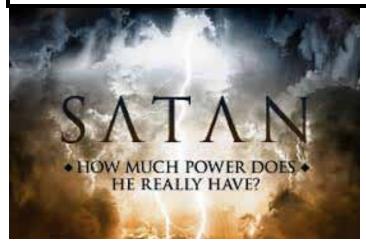
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# PURPOSE OF SATANIC POWER AND AUTHORITY

By Bro Need

Jesus Christ with His resurrection was seated at the right hand of the Father as King of Kings and Lord of Lords; and yet, under Him and by His permission, **Satan has been given legitimate authority.** The Lord Jesus Christ from His seat of All Power has given Satan legitimate power and authority so that Satan might deceive the nations. (Rev 12:9, 13:14, 16:14, 20)

We are members of the Kingdom of God, and yet we must live in the fallen Kingdom of Satan which has been given legitimate power from the King of Kings who is the author of all power and authority. That is, Satan has legitimate power and authority to sway kings and kingdoms away from God's lawful order, **they destroy themselves.** 

**Revelation 13** outlines for us how Satan can use his power and authority over the apostate nations.

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his

mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave *power unto the beast:* and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7

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And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

The images in the Revelation are highly symbolic, and everyone has an opinion. However, chapter 13 is clear. **All power** and authority belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, so any and all power and authority must come from Him. We see above that **He has given power and authority to the Satan** in at least 5 areas: 1) blaspheme **God**, and speak mighty things against Him, 2) to do

marvelous works, maybe through science and technology, to impress men, 3) to attract all the world powers to himself, 4) to hold secular power over the world for a set time, and 5) to make war with the saints.

('IT'S ALIVE!' Terrifying warning from Google engineer who says company's AI has SENTIENCE of an 8-yr-old! https://meaww.com/blake-lemoine-google-ai-la-mda)

The Lord tells the nations, "You want to die? Go ahead. I'm giving you the power to do so." Satan gives power and authority to the nations in order to carry out his, Satan's, war against the LORD, and against his anointed: China, Russia, Britain, America, and all those that hate God. Every individual in the world has the power to kill himself. The nations that hate God have legitimate (Satanic) power and authority to war against the Lord and his Christ. The purpose of that power and authority is so they will destroy themselves, as the Lord breaks them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

The *rod of iron* that dashes the conspirers to pieces is His iron-clad law

**Psalms 5:10** Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; **Proverbs 8:36** But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death. **Jeremiah 50:29** Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.

**Obadiah 1:15** For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

The Prophets Jeremiah and Obadiah promise the nation that they will reap what they have sown as they use their Satanic authority to impose their wicked will upon the world. Consider the terrible consequences that shall come against all those who hate God. Moreover, no one can choose the consequences God has in store, whether good or evil. (Ps 47:4. I dread to even consider what our apostate nation and her apostate churches are bringing upon this nation we all love. However, our love and allegiance belong to the new nation of God that we have been grafted into by the Spirit of Christ, Mat 6:33.)

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

Satanic authority is real; it is legitimate, but its end is

death.

**Proverbs 14:12** *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.* (16:35)

In both cases above, the LORD promises deliverance for His faithful people. Jeremiah 50:34 & Obadiah 1:17 But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

**Romans 16:20** And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

#### THE NEW REALITY—ANXIETY

By Bro Need

Popular Dr. Joseph Mercola says we're in the middle of "an epidemic of madness" that occurs when a "large portion of society loses touch with reality and descends into delusions." It's happening he says due to the "relentless fearmongering coupled with data suppression and intimidation tactics of all kind."

https://thejewishvoice.com/2022/01/epidemic-of-madness-dr-mercola-scorches-relentless-fearmongering/

We are being overwhelmed with preplanned, manufactured events meant to create anxiety, fear and even terror.

**Anxiety** is an emotion characterized by an unpleasant state of inner turmoil and includes subjectively unpleasant feelings of dread over anticipated events. It is often accompanied by nervous behavior such as pacing back and forth, somatic complaints, and rumination. Anxiety is a feeling of uneasiness and worry, usually generalized and unfocused as an overreaction to a situation that is only subjectively seen as menacing. It is often accompanied by muscular tension, restlessness, fatigue, inability to catch one's breath, tightness in the abdominal region, and problems in concentration. Anxiety is closely related to fear, which is a response to a real or perceived immediate threat; anxiety involves the expectation of future threat including dread. People facing anxiety may withdraw from situations which have provoked anxiety in the past. Wikipedia

Without Biblical Truth, lies can be used by the wicked to create **anxiety**, **guilt and fear**, which leads to a docile people easily led to destruction by the powers-that-be. Lies have forever been used as tools for waging physical and physiological warfare against an enemy, "False Flags." The enemy here is Truth. (See https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/PDF/TBE%202020%2008.pdf)

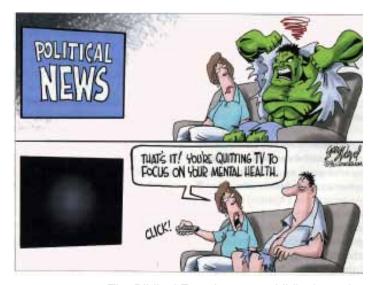
Those who are attempting to overthrow God are also taking full advantage of the many wonderful opportunities they have created to subdue and rob the little people, and to quickly advance their Marxist dream of a New World Order, which actually is **a reboot** of Nimrod's 6,000-year-old One World Order. It will also cause greater dependence on China. (China is well on its way to ruling the world through its manufacturing capabilities which were and are being financed by the West, the US particularly. Moreover, only by US aid has communism survived.)

#### Propaganda works

There is unending propaganda to replace truth with lies for those who have no solid Truth. Only in the Word of God can men know the truth midst all the lies, John 7:17, 8:32. The **Scamdemic** had its desired outcome and produced an "Epidemic of madness" where people believe what they are told, and act accordingly.

Destroying faith in the Tri-Une God and His governance of all history means that the control of history must rest on man. The denial of 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:) leaves man with no hope for the future, except what he can work out in his own fallen wisdom.

Without the Orthodox Christian faith, people readily accept the false doctrines of the *seducing spirits* and *devils*, fearful doctrines. (Eph 4) Those doctrines are meant to promote fear, anxiety, depression, delusional thinking and hallucinations, things that are meant to destroy the Christian's faith in the predestining providence of God.



Leviticus 6 pronounces material blessings and curses upon individuals and nations. Any nation that follows God's laws will prosper, whether that nation professes to be Christian or not. Leviticus 6 tells us that men and nations predestinate their own future according to their relationship to the law-word of God. Either a blessed or cursed future. Man's actions are clearly returned to him in the form of weather and other "natural" events, as well as human events. Super rain in the East, and super drought in the West show Galatians 6:7 & Deuteronomy 28 in action. The enemies of the Cross are being given great power over the followers of the Cross.

"God is very specific. Curses and blessings, there's no neutrality. God is not indifferent to us, though we may be indifferent to Him. He deals with us constantly in terms of curses or blessings. Now, we don't choose those blessings. We may want them in the material realm, in the physical realm and they come in the spiritual realm. He chooses them, not we."

• Russia, which is now far more Christian than America, just introduced new law criminalizing "LGBT propaganda"

https://www.naturalnews.com/2022-06-10-russia-more-christian-america-criminalizes-lgbt-propaganda.html

Leviticus 26:16, God is always the agent that permits or brings terror on the nations that violate His covenant law which includes all the inhabitants of the earth through Adam and Noah. The more a people depart from that covenant, the more they are given over to terror, fear, madness and anxiety. (Pro 28:1)

## Long-Lasting Pandemic Symptom: Fear & Anxiety

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"COVID psychosis is a state of mind in which sufferers believe what doctors are telling them. And what doctors are telling them justifies all the restrictions and mandates---and the need to censor and cancel those who ignore and disagree with the doctors."

John Rapporport: nomorefakenews.com

#### **Anxiety and tyranny**

The conspirators against the Son understand that lies are an effective tool to create terror, fear and anxiety, making the population easy to control. (See "The Destructive Force of Guilt and Fear." TBE, 2020 08. Biblicalexaminer.org Aug 2020)

Those conspiring against the Son, the Globalists, are

now openly talking of cutting off energy to humanity, starving people to death with food supply disruptions, resetting the global currencies to plunge humanity into poverty and achieving depopulation through the use of vaccines and deadly medications. In order to cover their tracks for the deadly result of the "Jab," deaths are now being listed as "Sudden Adult Death Syndrome (SADS)." The guilty now want public accolade for their tireless efforts to find the cause of SADS.

The wicked delight in what they are able to accomplish with their conspiracies against the Son and His law. Moreover, their conscience is seared, so they have no concern for anyone or anything other than their goal being accomplished. Regardless of the financial or human cost, the wicked use any means possible to renew and fulfill Nimrod's dream of a One World Order under centralized control. We are being surrounded with events designed to make us anxious. Emotions are extremely difficult to control for those who have no have no God, and no self-control.

**Philippians 4:6** *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing* by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care (anxiety) upon him; for he careth for you. 8 Be sober (calm and collected in spirit), be vigilant (give strict attention); because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour (swallow up or destroy): **9** Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

V. 8 tells us that the devil is close at hand to take advantage of those who are unable to trust God's providential control of the future. "Universal" inability to trust God results in the whole world lying in wickedness. (1 Jn 5:19) Trying to control the future which cannot be controlled except by God results in uncontrollable anxiety. Rates of anxiety and depression have increased dramatically, as well as cases of psychosis as more and more people experience delusional thinking and hallucinations, and suicides increase. Rational man says "Send in the Mental Illness Experts," but not pastors. Men place their hope in the professionals who have been well trained in the Humanist religion. The professional Humanists only compound the problems. Scripture tells us that they are clouds without water offering false hope that must lead to destruction.

Anxiety denies Divine providence and predestination. The Orthodox Biblical faith tells us that man controls the future by working with the providence of God. He does those things which conform to His word with confidence that godly actions will lead to godly results, i.e., Do this and prosper, or do this and die. Whether he likes it or not, man predestinates his own future according to his relationship to the law-word of God. (Lev 26:3 & 14, Matt 6:33, &c. Providence would not allow Joshua to take Ai because of sin. He dealt with the sin. and Ai easily fell, Joshua 7. Note that it took 800 years for the curse of Joshua 6:26 to be fulfilled, 1 Kgs 16:34. God is in no hurry.) Psalms 119:143, Proverbs 1:27-**33**.

Since the "Scamdemic" was first announced, we have done several articles how "the "Jab" is an experimental "drug" in the never-ending effort to control the emotions through gene manipulation, and make people subject to the will of the Nimrods of our day. (See Human Computers, 6/21/21, also 4/21/21. Download at biblicalexaminer.org.)

The effort to control people with drugs has resulted in many hundreds of thousands of permanent injuries and death. In addition, the manufactured fear of fossil fuels is promoting solar farm madness which will destroy our manufacturing base for lack of dependable energy. Moreover, the Federal Government is financing solar farms which are permanently destroying multiplied thousands of acres of crop land as famine threatens the world.

Hence, we see that it is advantageous for a tyrannical State to create fear, anguish, anxiety, depression, &c., which enables them to not only retain their power, but expand it. The truth about the CIA is being revealed; the CIA has been weaponized to war against the American people in order to increase the State's tyrannical power, e.g., videos show that the "January 6 riot" was a CIA sponsored False Flag, yet the CIA's involvement is totally ignored. There are those who will argue the flu is simply another effort to increase tyranny. False Flag to promote gun confiscation is at the top of the list as drug induced shooters are released upon the population. https://blog.nomorefakenews.com/2022/06/07/new-podcast-mass-shoot-

ings-and-the-psychiatric-drug-connection/

### Christ's answer for Anxiety

As one studies Scripture verse by verse, there will be passages that stand out which can be used to deal with whatever wrong emotions are giving problems. We must gain control of our mind by prayer, memorizing and meditating on those passages.

The battle for the mind and emotions is between trust in God's providence or trust in self, vv. 25-34; that is, Lord God vs the god of self as everything depends on me. The rich man was secure in his wealth rather than in the Lord, Luke 12:16ff. His trust was in what he believed he could control, his material goods. That is, his god was not the Lord, but the works of his own hands.

Anxiety comes from trying to serve two masters—the works of his own hands and God—making him *unstable in all his ways*. James 1:8 *unstable*, inconstant, restless. Christ deals with the anxiety of serving two masters in **Matthew 6:24** *No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.* 

**Mammon**, *i.e.*, the money-god (**or devil**). The slave of mammon will obey mammon while pretending to obey God. (Robertson's NT Word Pictures.)

**25 Therefore** I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

**Therefore** tells us that when our trust in material things overrides our trust in the loving providence of the God who promised to *supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus*, anxiety and worry will overtake us. (Philip 4:14. However, the promise of 4:14 is conditioned on seeking first God's kingdom and His righteousness. Matt 6:33.)

**Matthew 6:19-21**, when we trust in our worldly goods, our heart will be there. Those goods will be our lord and master; they will tell us what decisions to make to protect them. When we trust in and serve those goods for our security, we are saying, "I am serving myself because I can control my possessions." Hence, we become our own god as we trust in ourselves; that self-trust will have an unwelcomed companionuncontrollable anxiety. (See 1 Tim 6:17)

The ungodly State uses every means available to manufacture mind-numbing anxiety so it can increase its power over people. A firm Christian faith is the only sure defense against the State's effort to control body and mind.

#### Lack of faith in Divine Predestination or in Divine

**Providence** to control the future says *there is no God*, and we must take control. It is amazing how many professed Christians deny Divine Predestination, yet have no problem depending on man to control the future. Those who trust in man have abundant worries because everything depends on man. People who are plagued with anxiety are also plagued with insomnia, for the government is upon man's shoulders? Adam placed that heavy unending burden upon man in Genesis 3:5, a burden that must lead to anxiety. That unbearable burden can only be lifted by Faith in Christ. (Matt 11:28-30) Note the prevalence of ads for sleep aids, and the need for various kinds of humanistic, man centered counselors after any disquieting event in order to deal with anxiety. They never call for a godly pastor to give God centered counsel which alone will solve the anxiety.

The fool hath said in his heart there is no God who controls the future, so man must control the future. As Orthodox Faith upon which this nation was built decreases, anxiety will increase. Anxiety comes when we feel that if we can worry and fret enough, we can control the future, overcome problems, and change reality. We trust in things we think we can control, and when those things do not develop as planned, stress and anxiety will result.

Rates of anxiety and depression have increased dramatically as more and more people experience delusional thinking and hallucinations. *There is no god,* so the overwhelming and continual propaganda from every source imaginable has caused society to lose touch with reality, for they have no god except self or the State. True reality can only be found in the Truth as revealed in Jesus Christ. (See https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/PDF/TBE%202020%2008.pdf)

Lies have forever been used as tools in waging physical and psychological warfare against an enemy, *e.g.*, Joshua, Gideon. Those outside of the City of God, the true church, not only love lies, but they counsel together to invent and spread lies in order to attack God and His kingdom on earth which, according to Revelation 22:15 is present on this earth. (Cf. Heb 12:22-29, Ps 2, Ps 48:2, Matt 6:33. This writer can only speak according to what 22:15 states without understanding the ramifications of the text.)

The *fools* see lies as an effective tool to create terror, fear and anxiety as they wage war against the hated command-word of God, *i.e.*, False Flags. The wicked

delight in what they are able to accomplish with their conspiracies against the *Lord and his Christ*. Moreover, their conscience is seared, so they have no concern for anyone or anything other than their goal being accomplished. Regardless of the **financial and human cost**, the wicked use every means possible to fulfill Nimrod's dream of a One World Order under centralized control. (While the spirit of Nimrod plans and works toward conquering the world for Satan, it seems that Christians are unable to grasp their responsibility to conquer the world for Christ. See "Nimrod's Legacy Active Today" https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/PDF/TBE%20 2020%2003.pdf)

Anxiety questions the promises of God. Christ calls men to surrender their worry and anxiety for trust. Destroying the biblical faith in the Tri-Une God and His providential governance of all things places the control of history in man's corrupt wisdom and knowledge. However, Jesus Christ tells us that we have enough problems for today. He tells us that those day-to-day problems will be overcome by His grace and by His providence as we seek His righteousness.

When anxiety sets in and we start worrying, meditation on the Word and prayer is the simple solution. And prayer must first of all start by confessing that we are a sinner because worry is sin.

**Psalms 103:14** For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. **Philippians 4:6** Be careful (anxious) for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

In nothing be anxious (μηδεν μεριμνατε). Present imperative in prohibition, "stop being anxious." See μη μεριμνατε in Mt 6:31 (Robertson's NT Word Pictures.) In nothing be anxious. (Pulpit commentary.)

The Epidemic of Madness has engulfed the Globe, and Christians have the answer.

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? Ephesians 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: 14 For he is our peace, 17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

"When our Lord declares that the hairs of our head are all numbered, He tells us that the universe is totally the work of and governed by God the Father. We cannot remove moral considerations from the smallest aspect of creation. The doctrine of the covenant tells us that life is totally under God and His law. Nothing exists outside of or apart from God's government. We must therefore see all things religiously, that is, morally and theologically." (RJR)

What a wonderful time in which to live! Look and pray for the opportunity to offer the Christian peace to those who have no hope.

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Through faith; by which ye lay hold on the grace offered you in the gospel. Faith is not considered here as a work done by us, but as an instrument or means applying the grace and salvation tendered to us. (Poole)

Ephesians 2:8 tells us that faith is the gift of God, so we must pray with the man in Mark 9:24, *Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.* 

**Anxiety denies God's providence.** His promise is to seek first his kingdom, and he will take care of the rest.

Anxiety is an evil, why add to the evils of the day with this crowning evil, anxiety. Instead of solving the problems it compounds them. It involves a distrust in God and it is an insistence we can better protect our own interests than can the almighty Himself. Therefore, be not anxious. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. (RJR)

#### His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

**Refrain:** I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear, and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

#### Refrain:

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw the closer to him; from care he sets me free: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on

the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

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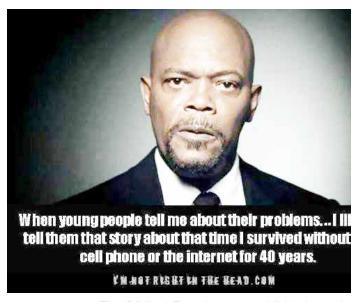
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# PERSONAL IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our son-in-law who lives about an hour south of Des Moines, Iowa called us a short time ago and told us it was time to move close to them so they could watch after us in our old age. Bettie and I both have medical and physical needs that, typical of old age, are not getting any better. The healthcare in this area could not have been better for Bettie and me, so stepping into the unknown is very disquieting for us old people.

We certainly dislike having to leave our church and good friends and neighbors for the "unknown." However, there seems to be a like-minded sister church of East River in Pella Iowa, just east of the area where we need to locate. As I have told our pastor and others, what is taking place here at East River Church is something I have longed for since I became a pastor in the early 80s. The church here has offered us all the help we need to prepare for the move. Our pastor, Michael Foster, knows some of the elders and the pastor there in Pella, so I am confident we will have plenty of help on that end.

The pastor also told us that there is a medical doctor who moved from North Carolina because of the creeping influence of the DC. He moved to Iowa, attends the Pella church, and has set up his own medical practice. So we need to talk with him to explore the ins and outs of medical care in that area.



Several weeks ago, Spectrum installed their fiber-optic cables through our front yard, with the prospect of connecting us before too long. The phone company in West Virginia where we were located spent a year making fiber-optic available into the county even through the mountains. Three weeks before we left, there was a door hanger left telling us that that we could connect into the fiber. When we saw Spectrum putting the cable here across our front yard, I told Bettie it looks like it is time to move again before they connect us like happened in WV.

Lord willing, we hope to move soon after the County before Country Conference September 1, 2 and 3. That move certainly will not be cheap, nor easy on us old folks.

Though we may need to set aside the Examiner for a while for time's sake, we certainly, Lord willing, are not discontinuing the publication as long as I have the mental capacity to do it.

Pray for us as we work to get the house ready to sell as quickly as possible, that we will find the proper house in Iowa, and that the move will be as painless as possible. Obviously, we have to get this house ready to sell so we can have the money for a house in Iowa.

#### Medical

I had a CAT scan to see if it might be possible to put in a spinal cord stimulator. In the scan they found stones that must be removed.

Bettie was born with a birth defect, pigeon toes. Her toes are giving her a tremendous amount of problem.

Please pray that the podiatrist, 6/24, will have wisdom about what to do.

Thank you for your faithful prayers on our behalf.

Go Woke, Go Broke.

#### STATE FARM GOES WOKE

By Bro Need

Through State Farm's involvement in "the Gender-Cool Project," they supported the queering of our children. Though they stopped that involvement, their corporate stated corporate policy remains the same. They are committed to queering America's youth. Hence, we see that corporations don't want to offend the queer community, but think nothing of offending the straight community where the money is. Note the commitment to queer the youngsters starting in kindergarten,

yet there is no support for Christians. Moreover, State Farm's three-book package was contrary to the new law in Florida. (There was a major uproar over the Gideons passing out New Testaments in the schools.)

We had been with State Farm since the early 1980s, and all the agents we encountered were Christians. However, agents cannot influence the corporate office, but the consumers can. Faithful Christians are left with a choice. That is, stay with a company that has partnered with the sodomites who want to queer America's youth, or go elsewhere. There are other insurance companies that have not urged their agents to support the sodomite agenda. I feel sorry for the Christian agents who have their lives tied up in a corporation that has revealed itself as antichrist. (See 1 Jn 2, 4 & 2 Jn 1) State Farm agents in Florida pushed the idea. Evidently, they overlooked the uproar over Disney's war against the Florida law, and the corporate office ignored that uproar. It appears that State Farm is now walking Disney's path to its own destruction. How can Christians support that partnership?

• State Farm Asked Employees to Donate Transgender Books Aimed at Young Children, Watchdog Group Says

https://resist the main stream.org/state-farm-asked-employees-to-donate-transgender-books-aimed-at-young-children-watchdog-group-says/

• **State Farm Abandons** LGBTQ Children's-Book Program after Whistleblower Email Leak

State Farm, the household-name insurance company, has abandoned its program to distribute LGBTQ-themed books to teachers, community centers, and libraries, explicitly targeting children as young as kindergartners, after a media exposé based on a whistleblower email caught the company by surprise on Monday.... (Read this article as they try to "walk back" their statement without offending the sodomites, or losing the straight community. "State Farm is 'committed to diversity and inclusion; they aren't just words, they are truly part of how we do business and lead our organization," but they are not inclusive for Christians. Thus, State Farm openly declares that it is an anti-Christ organization.)

https://www.nationalreview.com/news/state-farm-abandons-lgbtq-childrens-book-program-after-whistle-blower-email-leak/

• However, State Farm refused to back down, and vowed to continued their support. ... Instead, State Farm went on to say that it wasn't backing away from

its woke agenda and vowed to find other outlets for its LGBT extremism. 'We will continue to explore how we can support organizations that provide tools and resources that align with our commitment to diversity...' If State Farm doesn't release a comprehensive apology, disavowing this project, then it's time for Christians to take action. As a State Farm customer, even though my agent is a family friend, I'll be finding new insurance if State Farm does not unequivocally back away from the activist groups grooming children." (Tony Perkins) https://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=WA22E57&f=WU22E17&utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=washingtonupdate&utm\_campaign=wa22e57

• The Examiner reported that Consumers' Research is launching a multimillion-dollar public awareness campaign on State Farm's partnership with the Gender-Cool Project.

https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2022/05/24/state-farm-urges-agents-florida-donate-books-transgenderism-age-5-student/

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

The fool hath said in his heart, there is no god—there is no God who will judge the antichrist businesses and corporations that hate God. They hate the binding law of God that prevents them from making their own laws to live by. But they cannot avoid the death sentence God has pronounced against them. They are committing suicide.

Though I had been with State Farm for over 40 years, I could not support State Farm's open war *against the LORD*, and against his anointed. (Ps 2. Sadly, State Farm seems to be proud of their efforts to sodomize the youth of America. Parents, guard your children and grandchildren against the "woke" agenda by watching what your children and grandchildren read and see. It is your responsibility to guard their hearts. Know the Scriptures, and run everything through your theological sieve.)

1 Corinthians 5:9-13. As long as we are in this world, we cannot avoid the efforts of the wicked, but we can avoid financing antichrist agendas as much as possible. Walmart and Kroger are also promoting the sodomite agenda, but not through donating books to school and libraries. As long as we are in this world, we cannot avoid *wickedness*. 1 Corinthians forbids keeping close company with the wicked of this world, so it is obvious we must not finance their war against Christ if at all possible.

1 John 5: 17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. 18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. 19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

## SURPRISE! IT'S WOMEN

#### SPEARHEADING MASSIVE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT

By Larry Tomczak, 5/24/22

Survey social media, news reports, newspaper and magazine headlines, Planned Parenthood rallies, latenight TV, "Saturday Night Live," Whoopi Goldberg's "The View," celebrity postings, Joe Biden and Nancy Pelosi ... and you're led to believe that almost all women across America are outraged and united with progressives heralding, "Abortion is this generation's biggest story and women en masse declare 'MY BODY-MY CHOICE!'"

Not so fast!

On the surface this formidable foe seems in such lockstep that they will emerge victorious, right? Look again.

Just as in the time of Esther when millions of lives hung in the balance, she answered the call to stand up for human life. "Who knows if you've come into the kingdom for a time such as this?" (Esther 4:14)

TRENDING: Was your flight delayed? Blame the feds!

Discerning and dedicated citizens are refusing to be duped by a false narrative and a flawed Supreme Court ruling responsible for the extermination of 62 million babies, half of whom were little girls.

And guess who's leading the charge? Lovely ladies, mothers, grandmothers, single moms, high school girls, college co-eds and women serving in the marketplace and positions of political power are the vanguard representing the most visible and vocal champions for a culture of life. A new day is dawning!

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that both you and your

descendants may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19).

#### Females at the Forefront

When Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," first met President Lincoln he smiled and said, "So you're the little lady who launched this Civil War to free our slaves!"

In our generation we can look upon courageous women who are catalysts like Stowe and others, for example, Harriet Tubman (underground railroad freeing slaves), Rosa Parks (racial equality) and Susan B. Anthony and the suffragettes.

Multitudes are unaware that Anthony, honored as the first woman on U.S. currency, was an outspoken advocate for human life. Abortion zealots try to erase her pro-life legacy just like they do to Norma McCorvey, "Roe" of Roe v. Wade, who said, "I am dedicated to spending the rest of my life undoing the law that bears my name."

Susan boldly declared, "I deplore the horrible crime of child-murder. We want prevention not just punishment. We must reach the root of the evil and destroy it."



Today the Susan B. Anthony List is led by a woman in championing the cause of the unborn. Likewise is Feminist for Life, which for decades has been led by women in its mission "shaped by the core feminist roles of justice, non-discrimination and non-vio-

lence as we convince women that abortion is immoral." (Supreme Court Chief Justice John Robert's wife is a member as is former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin.)

#### **Open Our Eyes**

The mushrooming movement of pro-life women was reported by CNN in a commentary, "Open Your Eyes, Pro-life Females are Everywhere."

The enemy of our souls intimidates us into silence by making us feel we're small, insignificant and alone just like he did to Elijah. God lovingly "smacked Elijah upside the head," saying He had 7,000 men standing strong – all of whom "whose knees have not bowed to Baal" (1 Kings 19:18).

Likewise, Elisha had to instill fortitude in his frightened friend because of a multitude that seemed overwhelming: "Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than with them. ... Lord, open his eyes and let him see!" (2 Kings 6:16-17).

This doesn't mean it will be easy to take a stand and with civility and confidence tell the truth. This is high-level spiritual warfare, and we must be equipped with responses to counter arguments and change people's minds (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). I encourage you to Google my recent articles and "Week in Review" video on abortion to help you.

There is a price to pay, and opposition will come. I was cut loose from the staff of a church because I took a stand on gay marriage. ("That's a deal-breaker," said the leader.)

Journalist Monica Crowley said she was at an event where she asked a previously pro-abortion celebrity if he now tells others of becoming pro-life, and he whispered in her ear, "If I did that, I'd never get a job in Hollywood again."

The late Chuck Colson, former White House counsel and Prison Fellowship founder reminded us, "We are not only called to save souls but to save minds." God commands us, "Open your mouth for the speechless in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction" (Proverbs 31:8).

I remember the national prayer event in Washington, D.C., where the speaker was Mother Teresa, and seated at her side was rabid pro-abortionist Hillary Clinton and her husband. The diminutive saint didn't hesitate a bit: "There is no such thing as an unwanted child. If you find one, bring the child to me and I will find him a home."

She later stated, "We cannot fight credibly against other social and moral ills, including poverty and violence, while we tolerate mass killing by abortion."

#### **Cultivating a Culture of Life**

Sonograms show a baby's heart beating at five weeks in the womb.

The leaked opinion by Justice Alito simply stated that Roe v. Wade was "egregiously wrong from the start."

Deceased Supreme Court justice and women's rights advocate Ruth Bader Ginsburg warned that the infamous ruling was flawed, and she "disagreed with its base argument."

Once pro-abortion niece of MLK Jr., Dr. Alveda King, is one of the most passionate pro-life leaders in

America. She, like millions of compassionate Americans, serve tirelessly to rescue babies and direct women to pregnancy resource centers around the nation where mostly women staff and volunteers counsel, care and come alongside their sisters to guide them on the path to birthing their babies and sometimes giving the child to a couple waiting to adopt.

Decades ago I spent time with the late Nellie Gray, a former federal government attorney, who launched the "March for Life" held annually to "keep the flame burning" and attitudes shifting to protect developing babies in the womb.

On a special Sunday in our church we honored Nellie with a beautiful plaque for her work and pledged we would continue carrying the torch. This may not be an exhaustive list (forgive me for any left out), but these are just some of the wonderful groups cultivating a culture of life led by women today:

• Concerned Women for America • National Right to Life • Feminists for Life • March for Life • Students for Life • Americans United for Life • Heartbeat Bills – Janet Porter • Live Action – Lila Rose • Last Days Ministry – Melody Green • Susan B. Anthony List • Save the Storks • New Wave Feminists • Southern Baptist Pro-life Ministries. • Catholic Charities-U.S. • And Then There Were None – Abby Johnson

Here's the deal: The tide is turning, so be encouraged. I just watched an amazing film directed by a 34-year-old woman called "The Matter of Life." It exposes the hypocrisy of Planned Parenthood and its founder, Margaret Sanger (a racist who influenced Hitler), while highlighting the role women play in the pro-life movement today. It's excellent and more proof that God is working mightily today!

"We stand at a critical point in history when the legality of abortion is being challenged in the highest courts. More than ever it is important for everyone to know where they stand on abortion and why." – female director Tracy Robinson

https://www.wnd.com/2022/05/surprise-women-spearheading-mas-sive-pro-life-movement/?utm\_source=Email&utm\_medium=wnd-brief&utm\_campaign=dailypm&utm\_content=brief&ats\_es=76c8869964 0bf17c199c18ba90162de3

#### MANUFACTURED REALITY

By Bro Need

The Epidemic of Madness Engulfing the Globe thanks to the CIA which has been given the task of

manufacturing a new reality in order to create anxiety and fear which are used to increase tyranny. (Mass shootings, riots, chaos in general. Nothing takes place that is not pre-planned. Notice that SOP is to kill the shooter, and never take a blood sample. The few they have examined have been shown to contain some kind of a drug.)

We are living in a world of **manufactured reality** where truth is hidden from public view.

#### CIA, A Reality-Manufacturing Company

"Couldn't these professionals see that reality was elastic and malleable? Couldn't they see that manipulation was far deeper than telling lies? Couldn't they see that the CIA was a reality-manufacturing company?... (John Rapporport. nomorefakenews.com. Jan 6 was clearly a CIA sponsored False-Flag event.)

Common tools used by the CIA to manufacture fear and anxiety: various False Flags, Waco, Ruby Ridge, 9-11, Bush's never-ending War on Terror, fear of fossil fuels, climate change-Global Warming that will flood lowlands (the Obamas built their new castle on a beach which will be flooded in less than 20 years according to the Global Warming wackos), mass school shootings, and the most effective lie of our day is a flu. Anxiety caused fear is being deployed at every opportunity everywhere in order to force the "voluntary" depopulation "Jab" on everyone, and increase the power of the Beast State, which, by the way, must get guns out of the hands of those they want to control. The death toll in this "pandemic" is not above normal for an average flu season, though we are led to believe this is the worse flu in history. However, 80% of deaths today are the result of the experimental "Jab."

A rational explanation is presented for an event, and the public is convinced that it is real, *e.g.*, more government control means more safety! Guns kill people!

Today, most social, religious, news organizations and political institutions have become "reality-manufacturing company(s)." Truth is withheld allowing easy public manipulation to accept the manufactured reality as truth.

## The problem is that the natural man loves lies, Revelation 22:

14 Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15 For without [are] dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters,

and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Those who reject Truth, even professed Christians, readily accept lies that offer help without The Truth. (Jn 17:17)

And whosoever loveth and maketh a lie; who loves both to invent and tell lies, and loves to hear them told by others; meaning more especially the doctrinal lies of antichrist, which are spoken in hypocrisy by him, and his followers are given up to believe. (Gill)

And whosoever loveth] Though he maketh it not. Some will not coin a false tale, that yet will spread it; these are equally guilty, and excluded God's kingdom, Ps 52:3. "Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah." (Trapp)

John Henry Newman (1801-90) Letter to Mrs Froude, 27th June 1848

whosoever loveth and maketh a lie But what will not believe, provided it be not in the Bible? I admit that what is in the Bible requires faith; and this is as it should be. It is, however, too evident that there is nothing like incredulity for swallowing anything that panders to the first man, and leaving out the glory of the Second. (Eclectic Notes on the Bible. Online Bible CD. Available from TBE.)

Man is free to believe what he chooses to believe, and lies appeal to the "first man."

Sadly, the more society departs from the faith once delivered to the Saints, the greater is that love of lies. (2 Tim 4). People love lies that tell them what they want to hear. That is, the result of rejecting the law of the Lord, the Word of Truth, whether a pastor, professed believer or unsaved, he chooses to believe lies—he is a follower of seducing sprits, and doctrines of devils. We have all met professed believers, particularly pastors, who refuse to acknowledge a Biblical Truth from the law of the Lord because it does not fit within what they want to believe or within the framework of what he is telling or has been told. When we knowingly dismiss a commandment because "the first man" does not like it, we profess that we hate the Lord Jesus Christ. (John 14:15) Believing lying propaganda has the same results in the saved and unsaved alike.

Without a firm foundation in the Truth, people need and welcome a manufactured reality, even though they know they are been fed a lie. **Example: 1)** No one denies that the "covid" flu is real. We all know several

people who, without the "Jab" which is now known as the "clot shot," have contracted the flu, and though very sick, have recovered. Sadly, we also have good friends who have received the Jab, and are now suffering greatly from it. Our son-in-law's father, normally a very healthy man, died within a very short time after receiving the Jab. Additional problems with the experimental drug are that the side effects can be sexually transmitted, as well as through blood transfusions. Note that the overwhelming number of "covid" deaths today are those who have received the Jab. 2) More gun control means less mass shootings. Thankfully, people are starting to grasp the reality of the lying propaganda. Our son-in-law in Tennessee works in a sporting goods store that sells guns, 75 a day. 3) create more fiat paper, or Federal Reserve Notes, and solve the world's problems.

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

Men and nations predestinate their future according to their attitude to the law-word of God.

Without regeneration, people do not want justice; rather, they want leadership in terms of their character. If people really wanted a just social order and righteous justice, we would have it.

**Isaiah 40:1** *Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.* (Vv. 27-31.)

# GUN LAWS WILL NOT FIX A CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL PROBLEM

By Susan Parker



Sue Parker laments, 'The signs of a society that is sick are all around us'

Once again, the nation has witnessed a horrible, pointless act of violence, with innocent children the victims.

And, once again, we hear from liberals that the answer is gun control.

If we look at what generally characterizes the mindset of those – generally young men – who commit these acts, we see what generally characterizes the mindset that has taken hold of our whole culture.

Victimhood, blame and denial of personal responsibility.

Can this be an accident?

Kudos to The Wall Street Journal for having the courage to point to these incidents as signs of a "social and spiritual" problem in the country. "The rise of family dysfunction and the decline of mediating institutions such as churches and social clubs have consequences."

The signs of a society that is sick are all around us: the collapse of family, the collapse of interest in marriage and having children.

In 2021, 107,000 Americans died from drug overdoses, an all-time high and a 15% increase over the previous year.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, the suicide rate in the U.S. increased 35.2% from 1999 to 2018.

Suicide was the second-leading cause of death among young people, ages 10-34, and the fourth-leading cause of death among individuals ages 34-44.

A characteristic common to suicides and mass killings is that the perpetrators are disproportionately men.

Men – generally young men – commit indiscriminate mass murder, and men take their own lives at a rate almost four times higher than women.

So, men demonstrate in a most unpleasant way another truth that our liberal friends want to deny. Men are different from women – not just in physical makeup but also in spiritual, psychological makeup.

For whatever reason, our increasingly godless, materialistic, morally empty culture seems to take a particularly heavy toll on men.

American Enterprise Institute scholar Nick Eberstadt has looked into the recent phenomenon of prime-age men – ages 25-54 – who have bailed out of the labor market. These are men who have stopped working and seeking work. The official label is NILF – not in the labor force.

According to Eberstadt, the total number of NILF men held steady in the 1940s and 1950s at around 1 million. Then in the late 1960s it exploded. There are now 7 million prime-age men who have withdrawn from the workforce

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, the labor force participation rate of men – the percent of working-age men in the workforce – was 86.2% in January 1950. In April 2022, it was 68%.

The labor force participation rate for women has al-

most doubled over the same period – 33.4% in January of 1950 to 56.7% in April 2022.

We've gone from a culture centered on church to a culture centered on government.

According to Gallup, in 1950 over 70% of Americans belonged to a church. In 2020, it was 47%. Among those born between 1981 and 1996, it's 36%.

Over the same period, take of all levels of government from our GDP went from 22.6% to 43.4%.

Sanctity of life was devalued with Roe v. Wade. Military conscription was abolished around the same time, erasing any personal responsibility, beyond paying taxes, that men have to serve.

In this vacuous culture of entitlement and meaninglessness, lost young men periodically make their presence known through violent expressions, sometimes directed at others, sometimes toward themselves.

I do not pretend that this is simple. I certainly agree that security measures should be taken, particularly in schools.

George Washington warned the nation in his farewell address that there is no freedom without faith, tradition and personal responsibility.

The same liberals that have helped wipe this out now want more government in the way of new gun laws to solve what is a cultural and spiritual crisis.

https://www.wnd.com/2022/05/gun-laws-will-not-fix-cultural-spiritual-problem/?utm\_source=Email&utm\_medium=wnd-newsletter&utm\_campaign=dailyam&utm\_content=newsletter&ats\_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3

### Does God Care What I Wear?

By Mary A. Kassian

#### **Getting to the Heart of Modesty**

Seventies fashions are making a huge comeback. That's right — the era that featured hippy and bohoinspired styles like ponchos, platform heels, patterned folk dresses, fringed and crocheted accessories, and feathered shag haircuts. For hot weather, halter bra tops and hot pants were mainstays of this mod fashion palette.

For those of you who missed the trend when it last came around, hot pants are extremely short shorts — micro shorts — made of luxury fabrics like velvet or satin. They were all the rage when I was a teen. Everyone who was someone had updated their look with this chic wardrobe item. Determined to be as groovy as

my peers, I caught a bus over to the local mall to buy myself a pair.

The fluorescent-pink flowered satin hot pants hanging in the window display were perfect. I was smitten. They were priced higher than I liked, but they were absolutely fabulous — certain to yield some adulation. So, I carefully counted out my hard-earned cash to make the purchase.

My euphoria was short-lived. My parents deemed my trendy purchase to be immodest. In their opinion, those hot pants were simply too hot for me to wear. Much to my exasperation, they sent me back to the mall for a refund.

#### **Modesty Police**

That's when I was issued my first wardrobe modesty rule: my hot pants could be no shorter than five hand-breadths above my knee. I remember standing in dressing rooms with my fingers stacked together as loosely as possible, placing hand over hand, trying to find a pair of hotpants that measured up (or perhaps I should say down) to this near-impossible-to-find standard.

#### Modesty. The word made me bristle.

What was with the sex-specific emphasis on girls and women dressing modestly? It didn't seem fair. My five brothers didn't have to endure endless scrutiny of their wardrobes. It wasn't my fault that some guys couldn't keep their eyes on their fries. Why should the responsibility for their thought life fall on my shoulders?

"Modesty has a lot more to do with the condition of our hearts than with the specifics of our wardrobes."

In church settings, discussions about modesty focus predominantly on female clothing. Many teachers emphasize that men are visually stimulated. Women are told that if they dress in a way that is overly sexual, they can tempt their Christian brothers to sin, and may end up in sexual sin themselves.

The issue of modesty is thus often reduced to the question of the best way to help men avoid temptation: How low is too low? How short is too short? How tight is too tight? How sheer is too sheer? How much skin is too much skin?

Women can be each other's worst critics. At church gatherings, self-appointed modesty police surreptitiously check out what everyone is wearing to determine whether any of the sisters are guilty of an offense against the brothers. (Women, you know what I'm talk-

ing about.)

I've had my share of run-ins with the modesty police. As a young pastor's wife, I was once corrected by a well-meaning sister for the "sin" of wearing a pencil skirt and — to add insult to injury — one that didn't extend well below my knee. This woman's relentless evaluation of my wardrobe threw me into an ugly-baggy-long-dress phase that (much to my husband's dismay) lasted nearly two years.

#### **Hemlines and Hearts**

Women who were raised in the church are well aware of the Bible's instruction to dress modestly.

Women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness — with good works. (1 Timothy 2:9–10)

We've heard the admonishment repeatedly. When I told a friend that I had been asked to write an article about modesty, she sighed, rolled her eyes, and quipped, "Seriously? Isn't there anything else to talk about?"

I get it. The topic can be wearisome. Because all too often, modesty is presented as adherence to a legalistic set of rules. What's more, the rules are somewhat arbitrary. They differ from place to place, church to church, culture to culture, situation to situation, and person to person. Yet if a Christian woman transgresses them, she can be taken to account, and her commitment to holiness called into question. The modesty police have

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A
BIG SISTER AND A BIG BROTHER...

given modesty a bad rap.

It seems to me that the emphasis on the dos and don'ts of how women ought to dress misses a crucial point. Modesty has a lot more to do with the condition of our hearts than with the specifics of our wardrobes. What's more, modesty is not just applicable to women or women's clothing. It's also a trait that the Bible promotes for men.

#### **Common Standard**

Some of the wealthy women in the church in Ephesus were dressing inappropriately. Their clothing was opulent, their jewelry excessive, and their hairstyles extravagant.

In 1 Timothy 2:9–10, Paul encourages these primped women to dress in a way that is in keeping with their Christian character. He uses three Greek words to help them understand what godly dress involves. Their choice of clothing was to be kosmios, aidos, and sophrosune — respectable, modest, and self-controlled.

These three terms are closely related; their meanings are rich and overlap. They definitely give women some valuable insight about what, and what not, to wear. But they have a far broader application than that.

Just a few verses after instructing women to dress in a way that is respectable and self-controlled, Paul instructs overseers to be respectable and self-controlled (1 Timothy 3:2). Respectable behavior and self-control are traits that should be displayed by all who love Christ (Romans 13:13; Galatians 5:23).

But what about modesty? Is modesty exclusive to women and women's clothing?

A form of the word aidos (modest) from 1 Timothy 2:9 is also found in some manuscripts of Hebrews 12:28. "Let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and [aidous]." But other manuscripts use deous instead of aidous here, and most scholars take that as the original reading. Hence, translators render the word as "awe," "godly fear," or "reverence" rather than "modesty."

Nevertheless, this use of aidos suggests that the idea of modesty and the idea of reverence are intertwined. We are to worship God with modesty. That is, with proper respect and regard, and not with brashness, insolence, or a shameless sense of self-importance. What's more, this usage suggests that early Christians viewed modesty as a godly attitude that influenced far more

than the way a woman dressed. Indeed, everything a believer does should flow out of a beautiful, modest demeanor.

"A woman's faith ought to influence her wardrobe choices as much as it influences the rest of her behavior"

When Paul told the women in Ephesus that their clothing ought to be modest, he wasn't applying an isolated standard to women or women's clothing. He was pointing out that a woman's faith ought to influence her wardrobe choices as much as it influences the rest of her behavior

Her clothing should be respectable and modest, demonstrating self-control, because that's the common standard for all Christian conduct. This standard applies to men, too.

#### **Three Crucial Questions**

Notice that Paul didn't join the ranks of the modesty patrol. He didn't establish an external set of rules. He didn't tell the women in Ephesus that the necklines of their togas needed to cover their clavicles or that their hemlines could only be a specified number of handbreadths above their ankles. He didn't specify how many braids, how much gold, or how many pearls a modest woman could wear.

No. He took the discussion to a deeper — and much more profound — level. The Bible sets a standard for godly dress that far surpasses adherence to a set of rules. It promotes the type of godliness that flows from the inside out. True godliness. Not just the appearance of godliness.

And for this, we must turn from discussing the height of our hemlines to addressing the condition of our hearts. The three qualifiers in 1 Timothy 2:9–10 help us examine whether our hearts are in the right place when we consider what, and what not, to wear.

#### 1. Is it becoming or unbecoming?

The Greek word kosmios means that something is becoming or respectable. Paul's primary concern is that our clothing is becoming, congruous with, fitting to, and consistent with our character as children of God. Respectable means that, on God's terms, it makes it easier, rather than harder, for others to give us their respect.

This word challenges us to bring a cosmic perspective to bear on our everyday decisions. According to

Paul, godly women adopt an entirely different approach toward clothing than women who don't know Jesus Christ. They dress in a way that is in keeping with their Christian character.

Our Lord wants his girls to be stunningly beautiful. And he repeatedly stresses that a woman's beauty — and her beautification — is something that begins on the inside. The heart is where we put on Christ and his clothing. Therefore, a godly woman is far more concerned with her spiritual appearance than her physical appearance. The righteousness of Christ is the clothing that she puts on for others to see (Romans 13:14).

Spiritual adornment is the reality. Physical adornment is the symbol of that reality. Our external clothing is of secondary importance, yet it is not inconsequential, for it bears witness to our spiritual clothing.

What we wear on the outside should be befitting, or "proper for women who profess godliness" (1 Timothy 2:10). The external should express and match the internal.

#### 2. Is it decent or indecent?

As mentioned earlier, aidos, the biblical word for "modesty," means appropriate respect and regard. It is the opposite of brashness, insolence, audacity, or a shameless sense of self-importance. Aidos involves an inward restraint or aversion toward everything that is unseemly or indecent in God's eyes.

Dressing modestly means first that we are not defiant toward God. We choose clothes that are decent in his eyes, not clothes that are provocative, seductive, and honor nakedness. When we dress decently, we recognize that God ordained clothes to cover, and not draw attention to, our naked skin. We cover up out of respect for him, the gospel, other people, and out of respect for who he made us to be.

"God ordained clothes to cover, and not draw attention to, our naked skin."

Our clothing is supposed to tell the truth about the gospel. It shows the world that Jesus covers our shame and makes us decent. Our clothes cover our nakedness as the clothing of Christ covers our sin (Revelation 3:18).

Decency means we agree with our Lord about the true purpose of clothing and humbly set aside our self-interest to dress in a way that exalts Jesus.

#### 3. Is it moderate or excessive?

Godly women are self-controlled — in their behavior and in the way they dress. They rein in their impulses and avoid crazy extremes in fashion, hairstyles, and makeup. They avoid spending crazy amounts of money or stuffing their closets full of crazy quantities of clothing. As is the case with everything else they do, their clothing decisions are governed with a holy sense of moderation, simplicity, and self-control.

Understanding the purpose of clothing and asking yourself these three questions — "Is it becoming?" "Is it decent?" "Is it moderate?" — will help you figure out what to wear. And don't forget to include your "Helper" in the process. The Holy Spirit cares about your clothes. He has a vested interest in making sure you adorn your body in a way that honors Christ.

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)

Clothing is not meant to be about us. It's meant to display deep and profound truths about God and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Spiritual adornment is the reality. Physical adornment is the symbol of that reality. A woman whose heart has been made beautiful through holiness will delight to dress in a way that pleases her Lord.

#### **Beyond Legalism and Laxity**

This summer, the world will roll out its latest and greatest fashion trends. Retro hot pants and halter bra tops might be all the rage. Some Christians will join the modesty police to determine whether the sisters are covering up enough skin. Others will rebel against any attempt to curb feminine freedom and to shift the responsibility for male sexual purity onto women's shoulders.

But the Bible counters both the legalistic and the lax attitude. It challenges us to reject a judgmental, rule-based approach that measures modesty by the hemline rather than the heart. It also challenges us — both men and women — to joyfully embrace the concept of modesty, and to consider it a beautiful (rather than a restrictive) virtue.

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https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/does-god-care-what-i-wear

Comment: Romans 13:7 Render therefore to all their

dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. Does our dress honour the One to whom all honour is due, particularly when we go to His house of worship—church.

## How Compromised Preaching Is Contributing to Our Cultural Rot

Michael Brown

For many years, I have stated that a major reason America is so messed up is that much of the American Church is also messed up. And a major reason that so much of the American Church is messed up is that so many Christian leaders are also messed up. The domino effect is quite real.

Church leaders greatly influence their followers, for better or for worse. And since Christian believers are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, if we are not fulfilling our moral and spiritual duties, this will have a deleterious effect on the nation.

And how, exactly, do Church leaders influence their followers? They do it by their message and by their example. If they are preaching rightly and living rightly, they will produce healthy congregants. If their preaching is unbiblical and their lifestyle is compromised, they will produce unhealthy congregants.

To be sure, America is not as influenced by the pulpit as it was in 1873, when Charles Finney preached that, "If the public press lacks moral discrimination... If the church is degenerate and worldly... If the world loses its interest in religion... If Satan rules in our halls of legislation... If our politics become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it."

Yet with 70 percent of Americans still professing Christianity and with evangelical Christians alone making up roughly 25 percent of the population, the Christian leaders of the nation remain influential, for better or worse.

In that light, a recent Barna survey gives lots of cause for concern, especially when it comes to the message being preached by Christian leaders.

As reported by Decision magazine, "A new study from the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University (ACU), guided by popular pollster George Barna, has found that just 37% of Christian pastors in the United States have a Biblical worldview."

Seriously? Just thirty-seven percent?

It would be bad enough if less than 4 in 10 believers held to a biblical worldview. But less than 4 in 10 pastors? How can this be?

In the words of Barna, "This is another strong piece of evidence that the culture is influencing the American church more than Christian churches are influencing the culture."

Or, viewed from another angle, rather than Christian leaders equipping their people to swim against the tide of the culture, they too are being carried by the current of the age. And that, in turn, means that the light is not shining and the salt is not being salty.

It is a vicious cycle of moral and spiritual deterioration.

In short, when the doctors are spreading disease rather than curing disease, the populace is in big trouble.

Decision reports that, "The survey looked at eight different categories of belief and behavior, including family and the value of life; God, creation and history; personal faith practices; and sin, salvation and one's relationship with God."

Predictably, the heart of the problem can be traced back to beliefs about the Bible: "The survey found that the category with the lowest percentage of pastors holding a Biblical worldview is the one related to beliefs and behaviors about the Bible, truth and morality."

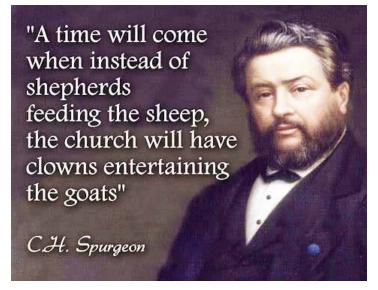
No surprise here!

And what do we make of the finding that just 4 percent of executive pastors (this is not a typo) hold to a biblical worldview? Just 4 percent? And how much influence do executive pastors have in the staffing of churches and in many of the practical decisions the church makes?

As for the larger population (not just professing Christians), the survey found that "just 2% of the parents of preteens" held to a biblical worldview, along with "men (2%), women (4%), whites (4%), blacks (2%), Hispanics (less than one-half of one percent), and less than one-half of 1% among those who identify as LGBTQ."

But this, too, should not surprise us, seeing that, in 2009, Barna reported that, "Even among born again adults, the statistics [concerning Americans with a biblical worldview] have remained flat: 18% in 1995, 22% in 2000, 21% in 2005, and 19% today."

As I wrote in 2017, "We have believed that we should blend in and not rock the boat, showing the non-believ-



ers around us that we're no different than they are. But while it's important to be contributing members of the society, and while we're called to be peacemakers not troublemakers, we are also called to swim against the tide and go against the grain. We are called to show the world a better way

"Sadly, many Christian leaders have put more emphasis on discovering what's trending in society than learning what's on God's heart. In their quest to become relevant, they have become irrelevant."

To be sure, there are many healthy leaders and healthy congregations in America. And there are always questions about the precise accuracy of polls and the nature of the questions that are asked.

But without a doubt, when we see so much moral and spiritual confusion in the larger society, it reflects the moral and spiritual confusion found in many churches. And that, in turn, reflects the confused and compromised message emanating from "Christian" leaders around America.

May God bring a true revival to His people, starting with Christian leaders across the land. May the awakening begin with us!

https://townhall.com/columnists/michaelbrown/2022/05/22/how-compromised-preaching-is-contributing-to-our-cultural-rot-n260762

## THE PRE-PLANNED ENERGY AND FOOD CRISIS

By Bro Need

The powers that be have warned of energy and food shortages, and here is how it is being accomplished.

Manufacturing the energy crisis

## • Massive U.S. oil refinery on track to shut down amid fuel shortages, record prices.

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They cannot meet government regulations. This refinery was built in the early 1900s, but these refineries are well maintained. My dad used to work on the "turn arounds," where they maintain the refinery and reverse the flow of the liquid. There was a family-owned Marathon refinery on the north side of Indianapolis which was torn down a few years ago. My dad used to work there as they did the "turn-around."

# • In Midst of Energy Crisis, Mysterious Explosion in Texas Takes One of World's Largest Fuel Plants Offline

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#### Manufacturing the food crisis

## • Here is the Updated List of [95] US-Based Food Manufacturing Plants Destroyed Under Biden Administration

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# • Complete coincidence? There were seven major farm fires in the United States over a recent 10-day period.

In the big picture, they were for the most part relatively small-scale events. But with reports of so many fires at food production facilities, you can't help but notice. ...

Maybe we're noticing these things more because we are subjected to the Baader-Meinhof phenomenon, also called "red car syndrome," according to Health-line. You decide to buy a red car and the next thing you know, you see red cars everywhere. It's not that there are more red cars on the road now -- you notice them because you are thinking of buying one....

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## • Largest Pork Company in the US Shuts Down California Plant Due to High Costs

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**Coincidence?** If you believe that, I have a bridge to sell you.

"... and having done all ... stand firm." Eph. 6:13

### To Restore America, We Must Restore the Family

By Mike Pompeo

Throughout the history of the United States, people of faith and conservatives have embraced the duty of upholding America's longstanding founding values and ideals, chiefly the protection of all life (born and unborn), religious freedom, and thriving families and communities as part of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Indeed, the healthy American family is a product of our unalienable rights. Today, we are called not to protect but to restore these essential elements of our nation. This noble and urgent work must start with re-establishing the family as the country's central, sacred institution.

The family is foundational to society. Our Founders recognized this: Thomas Jefferson himself wrote that, "it is in the love of one's family only that heartfelt happiness is known." From our families come our communities and our congregations. If we allow the family to become corrupted or disrespected, we will watch everything else fall away. That was part of the project I commissioned as Secretary of State in articulating the deep meaning of our unalienable rights.

This is precisely the challenge we are faced with today. Progressive policies aggressively and deliberately undermine and chip away at the family.

Government has often tried to intrude upon the sacred, private space of the family, and it has long been the duty of faithful conservatives to stand against these intrusions. But the attacks today are different, and they are more threatening than ever to the constitution of our Republic. Progressives are now actively seeking to displace parental authority, assume ownership of children, and make children creatures of the state. "Mothers" are now being called "birthing persons" on the floor of Congress. Cable news anchors say that children belong to their communities, not their families. Activists and teachers' unions claim that it is their right to decide what is taught to America's children, rather than those



children's parents. The Biden administration's ignorance contributed to a disaster that left mothers across America without access to baby formula to feed their children.

In the abortion debate, which has become a swirling torrent since the leak of the draft Supreme Court ruling in Dobbs, the concept of the family remains central. Abortion is, quite literally, antithetical to the family, for it destroys life and destroys the future of a family. Progressives argue, wrongly, that the right of an individual to terminate unborn life is central to being able to plan a family properly. This thinking is completely backward and morally destitute. It will take institutions like the Family Research Council to stand against these claims and offer a better path forward for all Americans.

What might this path forward look like? So many of our nation's problems are rooted in the destruction of the family. Thus, revitalizing the health of this central institution will do much to repair the issues we face. Faith will be necessary to this mission, for the sacredness of the family is a profoundly biblical idea.

If Roe v. Wade is overturned, the pressure to abandon our pro-life, pro-family principles will be staggeringly immense. Those using the pro-life movement for political gain will surrender. Those of us who believe every life bears the image of our Creator will persevere. We must continue the fight, for President Biden is already calling for legislation to protect the abortionists. Now more than ever, we need faithful Christians who truly believe in the God-given dignity of the unborn to remain steadfast in their convictions.

Beyond abortion, we must continue to empower parents as they confront the poisonous ideologies taking root in our children's classrooms. Marxist ideologies,

such as critical race theory, are antithetical to the biblical truth that we are all fallen, yet each made in the image of our Creator and endowed with endless dignity. With critical race theory and other woke dogmas, too many activists turn America's children into tools for their personal culture wars. The classroom should be a place where our children learn that they should judge their peers by the content of their character, not the color of their skin. We should empower parents to protect their children against these efforts, as is their unalienable right.

Through our own actions — to strengthen our communities, fortify our congregations, and ennoble our family and loved ones — we can recover that which matters most. By engaging in virtuous action and allowing ourselves to be guided by faith, we can overcome the challenges which lie ahead. And ultimately, it is through God's grace we will have the resolve and the wisdom to do this. I commend the Family Research Council for their good work in standing up for families and wish them well on the launch of their new platform, The Washington Stand.

https://washingtonstand.com/commentary/to-restore-america-we-must-restore-the-family

# THE "EXPERTS" ARE WRONG about almost everything.

Finance, climate, diplomacy, science, medicine, education and psychology: The "experts" are WRONG about almost everything

Have you noticed how the so-called "experts" are usually incompetent morons? We have experts in finance who don't know that printing trillions of dollars causes inflation. We have experts in education and psychology who think mutilating the genitals of children is something to celebrate in the name of "pride." We have experts in diplomacy who think Russia has no right to its own national interests. And we have experts in science and medicine whose vaccines are so deadly, they have to resort to censorship and paid propaganda to cover up all the vaccine deaths.

The "experts," it turns out, are wrong about almost everything.

How did we get to this place? Because people prefer comfortable lies over hard truths, so the most incompetent "experts" who are willing to lie get promoted to positions of influence and power. The more they lie, the higher they rise in the system. Anyone who tells the truth, on the other hand, gets sh#tcanned.

Tell the truth about money printing and you aren't welcome anywhere in the realm of finance. Tell the truth about vaccine injuries and you get blacklisted from the field of medicine. Tell the truth about transgenderism and you'll lose your job as a school counselor or university professor.

Anyone who tells the truth about almost anything — gender, food science, climate, free energy, geoengineering, etc. — is banished from having any influence in society.

So now, as a result of all this, we are ruled by the cognitively retarded who cannot process reality and have no ability to make decisions in meaningful ways that benefit society.

https://www.newstarget.com/2022-06-08-the-experts-are-wrong-about-almost-everything.html

#### Tyranny of the Experts

By Bro Need

2 Peter 2:17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. 18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

#### The spirit of fear, a tool of the Devil

Manufactured fear of the covid flu gave unheard of opportunities for the "Nimrods" of the NWO to make great strides, enabling them to control an election. *The spirit of fear* causes people to lose touch with reality, and allowed the election to be totally corrupted. (See "2000 Mules.") **Fear Works.** Look for fear and terror to be spread over the harmless Monkeypox—which is spread by sodomite males—by this coming November.

Reform in civil as well as educational and ecclesiastical governments always comes from the bottom as the oppressed get fed up with the **tyranny of the experts**, the specialists who are convinced that wisdom was born with them, and will die with them; any disagreement with the experts is listed as terrorism. (Job 12:2) Remember the recent blowup as school boards tried to get Biden to label the upset parents at school

board meetings as "domestic terrorists." How long will it be before opposition to the experts will be labeled as terrorism?

Parents have turned the education of their children over to the experts, and we now have the highest rate of illiteracy in history. In West Virginia, I videotaped the commissioners' meetings and the school board meetings as well as other public meetings for the local TV station. I also videotaped the high school football games. The school board was controlled by a highfalutin humanist Doctor of something from the East. It was her word of expertise that controlled the schools in the county. Her Doctor's degree intimidated any dissent from any oposition. Sadly, very few parents showed up to find out what was going on in the education of their children. The parents left that most important aspect of raising children up to the humanist specialist. They were happy as long as they were able to have their nice schools, their well-maintained football stadiums and a good sports team. It was the promotion of nicer buildings and sports facilities that motivated the tax payer to increase his taxes.

We can expect a continued and expanded effort to control all resistance against **the tyranny of the experts**. All resistance or opposition to the tyranny must be controlled, or that oppressors will be overthrown if opposition is not silenced. The oppressors realize that The Truth will overthrow tyranny, a fact that most Christians refuse to recognize. Hence, the all-out effort to control, or even outlaw Orthodox Christianity as in China and Russia, and in all the Muslim nations. It is getting closer to our home as tyranny is increasing in Canada. Men, even those under the tyranny of the experts, would rather have tyranny and chaos than lawful order under God.

[Two Utah Moms File Open Records Requests on Election Records – State Lt. Gov. Tips Off Reporter, Blocks Them from Access, and Feds Are Called In. https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2022/06/two-utah-moms-file-open-records-requests-election-records-state-lt-gov-tips-off-report-er-blocks-access-calls-feds/?ff\_source=Email&ff\_medium=the-gatewaypundit&ff\_campaign=dailyam&ff\_content=2022-06-09]

We need a good public "revolt" against the tyranny of the experts; a realization that the experts, thoroughly trained in humanism throughout their education experience, do not have the answers to life. They are wells of knowledge, but without the water of life. They are clouds of promise for whom eternal darkness is reserved.

The essence of a biblical faith is a continual reforma-

tion in terms of God's Word; that is, challenging and holding human authority accountable in terms of Truth. Without that challenge, there can be no Godly progress in history.

#### THE HIGGINS BOAT

By Chuck Norris.

The expelled student who won D-Day, WWII and saved the world

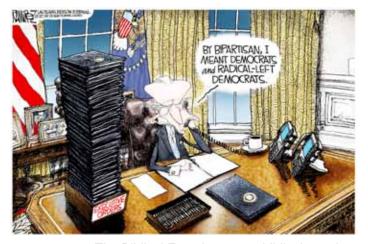
On June 6, 1944, Supreme Allied Commander Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower gave the green light for the largest amphibious military operation in history. Codenamed Operation Overlord, the Allied invasion of the heavily Nazi-fortified coast of France's Normandy region has come to be more popularly known as D-Day. On that monumental patriotic battle hung the balance of power in World War II (1939-1945) and the fate of the world.

By sunrise, 18,000 American and British paratroopers were on the ground.

At 6:30 a.m., American troops came ashore at Omaha and Utah beaches. By the day's end, 156,000 British, Canadian and American forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch (Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword beaches), and had established a foothold along the coast that could begin their advance into France.

History.com noted, "More than 5,000 ships and landing craft carrying troops and supplies left England for the trip across the Channel to France, while more than 11,000 aircraft were mobilized to provide air cover and support for the invasion.

"Within three months, the northern part of France would be freed and the invasion force would be preparing to enter Germany, where they would meet up with Soviet forces moving in from the east." By the



following spring of 1945, the Allied forces completely defeated Adolf Hitler and his Nazi regime.

The Normandy landings are regarded as the linchpin to the Allied victory, what is often now called "the beginning of the end of war in Europe." And there was one military vehicle that was a critical constituent of the win: the LCVP, which were the small landing boats that brought the troops onto the beaches on D-Day.

One of the most unknown of the unknown heroes of D-Day was a man who never set foot on a Normandy beach, never commanded a single troop and never wore a uniform – Andrew Jackson Higgins.

In 2017, the Washington Post summarized Higgins' character and contributions this way:

"Higgins was not native to the South. ... He grew up in Nebraska, where, at various ages, he was expelled from school for fighting. Higgins' temperament improved around boats. He built his first vessel in the basement when he was 12. It was so large that a wall had to be torn down to get it out.

"He moved South in his early 20s, working in the lumber industry. He hadn't thought much about boats again until a tract of timber in shallow waters required him to build a special vessel so he could remove the wood. Higgins signed up for a correspondence course in naval architecture, shifting his work from timber to boats.

"In the late 1930s, he owned a small shipyard in New Orleans. By then, his special shallow-craft boat had become popular with loggers and oil drillers. They were 'tunnel stern boats,' whose magic was in the way the 'hull incorporated a recessed tunnel used to protect the propeller from grounding,' according to the Louisiana Historical Association.

"Higgins called it the 'Eureka' boat. The war brought interest by U.S. forces in a similar style vessel to attack unguarded beaches and avoid coming ashore at heavily defended ports. The Marines settled on the Higgins boat, transforming what had been a 50-employee company into one of the world's largest manufacturers.

"To put Higgins' accomplishment in perspective," historian Douglas Brinkley wrote in a 2000 article for American Heritage magazine, consider this: "By September 1943, 12,964 of the American Navy's 14,072 vessels had been designed by Higgins Industries. Put another way, 92 percent of the U.S. Navy was a Hig-

gins navy."

Undoubtedly, Higgins' greatest patriotic and military contribution was the creation of the LVCP—his glorified "Eureka" boat, as he called it. If you've ever watched a D-Day movie, you've seen them. They're the small landing vessels with flat bottoms and high sides. They carried the troops up to the Normandy beaches, then dropped their flat bows into the water to let the troops exit off and out of the front of the boats.

#### D-Day

As creative as this entrepreneur was, "It is Higgins himself who takes your breath away," Raymond Moley, a former FDR adviser, wrote in Newsweek in 1943. "Higgins is an authentic master builder, with the kind of will power, brains, drive and daring that characterized the American empire builders of an earlier generation."

Higgins was also known as being tough, wild and wily.

He once hung a sign at his company that said, "Anybody caught stealing tools out of this yard won't get fired – he'll go to the hospital."

On Aug. 16, 1943, Life magazine reported how his demeanor was "famous for its opulence and volume," which included a profundity for profanity and Old Taylor bourbon. He quipped how he limited his intake of drinking to sipping at a single location: "I only drink," he told Life, "while I'm working."

About this Midwest-raised Southern patriot, former President Eisenhower told WWII author Stephen Ambrose 20 years after D-Day: "If Higgins had not designed and built those LCVPs, we never could have landed over an open beach. The whole strategy of the war would have been different."

In Karl Vater's great and insightful blog, he added: "And what's even more amazing is that Higgins did it all without any request from the military – in fact he did so by pushing against the wishes of the U.S. Navy.

"In WWII the Navy was only interested in larger vessels like destroyers and battleships. They had no interest in smaller vessels, especially not the LCVPs that Higgins had in mind.

"The Navy didn't want LCVPs, which later became known to soldiers and the world as 'Higgins Boats,' because their small size and flat bottoms meant they couldn't navigate across the English Channel.

"But Higgins saw what the Navy couldn't see. That,

after crossing the channel, the larger ships would not be able to get troops close enough to the shore. Higgins was a hothead, so even when the Navy finally relented and saw the need for smaller landing craft, they didn't want anything to do with Higgins or his boat design. The Navy was determined to design their own landing craft.

"But Higgins had an idea, and he insisted on seeing it through. For over two years, he pushed and prodded until the Navy reluctantly allowed his design to be entered into the contract bidding. When they saw his design, the contest was over. Higgins' design was superior in every way.

"Immediately, Higgins converted all his assembly lines into building LCVPs. At one time he employed over 30,000 men and women of all races. Almost unheard of in the deep South of that era.

In his amazing book, "D-Day: The Climactic Battle of World War II," Ambrose tells about the conversation he had with President Eisenhower in 1964.

Ambrose was shortly traveling to New Orleans, so Eisenhower asked him if he had ever met Andrew Higgins. Ambrose said he had not, and that Higgins actually passed away back in 1952. To that fact, Eisenhower responded, "That's too bad. He is the man who won the war for us."

That is one amazing accolade from one of the world's greatest military generals!

Even Adolf Hitler conceded to Higgins' influence and power when he called him "the new Noah."

And lastly, like with the biblical Noah, nothing came easy for Higgins. He was a man well acquainted with struggle and hardship. His father died from a fall when he was only 7 years old. With mom alone, times were hard and money was scarce, so Higgins "started a lawn cutting service and operated several newspaper delivery routes," according to his Memorial Foundation.

Even later in life, after he built lucrative businesses, his Memorial Foundation shared that "many times he lost his company and savings to hurricanes and hard times," including enduring the multi-faceted fallout of the Great Depression, severe droughts and dust storms during the 1930s. Through it all, Higgins also led and provided for his wife Angele and six children.

In the end, maybe what Andrew Jackson Higgins' life and contributions best show us is that a once-expelled student who became a hothead, cursing, bourbon-loving "normal American with normal struggles" can change the world. And you don't have to be famous or have fortune to do it. You don't even have to leave your own backyard. Most of all, we learn that sometimes the key to success and victory is thinking smaller, not bigger, just as Higgins did with his LCVP boats.

Higgins' life reminds me again of the words of D. L. Moody, who once wrote next to Isaiah 6:8 in his Bible: "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do."

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#### Some random thoughts

Evidently, he was a heavy drinker, but not a drunk, for there is mention of him losing all due to drink.

1) very early, Higgins was forced to learn discipline and hard work; rise early, work hard, be honest and dependable and work late. 2) admittedly, he was at the right place at the right time, but there is always a "nitch" for those with determination and character. 3) determination with the right things pays off, that is, don't be weary. 4) he refused to let discouraging circumstances stop him. 5) encourage your young men to peruse any talent they might exhibit, particularly in the homeschool environment. 6) one does not have to be rich and famous to accomplish great things. Normal people with a dream can do abnormal things with determination and hard work. 7) neither poverty nor lack of education is an excuse for failing to excel in whatever our hands find to do.

Normal people with normal struggles can change the world. "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do."

**Isaiah 6:8** Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

### Franklin Graham

Issues Stark Warning to Church: 'Trying to Pervert the Gospel of Christ'

By Amanda Thomason, 6/1/22

Franklin Graham has a big name to live up to, and he's

certainly in the business of making waves in the Christian community.

The president of Samaritan's Purse and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Graham recently published an article in Decision Magazine titled "The Eternal Peril of Progressive Christianity," and it has people buzzing.

In the article, Graham laid out — in no uncertain terms — how dangerous he believes the progressive Christian movement to be, saying that it is not the gospel at all and "results in nothing but spiritual confusion and chaos."

He began with one of Paul's famous exhortations to set the scene for his dressing down of the modern shift towards progressivism.

"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel — which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.

"But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!" he quoted from Galatians 1:6-9.

Linking Paul's warning to the Galatians to his own warning against progressive Christianity, Graham launched into a breakdown of why progressive Christianity can be so dangerous.

"I would say the exact same warning applies today to the advocates of progressive Christianity. They deceitfully promote and proclaim what I believe is clearly a 'different gospel, which is really no Gospel at all," he wrote.

"Let me say that again — progressive Christianity is not a Gospel at all. It has nothing to do with the Gospel of Christ's death, burial and resurrection. It results in nothing but spiritual confusion and chaos.

"Progressive Christianity denies the divinely inspired, authoritative truth of the Bible as it intersects every facet of living," he wrote.

"For example, although Scripture clearly says that marriage is between one man and one woman, proponents of progressive Christianity twist and distort the truth of God's Word on sexuality, focusing on such nonsensical trends as gender identity. They deny God's distinction of the sexes, and instead invent their own misguided standards, unguided by the Word of God.

"The degrading cultural influences that embrace such movements as gay marriage have more sway on their beliefs than the Bible does."

He said that while the Bible does address issues of social and racial justice, progressive Christianity tends to ignore that it also speaks about God's justice and how sin and evil are to be dealt with.

Graham also wrote that progressive Christianity tends to gloss over man's inherent sinfulness and all of the work Christ has done to atone for it.

"There's certainly nothing very forward-thinking about progressive Christianity. It actually regresses into unbiblical thinking and living, and it will put a person's very soul in eternal jeopardy," he continued.

"So the real, ultimate danger is that progressive Christianity can send a person to hell. I know that sounds harsh, but it's true.

"To reject the deity of Christ is to deny Christ and doom yourself to an eternity spent in hell. To love darkness more than light will end in an eternity in hell."

He closed by urging pastors to lead their congregations faithfully, staying true to orthodox, biblical Christianity and living out the clear truths of the gospel in their own lives.

In closing, Graham also shared a pertinent passage from 2 Timothy 4:2-5: "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuf-



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"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

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# FOLLOW-UP ON "THE GOD OF THE DECADE."

By Bro Need

Marxism and the hard-core right-wingers are bed-fellows. They both believe in the primacy of man, and deny the absolute authority of the Word of God. Both replace faith in the sovereign God and His predestination of the future with faith in the sovereignty of man and his ability to control the future through humanistic laws. The Marxist are open about their hatred for God, but though many "right-wingers" profess love for God, they deny the authority of God's law-word over them and society. In their denial of the law of the Lord, they profess the same hatred for God as do the Marxist. (Jn 14:15) Thus, both have the curse of God upon them.

**Jeremiah 17:5** Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.