice that the Founders’ faith was being surreptitiously eradicated from American history. It was too zoned in to taking the gospel halfway around the world than seeing the need for it in our own backyard. Slowly but surely we allowed the gospel message to be whittled down to “God’s will is for everyone to be meek and accepting.” That was easy to oblige.

But this homosexual marriage thing...may have finally jarred a fair percentage of us awake. The Kleins in Oregon who politely declined to participate in a homosexual marriage by baking a cake and have been fined \$135,000 and placed under a gag order is taking the blinders off some in church. The recent Supreme Court decision finding a fundamental and constitutional right for homosexual marriage is so blatantly ridiculous that finally some of our Christian kindred are wiping away the sleep from their eyes asking “What’s happened?” The gloves are coming off in the public sphere as writers like Sally Kohn, writing for *The Daily Beast* have come out and said for all to read “Will anti-gay Christians be politically and socially ostracized? I sure hope so.”

Despite the fact large numbers in the Christian Church in America seem blissfully excited about our culture’s descent into the abyss of immorality, I believe an equally large number of those who go to church are finally waking up to where all this is going. Both testaments are absolutely clear and unequivocal in their rejection of homosexuality as anything but an affront to the holiness of God. No amount of Scripture twisting, theological rationalization, or abuse of the word “love” is successfully legitimizing this sin in many of the

faithful’s hearts or eyes. And the SCOTUS decision shows just how far up the ladder political correctness has ascended. Unfortunately, (or maybe fortunately) shoving this blatant sexual sin down the throats of the sleeping giant has been too much.

Consequently, the question of the hour from those who are just now waking up to the culture war is “what can we do?”

Many of the long term faithful culture warriors are answering that question with great relief (that church people are finally asking the question) and specificity. But I believe many of them are overlooking something that, while obvious to them, is not so evident to those just waking from the slumber of apathy.

The first and best thing to do for those who are finally asking how to engage the enemy in the culture war is to practice...talking openly about it. That may not seem like much but I can assure you that it is. If you have been told year after year that politics and church don’t mix, or that speaking openly in church about sex is wrong, or that the Constitution expressly forbids any kind of interaction between church and state, or simply that salvation is the only issue that the church should even attempt to bring to the public sphere...then before you grab the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit on your way to the battle you might want to just practice talking openly about the nature of sin in general and the sinfulness of homosexuality in particular.

Psalm 107:2 says, “Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble...” That’s not just an opaque platitude from someone writing a song. Consider the following:

On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. (Isaiah 62:6)

If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. (Jeremiah 20:9)

Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them... (Malachi 3:16)

Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you. (Mark 5:19)

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak.” (2 Corinthians 4:13)

Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord... (2 Timothy 1:8)

We've got to start talking about the issues in our churches! Regularly and openly. And because our kids are tuned in to social media and things like homosexual marriage are all over that we simply must have Sunday School teachers and curriculum that address this and other issues from a biblical perspective. Because we have failed to do so for so long we now have grown adults in church who have bought hook, line, and sinker into the argument that God made people homosexual.

For goodness sake, has there not been anyone teaching Genesis 3? "Did God actually say...?" said the serpent to Eve. People have grown up in the American Church and have no idea that that ploy is still being used against them by the same slick shyster.

The preachers have got to lead in this. How about a sermon on John 3:16 that says something to the effect of "God so loved the world that He sent His onlybegotten Son to die on a Cross for your sin(s). Love cannot therefore mean that God is accepting of anything and everyone because if God accepted everyone as they are then sending Christ to the Cross was unnecessary!"

It's time to start talking about politics in church. It's time to start talking about sex in church. It's time to start talking about biblical marriage in church. Once we get in the habit of speaking freely about issues on Sundays we will be much more ready and effective to begin taking the actions that our generation's culture warriors are giving us.

Cultural acceptance and governmental endorsement of homosexual marriage may just have done what none of the other "progressive" issues has been able to do: awaken the giant. Now that the sleeping giant is awakening...what will it say?

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A TALE OF TWO (GAY AMERICAN) CITIES

By Scott Alan Buss

Yesterday I encountered another version of something that I must have experienced – and I suspect that you've also witnessed – a million (or more) times before.

In the aftermath of the Supreme Court's suicidal (re-) declaration of war on God, I heard the story of a professing Christian who, when asked what the court

decision meant to him and how he was going to deal with it, then responded with, "I'm prayed up and my bags are packed". (See: "Supreme Court" Votes for Wrath of God Upon America.)

Meaning, of course, that he was waiting for the rapture.

He wasn't planning to do anything meaningful to change his approach to life or engage the culture in accordance with the Great Commission. He wasn't repenting of his past lack of Great Commission engagement with the culture and the role that his disengagement played in helping to bring the culture to ruin. (See: Limp Wristed Gospels Make Limp Wristed Cultures.)

Nope.

None o' that.

He was just praying and waiting.

That was his response.

Really.

And in that moment – the moment in which I heard this American Christian's self- and rapture-centered approach to dealing (or not dealing) with the situation biblically, it became even clearer that this attitude – this pre-emptive surrender, apathy, and laziness wrapped in false piety that has come to define American Christianity for generations now – is far more responsible for the cultural devastation we are witnessing than, say, Barack Obama or even the openly Pagan homosexuality advocates that lead Pride marches. (See: The Curse of Magic Christianity: Praying that God will do miraculously what we refuse to do through obedience.)

The culture is convulsing in anti-Christian revolution and all most American Christians care to do is more of the same, that being pretty much nothing. They've taken the bait of the enemy and come to believe that they are here to just passively observe and wait for Jesus to swoop down and do what He has commanded and equipped them to do through His Gospel-fueled Great Commission. (See: Encouragement from Satan.)

What we are witnessing today in America is the culmination of many wicked paths, one of which is a literature- and film-fueled path of dispensational surrender and pre-emptive defeat promoted and secured through the works of, among others, Hal Lindsey in the '70s through to Tim LaHaye today. Left Behind theology and escapist "end times" perspectives have transformed American Christianity into one of the greatest forces of laziness and cultural disengagement in all of human history.

I know this all too well since I used to hold these views, and passionately so.

These ongoing, influential, best-selling literary contributors to the modern American church's preemptive surrender of the culture reminded me of another novel of note written about two cities in a revolutionary time:

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair. . . ."

So begins the famous opening to the best selling novel in history, Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities.

The two cities that popped into my mind upon revisiting this legendary intro were two American cities. More specifically, two gay American cities, with each defined by very different aspects commonly conveyed through use of the term "gay".

The one city is weak, lame, incapable of fruitful reproduction and unwilling to put forth meaningful effort to push life and culture in a truly positive direction. This is the American Christian city, immersed in passivity and false piety as it watches the world burn and waits for Jesus to come and do what He has commanded His people to do. (Actually, residents of this American Christian city have been conditioned to view the collapse of culture as a very good thing in that it can only mean that Jesus is even closer to rapturing them away, and who would want to delay that, right?)

The other city centers on legitimizing things like sexual perversion as a right and even a virtue. It is strong and committed to its cause. It works hard. It uses every means available to advance toward its goal. It is patient, persistent, and dedicated. It plans and works multi-generationally in accordance with long-term objectives. This is the American Progressive Pagan city, marching from victory to victory on the cultural battlefield, pillaging the pathetic American Christian city en route to complete cultural domination (a complete cultural domination that the American Christian city considers to be inevitable anyway, so why put up too much of a fight, right?).

So "the best of times" are clearly now being had by the American Progressive Pagan city and "the worst of times" are here for the rest of us.

The "age of wisdom" is actually more embodied by the American Progressive Pagan city as well, since

it sees and applies wisdom in its careful, committed, methodical, multigenerational fidelity to its worldview and long-term objectives. The "age of foolishness" is on full display in the American Christian city, where most even now still ship their children off to the anti-Christ State for an explicitly anti-Christian "education" while going about their normal weekly routines, just riding things out and trying to enjoy life as much as possible before the rapture.

The "epoch of belief" seems to be on display with the Pagan Progressives, who actually believe in their worldview enough to do what it requires of them.

The "epoch of incredulity" is embodied by a professing Christian church that just doesn't care about anything beyond itself. (See: Beware the "Gospel in a Bottle".)

As a result, the "spring of hope" has come to the Progressive Pagan City and a "winter of despair" has settled in on the rest of us.

Now consider this: Our present cultural upheaval has been spearheaded and accomplished through a committed 3% or so of the population.

3%!

What if 3% of the population was, by God's grace, actually on fire for the life- and culture-resurrecting Gospel-fueled Great Commission?

Just 3%!

What if only 3% purposed by God's grace to advance His Kingdom here and now with everything that He has given them? What if they spent all of their talent and treasure in that pursuit? What if just 3% took on a committed, multigenerational approach to the Great Commission?

What then?...

(I do not like to cut off the article at this point, but I am out of room. He has "hit the nail on the head." The rapture mentality has delivered the USA into hell. I urge you to read the rest of the article at <http://www.firebreathingchristian.com/archives/9655>.

The devastating, dispensational, rapture mentality from the late 1700s to its current results are clearly laid out in my book "Death of the Church Victorious". Bro Need.)

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