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THE EVIL PRINCE

All power in heaven and earth is given to me said the Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly, it is a grave sin to attribute any independent power to Satan or the Devil, for it is a denial of the Lord God. Having no independent power does not mean Satan is powerless, for the Lord purposed for His own glory to give Satan power to work his evil mischief in his assigned area where he is identified as the *prince of the power of the air*.



Hence, let us examine **first**, the realm and the extent of Satan's power, and **second**, the purpose of the Lord giving him his power. Our text is

Ephesians 2:1 *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires {marg. note: desires: Gr. wills} of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*

Let us start by looking at **four** obvious points vv. 1-3:

First: V. 1 “*who were dead...*” There is nowhere a clearer statement of the total inability of anyone to

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choose or please God. (“Just choose God” is a horrible corruption of the gospel.) The sinner is as dead as was Lazarus in John 11 who had no power within himself to rise from the dead.

Second: V. 2 the internal natural state of sin is death. In time past the sinner conformed to those around him, *fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind.* (1 Timothy 5:6 *But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.*)

Third: V. 2 “*the prince of the power of the air*”. (Christ called him *the prince of this world* in John 12:31, 14:30 and 16:11.)

Fourth: V. 3 the unregenerate are by nature “servants or slaves to the desires of the flesh and the mind”, *i.e.*, “total depravity”. Not that the sinner is totally evil in all his actions. Rather, every area of fallen man is at war against his Creator, the Lord and His Christ.

Matthew Henry:

“The carnal mind makes a man a perfect slave to his vicious appetite. The fulfilling of the wills of the flesh, so the words may be rendered, denoting the efficacy of these lusts, and what power they have over those who yield themselves up unto them.”

Fifth: V. 3. *We all, that is*, both Jews and Gentiles are by nature the children of wrath, even as others. This does not mean we are wrathful children. Rather, as “*the children of disobedience*”, we deserve the wrath of God, *e.g.*, Psalms 7:11 *God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.*

In God's righteous judgment, all men in their natural state are "*children of wrath*". They are daily heirs to God's wrath.

Here are seven observations about the *prince of the power of the air* in v. 2:

FIRST: This "prince" is not a king.

In Ephesians 1:21, Paul had already made it clear that Christ is the King and absolute Ruler over the kingdom of God, the kingdom of men and the kingdom of nature; that is, over everything that can be named in heaven above, on earth and under the earth. We see in Job 1 & 2, that the "prince" does not have unlimited power then with Job nor now. Ephesians 1:11 assures us that willingly or unwillingly even the prince of darkness can only act "*according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.*"

Furthermore, we read in **Daniel 4:35** *And all the inhabitants of the earth [are] reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and [among] the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?"*

The church of Paul's day was facing life under Nero, and would face the *great tribulation* of Matthew 24 which would soon be upon them in the Jewish-Roman war in 70 A.D. That church would certainly be inclined to doubt that the Lord Jesus of Ephesians 1:21 & 22 was in control, and that all things were working to accomplish His divine purpose.

It should be noted that the destruction of Jerusalem was the beginning of God shaking the nations, and the beginning of Him overturning the kingdoms of this world as He subdues them to His Son, Ephesians 1:22, &c.

Quoting Rushdoony on the 6th seal in Revelation 6:12-17,

"The cross represents the wrath of the Lamb, even as it represents the sacrifice of the Lamb of God. It is the judgement of sin in us, and a judgement of Satan and the reprobate of this world, and it **unleashed the great shaking of the nation's beginning with the fall of Jerusalem**. So that Saint Paul could say in the twelfth chapter of Hebrews that: "in view of these things, in view of the blood of the lamb that had been once and for all offered, yet once more there shall be a great shaking. All the powers of the gospel age shall be shaken and brought down, if they refuse to humble themselves before God."

(See transcript/RR129h15.html)

Note: The evil prince and those who follow him are

unknowingly yet willingly doing the will of God.

Proverbs 19:21 *[There are] many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.*

That is, fallen man has many evil devices in his heart, but he can only do what fits into the predetermined counsel of the Lord.

Psalms 76:10 *Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.*

Geneva: "For the end will show that the enemy was able to bring nothing to pass: also you will bridle their rage that they will not accomplish their purpose." That is, in the end, the foolishness of men will be revealed.

Isaiah 46:10 *Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times [the things] that are not [yet] done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*

Revelation 12:12, 13, records the casting out of Satan from heaven; that casting out shows us the great victory of Christ over Satan by His sacrifice on calvary. Unable to destroy Christ, Satan then pursues His faithful followers, seeking to destroy them. (*Short time* compared to eternity.)

V. 15, the Serpent could not stop Christ nor His church, so he sought to drown her with false doctrine. **Matthew Poole:** The flood is the flood of false and corrupting doctrine meant to ruin the church: **Proverbs 18:4**, *The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters.* **Proverbs 15:28** *The mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.*

Note that we are experiencing that flood of false doctrine that appeals to the fallen nature, e.g., one can chose God which makes God a servant of man.

The earth helped the woman. That is, God raised up men to stop the false and corrupting doctrines, e.g., Luther, Calvin, Spurgeon, Councils such as Nicene, the Westminster council, &c. We need to pray for God to raise up men with boldness and character to confront the flood.

We are told by the Holy Word that the evil powers and authorities of this world have been from the beginning and are even now doing the pleasure of the "King of kings".

Why do the wicked unite against the Son?

Revelation 17:13 *These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. 14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. 16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. 17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. 18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

In Revelation 17:17, God did not force the wicked to sin; rather He “put in their hearts to fulfill his will”, and **they willingly unite together** in their war against the King and His subjects. **In other words**, in Psalms 2, God put it in their hearts to counsel together against Him, but did not force them.

The purpose of the Lord giving *the prince* his power to make war **against Himself?**

We see that God is the One who put in their hearts and gave them the power, both spiritual and carnal, to war against the Kingdom of God, **the church?** The answer is clearly laid out for us: **To fulfill His will.** Paul tells us in

Ephesians 3:10 *To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: 12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.*

That is, God’s purpose was and is to show through His church His *manifold wisdom* to the “*principalities and powers in heavenly places.*” He is showing His wisdom through Christ Jesus our Lord through whom we have free access to the Father.

The Elect to whom Paul writes were living during the reign of one of the most wicked men in all history, Nero. Paul assures the Ephesians that *the prince of the power of the air*, along with those who follow him such as Nero, is subject to the King of kings, and that the King’s eternal purpose was being accomplished, even in the horrible times of persecution upon the new church.

It is difficult for this writer to get this close, and not look at the Promise of the Father to the Son in **Psalms 110:1**, which is the promise that all powers and authorities, both spiritual and physical, must be subject to King Jesus.

Psalms 110:1 *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou*

at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. (This post-millennial promise is probably the most quoted promise in Scripture: Matt 22:44, Mark 12:36, Luke 20:43, Acts 2:35, Heb 1:13, 10:13. This promise is more than human nature can understand or endure. This writer has experienced man’s anger against this promise.)

In Ephesians 1:19-23, Paul assures the Ephesians who are living under Nero that Psalms 110:1 began its fulfillment with the resurrection of Christ. Though Christ had all power from eternity past, He had to lay aside that power for 33 years, so He could provide redemption for His people. At the resurrection, He was reinstated on His throne of all power and authority, and from that throne all things will be subdued to Him before the end as He does according to His sovereign will in the kingdom of men and devils. (1 Cor 15:24ff.)

Note the promise in Psalms 110. It is the Father speaking to the Son, and He says, *Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.* Starting with the fall of Jerusalem, God is subduing the nations to the Son.

The Father shall fulfill His promise to the Son, but *not by might nor by power but by my spirit says the Lord.* (Zachariah 4:6) *It is a spiritual warfare* in which the Father subdues and makes Christ’s enemies His “footstool” through the drawing of and conviction by the Spirit of God; that is, by preaching the everlasting gospel of Christ, and Holy Spirit conversion. (Mat 28:19, 20, Jn 12:32, Jn 17:7, 9, 11, 24. Isa 5:26, 7:18, Zech 10:8.)

Our common problem is that as we observe and experience the disconcerting events around us and see the present strength of the enemy, we grow weak in the faith and let our thoughts and emotions rule us. We forget that God is doing *according to his will* even in the kingdom of evil men who are serving the world, the flesh and the Devil with all their heart, soul, mind, might and money. Their confidence in Satan assures them of victory, so they invest their vast wealth in Satan’s war against God and His people.

SECOND: This prince dwells in and controls

the space round us. God has given him limited power and control of all things, seen and unseen – those things which are outside of the “*kingdom of his dear Son*”.

Colossians 1:12 *“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his*

dear Son:”

In Acts 26:18, the Lord Jesus told Paul, who was on his way to Damascus, that he was *to open their (Gentiles) eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

THIRD: This prince has united

all the various powers of darkness to influence those who are “*dead in their trespasses and sin*” to counsel together in establishing a strong and united power against “*the Lord and his anointed*”.

Ephesians 6:12 *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

The kingdoms of this world appear to be prospering, which encourages the wicked in their evil deeds. But the King Himself warned the Saints in John 7:24 *Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. Righteous judgment* tells us that all things are working together for the good of the saints and are working according to *the counsel of his own will.*

FOURTH: This prince is in total subjection

to King Jesus Christ, so it is sin to attribute any independent power to the prince. In Matthew 28:18 Christ clearly stated that *All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.* There is no power, spiritual, political or secular in heaven or in earth outside of Christ.

FIFTH: This prince is close at hand

for he is the prince *of the air.*

SIXTH: This prince is *the spirit that now worketh.*

He can only work according to “*the counsel of [God’s] own will*”. It is in the sovereign predetermined plan of the Tri-une God that the “*power of darkness*” (Lk. 22:53) has been given the lower region in which to inhabit and work. In the lower region, they are close at hand to work their mischief in the world of nature, as happened in Job. They are close at hand to work their mischief in tempting men.

James 1:13 *Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.*

James tells us that God does not force anyone to sin. Accordingly, God neither was nor is part of man’s sin;

rather, since the fall, man has the power of choice to follow the lusts of his flesh and to fulfill the desires of the mind, which makes him an heir to the wrath of God.

In other words, God permits the temptations from the world, flesh and the devil, but it is man’s sinful nature that causes him to yield to those temptations.

Paul assured the Colossians that the *power of darkness* no longer has authority over those in Christ:

Colossians 1:12 *Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*

That is, Christ has delivered the redeemed from the power of, not the presence of, the evil that controlled us in the past, and has set us free from that binding power through our redemption in Christ. He paid the price, and we no longer are servants of sin.

1 Corinthians 6:11 *And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

SEVENTH, the prince *worketh*

in the children of disobedience. Note the order here: It is not the *power of darkness* that causes *trespasses and sins*; rather, it is disobedience to the revealed will of God that allows the *power of darkness* to work his mischief in individuals, and thus into society and nations.

In Ephesians 4:27, Paul warns that though redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, one can give place to Satan, or the *prince* to work his evil. He is close at hand.

James tells us that it is man’s natural tendency to sin that permits the evil “powers” to work in him. However, Ephesians 2:4 tells us that *God who is rich in mercy* brought about the new birth which produces the new desire to live above sin. The *power of darkness* is thereby stripped of power in the lives of the redeemed.

In closing, let us say a word about *the god of this world*

2 Corinthians 4:1 *Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom **the god of***

this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

We have two options concerning the **god of this world**:

Option One: *god of this world* is listed in the Geneva as **God of this world**; that is, the Lord God has blinded them. There are several supporting Scriptures for this view:

In John 12, the Apostle John quotes Christ as Christ quoted Isaiah 53.

John 12:37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: 38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? 39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, 40 He [God] hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. 41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

Isaiah prophesied that God would blind the Jews so they could not see the godly truth of Christ. According to 1 Corinthians 2:8, if they had known what they were doing, *they would not have crucified the Lord of glory*. Blindness had to happen so the Jews would crucify Christ. Christ then returned in judgment against that evil generation in the **great tribulation** of Matthew 24:21, *i.e.*, **70 A.D.** In that terrible event, Christ not only exercised righteous judgment against those who crucified Him, but He also held the wicked Jewish religious leaders responsible for *all the righteous blood shed of Abel to the blood of Zacharias*.

According to the many ancient prophecies, the **Old Israel of God** with its corrupt religious practices had to be removed to make place for the **New Israel of God** and its Godly religious practices. The new wine of the gospel could not be put into the old wine bottles of the Old Israel of God.

In addition, Christ had to be crucified in order to open the Kingdom of God to the whole world, Jew and Gen-

tile alike.

Option Two: *god of this world*... According to Robertson, “world” is actually “age”, which is not an uncommon usage. Satan did claim the unlimited rule over the world in his temptations with Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:4 is the only place where Satan can be identified as a god. Elsewhere he is identified as simply a lower power, a prince.

The overall context of Scripture leads to the first explanation as given by Geneva; that is, The Lord God had to blind the Jews.

OTHER GODS IDENTIFIED IN SCRIPTURE

Psalms 82:6 *I have said, Ye are gods*. God calls civil rulers **gods**, for they have been established by God to rule. Their pride lifts them up to think they are like God, yet they **shall die like men** under the judgment of God.

In **Philippians 3:19**, the wicked serve the **God of their belly**. That is, they serve and are blinded by their lust for *earthly things*.

The **god of this world** blinds those **whose god is their belly**. Because they are determined to serve the god of their own lusts, God has left them in their blindness to the glorious gospel, and the freedom promise of the gospel. Only the Spirit’s call to obedience to the gospel can free the sinner from Satan’s area of dominion, and to serve the Lord God. Only the Lord God can replace the *god of this world* with Himself.

Though thought of Satan or the Devil conjures up an image of unlimited power over men and nations, that image is a lie; it is an illusion, for the Devil has no independent power. Thus, it is a serious sin against God to attribute independent power to Satan.

Satan is not a God, but only a prince to whom the Lord God has given limited power in the realm of his assigned authority; Christ identifies him as *the prince of the power of the air*. God has severely limited Satan. God is the one who **permits Satan** to use power in his assigned area to gather men and nations together to himself in his vain attempt to overthrow the kingdom of God, the church. God’s purpose is to show through His church His *manifold wisdom*. **The Elect are assured** by God Himself that Satan can only exercise his power or authority in ways that will bring glory to Himself and will benefit the redeemed. **The redeemed have been delivered** from *the power of darkness* and have been *translated into the kingdom of his dear Son by redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins*.

(Col 1:13, 14) Though the redeemed have been delivered from *the power of darkness*, they can *give place to the devil* by their willful disobedience to the command-word of God.

Finally, we read in **Isaiah 6:7** *Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end.*

In other words, Jesus Christ is the great second person of the Trinity, very God of very God; and, therefore, as God the whole government of the universe is upon His shoulders, and not on our shoulders. There is no point in us fretting. Furthermore, it is sinful when man tries to take over the government of everything as humanists do.

Isaiah 9:6-7 should be a very comforting text because when we have griefs and problems, we must commit them to Christ knowing that the government of all things is upon His shoulders. Furthermore, we are told that of the increase of His government there shall be no end. It is a total government, and though its growth is slow, it is total. As the ages roll, the magnificence and the splendor and the perfection of His government will only be magnified.

We need His empowering grace and mercy to fulfill the unique responsibility He has assigned to each of us.

A CULTURE OF LIES

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“... and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” Rev. 21:8

There is an assigned destiny or “their part” which is assigned to liars. Jesus called this their “portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matt. 24:51). There are a number of fellow travelers with “all liars” and these are “the fearful (or cowardly), and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death” (Rev. 21:8). This gives a person some idea of what God thinks of those who lie.

One of the Lord God Almighty’s demands for those living in His world is “Thou shalt not bear false witness” (Ex. 20:16). A culture of freedom cannot exist where lying or false witnessing is tolerated, rewarded, or practiced. A government that lies to its citizens is traitorous and ends up being governed by illegitimate

rulers and rules. Business transactions become bogus, courts become a travesty to justice, nations are overthrown or become gulags, individuals are reduced to slavery or the objects of persecution, etc. without the truth. The eighth commandment protects a person’s property and the ninth protects a person’s name. Hell is full of liars for they are faithful followers of their father the devil and the works of their father they practice. Yes, their father was a liar from the beginning and abode not in truth, because there is no truth in him. The devil is the father of lies (John 8:44), and his servants are persevering practitioners of his craft of lying. His servants call evil good and good evil (our congress and senate and other government officials are poster children of this kind of lying propaganda).

One definition of lying described is a voluntary speaking of an untruth with an intent to deceive. Slander is another form of lying whereby a person commits what has been called “tongue murder.” Perjury is a serious offense in Scripture (Lev. 19:12; Deut. 17:6-7; 19:16-21), but it is becoming a way of life in America because of the culture of lies. Our freedom of speech rests on telling the truth as well as many other rights.

What does God say about such things? God delivered the answer to this through His prophet Isaiah:

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! ... Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. (Isa. 5:20-21, 23-24)

Our government has been busy from the beginning of the War of Northern Aggression in 1861; they have been busy misrepresenting the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, perverting history, and rigging the system, and covering-up their tyranny; this misrepresentation provided a smokescreen for centralized government and the destruction of the Republic. There was a wholesale misrepresentation of the Republic which was advantageously morphed into a democracy. Some think that a democratic coming together will solve human divisions; this faulty concept has proved itself inept repeatedly. No! only submission to God and

His righteous Word will be productive. The following quote gives an overview:

After the American Civil War, public school textbooks began emphasizing the virtues of “democracy.” The process of democracy, not liberty under law, was presented as the process that made the American system work, the source of its greatness. At the same time, however, we have a great deal of historical and contemporary evidence that the democratic process has always been infected with, if not controlled by, blatant lies and fraud. The term “politician” early became synonymous with an opportunistic, self-serving fraud. Mark Twain once said, “... I can never think of Judas Iscariot without losing my temper. To my mind Judas Iscariot was nothing but a low, mean, premature, Congressman.” Far from a refining process, our political system has been a method whereby men of the lowest character are elevated to positions of power. [Mark. R. Rushdoony, *Arise & Build*, January 2021].

J. A. Richardson in *Defense of the South* wrote of Federal Gen. Sherman’s confession of officially lying and his falsehood was copied into histories taught in schools. Richardson questioned:

Is it improper to ask, in this connection, if Sherman was false to truth, as he confesses, in regard to the destruction of Columbia [SC], may it not be that he was also wanting in fidelity to truth in other statements of his memoirs? What credence is the historian to give his utterances? To lie to an individual is a grave charge. How infinitely more serious is it to lie officially, thus placing the seal of a great government upon falsehood; and hence lying to all the millions yet unborn! An official falsehood is caught upon the wings of the wind and swiftly borne over land and sea to all parts of the world. Truth is slow of foot, but sure of her ground and final triumph. As the days unfold the dark deeds of Northern invasion, the South looms higher and brighter in the sky of right and patriotism. [682, also read Richardson’s entire Chapter 40]

Societies begin or end by the predominance of witnesses and they are destroyed by false witnesses. When the focus is on depraved humanity instead of the Man,



Christ Jesus, then the false witnesses will ascend to the throne of the body politic. This world was created for God’s glory, and when men are centered on themselves, their fallen nature rejects Christ the Truth, and they follow their father the devil, the father of lies. If the truth makes you free (John 8:32) then lies will bring you into bondage. Honesty of speech equals no justice for wrongs! When perjury is in ascension then injustice is the norm. Contempt for truth is contempt for Christ.

Those who receive not the love of the truth to be saved are given over by God to strong delusion that they should believe a lie, that they might be damned who believe not the truth but are pleased by unrighteousness (2 Thess. 2:10-12). Yes, God gives them over to a reprobate mind (Rom. 1:28-32). This is evident in Jeremiah’s words from God to Israel which are equally applicable to this nation, “This is a nation that obeys not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receives correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth” (Jer. 7:28); Jeremiah also said of the assembly of treacherous men that “bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD” (9:3).

“No lie is of the truth” (1 John 2:21). “Truthfulness in us is derived from, and is patterned after, ‘the truth,’ and ‘no lie is of the truth’ (1 John 2:21). It is because untruth is the contradiction of the nature of God that it is wrong. Truth and untruth are antithetical because God is truth. And this is the reason why truthfulness and untruth do not cohere.” [John Murray, *Principles of Conduct*, 148]

We began considering the divine end of the culture of lies being the lake of fire. The new heaven and new earth shall not have anything to enter that defiles or works abomination or makes a lie (Rev. 21:27) and there will be no practice of lying there (22:15) for Jesus has sent his angel to testify unto you these things (22:16).

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\$70,000 TO BUY A FALSE FLAG

COURT DOCS: CNN AND NBC EACH PAID \$35K TO LEFTIST ARRESTED ON CAPITOL RIOT CHARGES

John Sullivan, a Black Lives Matter activist who faces

charges in Utah over a counter-protest he led against a pro-police group, has been additionally charged in connection with his participation in the Capitol riots. He faces charges of interfering with police during a civil disorder and obstruction of Congress.

https://www.westernjournal.com/court-docs-cnn-nbc-paid-35k-leftist-arrested-capitol-riot-charges/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=WJBreaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=western-journal

Comment: Not only was Sullivan a leader in BLM, he is also an “Antifa-Insurgence leader.” Sullivan was paid a total of \$70,000 to film a riot; he led the riot and the invasion of the capitol building. He urged many who wore MAGA hats to join him. It seems he was paid to create and lead an insurgence, but who gets blamed?

Antifa-Insurgence leader John Earl Sullivan was arrested in Utah after the US Capitol riots.

As reported previously Antifa protester John Sullivan was caught on video posing as a Trump supporter during the rioting at the US Capitol on January 6th.

<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2021/02/raises-serious-red-flags-cnn-nbc-paid-black-lives-matter-leader-john-sullivan-35000-piece-us-capitol-riot-footage/>

Brags About Posing As Trump Supporter, Breaking Window At US Capitol Building During Riots

<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2021/01/caught-video-antifa-protester-john-sullivan-brags-posing-trump-supporter-breaking-window-us-capitol-building-riots/>

Will CNN or NBC cover this story? How much more wicked can the main stream media be as they seek to totally destroy America. Watch Newsmax, or the weather channel.

OLDER THAN DIRT TEST

Count all the ones that you remember- not the ones you were told about! Ratings at the bottom.

1. Blackjack chewing gum
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
3. Candy cigarettes
4. Soda pop machines that dispensed bottles
5. Coffee shops with tableside jukeboxes
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
7. Party Telephone Lines
8. Newsreels before the movie
9. P.F. Flyers
10. Butch wax
11. Telephone numbers with a word prefix (Olive 4 - 6933)
12. Peashooters
13. Howdy Doody
14. 45 RPM records
15. S&H Green Stamps
16. Hi-fi's
17. Metal ice trays with lever
18. Mimeograph paper
19. Blue flashbulb
20. Packards and Hudsons
21. Roller skate keys
22. Cork popguns

23. Drive-ins
24. Studebakers
25. Wash tub wringers
- And You Are.....

- * 0-5 = You're still young
- * 6-10 = You are getting older
- * 11-15 = Don't tell your age
- * 16-25 = You're older than dirt!

Comment: Many of us “grey heads” can easily remember the above. I will be 80 this August, so I easily remember all the above. I cannot believe how fast time has moved on. I can fondly reminisce about those old things when life was much less complicated, but I am thankful for the technology we have today which enables the Gospel of Christ to go world-wide at the click of a button.

LOCKDOWN

New Study Concludes Lockdowns Didn't Help Slow Spread of COVID

By Kipp Jones January 15, 2021 at 3:10pm

A new study published prior to the Jan. 6 Capitol incursion, but only widely publicized on Friday, blows up the narrative that locking down healthy people made a difference in mitigating the spread of the coronavirus.

Newsweek shared the conveniently-timed post-election and post-incursion lockdown study in a story published on Thursday. The outlet reported a peer-reviewed study, conducted by researchers affiliated with Stanford University and published on Jan. 5, analyzed coronavirus case growth in 10 countries in early 2020.

The study, which can be viewed on the Wiley Online Library website, evaluated non-pharmaceutical interventions (lockdowns) in the countries of England, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, South Korea, Sweden and the U.S.

The results: “no clear, significant beneficial effect of [more restrictive lockdown measures] on case growth in any country.”

“We do not question the role of all public health interventions, or of coordinated communications about the epidemic, but we fail to find an additional benefit



of stay-at-home orders and business closures,” the researchers found.

In other words, millions were misled by experts who virtue signaled their way into shaming perfectly healthy people into altering their behavior to extreme degrees for almost a year — and it was all for nothing.

Democrats and the media, of course, resorted to large-scale gaslighting of millions of Americans throughout 2020, selectively using the draconian mandates to keep people from living life, but ignoring them when the left wanted to riot. With regard to lockdowns, non-riotous people were told they were potentially homicidal for refusing to padlock themselves in their bathrooms and basements.

Hunker down to save lives! Vote by mail to save your grandma! Do not ask questions about the erosion of your civil liberties, or you’re a serial killer and a science denier!

We were told these lies, and many people believed them. Mask-shaming became commonplace, as did public harassment for people enjoying themselves outdoors — alone.

The study is just more evidence that all the rhetoric from Democrats was malarkey intended to allow them to rule our lives, to keep us from attending church and to banish us from society if we dared to ask for actual data about their emotional language and behavior.

While anecdotal, California lawmakers have locked down the lives of the roughly 40 million people in the state. The result is that the Golden State has become the epicenter for coronavirus infections.

Either there is a vast underground network of COVID parties occurring on the West Coast, or California Gov. Gavin Newsom’s lockdowns were an unmistakable fraud.

Apparently, the governor didn’t fear catching the virus when he flouted his own health orders, as Democrats so often do, to dine out with friends in November.

Sadly, due to the hypocrisy of Democrats, these recent satire articles from The Babylon Bee could have passed for real news articles:

California To Issue Democrat Politicians Special ID Cards Allowing Them To Break Lockdown Rules <https://t.co/b0aIzhRlfk>

— The Babylon Bee (@TheBabylonBee) January 6, 2021

Newsom Issues Double Stay-at-Home Order Where

The Biblical Examiner, www.biblicalexaminer.org. tbe@biblicalexaminer.org. February, 2021 P. 9

You Have To Stay In A Smaller House Inside Your Original House <https://t.co/YNaZ2vIREJ>

— The Babylon Bee (@TheBabylonBee) January 6, 2021

Thankfully, after 10 months of COVID panic, we no longer have to rely on anecdotal evidence to demand our rights back. The case against the Democrats’ psychological terrorism is no longer circumstantial — it is one that tries the COVID tyrants, their photo op public health authorities and the lockdowns with direct evidence.

We already learned last month that these lockdowns were inspired by communist China.

Disparaged Imperial College Professor Neil Ferguson, who convinced U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson to lock down his country in March, divulged last month to a British newspaper that he was inspired by Chinese methods for mitigating the spread of the coronavirus.

“Back in 2019, about the time someone was getting infected by a bat, no European country’s pandemic plans seriously entertained the prospect of putting a country on pause,” Ferguson told London’s The Times. “Then, that’s what China did.”

“I think people’s sense of what is possible in terms of control changed quite dramatically between January and March,” Ferguson added.

“[The Chinese] claimed to have flattened the curve. I was skeptical at first. I thought it was a massive cover-up by the Chinese. But as the data accrued it became clear it was an effective policy,” he said. “It’s a communist one-party state, we said. We couldn’t get away with it in Europe, we thought.”

“And then Italy did it. And we realized we could.”

And get away with it, they did — even here in the U.S., where the Imperial model was used early on — setting a precedent to throw away the Bill of Rights to impose draconian mandates on people. The recent study is simply more evidence that the lockdowns were all either a ruse or a Hail Mary.

Ferguson actually broke his own lockdown recommendations in May for a tryst with his married lover and promptly lost his job.

The writing was on the wall from the beginning.

Those of us who have been skeptical of the lockdowns aren’t surprised by the findings of the Stanford researchers. Nor are we surprised that the Jan. 5 study was only published by Newsweek five days before the

inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden.

This all reeks of politics, as the study was shared the same week authoritarian Democrats, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, signaled they were ready to end their respective lockdowns.

We're now in the middle of the feared second wave of the pandemic, and we've just been told that science has suddenly deemed that the business-killing and political



lockdowns from the first wave were ineffective at everything — except driving

people to suicide, bankruptcy and alcohol and drug addiction.

Isn't it convenient that Newsweek apparently embarrassed the study until after it was certain Biden would replace the most successful president of this century, and after that president was banished from social media and then impeached — again.

This virus, while a risk for some people, was weaponized against us all, and especially against President Donald Trump, from the very beginning. Policy in 2020 was guided by lockdowns, which ravaged the economies of entire cities and damaged the president's clean economic record.

Like most things pushed by Democrats and celebrated by the establishment media, the lockdowns were good for nothing and predicated on a lie.

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https://www.westernjournal.com/new-study-concludes-lockdowns-didnt-help-slow-spread-covid/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=WJBreaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=western-journal&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3

REAL AMERICA

They're obliterating our history more quickly than you think

Exclusive: Patrice Lewis sees parallel in alleged purging of Chinese explorers' 15th century exploits

Patrice Lewis By Patrice Lewis, 2/12/21

https://www.wnd.com/2021/02/obliterating-history-quickly-think/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-breaking&utm_

campaign=breaking&utm_content=breaking&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3

Amazon is now removing all books they consider to be "hate speech," *i.e.*, not PC. (Glen Beck, 2/21/21) Libraries will soon follow suit with book sales with almost give away prices.

THE WINNER IN ANY WAR WRITES THE HISTORY

It appears that only private schools and home schools will keep honest history alive.

Christianity is being attacked at the highest levels of the church

WHO IS LORD?

IS JESUS LORD OR IS CAESAR LORD?

By H. Rondel Rumburg

Acts 2:36, "God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Who would ever have thought that the following even would take place: The following is from the Multimedia Messaging Service

Dr. Albert Mohler who heads up the largest Southern Baptist Seminary in the United States says that we must obey Mandates from the State "We endanger the entire society when we endanger ourselves. Christian responsibility in this crisis demands full adherence to every governmental measure calling for social distancing, sheltering in place, and limiting our travel for only the most essential needs.

Christians especially ought to operate out of a far deeper imperative than anything coming from the letterhead of the CDC or from the White House. Our authority is the Bible. We are called to honor the gift of life.

Love of God comes first, and love of neighbor flows directly from that first love. As Jesus said, all the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments. And we are also commanded to obey rightful authority. With life and death, sickness and health, hanging in the balance, Christians should be clear-headed about our duty.

And even worse the Southern Baptist Seminary is now requiring its prospective students to sign an agreement to obey the state before they can even enroll in the Seminary itself due to Dr. Mohler's false and ignorant interpretation of Romans 13.

Southern Baptist Seminary Requiring Students to Sign Statement of Blind Allegiance to Government

<https://reformationcharlotte.org/2020/07/30/southern-baptist-seminary-requiring-students-to-sign-statement-of-blind-allegiance-to-government/>

Who is Lord? God's Son or Caesar or the head of state? Christ's Lordship is a preeminent position that He holds in the economical trinity. God the Father appointed Jesus the Christ Lord and invested Him with that office. The power and authority to execute that office was conveyed to Him by God the Holy Spirit.

The most quoted Old Testament passage in the New Testament is Psalm 110:1. This passage deals with the Lordship of Christ. "The LORD said unto thy Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool." "Lord" is the title of the universal rule of Jesus Christ as the Sovereign Lord of All! The Lord Christ quotes this verse to assert His Lordship (Matt. 22:44). Paul quotes the verse to show His superiority to angels (Heb. 1:13). Peter used it to show Him as Lord and Christ (Acts 2:34). It was quoted to declare the satisfaction of Jesus in His atonement (Heb. 10:12-13).

What was it that caused the inundation of the early Christians with a deluge of persecutions from the State of Rome? It was not because they had a religion that was not the same as others. All religions were tolerated as long as they were not considered hostile to the State. The early saints were not persecuted or destroyed because they worshipped Jesus Christ. However, they became enemies of the State because they worshipped Jesus Christ as the only Lord. The preaching and practicing of the Lordship of Christ was considered treasonous by the State and was considered as an attempt to overthrow the Nation of Rome. It was an issue predicated on whom is Lord! Rome said, "Caesar is Lord" and the Christians said, "Jesus is Lord!" It has been said [J. N. D. Kelley] that the baptismal confession required of all new believers in the early church as they stood before the congregation was, "Jesus is Lord." They were denying that Caesar is Lord for they now believed that Christ was Lord over Caesar. Rome retaliated against Christianity with violence! This was perceived as an issue, which would effect the survival of the nation. The issue hinged on who was sovereign. The situation is very much the same today.

The issue has not changed because modern America purports to be the sovereign over her citizens. The control of life, property, and religion are claimed by the State as is seen in its taxation, legislation, and educa-

tion. For example: in this country now the local church is said to be a subsidized entity because it is tax exempt. The groundwork has thus been laid to control the local churches. Remember you cannot confess Jesus as Lord and the State as Lord. There can be only one sovereign! Jesus is Lord over Caesar. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus" and there is "none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." The question at this moment is "Who is your Lord?" Is it Christ or Caesar?

Consider the outworking of Caesar thinking he is Lord in the rule of Caesar Domitian. "Domitian was the first Roman emperor to have himself officially entitled 'God the Lord'" (p. 149, *Christ and the Caesars* by Ethelbert Stauffer). Domitian declared war on "Christ the Lord!" And it should also be said that he was the first to lose the war (see Stauffer, p. 150 ff.).

One of the things, which pleased Domitian above others, was to attend a State banquet and hear the loud declaration "Hail to the Lord!" (We have "Hail to the Chief"). It has become a part of the record of history that some of the accolades were: "Hail, Victory, Lord of the earth, Invincible, Power, Glory, Honor, Peace, Security, Holy, Blessed, Great, Unequaled, Thou Alone, worthy art Thou, worthy is he to inherit the Kingdom, Come, come, do not delay, Come again." The Roman circus' or arena's became temples, the festivals of the people became events for emperor worship, and the festival meal became the Holy Meal of the Lord (that is Caesar). [For more information on Domitian, Titus Flavius, etc. see p. 534 f. of *Harpers Dictionary of Classical Literature*]

There was an epiphany that was sung to the divine Lord Domitian, and it said,

"See, there is God,
there he is established with supreme power
By the Father in heaven,
To rule the fortunate earth."

And the poets wrote of him, "Princeps principum, summe ducum, Lord of lords, highest of the high, Lord of the earth, god of all things!" The acclamations of the people would reach a climax with the cry, "Lord for ever, Lord from eternity to eternity, Lord in all aeons!" It was insurrection against the Lord God!

Domitian when dictating his imperial directives would begin, "the Lord our God commands." One of his proclamations began, "Edict of the Lord our God." Domitian had a penchant for cruelty and loved to condemn people to death, which fed his god complex. One

of his favorite condemnations began, “It has pleased the Lord our God in his grace....”

Considering this Caesar (Domitian) it becomes obvious that he would guard his lordship, as did the other Caesar’s, against a despised sect, as he viewed Christianity, which endorsed Jesus Christ as Lord. The declaration, “Jesus Christ is Lord” was enough to bring the wrath of the State against anyone. R. J. Rushdoony remarked, “The conflict of Christianity with Rome was thus political from the Roman perspective, although religious from the Christian perspective. The Christians were never asked to worship Rome’s pagan gods; they were merely asked to recognize the religious primacy of the state” (p. 94, *The One and the Many*). This the Christians could not do because “Jesus is Lord” and not Caesar! Their authority was not the Roman State, but it was the Lord God.

It is obvious that the Lordship of Christ was a volatile issue in the era of the early church, but the saints, stood against the world power for Christ’s Lordship. Where are we today on this issue? Some deny the need for Christ being Lord in the Christian life. One can supposedly be saved now without Christ even being Lord of the Christian’s life much less Lord of all. Someone or something else is Lord if the Lord Jesus is not acknowledged to be so! The health and wealth leaders believe Satan is now the lord of this world (p. 272, *Man as God*, Crenshaw). The New Agers and Inner-Faith movement see man himself as lord for the kingdom of God, to them, is restricted to being within you (see Pollitt’s, *The Inner-Faith Movement*). “Every man may constitute a locus of divine incarnation,” say the Pluralists, New Agers, and Inner-Faithers (p. 29, see pp. 151, 156).

The redeemed acknowledge their Saviour as LORD of ALL! [*How the Mighty Have Fallen.*]

RIOT OR FALSE FLAG?

In opening this tome, let us observe that not all who were at the capital joined in violence. No doubt, many were there exercising the right to PEACEFULLY PROTEST, and let their united voices be heard. Of course, it was a wonderful opportunity for the radicals to take over. The Capital Police had been warned what was likely to take place, but they did not interfere.

The World Magazine 2/13/21 had an interesting article about the “Riot.” The article contains several interesting points to which I would like to draw your

attention.

Probably the most distressing point of the article was that the “evangelical Christians” acted as though Donald Trump was the Messiah that would save America from its downward descent into predation. They saw in him an offer of salvation apart from any sign of repentance, turning from sin and turning to the Son as the only hope of salvation for men and nations. We have recorded in Scripture that men and nations have a looked for “salvation” apart from God’s plan from the time of Nimrod. Men would rather serve under an oppressive tyrant than to serve under the Lord God who offers freedom and social stability.

This writer has met pastors who would rather serve under man’s law than to try to “institute” the implications of God’s law into America’s civil law code.

The “religious” leaders in this false “Messianic” hope in the “riot” seem to have been from the charismatic movement, though there were plenty of non-charismatic Evangelicals involved. The charismatics promised to their followers something they could not deliver, and the frustration showed up in a “riot.” Moreover, we must not overlook the fact that **law enforcement knew that Antifa would** be there to instigate and lead the charge into the Capitol building, and motivating others to follow them; though knowing the facts, they let it happen.

The desire has been to blame Trump for something he did not do, and ignore those who did do the motivating, and ignore the law enforcement that let it happen. Sadly, many of the rioters were carrying symbols associated with Christianity. Were they really Christians or Antifa presenting themselves as Christians? Was the riot a major “false flag” to draw public and media ire against conservative Christians, much like 9-11 was a “false flag” to pass many very oppressive bills, e.g., the Patriot Act.

How much of the “riot” can be attributed to Trump’s speech? Though the whole video show that his words were carefully crafted to be above reproach, he should have considered the effect they would have on a “hyped-up” crowd, and how Antifa would use them. (Ignore the left’s edited version of the speech, and see the whole speech which will prove that the video was edited to fit the left’s agenda.) The One Worlders have been and are always looking for any opportunity to create chaos which will work to destroy what is left of the WASP influence, and centralize power into the hands of



the select elite.

False Flag in Action: World Magazine, p. 67 reported that five people were left dead, and right wing-groups are being blamed. Big tech is deplat-

forming all who have right-wing leanings. This writer has little doubt that the Biden administration will soon list right-wing groups as terrorist groups that must be disarmed, and even jailed. The same may also apply to Orthodox Christians who openly practice their faith.

The “riot” along with the QAnon fiasco shows how easy it is for “Christians” who do not know the Word of God to be led astray, and the wicked know how to motivate Christians into anti-Christian behavior. “... theology unmoored from the clear teaching of Scripture also makes followers vulnerable to the kind of conspiracy theories that have proliferated in movements like the QAnon fantasy.”

In Matthew 22:29 *Jesus answered [the Sadducees] and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*

We must lay the same charge against the vast majority of those who claim to be Christians, particularly those who joined in the “riot.” It is sad how easily self-professed Christians follow those who teach un-biblical doctrine, allowing them to be blown about by every wind of doctrine, particularly from the electronic charismatic speakers as listed in the article.

Ephesians 4:14 *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

As we have said many times, it is a Christian responsibility in our system of government to be involved in social issues including “politics,” but that participation must conform with Scripture. Peaceful protests are justified as the founders of this nation sought to protect in the Constitution. Christian failure to be responsible in various legitimate areas of society has brought about our current situation.

Many who profess Christ cannot endure sound doctrine and seek out preachers who will give to them what

they want to believe, or confirm to them what they already believe. The result is that Christians err by not knowing the Scriptures. That scriptural ignorance results in their following unbiblical speakers. Nor do they trust the power of God to work in history.

Following the Preacher’s instruction will solve situations like the “riot.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13 *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.*

SAMUEL ADAMS

Not only did Samuel Adams organize the Committees of Correspondence, he also instigated the Boston Tea Party, signed the Declaration of Independence, called for the first Continental Congress in 1774 and served as a member of those Congresses until 1781. His participation in politics continued well after the War...

Having given over two decades of his life and energy to the cause of America and liberty, he wanted to ensure that America never lost the things for which it had fought.

He described the nation’s true enemy.

“A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous, they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue, they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader....

“If virtue and knowledge are diffused among the people, they will never be enslaved. This will be their great security.

“Let [the clergy] and philosophers, statesmen and patriots, unite their endeavors to renovate the age by impressing the minds of men with the importance of educating their little boys and girls, of inculcating in the minds of youth the fear and love of the [Lord] and...the love of their country....

In short, of leading them in the study and practice of the exalted virtues of the Christian system.”

—Samuel Adams (1722-1803) was an American patriot, U.S. Senator, governor of Massachusetts, cousin of President John Adams and President John Q. Adams, as well as an early vocal opponent of slavery

THE SIX-FOLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH

My wife and I try to listen to a lecture by Rev. Rushdoony in the evenings as our time of devotions. In our journey with him through the book of Revelation, we came to chapter 14 where he develops what I will call “**The Six-Fold Mission of the Church.**” What got my attention about this chapter, and is known by those who have followed the Examiner for any length of time, is that these six things have been the theme of the Examiner since it started back in the 1980s. At that time, I was wearied by the many sermons and writings that primarily concentrated on the basic *principles of the doctrines of Christ*, with very little if any emphasis on how to take Christianity into everyday life and influence society. Those pietistic messages and articles had little relevance as to how to live in the corrupt world.

Study of the “deep things” of the entire word of God is commendable and I certainly love doing and teaching those “deep things,” but we must not overlook addressing the issues of life, and explaining God’s word in an understandable manner to the Elect so they can glorify God in the fallen world wherein we must live and work. The church is responsible before the Lord God to address how the redeemed can live in the *crooked and perverse* nations and *shine as lights* in the fallen world.

Hebrews 6:1 *Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, {principles... : or, word of the beginning of} 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.*

I realize that the mere mention of the name Rushdoony is anathema to some who claim to be Orthodox Christians, and may cause them to reject the following, but is he resisted because he speaks harsh Biblical truth to the self-proclaimed Orthodox church? Though what he presents clearly fits within the context of Scripture, it is a dramatic departure from what I was taught; He teaches that civil law must be based in God’s law; it must reflect the implications of God’s law, (the hated word is “reconstruction,” reconstruction of society in terms of God’s law.) or face God’s judgments upon men and nations as explained in Scripture, *e.g.*, Psalms 9:17. Quoting:

[Please open your Bibles and follow in] Revelation 14. (Bold added, and a few corrections to make the following easier to read.)

When God created the earth, He created it wholly

good. God created the earth as His kingdom, and set man in paradise to govern, to subdue, and to develop the earth under Him. But man sinned, and he was cast out of the garden, and the earth was cursed for his sake. Since that time, it has been the goal of sinful man to claim for himself the kingdom of God, to dispossess God, and to create a paradise on earth. Thus, when Christ came His purpose was to reestablish the kingdom by His own blood, to open up the kingdom by His atonement, to dispossess the enemy from the earth, and to destroy his works. For they, claiming to be heirs of the kingdom, had seized the land, the vineyard, and claimed that they were the people of God, the true heirs of God. [Matt21]

In the fourteenth chapter of Revelation, Saint John tells us of this dispossession. In the previous chapters, we have seen the dimensions of the satanic attack on the kingdom of God, on the people of God, and the nature of the spiritual issues which are at stake. We have seen also the blasphemous extent of the power of evil and the suffering of the saints.

And so perhaps it has occurred to us: “Is this the only destiny of the people of God, to suffer?” Unfortunately, too often the church has so taught. It has declared that it is the work of the people of God simply to suffer and to wait in this world. Their conception of the role of the church and of the people of God has been basically passive as though the church were simply the victim; the world belonged to the devil, and the devil was destined to triumph in history. However, the people of God and the church of God are not called simply to suffer, but to be the army of Christ in the world; an army that is destined to triumph. It is a very wrong conception of the role of Christ’s people to see themselves merely as suffering saints whose only destiny is to suffer and then to be with the Lord.

Similarly, others have seen the church as a kind of grand neutral on the human scene, as though it is the role of the church to take no sides in what goes on round about us, as though the church were simply the great red cross of the world which helps all sides in the battle and never takes sides.

We do have men who claim to be Bible believing Christians who advocate this attitude. From all churches, we have men who claim to represent the cause of Orthodoxy who will tell you that in the struggle, for example between Communism and the Western World, the church must take no side because the church is

above all these affairs. And similarly, in other struggles the church is to be above anything partisan.

But there is no neutrality in this world. Men are either for Christ or they are against Him. And there is no neutrality in any area, whether it is politics or economics, or whether it is agriculture or whether it is business, or whether it be science, or art, or architecture, in every area there is a right and wrong. In every area the word of God must speak. And so, the idea of a church that is passive, and a believer who simply suffers and waits, or the church as simply the red cross that ministers to everybody and ministers to both sides is not only wrong, but it is wicked. The word of God speaks concerning every area of life. The word of God has something to say to every man in every calling and in every situation.

It is not, certainly, the business of the church to engage in politics, it is its business to speak to the political realm concerning God's word. The church is to speak what God has to say to the man in politics, in science, in economics, in every sphere. Its business is to expound the word of God, and the word of God speaks to every area.

Our faith is either relevant to all of life, or it is relevant to none of it because God is either totally God or He is not God at all. He either speaks to the whole world, or He speaks to none of it. We cannot restrict the word of God simply to spiritual matters. It speaks concerning things spiritual and material. It declares the council of God unto salvation, it declares also the whole counsel of God concerning every sphere of life.

Consider what it did for our country when one man of God, John Witherspoon, over and over again in the continental congress, spoke to them concerning inflation, and said: "Thou shalt not steal, and inflation is theft." All we have of this witness is one address and a little essay, and the constitution. He left his mark on it with his witness. He did not believe that it was his ministry simply to be spiritual. He spoke concerning salvation, and he spoke concerning the will of God in every area.

No one can read the fourteenth chapter of Revelation without recognizing that the church is called to speak to the whole of life. In the first five verses we are given a picture of the true church under the authority of the Lamb. The Lamb of course, is Jesus Christ. The true church is ever triumphant; it is spoken of by theologians as the church militant on earth, and the church triumphant in heaven. But the church militant is the church triumphant in process, and as a result its song is

always a victory chant.

It always sings a new song. The term 'A new song' is from the Psalms, and it means a song of thanksgiving. They sung as it were, a new song before the throne. The new song according to the Psalms is a song of thanksgiving because of victory. And so, the church is called upon even in the midst of trial and of suffering, to sing always a new song. This is the essence of the song of the church, victory, because for the church, according to Romans 8:28, for the people of God all things work together for good for those who love God, for them who are the called according to His purpose. Therefore, whatever comes our way adds up ultimately to victory; but the reverse is true for the ungodly. All things work together for evil to them who do not love God, for them who are not the called according to His purpose.

In the fourth and fifth verses, the members of the body of Christ are described as virgins, those who are not defiled in the sense of Second Corinthians 11:2, where Paul declared: "I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you," that is, the church and the members thereof "as a chaste virgin to Christ." The word virgin in Greek is masculine in form, even when used with reference to both sexes. The phrase here has reference to the entire church, to the hundred and forty-four thousand; that is, to the fullness of the saints of the Old and New Testament, twelve times twelve. It has reference also to the huge multitude which no man was able to count out of every race.

Their virginity is clearly described as consisting of **four things: purity, implicit obedience, separation unto Christ, and utter truthfulness or no guile.** Therefore, they are without fault before the throne of God. They are blameless, without fault or blemish. Any of these phrases is a valid translation. They are spoken of having not defiled themselves with women. With the expression "women" there is in some texts sometimes in the singular woman. The reference in either case is clear cut. If it is "woman," singular, it has reference to the whore of Babylon, the one world empire. "Women," to the nations whom we shall find reference to subsequently, who have defiled themselves by becoming part of Babylon. As a result, the virginity of the true church and of the people of God consists in faithfulness to a God-centered faith, as against the seductions of man-centered theology and a man centered world empire which tries to create a one world paradise without God.

In the first five verses, the true church is described. Then through the media of seven angels, the full task of

the church is announced. Seven angels signifying fullness. In verses 6-20 we have these proclamations:

The first angel in verses 6 and 7 proclaims the everlasting gospel. This is the first and foremost task of the church, to declare the grace of God unto salvation through Jesus Christ. This is the responsibility of the church in every age, and throughout history from the beginning to the end, for the church has the responsibility to make known to every creature the gospel of salvation.

The second angel in verse 8 proclaims the fall of Babylon. “Babylon is fallen, is fallen. That great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” This then is the second great task of the church and of the ministry, to proclaim the doom, the fall of the world empire, of every attempt by man to create a paradise apart from Him. Babylon is central to all Biblical typology. It represents every attempt by man since the tower of Babel to erect a one world paradise apart from God, to establish human unity on the principal of revolt against God by men who try to be as God. It culminates in a one world empire and a one world organization which attempts to give to man everything that God plans to give redeemed man, to deny in this process the sovereignty of God and claim sovereignty for man.

Babylon the great is man’s attempt to say: “I am the master of my fate and the captain of my soul.” The program of Babylon is everything that the kingdom of God offers. A good life, peace, unity, the fulfillment of all of man’s potentialities, but all these things are apart from God and in defiance of His law. The fall is to come by breaking the law of God, and by declaring man to be God.

But it is the mission of the church in every age to say: “Babylon is fallen, is fallen,” and that “God in every age will confound and scatter, and plunge into confusion every attempt by man to create a church out of the state, to create a one world order or any kind of order which can stand apart from God. It is either this nation and every nation under God, or it is their scattering, their confounding, their destruction by God.”

Thus, the true church in every age has a mission to the state to declare that God declares its destruction, promises that destruction, if they do not build on Him and His word. “Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.”

The third mission of the church is proclaimed in

verses 9-12 by the third angel [v.9]; namely, to warn men in every age that they must not fall victims to the lure of Babylon, to the dream of a paradise state created by man, to the lure of humanism. To receive the mark of the beast means that men have placed their hopes in this world, and in the power of the state to give them their security. It means that they look to the state for cradle to grave security, rather than to God as their refuge and strength, their security, their very present help in time of need. Accordingly, **the church must warn men** in every age that they are responsible to God, and will be judged by Him if they depart from His word. Those who bear the mark of the beast have no rest day or night; and the church must proclaim this: “There is no rest saith my God, to the wicked.” Theirs is the cup of His indignation. They who drink of the wine of the wrath of God shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the lamb.

The fourth angel [v. 13] proclaims the comfort of faith, and this is another of the great missions of the church. They who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, unto them the word comes: “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.” [Isa 40:1]

Accordingly, the fourth task of the church is to proclaim the blessedness and the glory of our reward in Christ, our heavenly destiny. **It is a sin** on the part of the church to neglect to preach concerning the things of this world, concerning material things, but it is also a sin on the part of the church to neglect to proclaim the glories of heaven. This is our destiny in Christ, for when we die here our souls go to be with the Lord to have the glorious rest in the peace of heaven, and at the end of the world at the new creation to put on the resurrection body and enjoy everlasting life with Him.

Heaven is our destiny. We are to live, both body and soul, and to live in perfection, in a world where there is no death nor dying, neither sorrow where God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes, and we shall enter into the joy of the Lord. This then according to the fourth angel is a part of the mission of the church, **to proclaim the joy and the glory of heaven.**

In verses 14-16, the fifth angel proclaims the judgment to be preached by the church, not merely reserved to the end time, but an ever-present fact in every age; proclaim that Christ is constantly reaping a harvest and separating the tares and the wheat; proclaim that

judgement comes to men and nations in history as well as at the end of history, Assyria falls, and Babylon falls, and Greece falls, and Rome falls, and Communism shall fall, and every state and every Civil Government that attempts to build without Christ shall fall.

Therefore, the fact of judgement must be constantly proclaimed. Men either meet Christ as their savior or as their judge. Judgement, therefore, is a ministry and a mission of the church, and to soft peddle this fact and preach peace, sweetness and light, and to dispense simply sweet music is the mark of a **sinning or apostate church**. Therefore, the church must not only preach heaven, it must declare the fact of hell. It is a part of the whole counsel of God.

In verses 17-20, **the sixth angel declares another mission of the church; that is, to declare the fact of the vengeance of our God.** The treading of the winepress was the symbol of the vengeance of God, and it is spoken of as the great winepress of the wrath of God. Winepresses usually stood outside the city, near the vineyard. Hence, those who refused to find sanctuary in the city of God are cast into the winepress of the vengeance of God. When our Lord was executed, He was taken outside the gate of earthly Jerusalem because the taking of a condemned man outside of the gates meant that he was not only being executed, he was being cut off from any relationship forever with the people. His name was being blotted out, and he was regarded as being accursed, forever separated from anything that had meaning in the city.

Hence, Jesus was cast out by the earthly Jerusalem by the city of man. Now the condemned nations must go outside the gates of the true Jerusalem, the city of God, to be executed, to be trodden underfoot by God in His great winepress. For the earth is the Lord's, and the ungodly will be cast out.

Over and over and over again, as the law is given in the Old Testament there is this refrain which we find again in the Psalms: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." And when the ungodly lay claim to the earth, they are challenging God, and God takes vengeance on them, and He casts them outside His kingdom, outside His Jerusalem, and they are trodden in the winepress of the wrath of God.

Thus, the church must declare that God is a God of vengeance, that every sin is directly an affront to God, a denial of Him and is an attempt to supplant Him. It must declare that man himself cannot take unto him-

self the prerogatives of God. "Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord; I will repay." And the vengeance of God is upon all who are un-atoned for, who are un-forgiven through the blood of Jesus Christ.

And so, even as we proclaim atonement, the forgiveness, the remission of sins through the blood of Jesus Christ, we must at the same time proclaim that the vengeance of God is upon all who are not under the blood of Christ; that even as those who in Egypt did not have the blood of the lamb to protect their household suffered from the plague of God so in this world continually, the judgement of God is upon those who are not under the blood of the lamb. This judgement is in history, and it culminates finally in the last judgement at the end of history. And notice the term that is used: "The last judgement." It means that it is the last of many judgments, of a continuous judgement. The last judgement, therefore, is not the only judgement, it is a continual judgement down through the ages.

In verse 20, it speaks of sixteen hundred furlongs being covered with the blood of vengeance which is a symbol for the fullness of judgement, that is, it is worldwide in its extent at all times in history. The distance is four by four, that is the four corners of the world multiplied by themselves, plus one hundred; a hundred being ten compounded by itself. Ten is the number of fullness. Thus, the whole world is covered by the vengeance of God wherever it is uncovered by the atoning blood of Christ.

This chapter therefore speaks about the dispossession of the enemies of God. Now the things which are, Saint Paul declared, are being shaken, beginning with the fall of Jerusalem which is soon to come, he declared. "So that the things which are unshakable may alone remain." [Jerusalem fell after Paul's epistles; he prepared the church for that terrible day of the destruction of 1000 year old Hebrew-Jewish world.]

In this age as every age the world sees a great shaking by God so that the things which are alone unshakable may remain.

This chapter therefore speaks of dispossession, and it speaks of the mission of the church in all its fullness.

• **COMMENTS:**

Thus, we have above what can be called **The Six-Fold Mission of the Church** in the gospel ages as ushered in by Jesus Christ. **The mission of the Gospel Church is to proclaim these six things to the world:**

1. The gospel of salvation.

2. The judgement of God upon every apostate state, and to proclaim the word of God concerning the Godly state.

3. The warning of the dangers of and that men must not fall victim to the lure of humanism.

4. The blessedness and glory of our reward in Christ, and the heavenly destiny of the Redeemed.

5. The judgment against all anti-Christ efforts; judgment not only in this age but in the age to come. That judgment is also to be proclaimed against all un-biblical teachings in the church. Those churches, regardless of what they claim to be, must be identified as apostate.

6. The God of vengeance, vengeance against men and nations that are outside of the Kingdom of God, as well as against those who teach a corrupt “gospel.”

• CONCLUSION:

“Our faith is either relevant to all of life, or it is relevant to none of it because God is either totally God or He is not God at all. He either speaks to the whole world, or He speaks to none of it. We cannot restrict the word of God simply to spiritual matters. It speaks concerning things spiritual and material. It declares the council of God unto salvation, it declares also the whole counsel of God concerning every sphere of life. ... And so, the idea of a church that is passive, and a believer who simply suffers and waits, or the church as simply the red cross that ministers to everybody and ministers to both sides is not only wrong, but it is wicked.”

If the church does not make the gospel of Christ relevant to life in a fallen world, is it a gospel preaching church?

BE PREPARED

Dear Friends and Fellow-laborers:

What began in large metropolitan areas has now worked its way out into small residential communities. According to Breitbart.com, in Oregon, Colorado and in Washington D.C., Marxist mobs masquerading under a pretense of concern for “black lives” and “social justice”, have begun terrorizing suburban communities, utilizing lasers in attempts to blind innocent citizens. These domestic terrorists had previously used this tactic against police forces in Portland, Oregon, which resulted in some officers actually suffering temporary



blindness through injuries caused by these lasers. Now they have begun employing it against suburban Americans in residential communities. In addition, these domestic terrorists have also begun directing their tactic of vandalism of private property against homeowners as well, targeting private homes for attack with graffiti and threats of arson.

Up to this point, Indianapolis has not suffered as a result of these protests to the same degree as have cities in more left-leaning states. However, as we approach election day and its aftermath, we should not assume that what has happened in Kenosha cannot and will not happen here as well. As conservative Christians, each one of us represents a barrier to the Marxist agenda that drives these domestic terrorists, and, unless our government takes more aggressive measures to suppress their terrorist activities, within a matter of time, they will come for us.

We must not, however, think of these terrorists from a merely political standpoint. Instead, we must remember that God often empowers wicked men temporarily, in order to bring judgment upon other wicked men, whether individually, or collectively. America has long sown the seeds of rebellion against authority and defiance of God’s Law, and, consequently, God has given us to eat of the fruit of our own ways. Since Americans have worshiped and served their children more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever, and have taught those children to defy all authority, God now chastens us through the very reprobate children that we have raised, as they rebel against everything even remotely connected with their idolatrous and licentious parents. As Americans have worshiped and served the economy more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever, murdering babies for economic reasons and profaning the Sabbath by opening

for business on Sundays, even so, God’s judgment comes now in the form of Marxist terrorists who destroy those very businesses whose owners would not remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”*

At the same time, when God sends judgment, he also forewarns his children, that they may prepare in advance, or even escape altogether. The Lord Jesus Christ gave prepara-

tory instructions to his disciples as he foresaw the Roman legions marching to destroy Jerusalem in 70 A.D. Matthew 24 includes specific directions for emergency evacuation in the event of a Roman invasion of the City of David. Furthermore, the Lord Jesus Christ instructed his disciples to purchase swords, even if that involved selling their very garments in order to do so. This undoubtedly had reference to the social chaos that would unfold in the aftermath of the coming invasion, and not to any resistance against the Roman Empire itself. It highlights the difference between passively suffering actual persecution for righteousness' sake, and the legitimate response to more generic threats against our own lives or those of others, such as our family members.

We must not interpret these instructions with such rigidity that we fail to recognize the universality of the underlying principles involved. Admittedly, the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A. D. carries theological implications that make it stand alone as a unique event in redemptive history. Yet the basic principles of prudent foresight and preservation of life appear repeatedly throughout the Word of God. God sent Joseph to Egypt that he might prepare for seven years of grievous famine, and so preserve life. God commissioned Noah to build an Ark in preparation for a global flood, that he might so preserve life. Proverbs 22:3 informs us that *“A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished”*.

We ought to take particular notice of the scope of such preparations in Scripture. Noah prepared, not only for himself alone, but for his entire family and for the whole of the terrestrial animal kingdom. Joseph prepared, not for himself alone, but for the entire nation of Egypt. Parents, according to 2 Corinthians 12:14, have a definite responsibility to lay up for their children, and 1 Timothy 5:8 informs us that *“if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel”*. In other words, our responsibility to prepare for the day of evil extends beyond the bare perimeters of self-preservation, and encompasses all of those for whom God has entrusted us to care.

In observation and in application of this pattern evidenced throughout Scripture, each one of us has a responsibility to preserve life by making due preparations in advance. We ought not to do so in a panicked manner, controlled by a spirit of fear. Yet, in prudence, we ought to prepare some measures to implement against

the approach of the day of evil. Without overextending ourselves financially, we should develop a contingency plan and some resources for the event of a serious crisis emerging, as these domestic terrorists feel increasingly emboldened and empowered to escalate their assault on law and order, liberty and justice. Such a contingency plan should involve a reasonable supply of food and first aid supplies, as well as provisions for the event of a potential energy crisis. Those concerned about injuries from lasers can purchase eye protection at revision-military.com or at tech-lasers.com, and those concerned about actual gunfire can find body armor at ar500a-armor.com, or actual bullet proof vests weighing only 3.3 lbs at bulletSAFE.com. [Kalashnikov USA](http://KalashnikovUSA.com) produces magazine-fed shotguns that have received positive reviews, and which will provide an excellent resource for the defense of home and family. If pricing for some of these resources seems beyond your financial ability, you should ask yourself what you might sell, in order to acquire them.

Just as national Israel's collective rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ and persecution of the first-century church resulted in the gruesome holocaust that climaxed with the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D., so America's collective rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ and the absolute authority of Scripture has incurred the wrath of God against this nation. Numbers 35:33 informs us that *“blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it”*. 2 Kings 24:3-4 informs us that Manasseh's sin of filling Jerusalem with innocent blood brought the implacable judgment of God upon the southern kingdom of Judah. If the murder of over 60,000,000 unborn infants does not correspond to Manasseh's wholesale slaughter of innocents in Jerusalem and reap a corresponding harvest of judgment, then else what possibly could?

God will yet put the cup of his vengeance to the lips of the United States of America. It contains much, and she will drink to the full. Having this knowledge in advance, believers in America must not expect to escape, based upon ridiculous, unbiblical fantasies about a “pre-tribulation rapture”, “mid-tribulation rapture” or “pre-wrath rapture”. We must expect to go through the judgement with our nation, just as Jeremiah did in the Babylonian Captivity, and just as the first-century church did at the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. And, having that expectation, we must prepare, just as Noah and Joseph prepared, that through preparation, we may not

merely hide ourselves alone, but may also serve God's purpose to save much people alive.

Your Friend and Fellow-soldier,
Pastor Peter Baugh

PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

CHRISTIANS MURDERED FOR FAITH AND ANTI-RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY ON THE RISE

Levels of Christian persecution are at a record high globally, according to watchdog organization Open Doors, who announced the 2021 World Watch List... via press conference. A comprehensive research-based report, the annual World Watch List ranks the top 50 countries where it is most dangerous to be Christian—and exposes startling shifts in the landscape of global religious persecution.

This year's report reveals that more than 340 million Christians now suffer high levels of persecution for their faith, representing one in eight Christians worldwide.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has turned a bad situation into an unbearable one," said David Curry, president and CEO of Open Doors USA....

For the first time in the 29-year history of the World Watch List, every country in the top 50 is ranked as experiencing very high or extreme levels of persecution.

In 2020, extremist attacks spread further throughout Sub-Saharan Africa, from Nigeria and Cameroon to Burkina Faso, Mali, and beyond. In Nigeria alone, 10 Christians a day are murdered on average due to their religious beliefs. As the total number of Christians killed for their faith rose 60 percent for the year—from 2,983 registered cases...to 4,761...—91 percent of the violent killings for religious reasons occurred in Africa.

-CHRISTIAN NEWSWIRE

VARIOUS

Obviously, the Covid pandemic had been planned for some time. It makes the rich richer, removed Trump from office, and furthers the cause of the New World Order. The various kingdoms of this world are fighting among themselves for power. They will devour one another. The rich get richer:

ATOMIC BOMBHELL: ROTHSCHILDS PATENTED COVID-19 BIOMETRIC TESTS IN 2015. AND 2017.

[https://silview.media/2020/10/04/atomic-bombshell-rothschilds-patent-](https://silview.media/2020/10/04/atomic-bombshell-rothschilds-patent-ed-covid-19-biometric-tests-in-2015-and-2017/)

[ed-covid-19-biometric-tests-in-2015-and-2017/](https://silview.media/2020/10/04/atomic-bombshell-rothschilds-patent-ed-covid-19-biometric-tests-in-2015-and-2017/)

Strange. Just a coincidence, no doubt. Evidently, the Rich and Powerful knew there was a vast sum of money to be made in a Covid-19 test long before the Covid-19 was released on the public. Massive fear produces huge profits. Follow the money, and draw your own conclusions.

The Green New Deal at work

Half of Texas Wind Turbines Freeze, Hurting Electricity Output (23% from windmills.)

Millions of electricity customers across Texas suffered blackouts, partly due to the problems with the turbines,

https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2021/02/15/half-of-texas-wind-turbines-freeze-hurting-electricity-output/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=daily&utm_campaign=20210215

NaturalNews.com

German parliament ratifies Agenda ID2020 and Bill Gates' "vaccination package" for global depopulation

<https://www.naturalnews.com/2021-02-14-germany-ratifies-agenda-id2020-bill-gates-vaccination.html>

4 Benefits Of Adding Baking Soda To Your Coffee

https://thenutritionwatchdog.com/4-benefits-of-adding-baking-soda-to-your-coffee/?utm_source=paid&utm_campaign=bakingsodacoffee

One hour after Biden inaugurated, WHO changes COVID testing criteria

The change is expected to lead to a reduction in COVID case tallies.

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/one-hour-after-biden-inaugurated-who-changes-covid-testing-criteria>

IVANKA FOR SENATE?

Opening observation: Christians will allow and even encourage sermons against the religions of Roman Catholicism, Mormonism, Islam, &c., but will not even consider speaking against the Jew's religion. Followers of the Jew's religion are not afraid to proclaim their hatred for Christ as they openly work to destroy every vestige of Christianity. Clearly, many who profess the "Reformed Faith" fear man more than they fear God. However, ignoring facts will not make it go away. The false Jewish doctrines that have been allowed into the Gospel Church must be confronted with the law-word of God. Might God see fit to raise up courageous men who will attack gates of hell with the faithful proclamation of God's word against the many inroads of Judaism into the Christian faith and practice, e.g., Messianic Jews.

As we read speculation, remember that Ivanka Trump is now Yael Kushner as we see articles about

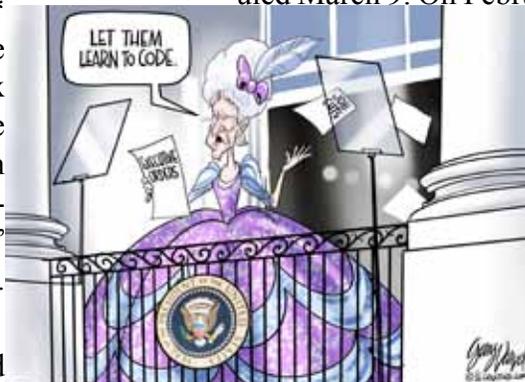
Yael considering running for the Senate. Watch Ivanka Trump, who is married to Jared Kushner who is an ordained ULC minister, an Orthodox Jew, a follower of Jewish mysticism, Cabbalism, or Kabbalism, and he prays to a famous dead Jewish mystic. Ivanka went through the proper ordeals, and fully converted to Orthodox Judaism. She officially changed her name to **Yael Kushner**. She wears a noted symbol of Kabbalah (a supposed powerful occult symbol, ed.) ... https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/PDF/J_Kabbalah.pdf

The Kushners worship at a dead rabbi's tomb. See <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2016/11/05/rebbe-ivanka-trump-jared-kushner-visit-lubavitcher-rebbes-grave-ohel/>

Judaism's Hidden Truth; that is, inside Modern Judaism: Where is the Biblical challenge against the many Jewish practices that have invaded the church? [Documents and massive documentation are posted at <https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/JudaismOpen.html>]

* Who or what is a Jew? * The Jews' Religion * Messianic Judaism * Yahweh "The god of the Yahwistic faith" * Unholy Hands on the Holy Word * The Growing Prestige of Judaism * Judaism is Zionist through and through * The Torah * **The Kabbalah & U. S. Foreign Policy** * Introduction: The Day of Atonement * Day of Atonement-Yom Kippur And the "Kol Nidre" (All Vows) prayer * The Passover * Training Young Christians in Judeo-Christianity * A New History Part I - History Changed * A New History II - History Rewritten * Introduction to the Talmud. "The Talmud (with the Kabbalah) is Judaism's holiest book." * The Talmud. We cannot overstate the importance of the Talmud to Orthodox Judaism. * Torah - Talmud. Though the Talmud is not mentioned by name in the New Testament, there are many references to the "traditions of the elders." ... * Gog and Magog & The Final War. Ezekiel 38, 39.

Before the next Examiner and Lord willing, I hope to have posted at biblicalexaminer.org * The Noahide laws for the Gentiles, * The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion and the * Rosenthal document on the website. Also articles on Zionism, *i.e.*, the desire to build a carnal nation of Israel to rule the world, &c., will be added as I have time to complete them. The vast majority of "Jews" know nothing about the Jewish faith they profess, only a few favor Zionism, and they are at "peace" with Christianity.



A note I sent to a hospital billing department

I realize you can do nothing about the wait time to speak to a real person, but this so-called pandemic is being used for some various nefarious reasons, and we are the victims who must pay the price of the long waits. Our time is valuable also, so there should be discounts according to our time spent waiting on the phone. You owe me 30 minutes' worth of money according to what the employee who takes customer care calls is paid. These extended wait times are transferring the cost of "customer care" to the customer rather than providing enough employees to handle the call volume, which is probably little or no higher than before the Pandemic. Time is money, whether on the customer's end or on the corporate end, and the corporate customer care cost is being placed on the customer without his knowledge, using the pandemic as an excuse.

Mindless Mask Mandates Likely Do More Harm Than Good

https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2021/02/17/mask-mandate-for-all.aspx?ui=62275c4f6eb5e1c6872faec264ac18ae89396d4486d6b98af038d9fef2e3c00d&sd=20110406&cid_source=dnl&cid_medium=email&cid_content=art1ReadMore&cid=20210217_HL2&mid=DM807294&rid=108634520

PERSONAL

Though the chemo treatments made my wife Bettie very sick with no appetite, they seem to have done their job. The tumors are now small and surgery is scheduled March 9. On February 26, she started the "HER-2" treatment which is plant-based having no side effects. That treatment will continue every three weeks until October. After the surgery, she must face daily radiation treatments for several to kill any residual cancer cells. We have met several women who have successfully gone through this regimen. The situation we face is that every hospital visit requires a minimum of two hours travel time, plus the treatment time. The HER-2 treatment takes several hours. We do not know yet how long the radiation treatment takes. That is over an hour each way to the hospital plus treatment time. Regardless, time will be at a premium for several months, and the Examiner will need to take second place. Bettie's youngest daughter and their 13 children have moved to Iowa. Bettie's son-in-law, at the urging of his dad, is going into the real estate business with a

Christian man and his son. Every time we would go to the VA hospital in Chillicothe, we were able to go by and see them for lunch. We will certainly miss that opportunity to spend with the grandchildren. In addition, we have my doctor appointments courtesy of the Veterans Administration. Floaters are appearing in right eye that require attention along with the continuing shots in my left. Those shots are doing their job in reducing the swelling behind the retina. I am having another skin cancer removed. This one is in my beard on my right side. 15 years ago, I had carpal tunnel surgery. The carpal tunnel problem is returning in my right hand. Bettie is now 76, and I will be 80 in August and we are still on our own. We use a lot of wood heat, but though I love doing it, I am past cutting and splitting the wood. We thank the Lord for a godly family with several children that live not far from us, and they continually offer any help we might need. We will depend on the older children a lot this summer for property maintenance. Medical needs are not unexpected. They are part of life. God has been exceptionally good to both of us over the years.

(Though I may not have time to put together another Examiner for a while, keep an eye on biblicalexaminer.org for what is going on with us. At Bro Moorecraft's urging, I hope to place video messages on YouTube and Sermon Audio)

Astounding

From Martin Armstrong: "The total employment in government is about 21 million (Federal, State, Local). Therefore, the proportion of the UNPRODUCTIVE workforce is staggering (unemployed + government). The total civil workforce is about 160.57 million people in the United States. Therefore, the total UNPRODUCTIVE portion of the civil workforce is comparable to 1932 and is now standing at about 25%. (far fewer people worked for the government in 1932 pre-New Deal)." [Did he include those on "entitlement" programs, SS, welfare, disability, retirements, military, &c.? Ed.]

Ten years ago I studied the GDPs of the 15 Southern states and in all of them 49% to 63% of income came from government. That is, the income of people on social security or welfare and of those who worked for state, local, or federal government. Understand this: half of the people in the USA depend on government for their income. Half. How do you fix that and put a nation back to productive work?

Crazy Elon Musk's Tesla bought \$1.5 billion in Bit-

coin. If you think this is a reason for you to buy the Bitcoin bubble, just send me the money you intend to invest and I promise I will spend it on something a lot more useful: beer. Bitcoin is a bubble. You have been warned.

Argentum et aurum comparanda sunt.

Silver and gold must be bought.

Franklyn Sanders, Daily Commentary, 2/16/21

If you have any interest at all in the money/metals' market, sign up for his daily commentary.

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CANCELING THE CLASSICS

A new movement aims to marginalize books showcasing the "white lens"

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THEY CAME FOR CHAUCER.

Late last January, the U.K.'s University of Leicester sent out a staff email proposing that authors prior to the year 1500 be dropped from the English curriculum to make room for "a selection of modules on race, ethnicity, sexuality and diversity, a decolonised curriculum and new employability modules." That would put Geoffrey Chaucer, Sir Thomas Malory, and Beowulf on the chopping block. Just what students expect from an English degree, Micah Mattix wryly observed at *The American Conservative*: "politics and vocational training."

In spite of strident protests, the proposal is still on the table. If it goes into effect, there's another brick removed from the wall of Western culture for the sake of contemporary relevance. Also for the sake of future English majors who can't navigate "Whan that Aprill with his shoures soote."

The university administration insisted it was not removing Chaucer because of his "whiteness." The same can't be said of educators here in the United States, where #DisruptTexts has quickly gone from hashtag to movement. On its website, #DisruptTexts is described as "a crowdsourced, grassroots effort by teachers for teachers to challenge the traditional canon in order to create a more inclusive, representative, and equitable language arts curriculum that our students deserve."

The influence of these teachers is significant: They speak at conferences, write for publications, and have the ear of organizations like the International Literacy Association and the National Council of Teachers of English. They are recruited by publishers to promote diverse literature for children. They insist that "disrupting" does not mean book-banning but elevating authors

of all races, genders, religions, and sexual orientations to a platform previously dominated by whites.

Opening the floor to diverse views is a reasonable, even praiseworthy, objective. Often, though, the implementation means either shouting down historical voices or putting them under a social justice microscope. Writing in *School Library Journal*, novelist Padma Venkatraman recognizes the literary excellence of the classics. But, she argues, justice demands we relegate them to social studies classrooms, “where inherent ideas of inequity are exposed and examined; where Huckleberry Finn may be viewed as an example of literature that showcases the white lens.” Students should not read classic texts as literature, or even as valuable insight into the faults and virtues of the past, but as analytical challenges: to dissect the subtle and unsubtle underpinnings of white supremacy.

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The American Library Association’s decision to rename its Laura Ingalls Wilder Award, as condemnation of the racism depicted in the *Little House* series, alarmed traditionalists. Perhaps it shouldn’t have: Huckleberry Finn has been under fire for decades from both left and right. But educators now look askance at modern classics. Ten years ago, *The Catcher in the Rye* was still considered a countercultural must-read—now, it’s the glorification of a whiny, privileged white kid. *The Great Gatsby* likewise: mopey, privileged white grown-ups. *To Kill a Mockingbird* was on every high-school reading list. Now it’s a problematic example of the white-savior narrative. Protest novels like *Brave New World*, 1984, and even *The Handmaid’s Tale* (only yesterday standing tall in the resistance against Donald Trump) are all too white. Whatever their virtues, they must be pushed aside to make room for diverse voices. “The subtle complexities of literature are being reduced to the crude clanking of ‘intersectional’ power struggles,” wrote Meghan Cox Gurdon in *The Wall Street Journal*.

Whatever an author’s faults, classic fiction offers readers a chance to experience lives beyond their own narrow experience and limited perspective—to expand imagination and deepen the soul. When fiction is about justifying a creed or movement, we call it propaganda. When it’s about living, in all of life’s complexity, conflict, and conundrum, we call it art. The value of art lies in touching the eternal, not amplifying the present.

Alan Jacobs calls this “personal density” in his most recent book, *Breaking Bread With the Dead*. “A book becomes a classic for you in part because of its power to compel you to hear something that you not only hadn’t thought of but might not believe, or might not want to believe. In this sense a book can become very much like a friend.”

Jacobs cites a Frederick Douglass speech, “The Meaning of July Fourth for the Negro,” as an example of how to think constructively of past sins. Douglass acknowledged he could not, as a former slave, uncritically admire his country’s Founders. Yet, “for the good they did, and the principles they contended for, I will unite with you to honor their memory.” While detesting their tolerance of a wretched institution, Douglass could sort out the good and work toward the better. This, writes Jacobs, “is a model of negotiating with the past in a way that gives charity and honesty equal weight.”

Charity and honesty are virtues worth developing when it comes to literature—virtues canceled by overzealous reformers.

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TWO VIEWS OF THE GOSPEL

MAN-CENTERED, *i.e.*, Arminianism.

A. View of God

Point of contact with non-Christians is love (God loves you). Therefore, God’s authority is secondary. Love is God’s chief attribute. God is impotent before the sinner’s will. The persons of the Trinity have different goals in accomplishing and applying salvation. God is a friend who will help you.

A. View of Humanity

Fallen, yet has the ability (or potential) to choose the good. Seeks truth but lacks correct facts. Needs love, help, friendship. Makes mistakes, is imperfect, needs forgiveness. Needs salvation from the consequences of sin -unhappiness hell. Humanity is sick and ignorant.

B. View of Christ

Savior from selfishness, mistakes, hell. He exists for our benefit. His death was more important than his life. Emphasizes his priestly office - Savior. An attitude of submission to Christ’s lordship is optional for salvation.

C. View of response to Christ

Invitation waiting to be accepted now. Our choice is the basis for salvation - God responds to our decision.

We give mental assent to the truths of the gospel - decision. Appeal is made to the desires of the sinner. Saved by faith alone - repentance omitted for it is thought of as "works." Assurance of salvation comes from a counselor using the promises of God and pronouncing the new believer saved. Sinners have the key in their hands.

GOD-CENTERED, *i.e.*, Calvinism

A. View of God

Point of contact with non-Christians is creation (God made you). Therefore, God has authority over your destiny. Holiness and love are equally important attributes of God. God is able to empower the sinner's will. The persons of the Trinity work in harmony - salvation accomplished for and applied to the same people. God is a king who will save you.

B. View of Humanity

Fallen, and will not come to God by own will power. Mind at enmity with God; none seek God. Needs new nature (mind, heart, will), regeneration. Rebels against God, has a sinful nature, needs reconciliation. Needs salvation from the guilt and the power of sin. Humanity is dead and lost.

View of Christ Savior from sin and sinful nature. He exists to gather a kingdom and receive honor and glory. His death and his life of obedience are equally important. Emphasizes his priestly, kingly, and prophetic offices. An attitude of submission to Christ's lordship is necessary for salvation

C. View of response to Christ

Loving command to be obeyed now. God's choice is the basis for salvation - we respond to God's initiative. We respond with our whole person (mind, heart, will) - conversion. Truths are driven home into the conscience of the sinner. Saved by faith alone - saving faith always accompanied by repentance. Assurance of salvation comes from the Holy Spirit applying biblical promises

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