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## THE WICKED DEMAND SOCIAL, NOT BIBLICAL JUSTICE

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1) **What is Cultural Marxism?** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFNOP2IqwoY>

2) **Defining Social Justice.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xR40kVb9au0>

What is **Cultural Marxism**? might be a little difficult to follow, but **Defining Social Justice** needs to be a family worship time. Do we or our young people know the truth about the demand for Social Justice?

See also, Joe Morecraft, **No Justice No Peace.**

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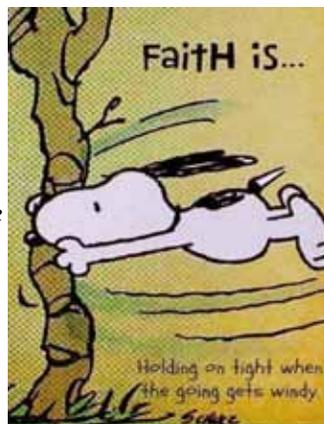
## THE WAR FOR WESTERN CIVILIZATION

**Introduction:** The following, as well as our current situations, must be understood in the context of Psalms 110, and Christ's everlasting rule from his throne on high at the right hand of all power and authority. His Divine Providence controls everything. See Pastor Weaver's article below. Those who have been on my mailing list know that, as our son-in-law says, why use 5 words when 10 will do? My style is to use more words than are normally necessary, as I "enquire" into wherever the Word leads.

### Our Texts

**Matthew 11:28** Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: **and ye shall find rest unto your souls.** 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden (i.e., load) is light.

**Jeremiah 6:16** Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, **and ye shall find rest for your souls.** But they



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said, *We will not walk therein.*

[**Quick note:** Jews, 1) those who live in the land or nation of Israel, Judea, 2) those born of the tribe of Judah, 3) those who followed the Jews' religion. Christ was a Jew, #1, 2. Paul, though a Benjaminite, was a Jew, #1, 3. The "Jews" who continually confronted Christ were the religious leaders of the Israelite, or Jewish nation. The "Jews" who followed Christ included 1, 2 & 3.]

Jesus Christ quoted Jeremiah 6:16 as he spoke to God's covenant people who were still under the Old Covenant.

**heavy laden** with the burdens of the ceremonial laws that were fulfilled and removed on the cross, Col 2:14. He could also be referring to the burden of the rules and traditions the Pharisees added to the law.

**heavy laden** with the burden of sin. Moses could never give rest for the troubled soul, burdened by sin and a guilty conscience. (See the book of Hebrews.)

As we look at the Old Testament context of the Prophet, we will find that Christ's words in vv. 28-30 have a very broad meaning and their application.

In both Matthew and Jeremiah, **take my yoke** means to willingly and gladly accept the yoke of God's law-word; that is, one willingly submits to his commands and precepts. Then by God's grace, he lives the many implications of the law in every area of life and thought.

**Yoke... is a symbol of subjection and**

**servitude.** The Lord invites the sinner to take *his* yoke upon himself, and learn of him; that is, exchange self-will for his-will; willingly submit to God's will as revealed in his law-word, and be content in whatever state he finds himself. **Unlimited and humble submission** to his will is extremely important in our day of turmoil. Only humble submission can result in rest for the soul: ***For his yoke is easy, and his burden is light.***

Christ uses *yoke* to mean taking on the genuine Christian religion, and following its laws as found in the **Law, Psalms and Prophets.** (John 14:15, with Pro 7:2, &c.)

**Psalms 2:2** *The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.*

The natural man considers the **yoke of law, especially God's law, to be an unbearable burden.** He considers God's law-word a binding cord that must be broken, for God's law prevents fallen man from being his own god. "Christians" have allowed humanism—defined as every person doing what is right in his own eyes, and being his own god, *i.e.*, anarchy—to be force-fed into their children through the government education system for over 100 years. The results are now upon us both in the church and in society.

On the other hand, Psalms 119 tells us that the Redeemed find the **yoke of his law delightful**, light and joyful. His *commandments are not grievous* to his people. (***Grievous***... Heavy, burdensome, severe, stern, weighty. I Jn 5:3. See also the joy promised by our Lord in John 13:17, 15:11. Jacob considered 14 years' service as a day, because of love.)

• **MATTHEW 11:28-30 AS UNDERSTOOD FROM JEREMIAH 6:16.**

I mentioned to a fellow pastor some years ago that an Old Testament passage that was being quoted by a New Testament author had to be understood in the context of its Old Testament usage, which made the New Testament usage mean something other than what the pastor was using it to mean. (I do not remember the passage, only the pastor's answer.) In other words, the entire context of a quoted Old Testament passage must be considered in order to get the proper New Testament understanding. Can there be a proper exegesis of a passage apart from its historical, social, practical and theological context?

The pastor told me that the New Testament author did not use the Old Testament meaning of the passage, and

that the quoted passage could stand alone apart from its Old Testament context. Such an idea allows the "teacher" to change the clear understanding of a New Testament passage where the New Testament speaker is quoting from the Old Testament.

All fundamental errors and heresies in the church may be traced to our Lord's words, ***Ye do err, not knowing the (Old Testament) Scriptures.*** Partial truth leads to error. In 1846, Charles Bridges made this point: "**Truth separated from truth becomes error.**" That is, when New Testament truth is separated from its Old Testament truth (contextual explanation), that New Testament truth becomes error. Accordingly, those who do not know the Old Testament are easily led astray with "truth separated from truth." The various recorded accounts preserved in the Old Testament are for our instruction; they must not be ignored nor taken lightly, for it is the Old Testament that explains the doctrine supporting the New Testament teaching. However, from the time of the Fall, the universal desire of man has been to remove the yoke of God's law from himself. (See <http://biblicalexaminer.org/gracelaw.htm>)

**Matthew 11:29** *Take my yoke ... find rest...* Corrupt theology has removed our Lord's words from their Old Testament context, which has led to many false teachings "in the name of the Lord," and his *sheep* are easily led astray.

Christ's message to his people in Matthew 11:28-30 is a common sermon text. Though all Scripture is given by God, and is required to fully equip the believer in his service for God, the context of Jeremiah's message in chapter 6 from which Christ quoted is seldom if ever developed. The context of ***rest unto your souls*** is Christ's warning, rebuking, or even condemning of the cities of vv. 20-24, Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum (which was exalted unto heaven) for rejecting him.

**Jeremiah 6:13** *For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. 14 They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. 15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD. 16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. 17 Also I set watch-*

men over you, saying, Harken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken. 18 Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them. 19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even **the fruit of their thoughts**, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

The rest of the chapter describes the evil *fruit of their thoughts* that his covenant people will reap as **God sends** many evils against those who refuse to “*harken to the sound of the trumpet*,” and refuse to repent. (See Ezekel chapters 3, 33, Pro 28:13, 14, &c.)

When Jesus Christ **quoted Jeremiah 6:16**, the Israelites to whom he spoke clearly understood its context; they understood that he was comparing them to their fathers of Jeremiah’s day who continually ignored the warning, and thereby willingly committed suicide. (Hosea 13:9) Observe, vv. 13-19

1. their fathers, from the highest to the lowest of society, were given to covetousness;
2. all were dealing falsely with his neighbor;
3. the spiritual leaders were promising peace and safety when there was no peace nor safety; they were clouds without water (“Don’t worry, be happy!”);
4. though they were committing every kind of shameful act, there was no shame, *e.g.*, adultery, pornography, sodomy, abortion, lust, covetousness, &c. *They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour’s wife.* Jeremiah 5:8;
5. their hardness in sin would not let them blush—they had a whore’s forehead;
6. God sent many warnings for them to return to *the old paths*, yet they said, *we will not harken.*

**Sound familiar?** Is it any wonder that Jeremiah is known as the “Weeping Prophet” as he saw the coming destruction of his beloved nation? We need “Weeping Prophets” today who will weep over the destruction of the once Christian Western Civilization. The Reformation lasted 500 years. How long will the Lord allow the present descent into darkness last?

Jeremiah told the *fathers* that the Lord will come in terrible judgment, and cast them down if they do not heed his warning from God. (There are many such comings of the Lord in judgment throughout Scripture. See Deut 28:15ff.) At the end of the Jeremiah’s scathing rebuke for their sin, he promises that they could **find rest for your souls**. That *rest* was conditioned upon repenting and returning to the **old paths, the good way** as defined by *the law of the Lord*.

The response to Jeremiah’s call to repent was *We will not walk therein; We will not harken.* (6:16, 17.) The response to Christ’s call to **his own**, the “Jewish” nation, to repent so they could find **rest for their souls** was the same. Christ said that his own nation had not only killed the prophets who came offering **rest** if they would repent, but that they would kill him also.

#### • JEREMIAH DEFINES THE BATTLE FOR WESTERN CIVILIZATION

**Jeremiah 6:16** is part of the context of Matthew 11:27-30. (V. 26, regardless of how things appear, righteous judgment tells us that all things are proceeding as it seems *good in thy sight*.) The context of Christ’s words in vv. 28 & 29 includes Jeremiah 6:19.

**Jeremiah 6:19** *Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.* (Calvin: His people would not hear, so he addresses the whole earth. That is, the whole earth is responsible to God’s law-word.)

**Note the wording:** “*Fruit of their thoughts*,” not “fruit of their deeds.”

In Jeremiah 6, the Tri-une God pronounces judgment against his sinful nation for its hardness of heart. The judgment would be **according to the fruit of their thoughts**. God tells the pagan nations to prepare for war against apostate Jerusalem. When Jesus Christ quoted Jeremiah 6, he issued the same warning. He came to *his own*, and called them to repentance, *But they said, We will not walk therein.*

**In Matthew 11**, Jesus Christ tells them that it was the fruit of their fathers’ thoughts and their refusal to heed the warnings that destroyed their nation. In this chapter, Christ is calling his covenant people, Israel, to a genuine conversion of the heart and attitude toward God, or judgment worse than the judgment of Sodom would come upon them.

Christ warned national Israel of the coming destruction if they would not change, and return to the old paths trodden by the godly saints of old. The Jewish Roman war was already “brewing” at the time of Christ. It was being encouraged by the Jewish nationalists who were urging rebellion against Rome. Jeremiah’s warning as quoted by Christ came to pass as Rome made **the land desolate, a land not inhabited** in 70 AD.

**Warning for US:** *But they said, We will not walk therein.* The result is that God has prepared, and has raised up pagans (*e. g.*, Antifa, China, Russia, with sup-

port and financing from our wicked political leaders) to war against us. God is the one turning the hearts of various kings and kingdoms against our beloved nation. (Proverbs 21:1) Matthew 28:19, 20, it is God who gives the power to the *beast* to blaspheme him in Revelation 13. History, both “secular” and Biblical proves that it is sure suicide to ignore the law-word of God. Ignorance of the law cannot be an excuse.

It is noteworthy that God has prepared and sent a bug from Asia that could devastate the crops that depend on honey bees for pollination. “A giant hornet has invaded Washington state, and it is hungry for honeybees. <https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/23/us/asian-giant-hornet-washington-state-scen-trnd/index.html> The apple crop could be devastated. The hornet will travel down the West Coast, and devastate our food supply. Washington state has shown itself to be controlled by communists, even threatening Trump if he brings in the National Guard to bring order to Seattle.

Both Jeremiah and Christ made it clear “judgment cannot be turned aside by mere sacrifice without a change of heart”—that is to say, there must be genuine conversion of the mind, will and emotions, a life-style change that comes from the heart. (Keil-Delitzsch)

The Word of God makes it clear that the **battle for the future of a Christian Civilization** must be led from the Christian pulpits. A much-used passage is,

**1 Peter 4:17** *For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? 18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear.*

**2 Chronicles 7:14** *If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

Romans 3 tells us that God cannot in his righteousness judge the wicked for their lawlessness if he does not first judge *the house of God* for lawlessness. We certainly are not speaking of eternal judgment which has been paid by Christ for his people. However, conversion does not exempt one from the fruit of his thoughts and actions. The change of heart *must begin at the house of God, or there will be no change in society.* The call is for *the house of God* to conform the mind, will and emotions to the law-word of God, and that change applied to all areas of life and thought.

God’s judgment upon the nation of Israel in Jeremiah and the nation Israel in 70 AD was the just reward for

**the fruit of their thoughts because they refused to listen and return to his law.**

(I saw an article with a picture of a policeman and a protester praying together. The article said that the two started a conversation about their common Christian faith, and they prayed together. Then the protester went on about his business of burning and looting.)

*the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.*

The basic Christian warfare is over **thoughts**. **The battle for a Christian Civilization is a battle for the mind.** The anti-Christ establishment realized that to gain control of a society, they had to start with the young child. Hence, they worked diligently to gain control of the education establishment in order to control the thoughts and intents of the young. Their control is now manifesting itself in the world-wide riots, as well as in the radical social change we see.

The church is the Christian’s basic training center, or boot camp if you will, where the believer is taught the basic tenets of Christian warfare, which starts with self-control, or thought control – *as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.* God sees and judges the thoughts and intents of the heart.

As Christians, we must consider the war that takes place in the thoughts. Thought-control is a **never-ending battle where blessings or curses are at stake.** Throughout both Testaments, the emphasis is on the thoughts. God has established appropriate **fruit of their thoughts** according to what takes place in the mind; moreover, he is the one who chooses what that fruit will be. (Ps 47:4)

**Pr 4:23** *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. **Php 4:8** Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. **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;*

**The weapons of battle for the preservation of our beloved nation** do not consist of the largest aircraft carrier in the world, nor a powerful laser that will blast the enemy out of sky, nor who has the most destructive

force at their disposal, nor a mighty standing army with the most advanced weapons on earth. (Einstein said WW IV will be fought with sticks and stones.)

**Proverbs 21:30** *There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD. 31 The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD. Ps 33:17 An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.*

i.e., it remains with Him to give the victory or not, for the horse is a vain means of victory, #Isa 33:17; the battle is the Lord's, #1Sa 17:47, i.e., it depends on Him how the battle shall issue; and king and people who have taken up arms in defence of their rights have thus to trust nothing in the multitude of their war-horses (cuwc,{ see definition 05483 } horses, including their riders), and generally in their preparations for the battle, but in the Lord (cf. #Ps 20:8, and, on the contrary, #Isa 31:1). (Keil)

That is, though armed might for self-protection is required by scripture, any victory depends on the Lord. Any other hope for victory is a sinful confidence, and forfeits the Lord's protection. (**Pr 21:30** *Nothing avails against, nothing without, God.*) That is, success in battle depends solely upon God's providence who alone gives the victory. (Ps 124:1, 2) What does it take to have the Lord on "our" side?

(Charlie Daniels: "God's in control, but owning a 12-gauge doesn't hurt. 'His ways are not our ways and His thoughts are not our thoughts'")

The basic war for a Christian Culture must be fought in the minds of God's people. That is, self-control of the mind according to the mind of Christ. **Php 2:5** *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*

**The battle for our nation** starts in the mind of the Redeemed. Training the saints for that warfare is the responsibility of God's men in the pulpits of America. (Eph 4:11-14) An effective army for the cause of Christ must have thorough instruction concerning God's rules of engagement. They need to know and practice the many practical applications of the law-word of God. The very basic beginning of the Christian battle for Western Civilization is against bitterness, anger, lust, hatred, envy, wrath, &c, but the warfare is much deeper and broader than **those inward pietistic attitudes.**

How does God's law address, or what does God's law say about every area of life and thought, so the soldier in the Lord's army might be thoroughly equipped in his battle to preserve Western Civilization?

In Galatians 5, Paul describes the works of the flesh that result in destruction of his people, and finally the

destruction of their society. In 2 Corinthians 10, he tells God's people they have the power of the resurrected Christ working in them, which enables them to win the battle of the mind, i.e., self-control.

The Lord through Jeremiah is saying to his covenant people of all ages, even to the end of the "Gospel Church age":

**1. Look back to ancient history,** and see how success and prosperity forsook our fathers when they left the path as revealed by the Tri-une God, and followed the way of the heathens. (1 Corinthians 10:1) Consider what happened to them when they said *we will not hear.*

**2. God raised up prophets from among his people** who sounded the *trumpet* of warning of impending doom if they did not return to the Lord's laws in their thoughts—*we will not hear.* They refused to repent and turn from their wicked ways.

**3. He called to his congregation to hear** and know and understand what was about to come upon them for their sins, and for rejecting his plea to return to him for their *rest.*

**4. God calls the entire earth to witness:** He is going to bring evil against *his covenant people* for their opposition and rejection to his law. Notice that God's action against them is not in response to their actions. Rather, it is in response to their thoughts which led to their actions – The *fruit of their thoughts* was self-destruction.

**Matthew 12:35,** *A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. Heb 4:12* *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

**5. There was no shortage of sacrifices in God's temple,** but those sacrifices were mere outward service. The hearts of those offering the sacrifices were in rebellion against *my words, ... my law.* **The judgment was not a result of not doing, but of a hard, unyielding heart to his law-word.** To obey is better than sacrifice, 1 Samuel 15:22.

**6. V. 21, I will lay stumblingblocks that will cause my covenant people to fall.** "*I will lay*" is an interesting statement by the Lord:

Jeremiah tells God's rebellious people that because of the *fruit of their thoughts, we will not tharken,* the Lord himself will place things before them things that will cause them to stumble. But they do not have to stumble

and fall if their hearts would be stayed upon him. (Isa 26:3) But their hearts were set and hardened in their own ways. (James 1:14)

Some obvious stumbling blocks that cause his people to self-destruct: bill boards, entertainment, advertising to motivate debt, easy credit, offers to advance within this world's system, &c. God is the one who lays *stumbling blocks* which cause his people to fall. The result then is his "judicial judgment." (The privately owned FED, made up of 10 private banks, is buying up the world with free credit, fiat, digital money created by a computer entry. Toyota sent out a *stumbling block*. I just received an offer of 0% interest for 60 months on a new hybrid Toyota. Though the FED creates their loan "money" with no more than a digital entry, even at 0%, the debt makes the borrower slave to the lending bank. Where are the protests against this modern slavery?)

I wonder if the nice sounding "patriots" and those who offer hope without repentance and righteous actions are stumbling blocks that have been established in order to bring God's judgment against our sinful nation?

In other words, in Jeremiah 6, we see his covenant people, Israel, refusing to be self-controlled, so God places stumbling blocks before them. They will go after those things that please the eye, the flesh, and appeal to their pride, and thus they **destroy themselves** because of their lack of self-control.

### 7. Note the length and depth of God's judgment:

**Jeremiah 7:19** *Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces? 20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.*

Every area of creation suffers for man's sin.

Jeremiah clearly tells us that the Lord offered his covenant people **rest for your souls**, if they would turn from their wicked ways, return to him and walk in his ways. He sent many prophets to sound the alarm, "*But they said, We will not walk therein.*"

In fact, Jesus Christ said that rather than turn from their sin, they killed the prophets:

**Matthew 23:37** *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! 38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.*

The description of their house being left desolate is in Matthew 24, as the "Great Tribulation" took place in within a generation after Christ's statements, 70 AD.

### • APPLICATION

#### **The battle for Western Civilization starts in the hearts of his covenant people.**

Our beloved nation of these United States has departed dramatically from the Covenant God in whose name it was founded. (Read the Mayflower Compact.) As under the Old Covenant, the fault of the departure lies in the hands of the religious leaders. For whatever reason and with few exceptions, many have offered no leadership in the law-word of God for every area of life and thought. Various established Christian doctrines are a joy and may be easy to preach, but where there is no preaching of the law, there is no knowledge of sin nor repentance. The redeemed need proper definitions and applications of right and wrong as they go about their daily lives:

**Romans 3:20** *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

We do not preach the law-word of God as a means of salvation. **Psalms 19** breaks down the purpose of teaching the law:

\* **Psalms 19: 7 *The law*** That is, not only the commandments, but the entire doctrine as delivered by all the holy men of old to his church, including both Testaments. (Poole)

\* ***of the LORD is perfect***, complete, whole, entire, not needing tradition. Adding to or detracting from his law-word is three times forbidden by the Word, for it alone defines the perfect will of God;

\* ***converting the soul***: Making the man to be returned or restored to the place from which sin had cast him. (CHS.)

\* ***the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.*** (*i.e.*, "babes" or "children." That is, the law of the Lord is the strong meat of the Word of God. Without the faithful, strong application of the law-word of God, God's people will remain immature "babes." (John Gill. Note the requirement for strong meat, Hebrews 5:1-6:2.)

\* **V. 8 *The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.*** Makes the mind of men clear;

\* **V. 9 *The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for***

*ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.*

V. 7, *The law of the LORD...* Margin, doctrine of the Lord.

The word used here — hrwOT — is that which is commonly employed in the Old Testament with reference to the law of God, and is usually rendered “law.” The word properly means “instruction,” “precept,” from a verb signifying “to teach.” (E.B. Pusey, 1800-1882. Barnes’ Notes)

Proper warning and great reward are promised by following the sound instruction from **law of the Lord**.

*give wisdom to the simple, i.e., the foolish or naïve.* The law defines man’s obligation in society (K-D).

**Observe:** Without proper instruction in the Law of the Lord, men will not know their obligation to the Lord nor to society. Without proper instruction, society falls to the enemy of all righteousness, Acts 13:10.

The law is far more than simply the commandments, “Thou shall not...” or “Thou shall...”

**Psalms 119:96** *I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.*

The commandments are exceeding broad, and are to be applied into every area of life and thought.

**Examples: 1)** *Thou shall not steal* requires just weights and measures, and forbids corrupting the money supply with paper, or not paying someone what is owed to them when we have the funds to do so. **2)** *Thou shall not commit murder* includes speaking evil of someone. **3)** The ninth commandment requires us to protect our neighbour – his name, life and property. This commandment primarily forbids false testimony against our neighbour, particularly in a court of law and also in our speech. "But further his good name, and speak truth." Geneva Bible, marg. Obviously, when the witness in a court of law is permitted to perjure himself (this happens when the church fails to enforce laws against perjury, 1 Cor 5:11), the complete legal system breaks down; there can be no justice for anyone because justice is based upon a true witness.

*But thy commandment is exceeding broad]* It is endless, infinite, perpetual, and withal of largest extent; witness that of charity, which is the complement of the law, and the supplement of the gospel. David, though he had proceeded further in the discovery of divine truths than those before him, #Ps 119:99, yet he was still to seek of that which might be known; like as those great discoverers of the newly found land confess still a plus-ultra.

(Trapp)

*[but] thy commandment [is] exceeding broad;* the word of God is a large field to walk and meditate in; it is sufficient to instruct all men in all ages, both with respect to doctrine and duty, and to make every man of God perfect; it has such a height and depth of doctrine and mysteries in it as can never be fully reached and fathomed, and such a breadth as is not to be measured: the fulness of the Scripture can never be exhausted; the promises of it reach to this life, and that which is to come; and the precepts of it are so large, that no works of righteousness done by men are adequate and proportionate to them; no righteousness, but the righteousness of Christ, is as large and as broad as those commandments; wherefore no perfection of righteousness is to be found in men, only in Christ; who is the perfect fulfilling end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believes, #Ro 10:4. (Gill)

The commandments reach so deep into this life and no man can reach that depth. Thus, the need of the righteousness of Christ. Though the depth is beyond reach, that does not mean one should not strive toward that depth. Hence, the need for the serious, indepth instruction in the law-word of God.

*But thy commandment is exceeding broad* The word *but* is not in the original, and enfeebles the sense. The idea is, that the law of God, as he now saw it, was of such a nature — was so “broad” — as to demonstrate that there could be no just claim to perfection among people. All claims to perfection had arisen from the fact that the law was not properly understood, that its true nature was not seen. **People thought that they were perfect, but it was because they had no just view of the extent and the spirituality of the law of God.** They set up an imperfect standard; and when they became conformed to that standard, as they might do, they imagined themselves to be perfect; but when their conduct was compared with a higher and more just standard — the law of God — it could not but be seen that they were imperfect people. That law had claims which they had not met, and never would meet, in this life. It is very easy to flatter ourselves that we are perfect, if we make our own standard of character; it is not possible for man to set up a claim to perfection, if he measures himself by the standard of God’s word; and all the claims of people to perfection are made simply because they do not properly understand what the law of God requires. Compare the notes at #Job 9:20. (E.B. Pusey, 1800-1882. Barnes’ Notes)

When people lack a proper understanding of the “broad-

ness” of the law of God, the people do not know nor understand the claims of the law upon them. They can then flatter themselves according to what little they do know. They commit suicide without knowing they are destroying themselves.

There is so much more to God’s requirements upon his people than just the basic “Ten Words.” Western Civilization is passing into history as God’s people reap the *fruit of their thoughts*. However, God will not allow anarchy to prevail; he will raise up a tyrannical government to enforce an orderly society.

His call to his covenant people throughout all generations is to repent and turn to him in obedience. The call is more than simply bring their actions into conformity to his words and law. Rather, it was a call to **convert the thoughts and intents** of the heart, and find God’s **rest for your souls**. It was the unlawful, secret things of the heart that caused God to move against his people, and place **stumblingblocks** before them. And because of the uncontrolled heart, they fell and self-destructed. (Ez 8:8, 12:5-12, Ecc 12:14, Ho 13:9.)

Christ brought the entire thought of Jeremiah 6 forward when he offered **rest for your souls** in Matthew 11. The *rest* Christ offered to the cities of Matthew 11 is available only through repentance and faith in his finished work. Ezekiel promised that there would be a new covenant of rest and peace, where one would love the word and law of God.

**Ezekiel 36:22** *Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name’s sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. 23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. 24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. 25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. 28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.*

That new covenant is the Lord Jesus Christ. (Isa 42:6,

49:8) The work of the Spirit produces repentance and faith – a genuine **heart** conversion, which loves the Lord’s **yoke**, his **word** and his **law**.

**Hebrews 10:16** *This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. (He 8:8-10)*

Let me close this lengthy tome with this wonderful poem by Horatius Bonar, 1843, as found in the blue Trinity hymnal, p. 396:

1) I was a wandering sheep, I did not love the fold; I did not love my Shepherd’s voice, I would not be controlled. I was a wayward child, I did not love my home; I did not love my Father’s voice, I loved afar to roam.

2) The Shepherd sought His sheep, The Father sought His child; They followed me o’er vale and hill, O’er deserts waste and wild; They found me nigh to death, Famished and faint and lone; They bound me with the bands of love, They saved the wand’ring one.

3) They spoke in tender love, They raised my drooping head, They gently closed my bleeding wounds, My fainting soul they fed; They washed my filth away, They made me clean and fair; They brought me to my home in peace, The long sought wanderer.

4) Jesus my Shepherd is: ’Twas He that loved my soul; ’Twas He that washed me in His blood, ’Twas He that made me whole. ’Twas He that sought the lost, That found the wand’ring sheep, ’Twas He that brought me to the fold, ’Tis He that still doth keep.

5) I was a wand’ring sheep, I would not be controlled; But now I love my Shepherd’s voice, I love, I love the fold. I was a wayward child, I once preferred to roam; But now I love my Father’s voice, I love, I love his home.

Those who have found the godly rest for their souls, Matthew 11:29/Jeremiah 6:16, can sing Bonar’s wonderful poem with genuine joy unspeakable and real thankfulness regardless of the surrounding circumstances and situations.

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## VICTORY IN JESUS CHRIST

1 Cor. 15:24-28

By Pastor John Weaver

Intro. Eschatology is the doctrine of last things. When we discuss death, judgment, the return of Jesus Christ, and the end of the world, we are talking eschatology. There are four main views in eschatology. There is historic pre-millennialism, a-millennialism, post-millennialism and dispensational pre-millennialism. In several

positions there are a number of variations. It is not my intent to name or delineate the various positions. I am not down playing the importance of one's view on eschatology when I make the following statement: Each position teaches that Jesus Christ will return visibly and bodily, they just disagree on how and when. Men have argued and fought over different positions for ages. It will not stop. The only time it will end is when the Lord returns.

I will say this and you must mark it down in your minds: your view of eschatology affects your world view and how you live presently and how you minister now and in the future. Eschatology is important. You cannot escape a world view. You cannot escape the impact that your view has upon your life and/or ministry. Your view, whether it is right or wrong affects everything that you do. This is one reason why you must learn to read and study for yourself and not simply take everything that you have been taught by different preachers over the years as truth.

Having said that, I cannot possibly conceive or imagine that any position one advocates would deny that which I am going to teach from this passage. It is not my concern or purpose to appease any position; I am simply saying that this truth is unarguable.

The truth is that Jesus Christ is the victor. He is the conqueror. He had not only conquered sin and death; He has conquered everything.

**Heb. 2:14-15:** *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

**Rev. 6:2:** *And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*

There are some that try to say that Rev. 6:2 refers to the anti-Christ. However, the Bible is consistent and we are told plainly as to the One that sits on the white horse.

**Rev. 19:11-16:** *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that*

*with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

The declaration in **Rev. 11:15** verifies this truth:

*And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

Jesus Christ is the victor! How could He not be the victor when "all power in heaven and earth has been given unto Him" – **Matt. 28:18**. Moreover, everything has been put under His feet – **Eph. 1:20-23**: *Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*

Further, He is the Creator of all things and thus has power over them. He must have preeminence since He is the God-man.

**Col. 1:16-18:** *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.*

It is impossible to deny this simple fact from Scripture. Jesus Christ is the divine conqueror. He is sovereign. He is the victor.

I want you to observe three truths in this passage.

### **I. A CONSUMMATION 1 Cor 15:24**

Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

The first question to be asked is: "**the end of what?**" Is it the end of the world? In one sense the answer is yes. Actually it is the end of His mediatorial kingdom.

Our Lord has an essential kingdom in virtue of the fact that He is God and He has a mediatorial kingdom by virtue of the fact that He is the God-Man, the go between, the mediator between God and man. **Isa. 9:6-7:**

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:*

and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. **Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.**

**Daniel 7:13-14:** *I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.*

His kingdom is for ever and ever, so obviously, it cannot refer to His essential kingdom. The end will be the ending, the winding up, the consummation of the affairs under the mediatorial reign of Christ. The word **end** (**τελος**) denotes, properly, a limit, termination, completion of anything. The proper and obvious meaning of the word here is that then shall be the end or completion of the work of redemption.

There will no longer be the need of His mediatorial work when the saints are glorified and are presented perfect and faultless before the throne of God the Father.

**Jude 24-25:** *Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*

Our Lord delivers up the kingdom to God, even the Father or to His God and Father. The kingdom belongs to the Father. You must remember that our Lord taught us to pray in **Luke 11:2:**

*When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.*

#### **JFB commentary:**

His giving up of the *mediatorial* kingdom to the Father, when the end for which the mediatorial economy was established has been accomplished, is altogether in harmony with its continuing everlastingly. The change which shall then take place, shall be in the *manner* of administration, not in the *kingdom* itself; God shall then come into *direct* connection with the earth, instead of mediatorially, when Christ shall have fully and finally removed everything that severs asunder the holy God and a sinful

earth (Col 1:20). The glory of God is the final end of Christ's mediatorial office (Php 2:10,11). His co-equality with the Father is independent of the latter, and prior to it, and shall, therefore, continue when its function shall have ceased. His manhood, too, shall everlastingly continue, though, as now, subordinate to the Father. The *throne of the Lamb* (but no longer mediatorial) as well as of God, shall be in the heavenly city (Re 22:3; compare Re 3:21).

The questions arise: "When will this happen?" "When will He deliver up the kingdom to God the Father? The answer is: when He has put down all rule, authority and power!

Take note of the fact that rule refers to rulers, authority refers to any delegated or usurped authority and power refers to any lawful or unlawful power. All shall be put down by the Lord Jesus Christ. It is imperative. He shall completely conquer. He has conquered and He is the absolute victor.

The Greek word for "put down" is, "*done away with*," or "brought to naught." "All must be subject to Him, whether openly opposed powers, as Satan and his angels, or kings and angelic principalities (Eph 1:21).

When Christ shall have fully and finally removed everything that severs asunder the holy God and a sinful earth and the absolute safety and security of His saints, He will deliver up the kingdom to God the Father. The glory of God is the final end of Christ's mediatorial office.

He gives back to the Father that which He received from the Father. The obvious sense is that of surrendering, giving back, delivering up, rendering up that which had been received, implying that an important trust had been received, which was now to be rendered back.

#### **Matt. 28:18:**

*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

#### **II. A CONTINUATION VS. 25-26.**

*For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*

There are several very obvious truths that are given to us in these two verses.

**First**, our Lord is reigning now. His reign may not be manifest to us at the present time, yet, He is on the throne ruling and reigning. His reign may be more fully manifested in eternity, yet, it is just as real now in the present day as it will be then.

**Second**, He is subduing His enemies now. The prob-

lem that we have is that we walk by sight most of the time instead of walking by faith. We tend to think that the wicked have the upper hand and are running foot loose and fancy free.

**Heb. 2:6-9:** *But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour; and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. **But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.***

We may not see or observe at the present all things being put under Him. We may only see that He has suffered and risen from the dead and ascended into heaven. However, you must absolutely understand that ruling and subduing are tied together. You cannot have one without the other. If our Lord is ruling; He is subduing. If our Lord is reigning; He is conquering.

**Ps. 2:1-12:** *Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.*

The Father has set His Son upon the throne. The heathen may rage but they cannot dethrone or overthrow the Son. He has set His king upon His holy hill. If they do not submit; He will break them with an iron rod.

**Ps.110:1-7:** *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall*

*be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries. He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.*

He is ruling in the midst of His enemies. Again, those that will not submit shall be struck through in the day of His wrath.

Did you know that **Ps. 110:1** is the most quoted Old Testament verse in the New Testament?

**Matt. 22:44:** *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?*

**Mark 12:36:** *For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.*

**Luke 20:42-43:** *And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Till I make thine enemies thy footstool.*

**Acts 2:34-35:** *For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Until I make thy foes thy footstool.*

**Heb. 1:13:** *But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?*

**Heb. 10:12-13:** *But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.*

Since the Father has established His throne and has given Him the heathen for an inheritance and since He is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, there is not any way that our Lord can be defeated. If He is ruling; He is subduing.

The last enemy that will be conquered is death. Yes, in the strictest sense of the word, death is already conquered. **Heb. 2:14-15:**

*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

**2 Tim. 1:10:** *But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.*

Jesus Christ is the resurrection. Death could not hold Him and since we are in Him, it cannot hold us. **John 11:25-26:**

*Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*

However, when the consummation arrives, we are told in **Rev. 21:4:**

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

### III. A COMPLETION VS. 27-28

For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him*, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

Clearly **verse 27** demonstrates that when all things were put under the feet of Jesus Christ, God the Father who put all things under His feet was excepted or excluded.

#### **Gill:**

God the Father, who made all things subject to Christ as Mediator, is himself not subjected to him; since his power as such must be greater than his: this exception is made to secure the government, power, and honour of the Father; for though he has made his firstborn higher than the kings of the earth, yet not higher than himself; and though he has set him his King over his holy hill of Zion, yet not over himself; and though it is his will that all men should honour the Son, as they honour the Father, yet not above him, or more than he; nor has he quitted the government, either in the world or in the church, by subjecting all things to Christ: and this exception is also made to confirm the universal power and empire of Christ, for an exception to a general rule does but the more establish it; and since the Father is only excepted, it is a clear case, that he has left nothing that is not put under him; but it must be observed, that though the Holy Spirit is not mentioned, yet he is equally excepted; since he is the one God with the Father, and was jointly concerned in the mission, unction, and installation of Christ, as Mediator; nor can he be reckoned among the all things put in subjection to Christ, for they regard only creatures, and many of these enemies, with neither of which the Spirit of God can be numbered; and though the gifts and graces of the Spirit are put into Christ's hands, and are at his dispose, yet the person of the Spirit can never be thought to be put under his feet.

#### **Calvin:**

He insists upon two things — *first*, that all things must be brought under subjection to Christ before he restores to the Father the dominion of the world, and *secondly*, that the Father has given all things into the hands of his Son in such a way as to retain the principal right in his own hands. From the *former* of these it follows, that the hour of the last judgment is not yet come — from the *second*, that Christ is now the medium between us and the Father in such a way as to bring us at length to him. Hence he immediately infers as follows: *After he shall have subjected all things to him, then shall the Son subject himself to the Father.* “Let us wait patiently until Christ shall vanquish all his enemies, and shall bring us, along with himself, under the dominion of God, that the kingdom of God may in every respect be accomplished in us.”

Now look at **verse 28:**

*And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.*

The final goal of God's redemptive plan as Paul has so well said in **Rom. 11:36:** *For of him, and through him, and to him are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.*

The Son, as servant and mediator renders His delegated authority back unto the Father. Remember, He said in **Matt. 28:18:** All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

The mediatory kingdom of Christ shall then cease, and nothing shall appear but the essential kingdom of God; the power by which the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost (three persons, though but one God) shall govern and rule all things, when the world as we know it shall cease.

**Ps. 73:25:** *Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.*

#### **John Trapp:**

Till sin and death be abolished we have no access to God but by Christ. But after that all enemies be trod under foot, then shall we have an immediate union with God; yet so, as that this shall be the proper and everlasting praise of Christ, as he is the procurer of that union.

#### **John Gill:**

By God is not meant the Father personally, but God essentially considered, Father, Son, and Spirit, who are the one true and living God; to whom all the saints will have immediate access, in whose presence they will be, and with whom they shall have uninterrupted fellowship, without the use of such mediums as they now enjoy; all the three divine Persons will have equal power and government in and over all the saints; they will sit upon

one and the same throne; there will be no more acting by a delegated power, or a derived authority: God will be all things to all his saints, immediately without the use of means; he will be that to their bodies as meat and clothes are, without the use of them; and all light, glory, and happiness to their souls, without the use of ordinances, or any means; he will then be all perfection and bliss, to all the elect, and in them all, which he now is not; some are dead in trespasses and sins, and under the power of Satan; the number of them in conversion is not yet completed; and, of those that are called many are in a state of imperfection, and have flesh as well as spirit in them; and of those who are fallen asleep in Christ, though their separate spirits are happy with him, yet their bodies lie in the grave, and under the power of corruption and death; but then all being called by grace, and all being raised, and glorified in soul and body, God will be all in all: this phrase expresses both the perfect government of God, Father, Son, and Spirit, over the saints to all eternity, and their perfect happiness in soul and body, the glory of all which will be ascribed to God; and it will be then seen that all that the Father has done in election, in the council and covenant of peace, were all to the glory of his grace; and that all that the Son has done in the salvation of his people, is all to the glory of the divine perfections: and that all that the Spirit of God has wrought in the saints, and all that they have done under his grace and influence, are all to the praise and glory of God, which will in the most perfect manner be given to the eternal Three in One.

#### APPLICATIONS

1. The truth is that our Lord is already our “all in all” in the strictest sense, however, in eternity; we shall have Him in reality as our “all in all.” If you do not love Him now and desire His presence, rule and grace now, you would really hate eternity. Oh, for a clearer, better and more complete comprehension of Him as our “all in all” so that we may enjoy Him even more now.

**Rev. 21:1-3:** *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

**Rev. 22:1-5:** *And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which*

*bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*

The Apostle Paul was correct when he wrote in **1 Cor. 2:9:**

*But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

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## OBAMA OUT-MILITARIZED TRUMP BUT AMERICA STILL LOVES HIM

[**Editor’s note:** There were/are specific men in Israel with a special understanding of the times. 1 Chronicles 12:32 *And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.*]

Tracking trends is the understanding of where we are, how we got here, and where we are going.

While most of the American media and politicians attack Trump for his military state platform, Barack Obama laid the foundation. Americans - and the world - were oblivious to the freedom-robbing law that then-President Obama signed in 2011.

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BATTLEFIELD AMERICA

Martial law in the USA? Can’t happen?

It’s happened: Amerika has been decreed a war zone in which military rule can replace civilian rule.

Imagine, the United States of America, the “Land of

Liberty” - a nation that intervenes around the world, overthrowing governments in the name of democracy - has robbed its own citizens of the last vestiges of their democracy!

And, if it can happen in “the land of the free and the home of the brave,” it can happen in any so-called “democracy.”

On 1 December 2011, the United States Senate voted 93 to 7 to pass into law the “National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2012,”

a law that effectively strips Americans of their Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights guaranteeing them “due process of law” and a “speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury.”

Destroying the bedrock principle of habeas corpus - which requires the state bring a detained individual before an independent court and show just cause for imprisonment - Senate Bill 1867 explicitly grants the US military the power to indefinitely detain an American citizen without a civilian trial.

### **The King is Dead, Long Live the President**

In brief, NDAA is a continuation of the assault upon civil liberties and further strips Americans of their constitutional rights “to have and enjoy all liberties and immunities of free and natural subjects” granted to “free men” by the Magna Carta (1215), considered one of the most important legal documents in the history of democracy.

The law effectively revokes habeas corpus, which bars arbitrary imprisonment by requiring that the government present evidence to a judge or court to justify taking a person into custody... a right established and codified in England in the 17th century, which eliminated the divine right of kings and established the supremacy of parliament.

In preparing the ground for martial law, Section 1031 of the Senate bill effectively repeals the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878 by authorizing the military to carry out law enforcement functions on American soil - a function that previously had been the province of the police.

Again, the warning: Trends Journal subscribers are aware that government “transparency” exists in name only and on the occasions when government deigns to speak the “truth, it is in a form twisted to suit its own agendas.

### **History Before it Happened!**

We had forecast the groundwork for complete government control over We the People had been laid following 9/11 and how the trend would increase. And it has.

While the groundwork, foundation, and structure was built by the murderous George W. Bush - who used newly granted un-Constitutional powers to launch America’s longest and still ongoing Afghan War and the Iraq War,

both sold to the indelibly obedient public - Obama built on it.

In the January 2012 **Trends Journal**, we also wrote that among the reasons the government will declare Supreme Leadership is not only to save the people from dying of economic depression... but to start wars to save them from foreign enemies:

While martial law may be declared in order to contain real economic panic, it is certain governments will not blame themselves or the financial institutions that were jointly responsible for creating the conditions leading to economic/military martial law.

Rather, they will try to pin the problems on other nations or, if that fails, engineer a “false flag” event designed to unite the public to support the government: a rogue shoe bomber, brassiere bomber, jockey shorts bomber, shopping bag bomber, granny-in-a wheelchair bomber... or even a mad pipe bomber determined to take down the United States military and rob the nation of its “freedom and liberty.”

***TREND FORECAST: As Gerald Celente has forecast, history is repeating itself: Trade Wars, Currency Wars, Great Depression, WWII.***

*Ninety years later: Trade Wars, Currency Wars, “Greatest Depression,” WWII if We the People do not Occupy Peace.*

*And, we will continue to point out how just as the unquestioning masses so quickly and obediently march to the COVID War, another war based on lies and promoted by politicians and sold by Prostitutes, so, too, will the majority march into the coming wars.*

### **How Low Can You Go?**

As we noted in our coverage of the quietly passed “Rights Robbing Bill” signed by President Obama, there was virtually no blowback or coverage of it despite how ruinous it is to civil liberties, freedom, and justice.

In fact, then and now media favorite, Senator Lindsey Graham, made it clear the bill robbed the people of their rights and they, the political freaks, were fully in charge... as we had written:

In pushing for passage of the NDAA, Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) made it crystal clear that “the statement of authority to detain, does apply to American citizens and it designates the world as the battlefield, including the homeland.”

Suddenly, with a stroke of the Presidential pen and overwhelming support from the Senate’s “Gang of 100,” the American “homeland” became the Fatherland. From sea to shining sea, the United States was now categorized

as a “battlefield.”

On 15 December 2011 (precisely 220 years to the day the Bill of Rights was ratified), the United States Senate passed the NDAA. In its final, White House-approved form, the law granted el Presidente authority to act as judge, jury, and executioner. Anyone, anywhere, at any-time could be arrested, tortured, and executed if declared an enemy of the banana republic by el Presidente of los Estados Unidos.

Again, as Obama continues to bask in the glow as America’s favorite Con- Mander in Chief, forgotten are his “I’m really good at killing people” murderous drone strikes and the wars he launched and supported throughout his presidency.

Back then, and now, the media gave Barack “the Nobel Piece of Crap Prize Winner” Obama a free ride to kill, lie... and destroy liberty, love, joy, and beauty at home and abroad.

Additionally, this is from our January 2011 Trends Journal:

### **No Peep from the Presstitutes**

What should have been: “Extra! Extra! Read All About It!” with headlines blaring, “President Granted Dictatorial Powers: Bill of Rights Repealed!” barely made it into the media.

The New York Times, self-proclaimed “Newspaper of Record,” relegated the story to the bottom of page A31 under the who-gives-a-damn headline: “\$662 Billion Military Bill Is Approved by Congress.”

From the rest of the so-called “liberal” mainstream media, there was mostly silence and hardly noticed by its normally vocal lefty chorus... who, along with the lefties on the street, would have been shouting, screaming, and Bush-bashing had it been the former Republican President advocating for this new “Bill of No Rights.”

But those spineless, gutless, tree-hugging, non-violent, quiche-eating, intellectually superior “liberals” - still blindly devoted to Obama - conjured up endless excuses when he took actions that out-Bushed arch-villain George W. Bush. Rather than acknowledge their hero-in-chief was a traitor to the country, a liar, and betrayer of his stated principles, the “lefties” refuse to face the facts.

And the fact is, the Obama administration threatened to veto the legislation if it did not explicitly include language to permit the indefinite detention of American citizens.

**TREND FORECAST:** *We are living in perilous times.*

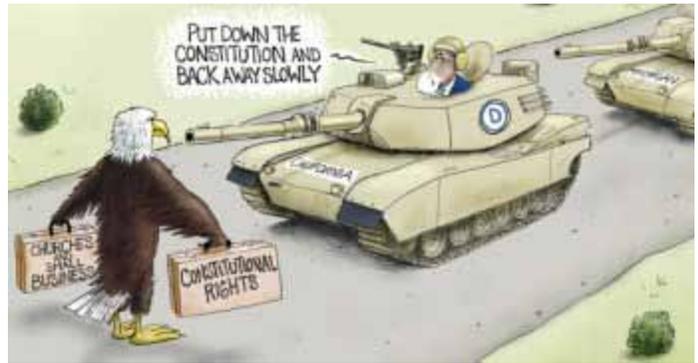
*Again, we repeat, as economies decline, be it in the U.S. or nations across the globe, the semblance of democracy that currently exists will be destroyed by increasingly dictatorial governments.*

*Just as politicians abrogated constitutions and declared supreme power in launching their COVID War, they will continue to rob the people of their rights under the guise of restoring law and order when civil unrest escalates.*  
From Celente’s TrendsJournal, June 9, 2020.

**Gerald Celente: Greatest Depression Has Arrived... World War Is Next** (Mr Celente is a Christian, and boldly proclaims in the interview below that peace can only come through the Prince of Peace. (<https://www.trunews.com/stream/gerald-celente-greatest-depression-has-arrived-world-war-is-next>)

**Editor’s note:** Am I an alarmist or conspiracy theorist by pointing out what has and is taking place right before our eyes? Consider the repercussions of the overwhelming support from both parties to suspend the Bill of Rights, and repeal the Posse Comitatus Act. Our representatives quietly overturned the freedom guaranteed in the Magna Carta, and counted as nothing the many who willingly gave their fortunes and lives for what is enshrined in the Bill of Rights. I do not mention these things to cause fear, but we cannot ignore the implications of what our elected representatives have done to us without our knowledge. If the spirit of fear is not from God, then what is its source?

**2 Timothy 1:7** *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*



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## **“CIVIL WAR”?**

**“WE ARE PREPARING FOR MASSIVE CIVIL WAR,” SAYS DHS INFORMANT**

Posted by Dominique de Kevelioc de Bailleul on May 03, 2012

In a riveting interview on TruNews Radio, Wednesday, private investigator Doug Hagmann said high-level, reliable sources told him the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is preparing for “massive civil war” in America.

“Folks, we’re getting ready for one massive economic collapse,” Hagmann told TruNews host Rick Wiles.

“We have problems . . . The federal government is preparing for civil uprising,” he added, “so every time you hear about troop movements, every time you hear about movements of military equipment, the militariza-

tion of the police, the buying of the ammunition, all of this is . . . they (DHS) are preparing for a massive uprising.”

Hagmann goes on to say that his sources tell him the concerns of the DHS stem from a collapse of the U.S. dollar and the hyperinflation a collapse in the value of the world’s primary reserve currency implies to a nation of 311 million Americans, who, for the significant portion of the population, is armed.

Uprisings in Greece is, indeed, a problem, but an uprising of armed Americans becomes a matter of serious national security, a point addressed in a recent report by the Pentagon and highlighted as a vulnerability and threat to the U.S. during war-game exercises at the Department of Defense last year, according to one of the DoD’s war-game participants, Jim Rickards, author of *Currency Wars: The Making of the Next Global Crisis*.

Through his sources, Hagmann confirmed Rickards’ ongoing thesis of a fear of a U.S. dollar collapse at the hands of the Chinese (U.S. treasury bond holders of approximately \$1 trillion) and, possibly, the Russians (threatening to launch a gold-backed ruble as an attractive alternative to the U.S. dollar) in retaliation for aggressive U.S. foreign policy initiatives against China’s and Russia’s strategic allies Iran and Syria.

“The one source that we have I’ve known since 1979,” Hagmann continued. “He started out as a patrol officer and currently he is now working for a federal agency under the umbrella of the Department of Homeland Security; he’s in a position to know what policies are being initiated, what policies are being planned at this point, and he’s telling us right now-look, what you’re seeing is just the tip of the iceberg. We are preparing, we, meaning the government, we are preparing for a massive civil war in this country.”

“There’s no hyperbole here,” he added, echoing Trends Research Institute’s Founder Gerald Celente’s forecast of last year. Celente expects a collapse of the U.S. dollar and riots in America some time this year.

Since Celente’s ‘Civil War’ prediction of last year, executive orders NDAA and National Defense Resources Preparedness were signed into law by President Obama, which are both politically damaging actions taken by a sitting president.

And most recently, requests made by the DHS for the procurement of 450 million rounds of hollow-point ammunition only fuels speculation of an upcoming tragic event expected on American soil.

These major events, as shocking to the American people as they are, have taken place during an election year.

Escalating preparatory activities by the executive branch and DHS throughout the last decade-from the Patriot Act, to countless executive orders drafted to suspend (or strip) American civil liberties “are just the beginning” of the nightmare to come, Hagmann said.

He added, “It’s going to get so much worse toward the election, and I’m not even sure we’re going to have an election in this country. It’s going to be that bad, and this, as well, is coming from my sources. But one source in particular said, ‘look, you don’t understand how bad it is.’ This stuff is real; these people, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), they are ready to fight the American people.”

TruNews’ Wiles asked Hagmann: who does the DHS expect to fight, in particular? Another North versus South, the Yankees against the Confederates? Hagmann stated the situation is far worse than a struggle between any two factions within the U.S.; it’s an anticipated nationwide emergency event centered on the nation’s currency.

“What they [DHS] are expecting, and again, this is according to my sources, what they’re expecting is the un-sustainability of the American dollar,” Hagmann said. “And we know for a fact that we can no longer service our debt. There’s going to be a period of hyperinflation . . . the dollar will be worthless . . . The economic collapse will be so severe, people won’t be ready for this.”

Source: <http://www.beaconequity.com/we-are-preparing-for-massive-civil-war-says-dhs-informant-2012-05-03/#ixzz1twBLt3l6>

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[How can I not share this blessing of COVID-19?](#)

## **HOW ONE CHURCH IN INDIA PROVIDED MORE THAN 3 MILLION MEALS**

Michael Brown, Posted: May 25, 2020 12:01 AM

The story is remarkable, to the glory of God. It is a story that needs to be told. But first, for some background.

I first met Satish Kumar in Hyderabad, India, in 1995. He was a young man, fairly new to the ministry, and at the very beginning of his journey.

When we next met, in 2015, he was pastoring the world’s fastest-growing church, having exploded from 25 to 130,000 members in just 10 years. (I was there to

witness the miracle firsthand).

Now, Pastor Kumar informs me, they have eight church satellites with a total membership of 330,000. This alone is a story to tell.

But that is not why Pastor Kumar contacted me on May 22. Instead, it was to share a video with me that told an amazing story of compassion and provision.

Pastor Kumar explained to me that about two months ago, he heard the Lord say to him, “Store food.”

He was concerned about the well-being of his congregants during the pandemic, and he thought of how God used Joseph in Egypt to store food in preparation for a coming famine. And with the lockdown getting more severe and many of the poorer congregants not even having access to a grocery store, this could be a matter of life or death.

Pastor Kumar thought to himself that, perhaps, they could store up about \$100,000 worth of food, and he shared this with his leadership team.

But then he sensed he was thinking too small. Ultimately, he felt that the church was to gather and store 700 tons of food – in other words, 1.4 million pounds of food. Where on earth could they obtain so much food?

He got word out to everyone he could, and his people gave sacrificially. He also organized the pickup of food from every vendor who would donate.

Then, his teams began to package the food in cartons, enough to supply three meals a day for four people for one month. And, using his large media and social media network, he posted a toll-free number to call. Whoever needed help could receive help.

This meant Hindus and Muslims as well as Christians. As Pastor Kumar said to me, “The coronavirus has no caste, creed, region and religion. Likewise even the Love of Christ has no region and religion. That’s why we have decided to give these kits to those who called us online, including Hindu priests, pastors, and Muslim imams, all of whom got the kits.”

Yet there was no proselytizing involved, no Bible or tracts within the cartons. To do so would have incurred the ire of the Hindu authorities who govern the nation. Yet, to their surprise, when government officials examined the cartons, they found no such thing. Just the picture of Pastor Kumar and the church on the outside of the carton as the ones supplying the food. That was it.

As of May 22, the church went beyond its goal of storing 700 tons of food, now reaching 800 tons. And to date, 37,000 families have received full provision for

one month, all from a single church. This amounts to more than three million meals in total.

Workers delivering the carton to one family were met with a surprise. The mother and her children were destitute, starving to death, so she decided to end her life. She hung a rope in her small home and was about to kill herself but there was a knock at the door.

The workers had just arrived with the carton of food, and the mother, stunned and grateful beyond words, showed them the rope.

### **What a demonstration of the love of God!**

Pastor Kumar also told me that he was deeply burdened for the spiritual well-being of his flock. So, for the last 64 nights, without a break, he has broadcast from the church building, Calvary Temple, for roughly three hours, preaching for 60-90 minutes. And now, non-believing spouses who would not attend services are hearing the gospel. Jesus is being exalted and the pandemic is being redeemed. Whole families are worshipping God in their homes.

Not only so, but since these families were all shut in together, with much time on their hands, Pastor Kumar challenged them to read through the entire Bible in one month. Those who did so would have their names put in a lottery with the winner receiving a free trip to Israel.

Now, he tells me, “Thousands of families are busy reading the Bible together. One girl, 11-years-old, finished reading the Bible in 6 days.” (That is an accomplishment.)

Knowing that I have a great love for India, having been there 27 times since 1993, and knowing that I have access to a wide audience, Pastor Kumar reached out to me to share this remarkable story.

It is my great joy to share it with you, to the glory of God.

Michael Brown, <https://townhall.com/columnists/michael-brown/2020/05/25/how-one-church-in-india-provided-more-than-3-million-meals-during-the-pandemic-n2569378>

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## **THE GRAYHEADED**

*Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not. Psalms 71:18.*

By Pastor Michael Harley, A Vice-President of the (Trinitarian Bible) Society. Issue Number: 631 – April to June 2020

The Saviour promises believing people—sometimes even from childhood and those in the prime of their lives—that He will not forsake them. Joshua had served Moses for many years, since his youth. Then came Joshua’s turn to serve the Lord in his own generation, a

task for which he had been prepared. At the beginning of Joshua's public service God promised him 'I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee' (Joshua 1.5). Moses was a hard act to follow but the promise was particularly for the here and now. What a wonderful initial experience: a reminder that the Lord's support would never be rescinded even in maturity. However unworthy Joshua might feel, his work was to be a sequel to the ministry of Moses: 'as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee' (Joshua 1.5). Never mind that Joshua's work was not identical to that of Moses; it was a continuation of the same type of work and most surely the same Lord who led onwards.

There is also a succession here that resurfaces from time to time. Samuel, while noting 'I am old and gray-headed' also declared 'I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day' (1 Samuel 12.2). Neither Joshua nor Samuel was ever abandoned by the Lord.

David's turn came to become grayheaded. He felt his inadequacy to contribute further to the cause of God and truth and thought that thereby perhaps he would forfeit in some measure God's blessing. David was growing older and therefore unable to do the things he once did with comparable vigour. He reminded God 'thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth' and prayed 'cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth' (Psalm 71.5, 9). He may also have recalled many sins which, while forgiven, still haunted his memory.

David continued to feel his limitations. The thought ran deep, sufficiently deep enough to warrant a continual pleading a few verses later (v. 18), 'now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not'. Now, please, O Lord, don't change towards me; renew to me, suitable for my age, the promises I have known since youth and childhood. 'O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works' (v. 17). Teach me again as I grow old!

There was still much to do, and David pleads for the Lord not to forsake him. David continues in verse 18 to say that his task is incomplete 'until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come'. Though it was the same work and the same Master there was still work to do: more literary than military perhaps, and in the Lord's kindness adjusted to his years.

So, under the Lord's direction David continues with renewed energy in mind. Formerly he had declared the wondrous works of the Lord in war. Now the emphasis

seemed to be on the development of his youthful gift of composing psalms to declare those wondrous works of the Lord. As the believer ages he may find the nature of his work adjusted but no less fruitful—indeed, it may be more fruitful than in his youth. Earlier gifts may now have opportunity to flourish, as the Lord leads.

What David goes on to say in his prayer is remarkable. He speaks of showing God's power to 'every one that is to come' (v. 18): every generation perhaps, or more than that literally every one. And maybe that has been and is being accomplished in the legacy of his psalms. The legacy of old age in this case was perhaps to prove more enduring to more of the Lord's people down the years than ever in his earlier days.

David's concern over his increasing age was a passing phase but one which would drive him closer to the Saviour. So it should be with the elderly Christian today. The Lord is firmly consistent about these matters. 'And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you' (Isaiah 46.4). While all man-made religions are a burden to mankind and fail to deliver (vv. 1–2), believers in the Saviour do not carry their own burdens or responsibilities in His service; the Lord carries both the believer and his responsibilities.

Making the Gospel known and living it out is a work for young and old together. The same promises graciously provided at the start to a believer are equally graciously continued to the end. The support we were granted in being upheld from our earliest days is continued by our God, who is from everlasting to everlasting, to our very end in this world. We should not give up merely because we have grown old.

<https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.tsbibles.org/resource/collection/01C074CC-748F-4C67-86AC-A9926A25241A/QR631.pdf>

**Editor's note:** Like several on this mailing, though old and grey, (78) I cannot express my gratitude to the Lord for allowing me to actively continue in his service.

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## PERSONAL PROGNOSTICATION

Opening observation:

**Psalms 9:17** *The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*

How can we think that the nation we love that seems now to be fully committed to a war against the church be exempt from judgment? God will have vengeance on the enemies of his church.

Question: Are we being prepared for a Trump reelec-

tion? Will the cities burn as we have seen in Minneapolis, DC, Seattle, Chicago, &c, where law enforcement has been told to stand down and let the anarchists pillage, ravage, and burn the cities? (Those communist governments have run their areas of authority out of money, and are hoping to get the rest of the states to bail them out. Our prayer is that our elected representatives will allow them to live with the results of the Marxist-Leninist's dreams.)

**The internet**, the major means of communication is being shut down. Trump's tweets are being removed, so he cannot get his messages out, nor can any other conservative voices. CNN (Communist News Network) is allowed to "fact check" the web.

YouTube and Facebook are censoring anything that is not according to their radical left policy. "This video has been removed for violating YouTube's Community Guidelines." Their guidelines only apply to conservative voices. Try to post a Facebook link to naturalnews...

We are confronted with treasonous actions from Obama on down, but none dare call it treason. Dr. Fauci has given us a 90 day taste of communism, much of which may never go away; BLM and Democratic governors are giving us a sample of communism in action, which is following the Bolshevik pattern of their revolution. (The Czarist government was a nominal Christian government.) A one-time free people have bowed the knee to communism and anarchy with no thought of the Bill of Rights."

### **'Bolshevik Revolution' comes to America**

Larry Klayman warns of 'a violent counterrevolution' should Trump not intervene <https://www.wnd.com/2020/06/bolshevik-revolution-comes-america/>

#### **Commentary**

### **Soros Announces 'Revolutionary Moment' Is Here, Can Accomplish the 'Inconceivable'**

By C. Douglas Golden

On its face, an interview of George Soros by the people at Project Syndicate seems a curious set of affairs.

Project Syndicate, which describes itself as "The World's Opinion Page," occasionally has some good material even though you're never going to see, say, Ben Shapiro or Douglas Murray contributing a piece.

That's not quite the reason the interview was so curious, however.

Instead, there was the fact that Soros' Open Society Institute played a critical role in establishing Project Syndicate in the immediate post-Soviet era in Europe.

It's a bit like Oprah Magazine publishing an inter-

view with its eponymous founder, only if that Oprah Winfrey was known as one of the most identifiable supporters and bankrollers of globalist progressivism and open borders immigration policies.

The occasion had to do with the novel coronavirus and how it's reshaped the world.

As you can imagine, it was a wildly uncritical interview — which I didn't mind. I know, you'd prefer Soros to be held to account, too, but sometimes people are more likely to say ugly things when they assume they're among friends as opposed to being in an adversarial conversation.

On this count, at least, the May 11 interview delivered, particularly with tone-deaf answers like this:

"This is the crisis of my lifetime," Soros said. "Even before the pandemic hit, I realized that we were in a revolutionary moment where what would be impossible or even inconceivable in normal times had become not only possible, but probably absolutely necessary.

Is George Soros trying to change the global economic system via COVID-19?

Yes No

"And then came COVID-19, which has totally disrupted people's lives and required very different behavior. It is an unprecedented event that probably has never occurred in this combination. And it really endangers the survival of our civilization."

I don't want to make too much of the order there, but there's a whiff of a Freudian slip there. Notice the order there. Crisis of his lifetime, revolutionary moment, inconceivable before, required different behavior, unprecedented — oh and yeah, it could potentially endanger the survival of civilization as we know it. We'll get back to this in a second, but let's just be clear what the rest of the interview involved.

There's a lot of boilerplate stuff here from Soros. Take this bit, which could have come from any random glazed-eyed person watching CNN's COVID-19 coverage 11 hours a day: "We are learning very fast, and we now know a lot more about the virus than we did when it emerged, but we are shooting at a moving target because the virus itself changes rapidly."

There's actually some good stuff, too. Even though he favors working with China on beating the virus, he doesn't particularly feel it's something we should be doing in the long run: "That makes everything much harder. There are a lot of people who say that we should be working very closely with China, but I am not in fa-

vor of doing that. We must protect our democratic open society.”

He also said, “I sympathize with the Chinese people, because they are under the domination of a dictator, President Xi Jinping. I think a lot of educated Chinese are very resentful of that, and the general public is still very angry with him for keeping COVID-19 a secret until after the Chinese New Year.”

And then there’s the expected Trump-bashing: “Donald Trump would like to be a dictator. But he cannot be one because there is a constitution in the United States that people still respect. And it will prevent him from doing certain things. That does not mean that he will not try, because he is literally fighting for his life. I will also say that I have put my faith in Trump to destroy himself, and he has exceeded my wildest expectations.”

I’d advise you to look at the politicians that Soros has backed and then call for summary judgment.

[Published May 20, 2020 at 6:39am. [https://www.westernjournal.com/soros-announces-revolutionary-moment-can-accomplish-inconceivable/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=conservative-brief-WJ&utm\\_campaign=dailypm&utm\\_content=western-journal](https://www.westernjournal.com/soros-announces-revolutionary-moment-can-accomplish-inconceivable/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=conservative-brief-WJ&utm_campaign=dailypm&utm_content=western-journal)]

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## VARIOUS

If you plan to insult someone, do a thorough job. Anything worth doing is worth doing well. Here are a few historic examples.

“It makes me tingle with pleasure from head to toe when I see that through me, poor wretched man that I am, God the Lord maddens and exasperates you hellish and worldly people, so that in your spite you will burst and tear yourselves to pieces, while I sit under the shade of faith and the Lord’s prayer, laughing at you devils and your crew as you blubber and struggle in your great fury.” (The original) Martin Luther

“He is one of those orators of whom it was well said: Before they get up, they do not know what they are going to say; when they are speaking, they do not know what they are saying; and when they have sat down, they do not know what they have said.” Sir Winston Churchill commenting on a member of Parliament. (Becky Morecraft’s post.)

### •DEFUNDING THE POLICE MEANS DESTABILIZING AMERICA

It only took three thousand Bolsheviks to change Russia forever. When the NAZIs emerged in Germany, they began as only a small party, and was even at one point banned for trying to stage a coup. They commit-

ted mass terror, and worked to turn morality on its head. The dead were just meaningless numbers. What truly mattered to the men in charge of bringing about tyranny was the revolution.

<https://preview.mailerlite.com/x3f2d7/1437300382853237807/c5a4/>

### •AMERICA DEALING WITH INSURRECTION, NOT MEDIA-DESCRIBED UNREST

<https://canadafreepress.com/article/america-dealing-with-insurrection-not-media-described-unrest>

### •WATCH: POLICE CHIEF LAYS FACE DOWN TO APPEASE BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTEST

[https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2020/06/07/watch-police-chief-lays-face-down-to-appease-black-lives-matter-protest/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=todays\\_hottest\\_stories&utm\\_campaign=20200607](https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2020/06/07/watch-police-chief-lays-face-down-to-appease-black-lives-matter-protest/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=todays_hottest_stories&utm_campaign=20200607)

### •CALIFORNIA MAN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT AFTER DRAWING AR-15 ON ADVANCING MOB

[https://www.wnd.com/2020/06/calif-man-arrested-assault-drawing-ar-15-advancing-mob/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=wnd-breaking&utm\\_campaign=breaking&utm\\_content=breaking](https://www.wnd.com/2020/06/calif-man-arrested-assault-drawing-ar-15-advancing-mob/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-breaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=breaking)

### •FALSE FLAG ALERT: OBAMA FOUNDATION TWEETED ABOUT GEORGE FLOYD ON MAY 17TH, A WEEK BEFORE HIS SUPPOSED MURDER

... We’ve already documented the fact that [actors are now posing as cops as part of a rioting psyop](#)

(psychological operation) that’s being used to brain-wash more people into supporting the communist up-rising.

<https://www.naturalnews.com/2020-06-08-false-flag-obama-foundation-tweeted-george-floyd.html>

### •TEXAS LT. GOV. SAYS WE MUST ‘ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST’ TO START SOLVING RACISM

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### •THE WHO JUST OBLITERATED EVERY ARGUMENT FOR MANDATORY VACCINES OR CONTACT TRACING BY DECLARING ASYMPTOMATIC CARRIERS DON’T SPREAD COVID-19

It also means that everybody can safely go back to work with nothing more than a low-cost handheld thermometer checking temperatures of workers as they enter the workplace. No symptoms means no risk of spread, according to the WHO, so checking for symptoms is now synonymous with achieving a safe workplace for all. ...

<https://www.naturalnews.com/2020-06-08-who-obiterated-argument-mandatory-vaccines-contact-tracing-asymptomatic-carriers-covid-19.html>

•**COLLAPSE OF DEMOCRAT-RUN CITIES NOW IMMINENT AS TRUCKERS SAY THEY WILL REFUSE DELIVERING TO CITIES WITH DE-FUNDED POLICE**

<https://www.naturalnews.com/2020-06-13-truckers-refuse-delivering-to-cities-with-de-funded-police.html>

Minneapolis, with an enormous number of immigrants from Somalia imported by Obama, is now the No. 1 radical Islamic terrorism recruitment city in America. Omar is one of his recruits.

## TYRANNY

**Tyranny: Arbitrary or despotic exercise of power...** (1828 Webster.)

**Tyrant:** A monarch or other ruler or master, who uses power to oppress his subjects; **a person who exercises unlawful authority**, or lawful authority in an unlawful manner...

**Isaiah 33:22** *For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.* **James 4:12** *There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?*

Passages such as Isaiah 24:1-5 tell us that the whole earth is accountable to God's law. Isaiah 13:1-23:8 the Lord makes it abundantly clear that every nation under the sun is bound by God's law. See also Psalms 9:17, 139, Isaiah 24:18, Jeremiah 18:7-10, 25:29ff, ch 50:14, Malachi 4:6 referred to in Romans 2:6-9, , and

Who is the proper lawmaker or lawgiver, God or man? If God is the only proper lawgiver, any rule outside of God's law is tyranny, for it is arbitrary and unlawful according to God's law.

**Conclusion:** Tyranny, as must everything else, must be defined by God's word. If God is the only true lawgiver, and all the world, both inside and outside of the covenant people, is responsible to him, then any rule that does not follow God's law is tyranny, including religious rule inside the church.

The person may be a good, generous and gracious person, and his "rule" may be very benevolent, but if he is not governing according to God's law, he is a tyrant. (Of course, all women in places of teaching biblical doctrine, and places of authority over men are tyrants, for they have violated God's law from the beginning.)

•**CORPORATE AMERICA PLEDGES \$1.7 BILLION TO BLACK LIVES MATTER**

<https://www.wnd.com/2020/06/corporate-america-pledges-1.7-billion-black-lives-matter/>

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## A SHORT PERSONAL NOTE

\* Bettie had to have her gall bladder removed because

of stones. Surgery was outpatient, and went well. She is healing fine.

\* About 6 weeks ago, my eye doctor tried a new procedure on my left eye that he has developed. The results have been remarkable. Though a slight distortion lingers, I can read the chart now to 20-20 with that eye.

\* I have been looking forward to a spinal cord implant for the pain in my lower back to be inserted as soon as possible. However, the doctor prescribed lidocaine patches which keep the pain under control when needed, probably better than the implant would do. A patch can be worn for a maximum of 12 hours a day. The damage has been done, so the only thing now is pain control.

\* **Observation:** Over 20 years ago, Bettie obtained an inexpensive colloidal silver generator. We have been using the colloidal silver off and on from time we married. When all of this virus fear started, I started drinking 1-2 ozs. two times a day. I have a toenail fungus for which the podiatrist said he had no answer. However, the consistent use of the colloidal silver seems to be dealing with the fungus. The swelling and redness have pretty much gone away. Also, an itching rash on my back for which the dermatologist prescribed an ointment is better kept under control by misting the silver on the area. Again, this is a personal observation.

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## CREATION'S BEST EVIDENCE

By A. J. Davila, a homeschooled, 14 year old young man.

In today's world (especially in the United States), creationists and evolutionists are often engaged in heated discussions over their beliefs concerning the origin of the universe and the beginning of life on Earth. Many Christians in the world are searching for what they believe to be the best evidence for creation. They are looking for a piece of evidence for creation that will debunk evolution and quash any attempts to reinterpret the secular theory.

This battle of "evolution v.s. creation" often leads people to ask what the best "proof" of creation is. That is what I will discuss.

### Starting Beliefs

When Christians and non-Christians argue over evidence for their beliefs, more often than not, they believe that they are looking for the most (or best) facts to defend their beliefs. However, this simply isn't the case.

People need to understand that arguments like these

are not based on the number or quality of the facts (i.e. “facts on their side”), but are instead based on the interpretations of the facts. It needs to be clearly understood that all facts are interpreted. The way people interpret facts is based on presuppositions. Presuppositions are things that are assumed to be true without having an actual way to prove them. Presuppositions are used as ways to draw more conclusions, which in turn help people interpret facts.

To make it simple, both Christians and atheists have the same facts. The only difference is how they interpret them. Why they interpret them differently is because of their differing starting beliefs.

Think of it like this: we all have the same world, the same animals, the same land, the same sea, etc. The only difference is how we interpret what we see around us.

### **How Can I Use my Interpretations?**

1 Peter 3:15 says that we should “always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with gentleness and respect”. In other words, we should always be prepared (*Semper Paratus*) to answer to people who challenge our faith.

If all Christians understood that all facts are interpreted based on certain presuppositions (also called axioms), they wouldn’t be at all daunted at what evolutionists constantly tout as evidence for their beliefs, for the Lord has already refuted all of them. And if more creationists did this, they would be less prone to use incorrectly interpreted facts to find the so-called “magic bullet” of evidence to prove evolution false. Let’s say someone wants “proof” of the following, but he or she is not interested in hearing the Bible:

- 1) There is a God.
- 2) The Christian God is responsible for creation.
- 3) The Book of Genesis gives the correct account of the origin of the universe.

How can I use my interpretations in this scenario without using the Bible? Well, consider this:

You may not believe the Bible, but I do. I also believe it to be the Word of God, and believe that it gives me the proper foundation to understanding the universe and why this world is the way it is. I will give you some examples of how my faith in God and my use of the Bible, allows me to explain what we see around us and how it isn’t controverted by true science.

One can easily use a number of scientific examples. These include:

- 1) How sin and judgement are related to geology and fossils.
- 2) How the Curse is related to harmful mutations in genetics.
- 3) The function of natural selection.
- 4) The problems of various secular models.

Pick a relevant topic and begin to explain it:

**For instance**, the Bible says that God made distinct kinds of animals and plants. Let me demonstrate what happens when we build our thinking on this axiom.

Humanists believe in natural selection, as do creationists. Humanists also believe in the science of genetics. However, Creationists do also.

But here’s the catch: Evolutionists think that, over the course of millions and millions of years, one animal or plant (creature A) changes into a completely different kind of animal or plant (in this case, creature B). However, Christians, according to the Bible’s doctrine of creation, believe that God created different kinds of animals and plants, so that they would reproduce after their own kind. In this way of thinking, unlike evolution, one kind cannot reproduce a completely different kind.

This function can be tested in the present. In order for evolution to work, new information must be added in order for one kind to turn into another kind. However, science supports the biblical claim that gains in information do not happen. The real changes are all within already-existing information (e.g., genes, genomes, chromosomes, etc.). The Christian explanation of history gives the correct basis to interpret the facts, and true science confirms it.

**Suggestion: After giving the above description, continue as follows:**

Defend *your* position concerning natural selection! Explain how your way of thinking is consistent true science, e.g., genes, genomes, chromosomes, etc. Please show me where true science and scriptural thinking are erroneous.

**By arguing from true science and scripture, Christians are:**

- 1) Using their common sense to support their interpretations of the evidence.
- 2) Showing that the Bible and true science fit support one another.
- 3) Challenging the evolutionists’ presuppositions.
- 4) Forcing their opponents to give a logical defense of their position, using true science and reasoning.

5) Honoring the Word of God.

### Conclusion

As Christians, we should always remember that we must build our thinking on God's word in every area. We must never forget that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of true wisdom (Proverbs 9:10). We must also remember that in our opinion, our debates and defenses are undeniable, but it is ultimately the Word of God that must convict people.

Let us remember Hebrews 4:12, which says, "For the word of God is living and powerful sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing apart of the soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

The doctrine of depravity should be known by every Christian, Psalms 19, and Romans 3:10, 11. For as long as the world exists, Christians must defend the Bible in all areas. The Word of God will condemn those who fail to heed his words of correction.

When we defend our faith, we must remember the following.

**First**, we must respond to our opponents with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15)

**Second**, remember that God is the only one who can condemn humans.

**Third**, let the Word of God speak through us as we stand up for our faith.

Though the secular world may present us with persecution, false knowledge and sin, we must remember that the wicked are not the ones who are in charge. We must unashamedly stand on the Word of God as our sole authority!

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## DOES GOD USE SICKNESS?

J.C. Ryle (1816-1900)

I invite your attention to the subject of sickness.

We cannot avoid it; it will visit each of us in turn.

### 1. Universal Prevalence

Sickness is universal and everywhere. Men, women, and children sicken and die. Sickness is among all classes and of every description.

Why is sickness universal? The only explanation that satisfies is that which the Bible gives. Something has come into the world that has stripped man of his original privileges, in a word: sin. "Sin entered into the world, and death by sin" (Rom 5:12). Sin is the cause of all the sickness, disease, pain, and suffering that prevail

on the earth (Gen 3:17-19).

### 2. General Benefits

Can sickness be good? I ask all who find it hard to reconcile the prevalence of disease and pain with the love of God, to mark what is going on in the world around them. Observe the extent to which men constantly submit to present loss for the sake of future gain (as in starting a business), present sorrow for the sake of future joy (disciplining a child), present pain for the sake of future health (strenuous exercise). The seed is thrown into the ground and rots, but we sow in the hope of a future harvest (Joh 12:24).

Now, apply this great principle to God's government of the world. Understand that God allows pain, sickness, and disease, not because He loves to vex man, but because He desires to benefit man's heart, mind, conscience, and soul to all eternity. By sickness, God checks the ravages of sin and the devil among men's souls.

*What are the ways* that God uses sickness for the good of mankind?

1) Sickness helps *to remind men of death*. Most men live as if they were never going to die. Sickness reminds them that they have to die as well as to live (Heb 9:27; Rom 6:23).

2) Sickness helps *to make men think seriously of God*, their souls, and the world to come. A severe disease has a surprising power to bring these thoughts before the eyes of a man's soul (Mar 8:36).

3) Sickness helps *to soften men's hearts* and teach them wisdom. The natural heart is as hard as a stone. It can see no happiness except in this world. A long illness exposes the emptiness of what the world calls "good" things, and teaches us to hold them with a loose hand (Do 2:15-17).

4) Sickness helps *to level and humble us*. We are all naturally proud and high-minded. A sick bed is a mighty tamer of such thoughts. It forces on us the mighty truth that we are all dying creatures who will soon stand side by side before God on Judgment Day. Surely anything that teaches that lesson is good (Jam 4:10).

5) Finally, sickness helps *to test men's profession of faith* to see if true or false. Disease is sometimes most useful to a man in exposing his lack of a new heart (Joh 3:3). Surely, anything that makes us find the real character of our faith is good (2Co 13:5).

If sickness in a wicked world can help to make men think of God and their souls, then sickness confers ben-

efits on mankind. We have no right to murmur at sickness; we ought rather to thank God for it. It is a testimony to God's power and rule. So long as we have a world wherein there is sin, it is a mercy that it is a world wherein there is sickness.

### 3. Special Duties Sickness Calls For

Now we ask, in a world of disease and death, what ought we to do? Sickness requires that we live habitually **prepared to meet God**. Sickness is a reminder of death. Death is the door through which we must all pass to judgment. Judgment is the time when we must at last see God face to face. The first lesson that each should learn in a sick and dying world is to prepare to meet his God (Joh 1:12).

When are you prepared to meet God? Never, till your iniquities are forgiven and your sin covered! The blood of Jesus Christ alone can cleanse those sins away (1Jo 5:7). The righteousness of Christ alone can make you acceptable in God's sight. Faith, simple childlike faith, alone can give you an part in Christ and His benefits (Rom 5:8; Eph 2:8-9).

Sickness demands that we live habitually **ready to bear it patiently**. Sickness is no doubt a hard thing for flesh and blood. To bear sickness patiently, we must lay up stores of grace in the time of health (Rom 5:3).

Once more, sickness calls us to be habitually ready to feel with and **help our fellow men**. Wherever there is sickness, there is a call to duty. A little timely assistance in some cases, a kindly visit in others, a friendly inquiry, a mere expression of sympathy, may do a vast good. Assist them if they need aid. Show your sympathy with them. Try to lighten their burdens. These may ultimately be used of God to lead men to Christ (Gal

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6:2; Eph 4:32; Act 10:38).

### 4. What Will You Do When ILL

The time must come when you, as well as others, must sicken and die. Rest not till you can give a satisfactory answer. Presume not on a death-bed repentance. One dying thief was saved that men might not despair, but only one that none might presume.

If you are not yet prepared to meet God, **acquaint yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ** without delay. Of all gambling in the world, there is none so reckless as that of the man who lives unprepared to meet God. Flee to Christ and be saved; repent and be converted (Joh 3:16).

Next, I exhort all true Christians to glorify God in the time of sickness. You may honour God as much by patient suffering as by active work. Remember that the very trial you feel so acutely is sent in love, not anger (I Co 10:31).

**Recollect the sympathy of Jesus** for all His weak members. Sickness and suffering make believers more like their Lord in experience than does health (Mar 6:34).

Finally, let us **cleave to Christ** more closely, love Him more heartily, live to Him more thoroughly, copy Him more exactly, confess Him more boldly, follow Him more fully. In sickness it will bring us peace. In the world to come it will give us "a crown of glory that fadeth not away" (I Pe 5:4).

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