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EFFEMINATE MALE

Man Up

Verb: man up (third-person singular simple present mans up, present participle manning up, simple past and past participle manned up)

(**idiomatic**) To "be a man about it"; to do the things a man is traditionally expected to do, such as taking responsibility for the consequences of one's actions, displaying bravery or toughess in the face of adversity, providing for one's family, etc. (Compare *man* ("brace oneself, steel oneself").)

(of military personnel) To assemble, each person manning (attending to) his station, prepared for the departure of an aircraft, ship, etc. (Compare *man* ("supply with staff; take up position to operate").)... (https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/man_up)

Man up and Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight. (1 Samuel 4:9) Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. (1 Corinthians 16:13)

Samuel's context tells us that those men who will not stand up and be a man will become servants of their enemy. Paul expands "man up" to all believers.

Not long ago, there was a "cover shot" of a "male", certainly not a man as we would think of a man, on a well-known publication. "He" had a lot of makeup on which gave him very famine features. Have you noticed how make-up ads are starting to cater to males? They are being offered products that help remove a rugged masculine appearance.

** Male make-up counters could become a reality within five years, the UK boss of L'Oreal has said, as it is no longer a taboo for the "selfie generation". (This was my first encounter of the term, "Selfie Generation. I develop its meaning below.)

In an interview with the Daily Telegraph, Vismay Sharma, the cosmetics giant's UK managing director, said that demand for make-up among men was growing fast. Katie Morley, Consumer Affairs Editor 6 August 2017 • 9:00pm http://www.tele-

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My generation's hero, for lack of a better term, was John Wayne, who certainly projected a masculine image. As Christians, however, we know that the only true masculine image is found in the Word of God, with *the man Christ Jesus* being the only perfect man.

The education establishment, the fashion and the cosmetic industry are going to great lengths to erase God's distinction between male and female, and to promote the Effeminate Male. The battle against Biblical manhood is not new.

CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA ON THE EFFEMINATE MALE

While researching Leviticus 19:29, I encountered a very interesting teaching by Clement of Alexandria. (A.D. 153-193-217.) Clement is the only one mentioned in the 37 volume set *The Nicene Fathers* to address Leviticus 19:29, as he wrote to those rescued from paganism for the Christian faith. Among his several books are three called "The Instructor." In the first, he established the fact that the Word of God is the Instructor. In the second and third, he lays "down rules for the regulation of the Christians, in all the relations, circumstances, and actions of life, entering most minutely into the details of dress, eating, drinking, bathing, sleeping, etc." In these two books, he instructs those converted from paganism in "the principles of the Gospel, in the midst of the all but incredible licentiousness and luxury

by which society around was incurably tainted." [*The Ante-Nicene Fathers, Fathers of the Second Century, Vol.* II.167ff. Eerdmans 1979 reprint.]

Clement's date was before Christianity became approved by Rome--AD 312. Therefore, the instructions "in the principles of the Gospel" found in Clement's writings had a great influence in "overthrowing" pagan Rome as the converted pagans placed into practice "the principles of the Gospel" outlined by Clement, "in the midst of the all but incredible licentiousness and luxury by which society around was tainted." Obviously, the social climate in which Clement wrote was quite similar to our modern social climate.

The following is from Clement's second book of "The Instructor." The reader will probably be as surprised at what Clement said to the Christian converts from Roman paganism as was this writer. The section is lengthy, but we reproduced it all for obvious reasons. The *Fathers'* footnotes are bracketed [text], and this editor's comments are noted (#), and placed at the end. The two look the same, so don't confuse the [] with the () in the text. We may not agree with all Clement said, but his points are so well made we cannot overlook his words. I found his teaching below, though very unpopular among Christians, to be true to the Word. However, the only man we can totally agree with is Christ, and the men He used to give his word to us. I believe you will find the lengthy quote below well worth your time.

CHAP. III.--AGAINST MEN WHO EMBELLISH THEMSELVES. (Pp 275ff.)

To such an extent, then, has luxury advanced, that not only are the female sex deranged about this frivolous pursuit, but men also are infected with the disease. [1] For not being free of the love of finery, they are not in health; but inclining to voluptuousness, they become effeminate, cutting their hair in an ungentleman like and meretricious way, clothed in fine and transparent garments, chewing mastich, [2] smelling of perfume. [3] What can one say on seeing them? Like one who judges people by their foreheads, he will divine them to be adulterers and effeminate, addicted to both kinds of venery, haters of hair, destitute of hair, detesting the bloom of manliness, and adorning their locks like women. "Living for unholy acts of audacity, these fickle wretches do reckless and nefarious deeds," says the Sibyl. (1) For their service the towns are full of those who take out hair by pitchplasters, shave, and pluck out hairs from these womanish creatures. And shops are erected and opened everywhere; and adepts at this meretricious fornication make a deal of money openly by those who plaster themselves, and give their hair to be pulled out in all ways by those who

make it their trade, feeling no shame before the onlookers or those who approach, nor before themselves, being men. Such are those addicted to base passions, whose whole body is made smooth by the violent tuggings of pitch-plasters. It is utterly impossible to get beyond such effrontery. If nothing is left undone by them, neither shall anything be left unspoken by me. Diogenes, when he was being sold, chiding like a teacher one of these degenerate creatures, said very manfully, "Come, youngster, buy for yourself a man," chastising his meretriciousness by an ambiguous speech. But for those who are men to shave and smooth themselves, how ignoble! As for dyeing of hair, and anointing of grey locks, and dyeing them yellow, these are practices of abandoned effeminates; and their feminine combing of themselves is a thing to be let alone. For they think, that like serpents they divest themselves of the old age of their head by painting and renovating themselves. But though they do doctor the hair cleverly, they will not escape wrinkles, nor will they elude death by tricking time. For it is not dreadful, it is not dreadful to appear old, when you are not able to shut your eyes to the fact that you are so. (2)

- [1] Heathen manners are here depicted as a warning to Christians. We cannot suppose Christians, as yet, to any extent, corrupted in their manners by fashion and frivolity; for to be a Christian excluded one from temptations of this kind.
- [2] Query, de re Nicotiana?
- [3] Smelling of Nicotine?

The more, then, a man hastes to the end, the more truly venerable is he, having God alone as his senior, since He is the eternal aged One, He who is older than all things. Prophecy has called him the "Ancient of days; and the hair of His head was as pure wool," says the prophet. [4] (3) "And none other," says the Lord, "can make the hair white or black." [5] How, then, do these godless ones work in rivalry with God, or rather violently oppose Him, when they transmute the hair made white by Him? "The crown of old men is great experience," [6] says Scripture; and the hoary hair of their countenance is the blossom of large experience. But these dishonour the reverence of age, the head covered with grey hairs. It is not, it is not possible for him to show the head true who has a fraudulent head. "But ye have not so learned Christ; if so be that ye have heard Him, and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that ye put off, concerning the former conversation, the old man (not the hoary man, but him that is) corrupt according to deceitful lusts; and be renewed (not by dyeings and ornaments), but in the spirit of your mind; and put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." [7] (4)

- [4] Dan. vii. 9. (a truly eloquent passage.)
- [5] Matt. v. 36.

[6] Ecclus. xxv. 6.

[7] Eph. iv. 20-24.

But for one who is a man to comb himself and shave himself with a razor, for the sake of fine effect, to arrange his hair at the looking-glass, to shave his cheeks, pluck hairs out of them, and smooth them, how womanly! And, in truth, unless you saw them naked, you would suppose them to be women. For although not allowed to wear gold, yet out of effeminate desire they enwreath their latches and fringes with leaves of gold; or, getting certain spherical figures of the same metal made, they fasten them to their ankles, and hang them from their necks. (5) This is a device of enervated men, who are dragged to the women's apartments, amphibious and lecherous beasts. For this is a meretricious and impious form of snare. For God wished women to be smooth, and rejoice in their locks alone growing spontaneously, as a horse in his mane; but has adorned man, like the lions, with a beard, and endowed him, as an attribute of manhood, with shaggy breasts,--a sign this of strength and rule. So also cocks, which fight in defence of the hens, he has decked with combs, as it were helmets; and so high a value does God set on these locks, that He orders them to make their appearance on men simultaneously with discretion, and delighted with a venerable look, has honoured gravity of countenance with grey hairs. But wisdom, and discriminating judgments that are hoary with wisdom, attain maturity with time, and by the vigour of long experience give strength to old age, producing grey hairs, the admirable flower of venerable wisdom, conciliating confidence. This, then, the mark of the man, the beard, by which he is seen to be a man, is older than Eve, and is the token of the superior nature. (6) In this God deemed it right that he should excel, and dispersed hair over man's whole body. Whatever smoothness and softness was in him He abstracted from his side when He formed the woman Eve, physically receptive, his partner in parentage, his help in household management, while he (for he had parted with all smoothness) remained a man, and shows himself man. And to him has been assigned action, as to her suffering; for what is shaggy is drier and warmer than what is smooth. Wherefore males have both more hair and more heat than females, animals that are entire than the emasculated, perfect than imperfect. It is therefore impious to desecrate the symbol of manhood, hairiness. [1]

But the embellishment of smoothing (for I am warned by the Word), if it is to attract men, is the act of an effeminate person,--if to attract women, is the act of an adulterer; and both must be driven as far as possible from our society. (7) "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered," says the Lord; [2] those on the chin, too, are numbered, and those on the whole body. There must be therefore no plucking out, contrary to God's

appointment, which has counted [3] them in according to His will. "Know ye not yourselves," says the apostle, "that Christ Jesus is in you?" [4] Whom, had we known as dwelling in us, I know not how we could have dared to dishonour. But the using of pitch to pluck out hair (I shrink from even mentioning the shamelessness connected with this process), and in the act of bending back and bending down, the violence done to nature's modesty by stepping out and bending backwards in shameful postures, yet the doers not ashamed of themselves, but conducting themselves without shame in the midst of the youth, and in the gymnasium, where the prowess of man is tried; the following of this unnatural practice, is it not the extreme of licentiousness? For those who engage in such practices in public will scarcely behave with modesty to any at home. Their want of shame in public attests their unbridled licentiousness in private. [5] For he who in the light of day denies his manhood, will prove himself manifestly a woman by night. "There shall not be," said the Word by Moses, "a harlot of the daughters of Israel; there shall not be a fornicator of the sons of Israel." [6]

But the pitch does good, it is said. Nay, it defames, say I. No one who entertains right sentiments would wish to appear a fornicator, were he not the victim of that vice, and study to defame the beauty of his form. No one would, I say, voluntarily choose to do this. "For if God foreknew those who are called, according to His purpose, to be conformed to the image of His Son," for whose sake, according to the blessed apostle, He has appointed "Him to be the first- born among many brethren," [7] are they not godless who treat with indignity the body which is of like form with the Lord?

The man, who would be beautiful, must adorn that which is the most beautiful thing in man, his mind, which every day he ought to exhibit in greater comeliness; and should pluck out not hairs, but lusts. (8) I pity the boys possessed by the slave-dealers, that are decked for dishonour. But they are not treated with ignominy by themselves, but by command the wretches are adorned for base gain. But how disgusting are those who willingly practise the things to which, if compelled, they would, if they were men, die rather than do?

- [1] On the other hand, this was Esau's symbol; and the sensual "satyrs" (Isa. xiii. 2) are "hairy goats," in the original. So also the originals of "devils" in Lev. xvii. 7, and 2 Chron. xi. 15. See the learned note of Mr. West, in his edition of Leighton, vol. v. p. 161.
- [2] Matt. x. 30.
- [3] comment on a hebrew word.
- [4] 2 Cor. xiii. 5.
- [5] Such were the manners with which the Gospel was forced everywhere to contend. That they were against nature is sufficiently clear from the remains of the decency

in some heathern. Herodotus (book i. cap. 8) tells us that the Lydians counted it disgraceful even for a man to be seen naked.

- [6] Deut. xxiii. 17.
- [7] Rom. viii. 28, 29.

But life has reached this pitch of licentiousness through the wantonness of wickedness, and lasciviousness is diffused over the cities, having become law. Beside them women stand in the stews, offering their own flesh for hire for lewd pleasure, and boys, taught to deny their sex, act the part of women. (9)

Luxury has deranged all things; it has disgraced man. A luxurious niceness seeks everything, attempts everything, forces everything, coerces nature. Men play the part of women, and women that of men, contrary to nature; women are at once wives and husbands: no passage is closed against libidinousness; and their promiscuous lechery is a public institution, and luxury is domesticated. (10) O miserable spectacle! horrible conduct! Such are the trophies of your social licentiousness which are exhibited: the evidence of these deeds are the prostitutes. Alas for such wickedness! Besides, the wretches know not how many tragedies the uncertainty of intercourse produces. For fathers, unmindful of children of theirs that have been exposed, often without their knowledge, have intercourse with a son that has debauched himself, and daughters that are prostitutes; and licence in lust shows them to be the men that have begotten them. These things your wise laws allow: people may sin legally; and the execrable indulgence in pleasure they call a thing indifferent. They who commit adultery against nature think themselves free from adultery. Avenging justice follows their audacious deeds, and, dragging on themselves inevitable calamity, they purchase death for a small sum of money. The miserable dealers in these wares sail, bringing a cargo of fornication, like wine or oil; and others, far more wretched, traffic in pleasures as they do in bread and sauce, not heeding the words of Moses, "Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore, lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness." [1] (11)

Such was predicted of old, and the result is notorious: the whole earth has now become full of fornication and wickedness. I admire the ancient legislators of the Romans: these detested effeminacy of conduct; and the giving of the body to feminine purposes, contrary to the law of nature, they judged worthy of the extremest penalty, according to the righteousness of the law. (12)

For it is not lawful to pluck out the beard, [2] man's natural and noble ornament.

"A youth with his first beard: for with this, youth is most graceful."

By and by he is anointed, delighting in the beard "on

which descended" the prophetic, "ointment" [3] with which Aaron was honoured.

And it becomes him who is rightly trained, on whom peace has pitched its tent, to preserve peace also with his hair.

What, then, will not women with strong propensities to lust practice, when they look on men perpetrating such enormities? Rather we ought not to call such as these men, but lewd wretches (Greek word), and effeminate (Greek word), whose voices are feeble, and whose clothes are womanish both in feel and dye. And such creatures are manifestly shown to be what they are from their external appearance, their clothes, shoes, form, walk, cut of their hair, look. "For from his look shall a man be known," says the Scripture, "and from meeting a man the man is known: the dress of a man, the step of his foot, the laugh of his teeth, tell tales of him." [4] (13)

For these, for the most part, plucking out the rest of their hair, only dress that on the head, all but binding their locks with fillets like women. Lions glory in their shaggy hair, but are armed by their hair in the fight; and boars even are made imposing by their mane; the hunters are afraid of them when they see them bristling their hair. "The fleecy sheep are loaded with their wool." [5] And their wool the loving Father has made abundant for thy use, O man, having taught thee to sheer their fleeces. Of the nations, the Celts and Scythians wear their hair long, but do not deck themselves. The bushy hair of the barbarian has something fearful in it; and its auburn (greek) colour threatens war, the hue being somewhat akin to blood. Both these barbarian races hate luxury. As clear witnesses will be produced by the German, the Rhine; [6] and by the Scythian, the waggon. Sometimes the Scythian despises even the waggon: its size seems sumptuousness to the barbarian; and leaving its luxurious ease, the Scythian man leads a frugal life. For a house sufficient, and less encumbered than the waggon, he takes his horse, and mounting it, is borne where he wishes. And when faint with hunger, he asks his horse for sustenance; and he offers his veins, and supplies his master with all he possesses--his blood. To the nomad the horse is at once conveyance and sustenance; and the warlike youth of the Arabians (these are other nomads) are mounted on camels. They sit on breeding camels; and these feed and run at the same time, carrying their masters the whilst, and bear the house with them. And if drink fail the barbarians, they milk them; and after that their food is spent, they do not spare even their blood, as is reported of furious wolves. And these, gentler than the barbarians, when injured, bear no remembrance of the wrong, but sweep bravely over the desert, carrying and nourishing their masters at the same time.

Perish, then, the savage beasts whose food is blood! For it is unlawful for men, whose body is nothing but flesh elaborated of blood, to touch blood. For human blood has become a partaker of the Word: [7] it is a participant of grace by the Spirit; and if any one injure him, he will not escape unnoticed. Man may, though naked in body, address the Lord. But I approve the simplicity of the barbarians: loving an unencumbered life, the barbarians have abandoned luxury. Such the Lord calls us to be--naked of finery, naked of vanity, wrenched from our sins, bearing only the wood of life, aiming only at salvation. (*Fathers*, II. 275-277.)

- [1] Lev. xix. 29.
- [2] When the loss of the beard was a token of foppery (Foolery, ed.) and often of something worse, shaving would be frivolity; but here he treats of extirpation.
- [3] Ps. cxxxiii.2.
- [4 Ecclus. xix. 29, 30.
- [5] Hesiod, Works and Days, i. 232.
- [6] Of which they drink.
- [7] He took upon him our nature, flesh and blood. Heb. ii. 14-16.

Comments.

Clement clarified that he could not agree with the evil actions of the Sythian barbarians. Rather, he commends their distain for the finery of this world. We cannot deny that men have been and are being demasculinized, feminized to the point where they think nothing of acting like, looking like, working like and even smelling like women, while women have been urged to take the place of men in every area of activity. In the entertainment industry, the females have joined the males in aggressively talking about and moving toward licentiousness and lewdness.

Deuteronomy 22:5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

The above law has been horribly abused. The Law forbids women and men from switching roles in society, *e.g.*, women in military uniform for battle, or in law-enforcement. Those areas normally identified with men. Or stay-at-home dads who replace the wife and mother in the home. (Financial situations may require that reversal of roles.)

The Biblical roles of male and female are under serious attack all around us, particularly in the statist education system. Clement (A.D. 153-193-217) shows us that the warfare is not new. Faithful, Biblical Christianity overthrew pagan Rome by 312 A.D. Therefore, Scripture is confirmed by history that there is victory even in the

midst of the most serious attacks against God and His Word.

(1) The smooth skin, perfumed smell, love of finery, alluring/provocative attire, feminine hair, marked these men as effeminate "creatures," using Clement's word. "Foreheads...," Clement was well versed in scripture, for the Lord does indeed judge according to the "forehead":

Jer 3:3 Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed. (See alos, Ezk. 9:4, Rev. 7:3, 9:4, 13:6, 14:1, 20:4, 22:4.)

The effeminate must be judged by God and man as effeminate; because they refuse to repent, they "shall not inherit the kingdom of God.. (Mat 7:15ff, 1 Cor. 6:9.)

- (2) Men and women seek to cheat time—elude death—by denying their grey hair. They desire to retain their youthful appearances with dyes and other tricks, including surgery, to escape the ravages of time. It is not dreadful to appear old. In fact, The hoary (grey) head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness. (Pro 16:31.) Vast sums are spent by people militating against God and His image in them. They are fearful of appearing as old as the Lord made them. Of course, advertising does not help, as it promotes the youthful look, free of grey hair and wrinkles. People use many various means in their vain attempts to trick time, but nothing can permit one to elude death at its appointed time. The VA sent me to a well-known dermatologist in Cincinnati to have a skin cancer removed. Her specialty was to make women look youthful. From what I overheard, women pay hundreds of dollars per treatment to remove those things that made them look old.
- (3) Want to appear Godly? Let the hair turn white as wool in the way of righteousness. The white like wool in Rev. 1:14, must also include Christ's beard, Isa. 50:6. Why, may we ask, did the beard become "out of style"? Who were the men seeking to please when they shaved it off? However, today the beard seems to be gaining popularity. One wonders if that popularity is an effort by men to retain their manliness in the day of the feminization of men? Look at old pictures taken before the turn of the 20th century. The men had beards.
- (4) Is not the use of coverups and fraudulent means to conceal one's natural appearance of growing older contrary to Eph. 4:20-24? (1 Thes 4:6, *defraud*, to be superior, gain or take advantage of another, to overreach... See 2 Cor. 2:11 for an interesting observation.) Are we sure we want to abide by the New Testament laws as presented by Paul, or do we just want the ones with which

the natural man can agree?

By the sight of it (grey hair, ed.), the Lord would solemnise us in the midst of our pursuits. "Lo! the shadow of eternity! for one cometh who is almost already in eternity. His head and beard white as snow, indicate his speedy appearance before the Ancient of Days, the hair of whose head is as pure wool." (*Leviticus*, Andrew Bonar, p. 355.)

Reverence, not necessarily obedience, is required toward the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, Lev. 19:32. When one uses dyes, cosmetic surgery, clothing, &c., to look younger, he or she is defrauding the onlooker. Moreover, does one forfeit the reverence commanded to the elderly by the Law of the Lord by desiring to appear young?

- (5) The actions Clement describes are extremely shameless exhibits of licentiousness: lewd, and given over to sensual pleasure, especially perverse sexual pleasure, even speaking of sodomy. Modern dance is licentious. Clement held that the smooth appearing face and features, female type hair, and the wearing of golden ornaments such as chains &c., was "womanly." "In truth," he said, "unless you saw them naked, you would suppose them to be women." There certainly is nothing new under the sun, Ecc 1:9!
- (6) The beard and grey hair are signs God placed upon manly, vigorous, mature men. The beard, according to Clement, is God's token of the superior nature of man, for both the man and the beard were in existence before Eve. The Creator had/has a beard, white as wool; He created Adam in His image, so Adam obviously had a beard that would be the envy of any man. Why is man so against that God's image? The lack of a beard was considered a sham by the godly men of old. What has changed? (2 Sam 10:4, 5, 1 Chron 19:5, Rev 1:14) It looks like beards were common up until WWI, when men had to be clean shaven.
- (7) Clement makes a point hard to argue against: Ridding of hair, shaving and/or plucking, by men to be attractive to other men, "is the act of an effeminate person,--if to attract women, is the act of an adulterer..." Why, therefore, do men take great pains to remove their beards, and both men and women take such great pains to hide their age by removing the grey hair? Are they attempting to appeal to members of the same or of the opposite sex? We should mention here that it is feminine for women to appear "hairless," with exception, of course, of the shaved head, 1 Cor. 11:5, 6. On the other hand, for men to appear feminine is quite contrary to

Scripture. (A bald head on a man is quite natural. In fact, bald is considered beautiful by many today.) We must also conclude that those women who dress intentionally to attract attention of men, are in fact adulterers. If they dress to attract the attention of other women, it is the act of a sodomite. (1 Tim. 2:9. The broided hair, gold, pearls and costly array speak of things that are used to intentionally draw attention to one's self. There certainly is nothing wrong with nice hairdos, and fine jewelry. The condemnation is against using those things to attract immodest attention. We must speak about apparel, particularly immodest apparel. It is impossible to go into any public place, including most churches, and not notice that many women's apparel, intentionally or unintentionally, attracts the immodest attention of men. Is it not the act of an adulteress, or the attire of an harlot? (Immodest apparel is an act of an adulteress and of a harlot. Pro 7:10, Gen 34.)

(8) The man must pay more attention to his mind than to his "beautiful" physical appearance: "Pluck out not hairs but lusts." Certainly, physical neatness and cleanliness is appropriate and important, but far more important is mental neatness and cleanliness. The two go hand in hand, for cleanliness of the inner man will result in cleanliness of the outer man and his surroundings--environment. But when Christians fail to exercise Godly concern and action for the environment, radical environmentalism will take over.

Bodily exercise is commendable, but far more profitable to health and long life is the exercise unto godliness, 1 Tim. 4:8. "Slave-dealers." Romans bought young boys to be used in the most perverse ways. The North was "our" slave-dealer because of the tremendous profit in purchasing a slave for a keg of rum, and selling him to the planters in the South who needed the labor. The Muslims still remain the chief slave-dealers in the world, and white women bring the highest price. We cannot imagine what the Muslims do to these women.

(9) Great care was taken to see that boys sold and used for sodomite purposes were hairless. Obviously, stealing and selling "hairless" boys for sodomite purposes is far more common today than we admit. We certainly cannot expect the perverts in high places of power and authority to reveal what is taking place concerning the numerous numbers of children being stolen! Christians have been convinced by the enemy that they have no business in places of civil power. The result is that pagans, with few exceptions, fill those places.

The National Lesbian and Gay Journalists' Association has grown from under 545 members and 7 chapters in

1992 to over 1,200 members and 18 chapters today. The members are producers at National Public Radio and editors and reporters at big-city newspapers. At its 5th annual conference in October, recruiters came from *CNN*, the *Washington Post*, and the *New York Times*. The *Associated Press* fielded its own caucus. The biggest supporter of the event was *Knight-Ridder* (\$15,000), followed by *Gannett* (\$10,000) and NBC News (\$8,000). Others included *CBS News* and the *Los Angeles Times* (*Human Events*, 12/8/95. Can we imagine who is involved and what the numbers are now, 20 years later?).

Sodomy with boys is a well-kept secret, and is especially prevalent among the moneyed "privileged," including politicians. How many boys "voluntarily" enter into the world of sodomy for the money? Many government schools are teaching very young children that they can (must?) choose what sex they want to be, even in the "red" states, supported by the Christian tax payers.

- (10) Sounds as though Clement's time of "luxury" was also a "PC" society that attempted to eradicate the natural distinction between men and women. We were in a fast food line, and behind us were two females. One had very short hair, and was carrying a baby's car seat. The other looked very much like a young woman. We were also at the county fair, and saw the same thing. The one who tried to look like a man was pushing a baby stroller. My VA office here in Hillsboro OH, has a receptionist who tries to be a man. Her hair is very short, and she does her best to hide her womanhood from the front.
- (11) Denying nature or seeking to change nature commits adultery against nature, therefore, against nature's God. "People may sin legally..."! It sounds like Clement is writing about today's laws.
- (12) He calls on men to look and act like men, and exalts civil authorities who detests effeminate men, "giving the body to feminine purposes, contrary to the law of nature..." Such men are "judged worthy of the extremest penalty, according to the righteousness of the law." Clement was calling on those in civil authority to exalt manliness, as well as exalt femininity in women. As effeminate men and masculine women are exalted by civil authority by such things as "gay rights" laws, civil authority is clearly under God's curse.
- (13) People are known by external appearances: conversation, *i.e.*, manner of life, Eph. 4:22, Php. 1:27, Titus. 4:12, Heb. 13:5, &c.

Conclusion:

We cannot ignore the openness of sodomy in our day, the feminization of men and the confusion of the sexes — trying to make men out of women and women out of men. Under Obama, the military financed "sex change operations." Trump has set a date when those operations must stop. The unGodly have been working to convince us that a woman can be the same as a man on the battlefield.

We previously addressed Deuteronomy 22:5, pointing out that God's law forbids women from occupations normally associated with men, and men are forbidden from those things normally associated with women, for such things confuse God's order.

How can one say that when one female makes it through the hard physical training of an elite military group, that is "proof" that all females must be permitted in all military positions. (Some time ago, I believe I read that female pilots wreck more aircraft than males.)

Nor can we ignore the modern effort to trick time with drugs, surgery and dye.

Reading Clement's statement "AGAINST MEN WHO EMBELLISH THEMSELVES", we see that what we face today is no different from what Clement preached against in his day. The problem addressed by Clement is that man is a sinner, and at every opportunity, he militates against God's image in himself in his appearance (tattoos, &c.). Man the sinner will spare no expense nor effort to rebel against God's in himself.

Proverbs 8:36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

Only through the atoning sacrifice of the Prince of Peace can man find peace with himself and with God.

THE SELFIE GENERATION

MATTHEW 7:15-20.

There are numerous Scriptures which affirm that false teachers and heresies must come according to God's perfect plan for history. I have developed those passages in the past. (biblicalexaminer.org/topic/)

The term "Selfie Generation" pretty well describes itself. "Selfie" pictures flood the social media as all emphasis turns upon "self." (We saw a make-up ad in Wal-Mart, "Be ready for a Selfie.) The NYT gives a very sad insight into "The Self(ie) Generation."

"A fascinating new survey by the Pew Research Center finds that millennials (defined by Pew as Americans ages 18 to 33) are drifting away from traditional institutions — political, religious and cultural. Before we make a value judgment about these changes, let's lay them out and understand how fundamentally they will transform the structure of American society and our conception of societal norms. ...

Millennials are the first in the modern era to have higher levels of student loan debt, poverty and unemployment, and lower levels of wealth and personal income than their two immediate predecessor generations had at the same age."

https://www.nytimes.com/2014/03/08/opinion/blow-the-self-ie-generation.html

Source of the "Selfie Generation"

History is important, so please bear with me for a short history lesson.

The "Selfie Generation" did not happen overnight. It is a product of at least 150 years worth of planning, deception and militancy against God and His law.

In the late 1800s, Socialism appeared in two forms: Fabian Socialiam and Marxist – Leninist Socialism. Both have the same Socialist dream of a perfect New One World Order, but their means of obtaining that NWO vastly differ.

FABIAN SOCIALISM

The Fabian Socialists was founded in 1884 in London. "Fabians believed in gradual nationalization of the economy through manipulation of the democratic process." Obama was a Fabian! Fabian Socialists Marxist – Leninist move slowly to change a society into Marx and Lenin's dream society. ObamaCare was his big move to nationalize 1/5 of the economy.

 $https://www.forbes.com/2008/11/03/obama-fabian-socialist-oped-cx_jb_1103bowyer.html$

"Fabianism is a radical London-based movement initiated in the 1880s for the purpose of subverting the existing order and establishing a Socialist World Government controlled by its leaders and by the financial [banks, ed.] interests associated with them."

It developed from Karl Marx's effort to promote Socialism in England: "the International Working Men's Association, established in 1864. ... While other Socialists talked of revolution, the Fabians resolved to build Socialism gradually and by stealth."

http://www.freebritainnow.org/0/fabiansociety.htm

"The Fabian Society is Britain's oldest political think tank. Founded in 1884, the Society has and continues to be at the forefront of developing political ideas and public policy on the left.

"The Fabian Society derives its name from the Roman general Quintus Fabius, known as Cunctator from his strategy of delaying his attacks on the invading Carthaginians until the right moment. The name Fabian Society was explained in the first Fabian pamphlet which carried the note.

"For the right moment you must wait, as Fabius did most patiently, when warring against Hannibal, though many censured his delays; but when the time comes you must strike hard, as Fabius did, or your waiting will be in vain, and fruitless." ..." http://www.fabians.org.uk/about/the-fabian-story/

A WINDOW OF TRUTH

In 1910, George Bernard Shaw designed the Fabian Window, which clearly tells the whole story of deception by the Fabians.

"The window explicitly reflects the goal of the Fabian Society to portray an outward role contrary to its real character, i.e. to use deception in pursuing its ultimate aim. Specifically, a Wolf in Sheep's Clothing is the image which appears in the shield above the world being wrought in the Fabian mold. This biblical reference comes from the New Testament and a sermon by Jesus warning that false prophets come in sheep's clothing, but are actually ravening wolves. Authors such as G. Edward Griffin, in his book The Creature from Jekyll Island, have given voice to the reality that this shield image highlights the distinguishing feature of the Fabians as compared to the communists, in that the Fabians desire to create a socialist state using subversive tactics, as opposed to the communist method of revolution and violence."

 $https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fabian_Window$

DECEPTION

The Lord himself warned us about the Fabians, and identified them as an antichrist:

2 John 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. **Revelation 12:9** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Deception is Satan's only means of warfare against the Saints. Deception is the Fabians' only means of warfare to accomplish their Socialist agenda.

TRUTH is the only weapon given to the Saints to defeat Satan, and his New One World Order: Babylon.

Fabian Socialists see and use deceitful words as their weapons of warfare against every sign of a Biblical society. The Kingdom of God must be destroyed before the kingdom of darkness can obtain its desire of total control.

The Fabians see deceit as a legitimate method to accomplish their heart's desire. (The new man in Christ cannot comprehend such evil.) Their deceptive words are used to subdue their enemies under their authority. Once they gain that authority, the truth is revealed.

For the last 100 years, the Fabians have clearly stated their goal to bring in a New One World Socialist Order. Both Bushes clearly stated their NWO goal. Because Roy Moore's record proves he is truthful, he is a terror to the Fabians in and out of Congress. Soros and the other

Fabians will say whatever they think the public wants to hear, a populist message, to get support. When in power, the truth is revealed. John McCain is one of the more effective, committed and vocal Fabians:

'McCain Whines About Threats to Globalist "New World Order"

Warmongering U.S. Senator John McCain, perhaps the most aggressive neocon globalist in the Senate, complained in Europe last week that what he called the "New World Order" was "under enormous strain."...

https://www.thenewamerican.com/world-news/europe/item/25700-mccain-whines-about-threats-to-globalist-new-world-order

Watch McCain as he vigorously defends the NWO, and attacks anything that might hinder its progress.

(In the past, senators were appointed by their states' legislators, and could be recalled by the states. Obviously, the Fabians could not allow that law to stand. Their election is now by popular vote, where they can deceive themselves into office.)

However, all of our elected officials, with very few exceptions, are Fabian Socialists. When even good people get elected, they are "persuaded" to fall into line with the Socialist agenda. If they do not, they must contend with the wrath of McConnell and Ryan, so their campaign promises are ignored.

Though Trump is clearly a populist humanist and probably a Socialist, the problem with him seems to be that he did not come up through the "ranks," and did not "earn the position." Though I certainly do not know his mind on the matter, but as I muse on the subject, I wonder if he knew it was safe to present a populist message and try to be true to his promises, knowing the Fabians in Congress would not advance his "agenda."

Another political season is quickly descending upon us, and we will be up to our necks in Fabian deceptions, *i.e.*, lies:

"Dems Hold Back on Gun Control to Avoid 2018 Bloodbath... Paul Ryan Still Gives Them a Victory on Gun Bill" (Breitbart News Roundup: Vegas Mystery Deepens, GOP Pre-Emptively Surrenders on Gun Control.)

The anti-gun members of Congress know if they make their feelings about guns known and work against guns at this time, they will be out of a job come November. In order to retain their power, they will say whatever they think the voter wants to hear. Fabian deception will prevail, as the Socialists seek to retain and gain their power. Moreover, Congress, led by Ryan and McConnell, will promote and defend Socialism to the last breath.

Our King warned us many times that deceptions are a necessary evil in His eternal plan, and at times, deceptions may prevail; they would lead many down the broad road to destruction. The only effective weapon against deceptions, both in the secular and religious realm, is *His Truth as revealed in His Word*. A key piece of *the armour of God* which enables us to stand in the days of lies and deceptions is *truth*.

Eph. 6:14, Luke 17:1, Acts 20:30, 1 Cor 11:18, 1 Tim 4, 2 Pet 2, Gal 5:20, 1 Jn 2:19. See Torturing Christ, 2 Pet 3:16 at http://www.biblicalexaminer.org/w199502.htm

WHY HAS FABIAN SOCIALISM BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL?

Humanism: every man can be his own god, and determine for himself what is right and wrong, "follow your heart." **Socialism**: through human wisdom, man can find and enforce the perfect combination of law. By bringing the world under the control of a few at the top, peace and prosperity will develop. Humanism and Socialism go hand in hand, so we will use only one term for both, **Socialism**.

Very few professed Christians know Scripture well enough to recognize the deceptive lies of Socialism offered by religious and secular leaders. (Does not the natural man desire to be his own god, able to determine for himself what is good and what is evil?) The Divinely appointed result of man's desire to be his own god is death---not only personal death, but death of his social order.

The problem

"While America's evangelical Christians are rightly concerned about the secular worldview's rejection of biblical Christianity, we ought to give some urgent attention to a problem much closer to home–biblical illiteracy in the church. This scandalous problem is our own, and it's up to us to fix it.

"Researchers George Gallup and Jim Castelli put the problem squarely: "Americans revere the Bible-but, by and large, they don't read it. And because they don't read it, they have become a nation of biblical illiterates." How bad is it? Researchers tell us that it's worse than most could imagine...."

http://www.albertmohler.com/2016/01/20/the-scandal-of-biblical-illiteracy-its-our-problem-4/

I will not take the space here to again develop the implications Isaiah 56, but God lays the blame for the destruction of a society upon pastors who "prophesy for profit." Rather than "prophesy" the hard hitting and convicting **TRUTH** that might offend, they "prophesy" what the natural man wants to hear. (Isaiah 56, Hosea 4:6)

The "Christian" pulpits, either unable to or unwilling to, have failed and are failing to wage an effective warfare

with **Biblical Truth** against the Fabian Socialist's deceptions. Thus, Socialism has conquered almost every area of society, especially the pulpits and education systems at all levels, with little or no pushback from Christians. Not knowing the Truth or unwilling to defend the Truth in the public square has allowed deception and death to prevail. While complaining about what is taking place in society, the church has destroyed itself.

Proverbs 8:36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death. **Hosea 13:9** O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help.

FABIAN EDUCATION PRODUCED THE "SELFIE GENERATION."

From their beginning, the Fabians realized something Christians have ignored: That is, the importance of the education of the young people in order to control the future. Through their deceptive tactics, the Fabians gained inroads into the higher education institutions, and took over the greatest of the once great Christian colleges. From those colleges, they have sent out massive armies of deceivers to subdue the nations for Humanism and Socialism. The churchs must send out its army equipped with the Truth, to subdue the nations for the Kingdom of God.

"Most of the colleges in the United States that started over 300 years ago were Bible-proclaiming schools originally. Harvard and Yale (originally Puritan) and Princeton (originally Presbyterian) once had rich Christian histories. Harvard was named after a Christian minister. Yale was started by clergymen, and Princeton's first year of class was taught by Reverend Jonathan Dickinson. Princeton's crest still says "Dei sub numine viget," which is Latin for "Under God she flourishes."

https://answersingenesis.org/christianity/harvard-yale-princeton-oxford-once-christian/

Through subtlety, the Fabians slowly, quietly and increasingly trained the teachers in the Socialist agenda. Those teaching institutions have been and are being supported by Christian parents who desire a top ranked education for their children. The well-trained, even Christian, Fabian teachers were sown like wheat into the state controlled "public" school system, particularly into the colleges, all with tax money extorted from the public through property tax. They instilled their Marxism-Leninism into succeeding generations of young people.

Note that those teachers, even though they might profess Christ, who teach the Socialist and Humanist deceptions in the classroom, are tools of *that old serpent* which deceiveth the whole world. How will they answer

the King of Truth in that day? (Rev 12:0)

As the Socialists teachers produced more Socialists teachers, Socialism gained strength. Their training was passed down to the following generations, and their "converts" became more numerous and committed, both in the classroom, and in society. In the classrooms, they developed and enforced the anti-Christ implications of what they had been taught. Just a quick glance will reveal how radical Humanism-Socialism has taken over in the classroom at all levels of education.

"Baseball star Curt Schilling unloads on millennials

...It starts in elementary school, and it continues in college. As Sasser noted, many colleges are de-emphasizing history while simultaneously teaching the supposed merits of socialism and offering majors such as "gender studies" and "women's studies." In fact, a 2016 report found fewer than one-third of the top colleges and universities in the U.S. required history majors to take even a single course in American history.

""So we teach them nothing, but what we're doing is propagandizing these kids, and it's been very, very successful if we look around us," [veterian journalist, *ed.*] Sasser said."

http://www.wnd.com/2017/10/baseball-star-unloads-on-millennials/
(Why millennials are ditching religion for witchcraft and astrology - http://www.marketwatch.com/story/why-millennials-are-ditching-religion-for-witchcraft-and-astrology-2017-10-20)

Christian institutions were targeted, and quietly infiltrated. They fell to the ungodly agenda, and turned out wolves in sheep's clothing to devour the people of God. Multitudes of "Christian humanists" now stand before "God's" people promoting Humanism and Socialism.

So while Christians slept, or ignored the situation, the Fabians proceeded to train educators. They gained power over the textbooks, without a united serious challenge from the Christian community. Pagans were and are elected to the school boards, and the Christians wonder why pagans dominate classrooms and the textbooks.

In the **Great Kanawha County Textbook War,** the school board voted to allow an openly Humanist and anti-Christ curriculum, and the parents revolted. Government force was used to put down the revolt, and the Humanist, anti-Christian curriculum was forced upon the community.

"The textbook supporters generally believed that in an increasingly global society with interconnected economies, students needed to have access to the languages and ideas of diverse cultures. This included an obligation to challenge existing belief systems as well as to question the

U.S. government. This concept was especially powerful in 1974, when the Watergate scandal was about to bring down a presidency.

"For years, many social conservatives and Christians had felt excluded from the American education system—because of liberals like American Atheists founder Madalyn Murray O'Hair. Murray O'Hair had led a campaign against school prayer, and in 1963 the United States Supreme Court declared school-sponsored Bible reading and prayer to be unconstitutional. In the eyes of conservative Christians, their religion had been replaced in classrooms by another belief system: secular humanism. Those frustrations boiled over in Kanawha County in the summer of 1974."

 $http://american radioworks.public radio.org/features/textbooks/\ See\ also,\ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanawha_County_textbook_controversy$

How many times have we heard, "The schools in our district are good schools"? Have they even read the text-books? Though the teachers may be good Christians, there is not a "public" school that does not teach Humanism.

It goes without saying that Socialism must use every means possible to war against the *The Biblical Truth*, and remove it from public thought.

The Socialist teachers of the "Selfie Generation" graduated from those taxpayer financed education institutions, and as they continue to develop the Socialist agenda, Socialism gains strength. The result is a generation of education leaders and teachers who enforce the Marxist-Leninist agenda.

The result is the "Selfie Generation", probably typified by Bernie Sanders' supporters, sees God's law-word as restrictive bands and cords. They have been taught to despise "traditional institutions," such as marriage, religion, &c. They have been trained to forsake the foundation of *Truth*, so a new foundation can be established: Marxist Socialism. Socialism has been dressed up in fine clothing, and has been "Christianized" by the *wolves in sheep's clothing*.

So why should young people stay with the Christian religion, when it offers no serious structure of *truth*? (I did an article some time ago about the attraction of Islam. It offers a strict structure that is missing from the Christian Humanism being proclaimed by religious leaders of our day. I am finding that churches with a strict structure which enforces *Christian Truth* are attracting and keeping young families.)

Though both political parties are clearly humanistic and throughly anti-Christian, the Democratic party is more open in its determination to remove the Christian God from society. **Read the NYT article**, and you will

see the Democrat party's platform spelled out.

https://www.nytimes.com/2014/03/08/opinion/blow-the-self-ie-generation.html

As one reads down the list of identifying marks of the "Selfie Generation," he can easily see that that the "Selfies "are a product of the Marx - Lenin Socialist dream society. Though the dream Fabian Socialist theory has failed many times, those failures have only increased the Socialists' determination. They operate by faith that their dream system will work, but they must expand the Socialist kingdom of men to cover the whole earth to make it work.

The "Selfie Generation" is a product of the Socialist-Marxist education system.

Over the past many years, the Fabians found the time was right and they struck and are striking hard. Let us develop some Fabian implication that we see today.

First, no doubt Obama can be ranked as one of their top victories. Cover-ups, deceptions and outright lies got him into office. There he made great strides toward their NOW goal, more than Bush 1, 2 and Clinton were able to do.

Second, for the Socialist deception to succeed, it was especially important to draw the religious community into the deception. They had to gain control of Christian colleges, so they could produce a secular, Socialist Clergy. That religious deception was especially important in undermining the Christian faith to destroy the foundation of any society, the Christian family. The true Socialist agenda is powerless against a faithful Christian community that knows and understands God's word of Truth. So faith and the written word of God had to be undermined. By far, most of the modern translations have undermined sound doctrine.

Third, the Socialist deception had to gain control of the curriculum. The Fabian's had to dumb down the population before they could accomplish their humanistic goals. Thus, the humanistic education system has produced a generation that cannot read, or that has no desire to read. I have a copy of the *Eighth Grade Examination for Bullit County Schools, November, 1912.* Very few college graduates can answer the questions. (It was that one room school house generation that brought about the great industrial revolution of the late ninetieth and early twentieth centuries. Many of those old school buildings, built about 5 miles apart, still stand around us here in Ohio, and have been turned into homes.)

The dumbing down process is obvious. It takes special talent and dedication to quietly dumb down a total society to where they can neither read nor write without creating a public uproar. The Fabian lie is "we do not

have enough money nor nice enough buildings to produce a quality education." People believe that lie enough to mortgage their property with taxes for eternity so the school board can pursue the impossible dream. Also, the education system has become dependent on Federal grants to exist. The Feds threatens to withhold taxpayer funds from those facilities that do not teach their Fabian agenda, and doing so, they gained control of all education with taxpayer funds.

Fourth, we must not fail to mention Darby's notes in the 1911 Scofield Reference Bible. They have been a tremendous aid in producing the "Selfie Generation." Starting in 1860, Darby was able to convince Christians that social involvement was sin, and that they would be raptured out at any moment. (See *Death of the Church Victorious*, by this writer.)

Fifth, congress will not back down from its Socialist agenda. The Fabians in Congress will not let ObamaCare be removed, for it is a key in establishing the New World Socialist Order of their dream. McCain promised to work hard to advance Trump's agenda, so Trump supported him. Secure for another six years, he immediately revealed his true Fabian character. Energy may be next. Drilling permits may be limited, but "renewable energy" will be encouraged with heavy taxpayer subsidy. (We are now the world's leader in Natural Gas production.)

Speculation only: Congress knew Obama would not sign a repeal of ObamaCare, so they, with great public fanfare, passed repeal. On the other hand, Trump knows Congress will not pass a repeal, so he has promised to sign a repeal. We can be confident that the Socialists will not turn loose of 1/5th of the economy. However, there are several excellent health care plans available to Christians, which are a fraction of the cost of any "insurance" plan. Christians have no one to blame but themselves if they are caught in the ObamaCare web.

Sixth, the world fanatical system has been conquered by the Fabians, *i.e.*, the NWO. The 1913 Federal Reserve Act started small and unnoticed by the public. It nationalized the US economy, and led the rest of the world in nationalizing their economies. Since 1913, the Fabians have had a strangle hold on not only the US's but the world's monetary system. The Fabians in Congress will never allow that Act to be undermined. However, God's law shall destroy the Socialists monetary system of debt and fiat money. Are we prepared? And the list goes on and on.

Seventh, wars, wars and more wars. From the time

of Lincoln's war, Americans have been forced into unwanted wars — WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and now the eternal war in the middle east. (Vietnam produced a drug dependent generation of young men.)

Wars have been found to be the most effective means of bringing about social change, as well as controlling every facet of a society, e.g., manufacturing, finances, economy, &c. America's wars have been engineered for a purpose, including Lincoln's war. That purpose has been to undermine the Christian foundation and to accomplish the dream of the New World Order. The NWO continues Nimrod's dream of uniting all the peoples of the world against God. (Ps 2) The NWO dream is of a perfect world order controlled by those who are convinced they are god, and that they can bring about peace and prosperity on earth by their fiat law-word.

God has already pronounced His judgment upon them, for *Babylon the great is fallen*, *is fallen*. (Isa 21:9, Rev 14:8, 18:2)

A big part of the War of Northern Aggression was the Unitarians of the North against the Calvinists of the South, as well as to bring the economy under control of the bankers. (Remember our Lord's warning about the *love of money...*")

"On 22 March 1790 Thomas Jefferson became the first US secretary of state. His opposite number was Alexander Hamilton as secretary of the treasury.

These two stayed at loggerheads. Hamilton was the lackey of banks & big business, always angling for a central bank. Jefferson saw America's strength in a wide distribution of wealth, farmers, and small business, without much banking. All of American history can be viewed as a battle between those two factions for dominance, big business & banks against agrarianism. Unfortunately Hamiltonians won during the War Between the States. The war created the great northern fortunes & an embryonic central bank was created. After the war the corporations & banks were turned loose to loot the country, which they accomplished with gusto. The 1913 founding of the Federal Reserve put the capstone on the bank's great pyramid of power." *Franklin Sanders, The Moneychanger.*

There is great profit to be made by wars, so there must be perpetual world-wide wars. How many deals have been made with even our sworn enemies for the sake of expensive military hardware, e.g., Saudi-Arabia, who is helping to finance the Muslim takeover of the US. Eisenhower warned of the "military-industrial" money making complex. (We also have a medical-industrial complex that must continually discover new illnesses for which to design new drugs.) Who cares how many

are killed by wars or even by drugs, as long is there are lots of jobs and profits to be had?

(Do a quick search, and one will find that America finances our enemies in order to keep the military cash flowing. https://www.alternet.org/story/147217/the_u.s._war_addiction%3A_funding_enemies_to_maintain_trillion_dollar_racket)

A strong immigration policy and even a border wall would do more to keep America safe than a military overseas, but there is little profit in "homeland" safety.

Obama did his job well: One in five people in the US are immigrants, illegal and legal, with five large Muslim communities where not even law enforcement dares to go. America will drastically change unless Christian Missionaries descend upon the Muslims while there is still legal room to do so. That door is quickly closing, as the Fabians work through immigration to remove what is left of our Christian foundation.

The Fabian Socialists expand their kingdom of darkness by insisting that everyone under their authority abide by their laws. Christians are to expand the kingdom of God by enforcing Godly laws, as they have the opportunity, into every realm of their authority.

Fabian Socialism takes over so slowly that it goes unnoticed and unchallenged until it has complete control. We look at the Marxists' violent take over of nations such as China and Russia (both takeovers with US aid), and say "that will never happen here," but it has. Fabian Socialism was so slowly implemented that it was ignored until it started applying the open Marxist's pressure.

We must pray that the God of all mercies will open the eyes of Christian leaders that they will proclaim the untarnished Truth. Through the Truth as proclaimed in the Word, God will raise up His army and conquer the very gates of hell. The Saints must seek out truthful and honest leaders in both the religious and in the secular realms.

2 Cor 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; God's people must take control of their children's education, and see that it is in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We and our children must learn how to use the two-edge sword of the Word with which the Saints have been equipped. Heb 4:12.

We must seek out teachers of truth, and avoid wolves.

UNDERSTANDING SOUTHERN

* A possum is a flat animal but sleeps in the middle of the road. * There are 5000 types of snakes and 4998 of them live in the South. * There are 10,000 types of spiders all 10,000 of them live in the South, plus a couple little ones not seen before. * If it grows, it'll stick ya. If it crawls, it'll bite ya. * Onced and Twiced are words * It is not a shopping cart, it's a buggy * Jawl-P? means, Did you all go to the bathroom? * People actually grow, eat and like okra. * Finxinto is one word. It means I'm going to do that. * There is no such thing as lunch. There is only dinner and then there's supper. * Iced tea is appropriate for all meals and you start drinking it when you are two. We do like a little tea with our sugar. It is referred to as the Wine of the South. * Backwards and forwards means I know everything about you. * The word jeet is actually a question meaning, 'Did you eat?' * You don't have to wear a watch, because it doesn't matter what time it is, you work until you're done or it's too dark to see. * You don't PUSH buttons, you MASH 'em. *Y'all is singular. All y'all is plural. * All the festivals across the state are named after a fruit, vegetable, grain, insect, or animal. * You carry jumper cables in your car—for your OWN car. * You only own five spices: salt, pepper, mustard, Tabasco and ketchup. * The local papers cover national and international news on one page, but requires 6 pages for local high school sports, the motor sports, and gossip. * Everyone you meet is a Honey, Sugar, Miss (first name) or Mr. (first name) * You think that the first day of dear season is a national holiday. (It certainly was in WV, ed.) * You know what a sissy fit is.. * Fried catfish is the other white meat. We don't need no dang Driver's Ed. If your mama says we can drive, we can drive!!! * If you understand these jokes, forward them to your Southern friends and those who just wish they were from the SOUTH. (copied)

We loved living in the South, and love to visit friends down there whenever we have a chance.

MANLY, MANFUL...MAN UP?

THE LANGUAGE OF MANLINESS.

Excerpts:

Mention the word *manliness* these days and you'll probably be greeted with snorts and giggles; people have told me that the first time they visited this site, they thought it was a joke. Many people today associate *manliness* with cartoonish images of men sitting in their man

caves, drinking beer and watching the big game. Or, just as likely, they don't think much about manliness at all, chalking it up to the mere possession of a certain set of genitalia. Whatever image they have in mind when you mention *manliness*, it isn't usually positive, and it probably has nothing to do with virtue."

"Manliness means perfect manhood, as womanliness implies perfect womanhood. Manliness is the character of a man as he ought to be, as he was meant to be. It expresses the qualities which go to make a perfect man, — truth, courage, conscience, freedom, energy, self-possession, self-control. But it does not exclude gentleness, tenderness, compassion, modesty. A man is not less manly, but more so, because he is gentle."

"For anything worthy of the name of Manliness there must be first...the development of all that is in man—the physical, the mental, the moral, and the spiritual...virtue is the highest quality in a man; and so that manliness is most fully realized where the virtues are most fully developed—the virtues, shall we say, of Bravery, Honesty, Activity, and Piety."

To lose one's self-control was to lose one's claim to manhood, and thus men of this time [19th century, ed.] described such a slip as being *unmanned*. One dictionary of the time defined *unmanned* as "deprived of the powers and qualities of a man. Softened."

http://www.artofmanliness.com/2013/11/25/manly-manful-man-up-the-language-of-manliness/

Manliness today is seen as a 6 pack and a football game, or being able to handle one's self in a local bar.

Historically, manliness meant virtuous character, courage, especially on the battlefield, self-control, &c.

Manliness was something that had to be earned, and could be easily lost by impiety.

"MOTHER NATURE IS ANGRY"

Conservation biologist, Ed Schultz

https://trofire.com/2017/09/15/mother-nature-angry-conservation-biologist-ed-schultz/

Below article appeared in the NYT in 2015. It could have been written today with just a few words changed or added:

What Happens When Mother Earth Gets Angry

By far, the most important has been that Mother Earth is fuming. Hurricanes have drowned two American cities in recent years. Mammoth wildfires have raced across the American West. Toxic algae contaminate drinking water drawn from warmer and more polluted rivers and lakes all over the world. ...

Deep droughts have been especially worrisome. Brazil's largest city, America's most populous state and nearly all of South Africa now contend with serious water scarcity. Earlier this year, a paper in the Proceedings of the Na-

tional Academy of Sciences of the United States added fresh, peer-reviewed details about how a destructive drought from 2007 to 2010 in Syria played a role in igniting the calamitous civil war there in 2011. With the farm economy ruined, more than one million farmers and their families ended up in unstable, resource-scarce cities, where people were inspired by the Arab Spring to rebel against the country's authoritarian rule....

https://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/16/opinion/what-happens-when-mother-earth-gets-angry.html?mcubz=3

Horrendous hurricanes, floods, terrible and uncontrollable fires, snow a month early, earthquakes, &c.

The California fire is the largest in history. Look at the satellite and areal views where the fire burned patterns. The pattern is as though God pointed His finger and told the fire to go there and no farther. A whole neighborhood burned to the ground, but houses next to them are untouched.

Isa 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Scripture clearly teaches a progressive "enthronement of Godly law and order in the nations of the world." Though circumstances around us speak loudly of the whole world being held captive by the forces of evil, the prophets, Christ and the New Testament authors clearly proclaim His victory over the whole world before the end. All enemies will be placed under his feet, as *The kingdoms of this world become the kings of the Lord and his Christ.* (Ps 2, 110, 1 Cor 15:24ff, Rev 11:15, &c)

Progressive "enthronement" has been the position held by many of the great church fathers, many of the Reformers and by the Puritans who settled this nation. They saw that the world shall see a progressive conflict between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of Christ. That conflict will culminate in the destruction of **Babylon the Great**, a great One World Order that has attempted to obliterate everything that is of Christ. The Elect of God are continually assured that it is God's predetermined counsel that is being fulfilled, though the heathen rage and counsel together to overthrow the Lord and His Anointed.

We are promised that they will be overthrown by God, and there will be the progressive establishment of Godly law and order among the nations, and a long period of Godly prosperity, of Godly law and order, and then the second coming and the end of human history, the judgment.

How will the wicked kingdoms of this world be over-

thrown? Our Lord told us in Matthew 28:19, 20, that the Spirit will accomplish that task through the mediation work of Christ, and through the preaching and teaching of the Word of God.

1 Corinthians 1:27, 28, God has chosen to use the foolish, weak, base, and despised things. Things that are despised by the world quietly work as leaven in a lump of meal, and shall leaven the whole lump. (The Chinese Communist government is fearful that the Kingdom of God will overthrow it, so they have increased controls and persecution.) The work of God the Spirit is to subdue all things under Christ's footstool, and it will be accomplished before the end.

Zech 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

We live in the day of small, despised things, yet those things will expand the Kingdom to where it fills the whole earth. The world, including most Christians, does not comprehend the fact it is small things and insignificant things of God that shall cover the whole earth for the glory of Christ. The promise is clearly given at least twice:

Isaiah 11:9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. **Habakkuk 2:14** For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Though the powers of darkness, both human and spiritual, might believe they are in control of the world with their death and destruction, they are accomplishing God's eternal purpose. The humanist religion teaches that man controls his own destiny, but the wicked are in the hands of a righteous, just and angry God.

The winds blow, the lightnings strike, the rain and snow fall, the fires burn (4 started at the same time!!) and all according to God's predetermined and eternal purpose, or he is not God. The righteous must "suffer" with the ungodly, but the Elect have the sure promise of God's providential care. He loved them from the beginning, and gave himself for them. (Gal 1:4. See Job chs 37, 38, 39)

God did and does give Satan the authority and power to use nature and illness to kill and destroy, Job, 1 & 2. Even in Satan's use of "nature," God works all things together to accomplish His eternal purpose. Moreover, God lets the natural result of man's sin catch up with him through "mother nature", (Deut 28, 29) and he also

turns rebellious men and societies over to Satan for their destruction. (1 Cor 5:5)

Hosea 13:9 O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help.

Man destroys himself by his rebellion against God.

Job learned righteousness through his trials, as will the wicked learn righteousness through their trials. Horrendous "natural" events have their predetermined purpose, and will bring glory to the Creator as He uses them to teach *righteousness*.

The many recent historically destructive events have motivated the federal government to pledge unlimited sums of paper money to bail out those affected. The pledge will require vast amounts of fiat money to be created by the Federal Reserve in order to loan the Federal Government enough to "rescue" those determined to build in the swamps of Florida and Texas, and in the fire prone hills of California. (I was stationed in Puerto Rico, and my heart certainly goes out to them. But must the "taxpayers" rebuild an entire island that was already bankrupt?)

We must also take into account the "Hawks" who are in power, from Trump down. (Trump was a "Dove" on the campaign trail. Evidently, the Fabians got to him, and explained that financial "health" depends upon maintaining the hugely profitable milital-industeral complex. The military action in the Middle East since the "Towers" has accomplished nothing but more debt and death.) The military expenditures will continue to increase at a dramatic rate. Tax cut? There has been no talk of reduction in the Federal government, and the Fabians will not allow such a thing to happen.

We are warned

First, the amount of fiat money that must be created and "borrowed" to "rebuild" and continue to fight a useless and endless war is beyond our comprehension. The resulting inflation will force the average citizen, taxpayer or not, to pay for those who knowingly build in dangerous areas. The paper dollars will be worth less and less.

Second, insurance companies and banks face horrendous losses. Cost estimate for Harvey, \$190 billion; for Irma, up to \$300 billion. 1,000,000 cars were destroyed by Irma and Harvey, with only 60% insured. (The uninsured cars will be sold by their owners, and will work their way north: beware.) We have yet to learn the cost of the wild fires, but it will be qute high. We know from experience that the banks will not be allowed to fail, and fake money will come to the rescue. Will the insurance

companies be allowed to fail?

An unimaginable amount of fake paper money must be created by the FED, and loaned to the Federal Government. The result must be inflation, but how much and how fast? Inflation creeps up, and is almost unnoticed until we compare prices with a year ago. (A goal of the Fabian destruction of wealth is to make everyone dependent on an all powerful central government for survival.) We have been given a double warning:

Proverbs 22:3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished. (27:12)

The Christian is required to protect the "wealth" God has provided for him. As they say, "Different Strokes for Different Folks." Each person's way of protecting God's wealth is between him and God. I cannot urge you enough to put your wealth into some kind of physical property that is under your control. Of course, real property must be rented from the state, *i.e.*, property tax.

But in the end, "Our God reigns in heaven and earth", and does according to His will in the kingdom of men, and no one can say, "What doest thou".

FROM FRANKLYN SANDERS:

* Y'all listen up now, because I am only going to give this speech a few thousand more times: NEVER BUY PRE-MIUM. Over time, premium always disappears, so always buy the lowest cost silver or gold you can, consistent with liquidity (= ability to sell it anywhere in the world.)

* Y'all please listen to me: BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT GOLD DEALERS. As a class, they are liable to steal the quarters off a dead man's eyes. A dealer friend showed me some trades of an 84 year old widow made with Monetary Gold. Markup on the stuff they sold her ranged from 1.52 times to 2.072 times. Those are commissions from 53% to 107%, not the bullion industry standard 3.5% or less. Women, look out! Many of these companies view widows and single women as their natural prey.

And because somebody advertises on TV or hires famous Conservative newscasters to shill for them doesn't prove their integrity. In fact, gold & silver dealers charging normal commissions can't afford TV ads.

So please check around before some smooth talking salesman turns your \$200,000 investment into \$95,000. (I recently spoke with The Moneychanger, and was told of a man they had just spoken with who had paid \$2500 each for Canadian gold coins that they would have sold to him for \$1500 each. Radio and TV ads are not cheap.)

* On 14 September 1814 Francis Scott Key, detained

aboard a British ship in Baltimore harbor, wrote "The Star Spangled Banner" about the british bomardment of American Fort McHenry. Key was a devout Episcopalian who nearly became a priest instead of a lawyer, and avid poet, author also of many hymns. His legal career included pro bono (free) work for slaves as well as prosecution (as D.C. US Attorney) of abolitionists. He helped found the American Colonization Society, which sought to end slavery by freeing slaves and sending them back to Africa. Key's wife, Mary Tayloe Key, to whom he wrote many of his poems, bore him twelve children. I have heard but cannot now find the reference that Key would write poems for her to use as papers to roll up her hair on. Don't know whether that's true, but 'tis a pretty picture of love.

Football protests! The protesters do not know history. Comment

The first honest dealer I met was in the '80s, Julian Jarvis, who is a Christian. A man who visited our church in Linden told us about him, and business with him was by appointment only. He lived less than an hour south of us. He is closing down his business because of age. At a preacher's meeting in the '90s, I met another Christian, and I have found him to be honest: Franklyn Sanders. Both men buy and sell according to the spot price, plus their standard commission. From what I understand, 2.5% to 4% is standard. Sanders will tell you the amount of commission you are paying. (Spot price: http://www.kitco.com/market/) If you do anything with metals, one must take physical possession. The Moneychanger, 888-218-9226.

Personal

Just a few points.

- * My wife, Bettie, was able to go to South Africa for three weeks to visit her oldest daughter and their 12 children. She had never seen the two youngest grandchildren.
- * I had a stress test to see if my heart could stand another surgery. The test had excellent results.
- * I am considering an electrical implant in my back to help interrupt the pain from the scoliosis, which was brought on by not addressing the problem back in 1962.
- * The Lord has graciously allowed me to fill the pulpits as needed of two Presbyterian churches: one about 30 minutes south of us, and the other about 70 minutes in Ludlow Kentucky just across the river from Cincinnati. They both hold firmly to the Orthodox faith as defined in the Westminster confession, and the London Baptist confession of 1689. I certainly thank the Lord for these opportunities to proclaim His Word.

* With a Mac program called "Parallels", I am able to run my old Windows XP program, with which I did all my computer work before I got a Mac. I have what you might call an old Adobe web-building program for **dummies** called "Page Mill 3." With that program I was able to put up the initial <u>biblicalexaminer.org</u> site. I have done very little with that site since I switched over to a Mac computer some years ago. (Have I mentioned how much I hate Windows?)

I am now able to easily update the website. I have uploaded the many files from the Deuteronomy SS lessons I taught as the pastor in Linden. http://www.biblicalex-aminer.org/lessons.html

THE WAR ON MEN:

10 Ways Masculinity is Under Attack

And why the elite – not women – are to blame Paul Joseph Watson

[Masculinity, especially Christian masculinity and the Christian family must be destroyed for the NWO to succeed, *ed.*]

Men are facing a full frontal assault on their rights, health and culture like never before. The war on masculinity has never been so brutal – but it's not a war being waged by women. The attack is coming directly from the top, as the establishment desperately attempts to emasculate and disempower men in order to force women to be more dependent on the state, thereby enabling more power to be centralized and aiding the growth of big government.

Here are ten ways in which the state has declared war on men and masculinity;

1) Falling Fertility

Sperm counts amongst men have significantly decreased over the last half century and particularly over the last 25 years. In some European countries, sperm counts have dropped by as much as a third since 1989. Part of the fall can be explained by exposure to pesticides, endocrine-disrupting chemicals like Bisphenol A, and the many other artificial horrors that increasingly pervade our water and food supply. Many have made the connection between falling sperm counts and the open calls by innumerable elitists to drastically reduce world population by as much as 95%. Research shows that underpopulation, not overpopulation, will be the major demographic crisis of the 21st century as a result of humans failing to achieve the replacement rate of 2.1 children.

2) Chemical Warfare "Feminizing" Boys

Exposure to phthalates, which are found in many

plastics, is "feminizing" boys by blocking normal male testosterone and causing genital abnormalities, according to scientists. "Boys exposed to high levels of these in the womb were less likely than other boys to play with cars, trains and guns or engage in "rougher" games like playfighting," according to a BBC News report. According to Elizabeth Salter-Green, director of the chemicals campaign group CHEM Trust, phthalates are a true "gender-bender" because they lead to a reduction in "male behavior".

3) Degradation of Positive Masculine Role Models

Whereas 50 years ago, advertising, Hollywood and television was filled with examples of positive masculine role models that young men could look up to, today's entertainment industry routinely portrays men as clueless and bumbling oafs at best (think Homer Simpson, Everybody Loves Raymond, Married With Children) or at worst as aggressive sexual predators. Since advertising is primarily aimed at women, men in commercials are also now routinely depicted as either being emasculated losers or stupefied morons. Young men consuming this content grow up thinking that it is acceptable and even encouraged to aspire to these character traits. In doing so, they are robbed of their natural masculinity and find it extremely difficult to attract well-rounded women, who are rightly disgusted by such behavior. The entertainment industry is largely controlled by men, again underscoring the fact that this assault is a top down trend that has little or nothing to do with the gender war.

4) Metrosexual Malaise

Second wave feminism was a creation of the establishment itself and at its core has little whatsoever to do with genuine concern about women's rights. Radical feminism deliberately confuses gender roles and makes young men apprehensive about exercising their masculinity for fear of being seen as overbearing or aggressive towards women. This has contributed to an entire generation of "metrosexual" men who are promiscuous, unwilling to commit to a relationship and unable to fulfil a women's basic needs for healthy companionship, destabilizing society and making it more difficult for women to find suitable long term partners with whom to have children.

5) Cultural Marxism

Establishment-controlled second wave feminism also advances the doctrine of cultural marxism, which claims that oppression emerges from patriarchal society and culture, and not the state. Governments love cultural marxism because it absolves them of blame. The

true source of all oppression has always been the state, but by blaming it on men or western culture in general (which is primarily shaped by men), the state hides its own responsibility.

6) The 'Men are Paid More' Myth

The establishment promulgates the myth that men are paid more than women because of discrimination, feeding into feminist doctrines about patriarchal systems oppressing women in the workplace. In reality, the "wage gap" of around 19 per cent between the two sexes in the United States is explained by a number of reasons that have nothing to do with discrimination, including the fact that men work more hours and men seek less desirable jobs that pay higher. As a result, men account for 93% of workplace deaths despite being only 54% of the workforce. 94% of workplace suicides every year are also men. The establishment buries these shockingly high male workplace fatality figures because they completely contradict the myth that the jobs market discriminates against women.

7) The "Privilege" Trap

Statists, collectivists and their mouthpieces in the media and the establishment claim that western men (in particular white men) cannot express a valid opinion on any issue related in any way to a "minority" (such as feminism or immigration) because they have "privilege". The "privilege" talking point is a stunt through which liberals and feminists attempt to shut down free speech. In essence they are asserting the ludicrous notion that a man's viewpoint has no value because of the color of his skin, his gender or his country of origin. This is an inherently racist position, yet it is routinely used by leftists to shout down their ideological adversaries and silence male voices.

8) The Legal System Discriminates Against Men

In both divorce and child custody proceedings, it is widely acknowledged that courts heavily favor women and discriminate against men. Men are routinely hit with onerous alimony payments even if women are capable of working and earning a good paycheck. Men only receive custody of their children in around 10 per cent of divorce cases in the United States. The ironic thing about this system is that it has primarily been instituted by other men, emphasizing again how the war on men is being waged not by women, but by the primarily male-dominated establishment itself.

9) Masculinity as a Dirty Word

Dissident feminist Camille Paglia recently wrote a Wall Street Journal piece in which she warned, "What you're seeing is how a civilization commits suicide." Paglia was referring to how the emancipation of masculine virtues by the establishment threatens to create massive destabilization in society due to less and less men being able to fill traditionally "masculine" roles in the jobs market. Paglia points to schools cutting recess, the effort to deny the biological distinctions between men and women, and the left's characterization of controversial opinions as "hate speech" as examples of how masculinity is being deliberately eroded. "Masculinity is just becoming something that is imitated from the movies. There's nothing left. There's no room for anything manly right now," warns Paglia, adding that young men have, "no models of manhood."

10) Domestic Abuse Against Men

Whereas women have numerous safety nets to turn to if they become victims of domestic abuse, men have virtually none, despite the fact that domestic abuse against men is a huge and growing problem. In the UK for example, 44 per cent of domestic abuse victims are male, while more married men suffer abuse at the hands of their spouse than married women. While domestic abuse against women is constantly highlighted by the mass media, domestic abuse against men is a complete non-issue.

Conclusion

A totalitarian society can only survive if the male population has been gelded, emasculated and disenfranchised. With this natural bulwark against tyranny removed, the elite can centralize power and pursue collectivist tyranny unopposed. This is why men and masculinity are under assault on every level – and why both men and women should join forces to fight back against this common enemy.

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<u>Statesmen</u>

FOR WHOM MAY A CHRISTIAN VOTE

By Douglas Comin

According to Webster as found at http://www.your-dictionary.com/cgi-bin/mw.cgi:

- 1 : one versed in the principles or art of government; especially : one actively engaged in conducting the business of a government or in shaping its policies
- 2 : one who exercises political leadership wisely and without narrow partisanship.

I believe #2 is the closest to a Biblical definition. The statesman is one who exercises civil leadership accord-

ing to the wisdom of God, (Proverbs 9:10, &c.) and without kowtowing to any one group (Deuteronomy 1:17, &c.). (Roy Moore is a **statesman** in every sence of the word, *ed.*)

However, there are some who seem to think that a "statesman" is one who will sign agreements with constituents who vote, so the statesman can be held accountable in "measurable and definable terms" to that group of constituents. Who defines which group is the right group to "sign on" with? Are the ones making the demands seeking to be "king makers?" What if there are several groups making demands upon a candidate? A group of sodomites, a group of pro-abortionists, a group of pro-life, a group of anti-gun advocates, a group of tax-relief advocates, and a group of gun-owners all come to the candidate and demand he sign an agreement or their group will not support him. What if the gun-owners and the anti-abortion advocates differ in some major areas? (The list is endless.) Is the statesman the one who will sign the agreement with the group having the largest representation, and the largest campaign contribution?

Comments

First, the following concerns these united States of America, and I must agree that here in the US, the people are the king in the sense that they vote for those who best represent their views, which normally are very self centered. Thus, the people are responsible to throw the bums out when they fail to uphold the law. (The people will be judged for not placing godly men in office, and for not removing men who prove to be ungodly, Isaiah 24, Jeremiah 2:10ff., 6:26ff., &c. But we cannot get around the fact that God is the One who exalts and abases all authority by whatever means He chooses. The basic government is self-government, so wicked self-centered leaders are His result of a self-centered people.)

Second, elected officials swear, covenant, on the Christian Bible to uphold the law as embodied in the Constitution as originally meant, as it was based upon Scriptural law.

My use below of the word "Constitution" will be in its Biblical sense. I am not saying that the Constitution is the source of law, for that source of law must be the word of God. We will not here address the fact that the Constitution will not work without a general Christian consensus. The Christian pulpits have not maintained a Christian consensus. Thus, Christians have allowed the public schools and the entertainment industry, &c., to destroy that consensus. Now the general consensus

is pragmatic Humanism, i.e., that which works without the Christian God. Trump tapped into that pragmatic Humanism. I would much rather have his "populism" than what Hillary was offering. Pragmatic Moralism is a religion without God, and without Christian law as its basis, it must fail. As a result, we are being governed by covenants with evil, which are made behind closed doors in order to get elected, rather than by the Constitution as our founders meant it to be.

Leaders, upon taking office, do not swear to uphold agreements made with one group or another. The Constitution, the law, is "the measurable and definable terms" by which leaders must be measured. The voters are to throw the bums out for violation of the law of the land, not for violating various agreements they made with special interest groups. Sadly, we all know that we are being governed by those who have made covenants with men rather than the covenant they made with God when they were sworn in. The covenanted with God are to uphold the law of our land, the Constitution.

The final authority, the king, is not the people, but rather it is the law, i.e., the Constitution. It is not when a leader violates a signed covenant with a special group that he is to be removed. It is when that leader violates the Constitution, he or she is to be removed. America was not founded as a democracy, direct rule by the people, though those who desire to shape our thinking want us to believe this is a democracy. America's king is the law, embodied by the Constitution and based in God's law-word, though wicked men are doing all they can to replace the law with the covenants of men.

All godly government must start with self-government. A people lacking self-government will have an out-of-control civil government over them.

Third, the "measurable and definable terms" must be the faithful upholding of the Constitution, for that is what they swore to uphold. They did not swear to uphold the agreements.

Fourth, before election, the candidate can make agreements that are based in the Constitution, holding to its original Biblical law, which they will swear to uphold, *i.e.*, "I agree to defend the right to bear arms, the right to life, the freedom to practice one's religion, and to protect the life, liberty and property of others," or "I agree to fight against murder or against efforts to take away our right to bear arms." Are not those agreements upholding the godly principles upon which the Constitution was based? ("I agree to protect the sodomites and abortionists" was not in the minds of the framers of

the Constitution.) And thus proper pre-election agreements between the individuals and the candidate are basically agreements to uphold the Constitution, as the candidate will publically swear to do when he wins. It is by upholding the Constitution, that he will fulfill his pre-election agreements with various groups.

Are elected officials responsible to those with whom they make agreements, *e.g.*, pro-gun owners, pro-abortions, &c, or are they responsible to the law, the Constitution?

Can two walk together?

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3.) This is the Lord saying that He will not walk with anyone who does not agree with Him, and He threatens His judgment against those who refuse to walk with Him. The common agreement of two groups should be the common agreement to uphold the Constitution. Amos 3:3 tells me that I can only walk with and support those who see God's law-word as He sees it—that is, it alone is the final rule of all faith and action. (2 Timothy 3:16.) The *Shibboleth* that separates men must be one's attitude towards God's law-word.

Biblical courage is standing against special interest groups (even against the NRA, if necessary), and standing up for the Constitution, as it embodies God's laws, regardless of the costs. The magistrate's "measurable and definable terms" is his covenant with men to uphold the Constitution in terms of God's word, for God alone is the one who defines *good* and *evil*. (Romans 13:1-5.) If men demand that a candidate sign a pledge outside of God's basic *good* and *evil*, are not those men defining what is *good* and *evil* in their eyes?

Who exalts leaders, God or man?

Though the *magistrate* may be *elected by men*, God alone is the one who exalts him, even wicked men, to places of civil authority.

Nebuchadnezzar had to eat grass for "seven times" until he learned "that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men." What will God have to do to the corrupt men of our day before they will learn that God is the one who raises up and puts down all rulers, and those rulers are responsible to Him according to every word that proceeds out of His mouth? (Deuteronomy 8:3, Luke 44.) The pagan king, Nebuchadnezzar, had to learn that even his covenant was with the God of heaven and earth, and that his responsibility was to that God, and his place in this world was not the result of any action of any man or group of men. "The king spake,

and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?" (Daniel 4:30. See, 4:17, 25, 32, 35, 5:21.)

Though men elect their leaders, those leaders are placed there by God as His servants. (Romans 13:1-6.) Are they required to covenant with God's people, or are they required to covenant with God in terms of God's defined *good* and *evil?* Solomon's high priestly prayer was not a covenant with God's people. Rather, it was a covenant with God. (1 Kings 8:22ff.) Was God's wrath against His people because their king did not keep his, the king's, covenant with the people or because the king and the people did not keep the covenant with God? (2 Kings 22:16ff., &c.) Is it not arrogance on the part of man to think that God moves in terms of a standard he sets rather than in terms of the standard God has established in His law-word?

I have found over my lifetime in the ministry and working with people, that God's people seldom have the genuine desire to "think and act biblically" - that is, learn and follow God's law-word. More often than not, the people are looking for leaders who will meet their particular demands, and most of the time, those demands are anything but "biblical." Was that not the history of God's people throughout His dealings with Israel? Who is the pastor to represent, those who "voted him in," or the Lord God for whom he is to speak. (A church constitution must be carefully worded so the standard by which it operates reflects God's standard and not man's.) Though men brought the pastor in, who was his "covenant" with, men or God? When a pastor stands his ground and represents God's law-word, how many will flee the church, and will go where the pastor answers to men? The pastor who comes into a church based on a "covenant" with God's people in that church is in the wrong place. He is there to uphold the lawword of God, and he will answer to God. He is not there to meet the **demands** of a group of people.

A covenant

Will a covenant with those who "appoint them", (the "king makers") keep politicians from flip-flopping? Experience has shown covenants seldom keep people from flipping. Commonly, covenants are used to obtain what one party wants, and then after he obtains his desired goal, he does whatever he desires. (John McCain ran on a pro-Trump platform, and Trump supported him.) A politician can be, and more often than not is, whatever one wants him to be in order to get elected. Once in the

place of authority, the agreements are forgotten. (Before the election, there was a rumor of George W. Bush leading a teen to the Lord. AFTER the election, his staff said it was just that, a rumor. Who started the rumor? How many votes did it get for him from gullible Christians? As a committed Fabian, "W", along with Obama and McCain, has recently come out very strong against Trump's agenda.)

If the man does not fear God, then he will not fear man, and he will have no problem flipping. However, if he fears God rather than man, then one does not need a signed covenant from him. He will do what is right before God, and if one does *good*, he will have no fear of the authority violating the Constitution he swore to defend. (Romans 13. Obviously, the ideal of Romans 13 is godly men in authority, which has seldom been the case. Civil leaders are raised up by God to enforce God's justice.)

It is when the individual sets out to please God in whatsoever he does that God will unite the hearts of certain others to him. (1 Corinthians 10:31.) David and Jonathan made a covenant, called a covenant of the Lord — that is, it was made in God's name and fear, and it was before the Lord as the witness of it. (John Gill, 1 Samuel 20:8.) The covenant was not so one could gain power over another; rather, it was both parties submitting to do the right thing before the Lord God. The covenant in 2 Kings 23 was between the king and the people, but it was not the king agreeing to abide by the people's wishes. Rather, it was both the people and the king agreeing to "think and act biblically." That is, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments... with all their heart and soul, and to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. (See Deuteronomy 6:5, 10:12, Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:30, Luke 10:27.) Moses called upon the people to enter into a covenant, but that covenant was not between him and the people; it was between the people and God. (Exodus 19:5-8.) It is the arrogant man who seeks to make others subservient to his desires through "covenants," rather than subservient to the Constitution in our system of Government, and to the word of God.

Where does the strength and courage to stand up to the party leadership, Republican or Democratic, come from? Does it come from "entering into a covenantal agreement with us, the people" acting as *king*? If so, then someone needs to correct Peter, for his strength came from his covenantal agreement with God. (Acts 5:29 Then Peter and the [other] apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.)

Do not men who demand and make agreements that go farther than defending and upholding the Constitution violate their oath to God? (Deuteronomy 1:17, Godly men agree not to *respect persons in judgment*, and that means even people with good motives. Godly men will not enter into covenant unless that covenant is agreeing together to uphold the law, God's word, as did men like David and Jonathan.) In a republic, the leader swears allegiance to the law (Constitution), for the law is king. (That battle over who is king was fought in the 1200s, and resulted in the *Magna Carta*, 1215. "The Great Charter" said that the law is king, and no one is above the law. See *Lex Rex.*)

This nation was founded upon a covenant between men and God, and that covenant should be renewed at every election cycle. The first and basic covenant was the Mayflower Compact. Before they even stepped off the Mayflower, the founders of this nation agreed among themselves as a unified body, and they covenanted together with God that the purpose of the civil nation they were about to start was for the glory of God, and for the advancement of the Christian faith. Moreover, they agreed that the Christian faith was to be the religion; it revolved around the sovereign grace of God and the finished work of Christ. They further agreed together that the laws governing their new nation would be basically God's laws as found in His Holy Word. They also called upon the Lord to break out in wrath against those who would breach such a covenant, and we are facing that wrath today. ("Written by John Winthrop, 1588-1649, aboard the flagship Arabella. This document spells out what happens to a people when they forsake their covenant with God. Our nation needs to heed its warnings." God and Government, The Restoration of the Republic, V. III.xi. Emp. added.)

Certainly, covenants between men are justified, and even called for. They are agreements together to uphold the Constitution and to glorify God in their places of civil authority. (See also *The Christian Character of the Civil Institutions of the United States*, B.F. Morris, Introduction, p 52. G.W. Childs, Philadelphia, PA, 1864.) Our prayer is that God will deliver us from "politicians" and "king makers" who refuse to abide by the founding covenant to glorify God according to 1Corinthians 10:31. A politician does not have to be a Christian to glorify God as he establishes and enforces God's laws of justice.)

Do we want a republic where the leaders are held accountable to the law, or a democracy where the leaders are held accountable to the majority of the voters?

Therefore, a Statesmen Serves the King, and in our republic, the law, Constitution, is king, not the people.

I do not desire to see one of "our people" in places of leadership, even in churches. My experience has been that when "our people" get there, they become one of "them." The goal of a Christian with his prayers and support (time and money) must be to see one of "God's people" in those places, people who will not bow to the demands of even good people with pure motives. Certainly, a godly person in authority will accept counsel, but his decision must be based upon what God would have him do in that particular situation. (Proverbs 11:14, 19:20, &c.)

Our danger is not from the leaders, religious or civil, who fear God; rather, our danger is from those who demand that specific covenants be made other than the covenant to glorify God in supporting and defending the Constitution in its Biblical context, and from those who try to be all things to all men in order to get elected.

A **Statesman Fears God,** so his covenants will be to glorify the One who has the power to exalt or abase. Covenants with men other than 1 Corinthians 10:31 have, quite often, hindered one from doing as God would have him do. (Note that the marriage "covenant" is to be with God before men, not with men before God, but that is another study in itself.)

Clearly, one cannot be pleased with the way our nation is going, and we must agree that radical change is necessary. The radical change is not to make our elected officials accountable in "measurable and definable terms" to the "king makers" nor to the electorate. The change needed is to make them accountable in "measurable and definable terms" to the Constitution, **as it reflects God and His entire law-word.** But the problem, however, that we encounter is that people refuse to be held accountable to anything, nor to be under authority, particularly not under the authority of the law, whether the Constitution or God's law-word. Even "good" Christians reject the thought of spiritual authority. (He 13:17)

Every man wants to be his own god, able to determine for himself what is right and wrong. (Jeremiah 23:17.) The God-promised result is that He will give us leaders after our own independent spirit, leaders who will go their own way. The radical change needed is willing submission to God's law-word if we expect to see God change the hearts of our leaders, which only He can do. (Jeremiah 2:17, 4:18, 5:19, 6:19, 17:10, Pro. 21:1, Hosea 4:6 – God's people are destroyed because they refuse to submit themselves to Him and His law-word, not be-

cause they do not sign agreements one with another – 13:9. See also 1 Samuel 8.) The "measurable and definable terms" is the Constitution.

Let me close this short tome with the following quote: Can a Christian cast his vote, then, for a candidate who does not meet the biblical criteria defined in Exodus 18:21 and echoed in the Reformed Presbyterian Testimony? What if none of the candidates pass the Scriptural test? Should the Christian choose between the "lesser of two evils"? Here is the real difficulty. Let me make a couple of suggestions.

... the principle of representation must be rightly understood. An elected official is a representative, but of what? He is not, first and foremost, a representative of the people's desires. This is a man-centered view. The Godcentered view sees the magistrate as a "minister of God" who represents God's authority over the people. He is an agent of God to bring blessing upon the righteous and judgment upon the ungodly. While God can bring blessing to His people even through the agency of an ungodly ruler, such as Cyrus who was called "the Lord's anointed," He is not honored when His people willingly appoint rulers who are known to be covenant-breakers. (For the godly civil magistrate, the covenant is with God, not with the people. *Ed.*)

If we understand the representative nature of civil government to be man-centered, then we are justified in choosing between the lesser of two evils based upon which of them will most consistently meet our personal agenda for the nation. But if the representative nature of civil government is God-centered, then we cannot possibly be justified in electing an official who **hates God.** (Emp Added. Douglas Comin, For Whom May Christians Vote, The Christian Statesman, Vol. 137 No 3.)

Comment

The civil ruler's entire duty, as is all of our duty, is wrapped up in the following:

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this [is] the whole [duty] of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether [it be] good, or whether [it be] evil. (Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14.)

The civil or religious authority's duty and responsibility is not to those who desire to be "king makers." His duty is clearly spelled out in the Word of God: *fear God, and keep his commandments*. He must answer to God, not to man. My desire and ministry through The Biblical Examiner is to see **men**, yes men, who fear God in all places of authority-- civil, family, occupational, religious, &c.

A "GOOSE" IS ROASTED

The ruddy light of early dawn began to streak through the barred window and softly fell upon the face of a sleeping man. His name was John Hus. In spite of the fact that almost all of "Christendom" was arrayed against him and this was the dawn of his last day on earth, he slept in peace. A heavy, grated window barred him from the outside world and the beautiful scenery of the lake and mountains.

A century before Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the church of Wittenberg, this bold preacher in southern Bohemia was used by God to prepare the way for the coming of the Protestant Reformation. As the world remembers the 500th anniversary of Luther, it is fitting to pay tribute to John Hus, the man whose faithful life and triumphant death prepared the way for Luther's ministry.

Finally, the sun began to rise over the eastern Alps. It was July 6, 1415, at the Council of Constance, and John Hus, whose name means "goose" in Bohemian, was to be roasted today.

Hus had come to this city as a free man, of his own volition, to answer certain questions that the Church of Rome had against his teachings. Over the course of several weeks, he had been betrayed by the Emperor who had granted him safe conduct. Hus had been seized, imprisoned, and now condemned to die as a heretic.

Hus was born in 1369 in the small village of Husinetz. His parents were very poor, and young John had earned his education the hard way, by the sweat of his brow. He eventually became a public teacher at the University of Prague. By 1402, he was recognized as a skilled teacher, a man who knew and understood peasants and could effectively communicate God's truth. He was appointed to preach at the Bethlehem Chapel, a unique church where the Gospel was preached in the vernacular language of the people. This was very rare in the medieval church. Services were typically held in Latin, and the Bible was a closed book to the common man. Hus opened the Book of God and spent his life teaching the men, women, and children of Bohemia.

This was a momentous time in Europe. All of Christendom was in an uproar. For many years there had been two men contending for the crown of the pope. Both a French cardinal and an Italian one claimed the highest bishopric in the world, asserting their right to the keys of Peter and the headship of the Roman church. To settle this controversy, a church council had been called. The council had decreed that neither of the two popes

was the correct one, and they appointed a third. Now there were three popes!

In the midst of all this hubbub, it became very clear to the lesser nobles—the knights, the mayors, the craftsmen, and the dukes of Europe—that the Roman church had become internally corrupt. These nobles, along with many of the common people, began to drink at the pure fountain of the Word of God.

In the northwestern part of Europe, across the Channel in the land of England, a pastor named John Wycliffe had translated the Word of God from Latin into the language of the common people. The teachings of his followers, who derisively called "the Lollards" had begun to spread throughout Europe.

In the southern part of Europe, centered in the Piedmont region of the Alps, the area on the border of Switzerland, France, and Italy, another group of pious men and women, called the "Waldenses," also held fast to the simple truth of Scripture. For centuries they had been reading a Bible in the vernacular language of their Alpine valleys. They held to a simple and Biblical form of worship, without the trappings of Roman dogmas and traditions.

And now, at the third corner of Europe, far to the east in Bohemia, the Lord had raised up John Hus. Hus proclaimed to his flock at the Bethlehem Chapel that Christ alone is the head of His Church and that there is only one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. He proclaimed that only the Holy Scriptures were of binding authority, and he taught the Scriptures in the language of the common man. As with the Lord Jesus, the "common people heard him gladly," but the religious establishment hated and feared him. Hus was summoned to the city of Constance, near the border between the Swiss cantons and the Germanic states, to answer charges of heresy.

Hus was promised safe conduct to Constance to explain his teachings, but this promise had been violated. What had started as a friendly meeting had turned into an interrogation. Before long, he found himself in chains and imprisoned in a dungeon. His enemies summoned up many charges against him. They twisted his words, misquoted his writings, and brought up slanderous accusations. Called upon to recant all his writings and submit to the authority of the Pope, he refused to deny the truth of God.

Early in the morning of July 6, 1415, Hus was rudely awakened in his cell. He was called to the chamber where he was to be publically excommunicated, de-

graded from the office of preacher, and then committed to the fire.

Hus stood boldly before his enemies. The bishops dressed him in all the priestly vestments and then began to strip them off solemnly, with many curses. Finally, they took heavy shears and cut off the shaven crown of his head, removing skin and all. On the top of the bloodied head, the bishops placed a paper hat painted with a horrible image of demons dancing in a fire. The hat bore this inscription, "A

Ringleader of Heretics."

Bleeding and in pain from the cruel torture, Hus said, "For my sake, my Lord Jesus wore a crown of thorns, so for His sake should I not wear this light crown, even though it is a shameful thing?"

His cruel tormenters placed a chalice in his hands and then slowly pulled it away, slowly pronouncing this curse of excommunication, "We take from thee, accursed Judas, the cup of salvation."

These terrifying words hung in the air for only a moment, and then Hus replied, with perfect calmness and trust, "I trust in God, my Almighty Father, that He will not take from me the cup of His salvation, and I have a steadfast hope that I shall yet today drink it in His kingdom."

The ceremony finished, the bishops said, "Now we give over thy soul to the devil." Hus replied immediately with uplifted eyes, "But I commend to Thee, O Jesus Christ, the soul which Thou hast redeemed."

Hus was then led out of the city, placed upon a stake, and a chain was passed round his body to hold him there until his living flesh was consumed in the flames. As the masked executioner stepped forward with a lighted faggot, the courageous martyr met him with calm resolve. Weeks earlier, Hus had written a letter from his dungeon which expressed his remarkable faith in the triumph of the Gospel, "You are going to burn a goose, but in a century you will have a swan which you can neither roast nor boil."

The Bohemian word for "goose" is the word "hus," the surname of this dying martyr, John Hus of Bohemia. Is it not a remarkable providence of God that the swan is on the family crest of the German name Luther? It was almost exactly one hundred years from the date of Hus' burning that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Church in Wittenberg.

The pile of wood was lighted, the flames sprang up, and the crowd looked on at the spectacle of a living man being consumed in the flames, some in horror of symBiblical Examiner 5130 Danville Rd Lynchburg OH 45142

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pathy, some in vengeful delight. The life was lived. The truth was proclaimed. Those who witnessed the death of Hus affirmed that he died with these words on his lips, "O Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon me."

Over the course of 100 years, the teachings and simple Gospel of John Hus spread over a large portion of eastern Europe. The German states, the cantons of Switzerland, and the villages of Bohemia and Hungary became filled with the teachings of Hus. Called the "Hussites," these faithful men, women, and children continued to walk in the way their faithful pastor had taught them.

By the time that Martin Luther, in Saxony, was raised up by God to assert the truth, there was already a fertile ground for the seed of the Gospel to take root. Luther's enemies called him the "Saxon Hus," and it was very clear that Luther, the "swan," was asserting the same truth for which John Hus, the "goose," had been burned a century before.

Like John the Baptist before him, it was the destiny of John Hus to be a voice crying in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." He was faithful to that task, died a martyr's death, and received a martyr's reward.

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