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Do Secret Things Matter

REST FOR YOUR SOULS

By Rev. Need

Matthew 11:28 *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

“First, we rest by faith in Jesus, and next we rest through obedience to him. Rest from fear is followed by **rest from the turbulence of inward passion**, and the drudgery of self. ... We are to be workers, and take his yoke, and at the same time we are to be scholars, and learn from him as our Teacher. ... We shall not only **rest from the guilt of sin** — this he gives us, but we shall rest in the peace of holiness, which we find through obedience to him. ... (CHS Emp added.)

Christ always preached from the Old Testament law and the prophets, so he presented nothing new. Those who heard him speak knew and understood the context of his every sermon which finally drove them to kill him. How many preachers or teachers have we heard remove an Old Testament passage from its obvious Old Testament context, and say they are preaching the word of God? They are teaching a corrupted word. They wrest,

or torture the Word of God to make Him say things he did not say.

(See <https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/Com/NT/Galatians%205.html#Wrest>)

We must not overlook the Old Testament context for Christ’s sermon, **Jeremiah 6:16-21**. In Matthew, Christ is speaking to the multitude of Jews who were clinging to His every word. They flocked to Him because they were expecting Him to reestablish the literal Jewish Kingdom, and reinstate it in the glory of David and Solomon. So, when Christ

used the phrase **rest for your souls**, the Jews clearly understood what He was saying. His message is from **Jeremiah 6**, and they knew the context:

Jeremiah 6:10-21 *To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it. 11 Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days. 12 And their houses shall be turned unto others, with their fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD. 13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is **given to covetousness**; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one **dealeth falsely**. 14 They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my*

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people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. 15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were **not at all ashamed**, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD. 16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find **rest for your souls**. [mind, will, emotions] But they said, We will not walk therein. 17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken. 18 ¶ Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them. 19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the **fruit of their thoughts**, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it. 20 To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me. 21 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will lay **stumblingblocks** before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish.

Keil-Deitzsch tells us that “This passage shows us that “judgment cannot be turned aside by mere sacrifice without a change of heart.” That is to say, there must be genuine conversion of the mind, will and emotions, a totally new life and thought style, that comes from a new, changed heart.

fruit of their thoughts. That fruit of ungodly thoughts was the wrath of God against their nation.

Ezekiel 8:12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.



ancients refer to those in authority, the elders as well as the old men and women of the Covenant People. The Lord knew and knows the truth of what was/is taking place in the chambers of the imagination of every person. And He judged righteous judgment.

We live in an unparalleled day when every possible evil imaginable is readably available, and can

be, for a small price, piped into the privacy of every room in the house in full, living color; those evils can be streamed to any electronic device that is capable of streaming. An obvious result is that pornography has taken control of the uncontrolled mind, even in the church. (See Gen 6:5)

The wicked raise a united cry: “As long as I am not hurting others, what right do you have to stop me. The State has no authority behind closed doors.” We also hear the cry even from self-proclaimed Orthodox Christians: “You cannot legislate morality.” However, someone’s morality will be legislated and defended by the State. A Humanist State in its desire to be as god will pass and defend wicked laws.

God will bring to pass *The fruit of their thoughts*; that is. the results of what takes place behind closed doors, or takes place in the imaginations of the mind that are against the knowledge of God.

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

Public pressure has forced the State to remove or not enforce the historic laws against wicked deeds done in secret, e.g., sodomy, adultery, &c. (Acts 26:26) However, the State is anxious to legislate against unimportant things like hate crimes defined by the State judges between right and wrong thoughts, smoking indoors, gas stoves, seat belts, &c. “Law makers” then compliment each other for protecting the public. Smoking indoors will not condemn a nation to God’s judgment, but the failure of the State to legislate according to Romans 13, and the evil *the thoughts and intents of the heart* particularly among God’s people, certainly calls for God’s judgment:

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things [are] naked

and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

The enemy of our souls knows scripture, and he has more confidence in the Law than we do. He is confident that if he can corrupt God's people, God will turn against them. Balaam taught Balak to corrupt the men of Israel with women in order to bring God's judgment against his people. (Numbers 31:16) He knows that the laws in **Jeremiah 6:10-21** work.

We are in a serious warfare for the heart and soul of not only our people and thus our nation, but for Western Civilization that was built on the Reformation. (*Train up a child*, catechize him, and prepare him to go forth and conquer his area for Christ, starting with his mind.)

For the last 120 years the wicked have been counseling together to establish their humanistic dream of Nimrod's Babylon. They have "mastered," they have conquered and are using every means possible to destroy the Christian faith, especially through their Statist education system and Hollywood Entertainment. Christians have paid and are paying for their children to be well trained in humanism. The product of anti-Christian humanistic education has left the millennial generation (ages 18-30) empty and restless. (See Nimrod, <https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/PDF/TBE%202020%2003.pdf>)

The *thoughts and intents of the heart* of a once Christian nation have been changed dramatically since WWII with taxpayer support through the Statist education system and Hollywood Entertainment.

Two empty answers for the nation's ills are offered:

1) Return to Conservatism and return to the Constitution. Both offer a hopeless and an anti-Christian answer.

2) Get enough people to profess Christ with their mouth, and the Christian West will be salvaged. Romans 10:9, 10 is used to "Just say these words" with no proper understanding.

Romans 10:9 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord [as the supreme authority over me] Jesus, and*

shalt believe [commit, complete trust in] in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

A simple verbal confession never saved anyone. Salvation takes place in the heart when it understands and places all trust in the work of Christ. Godly salvation results in a genuine conversion of the mind, will and emotions. Born again from above means one is given a totally new life and thought style, a style that comes from the New Man in Christ Jesus.

We are in a swamp of infidelity, lawlessness, anarchy and ungodliness of every description. There needs to be a clear call for Christian warfare against the swamp creatures! The warfare must start in the secret recesses of the mind, then it is put into practice in Matthew 28:19, 20.

the fruit of their thoughts. Thought patterns must be changed. *Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ, and he will heal our land.*

The context of Christ's sermon in

Matthew 11:28 *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are*

heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

The more we learn of Christ, the more we will understand that He stresses the conversion of the *thoughts and the intents of the heart*, for as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.

The text for Christ's message is Christ's message from Jeremiah:

1. Look back to ancient history, and see how misery followed those fathers of the faith who forsook the Lord, there followed the desires of their own heart. (1 Corinthians 10:1)

2. The Lord pleads with His covenant people to hear the warnings (that is, understand, believe and fear)



of the miseries that would come upon them as *their thoughts* bear their destructive fruits. He pleads for His Covenant people to return to their *rest* which is promised throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. They not only ignore but mock the warnings. Deut 28, 29, Psalms chapters 1, 19 & 119, &c.

3. Jeremiah soundly rebukes the religious leaders for their failure to properly teach the *law of the Lord*. (Vv. 23, 14)

4. God calls the entire earth to witness, as He brings evil against His *people* for their apostasy. However, we are told elsewhere, that the whole earth is subject to God's law-word, and will be held accountable thereto.

5. God's fury against them is not in response to their actions. There was no shortage of sacrifices in the Temple, but they were empty rituals. God's wrath was because of their rebellious spirits. —*Fruit of their thoughts*. (See Matthew 12:35, Hebrews 4:12, &c.)

In 1 Samuel 15:22, Samuel told Saul that it is better to obey than to sacrifice.

6. The Lord himself promises to put *Stumbling-blocks*, things before His disobedient people that will cause them to fall.

7. The length and depth of God's judgment affects every area of creation. (Jer 7:19, 20)

He sent prophets to sound the warning, yet they still refused. His call to return to Him was more than simply bring their actions into conformity to His law-word. Rather, it was a **call to convert the thoughts and intents of the heart**, which they refused to do. It was the unlawful, secret things of the heart that caused God to move against His people.

Isaiah 26:3 *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*

The Lord offered His people *rest for your souls*, if they would return and walk in His ways. They would not stumble; they would find rest if their hearts were stayed upon him:

I think we could identify a stumblingblock today as **easy credit** makes it possible to peruse the uncontrolled desires of the heart: covetousness. Debt makes the borrower servant to the lender. People claim to be against slavery, yet they have no problem being slaves to the bankers.

There seems to be great excitement when consum-

er spending is up! A more accurate statement is that slavery continues to increase dramatically, as people willingly place themselves into slavery. Too bad that we cannot say manufacturing is up.

Jeremiah tells us in 6:14 that the religious leaders speak soothing, inoffensive words of peace, but those words cannot settle the troubled soul; even those who are called by His name love the prophets who prophesy falsely. Loving a lie, the LORD has set stumbling-blocks before those who claim the name of Christ, so they will destroy themselves. Both Peter and James warn of those pleasant false prophets who are clouds without water. They offer messages that do not bring rest to the troubled souls. (2 Pet 2:17, Jude 1:12)

Christ offered *rest unto your souls* to those who would come to Him by faith. Thus, when the Lord quoted Jeremiah 6, he offered rest for the soul as a result of Holy Spirit conversion of the *thoughts and intents of the heart* (He 4:12):

Isaiah 26:3 *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*

Is it too late to turn God's national judgment aside? Only the Lord knows.

We must conclude that the secret things certainly matter before God, just as much as those things done openly. Throughout the Law, Psalm, Prophets and by Christ himself, we are told that God judges righteously, and will reward according to the ***fruit of their thoughts***. (In 7:24)

It is the Lord who brings judgment upon individuals and upon nations. The secret things that are done out of the sight of others—behind closed doors or in the recesses on the mind—are not hidden from God, and He judges righteously. We must conclude, therefore, that the actions “behind closed doors” have very public consequences. According to Luke 12:2, 3, the unsavory fruit of the secret, hidden thoughts shall be revealed for public display.

“I am harming no one but myself” is the enemy's lie. We not only harm ourselves, but entire nations pay the price for the secret things of God's people that are contrary to His word.

Proverbs 14:34 *Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin (public or private thoughts) is a reproach to any people.*

RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOPE IN GOD

By Rev. Need

Righteousness in Proverbs 14:34 is defined as conformity by nations [or by people] to the ethical or moral standard established by God in His word. (TWOT)

However, a *righteous life* does not result in *eternal life*, for that comes only through the applied *righteousness* of Christ.

God considered Job a righteous man, chapters 1, 2. Then in chapters 29-31, we see how righteousness should work out into society through an individual. Moreover, Job made it very clear that he was not depending on his outward *righteousness* for his assurance that he would see God. He was at all times looking toward his Redeemer, 12:25-27.

True morality in individuals or nations comes only from the righteousness of Christ placed in individual hearts through faith, and then lived out in their lives.

Isaiah 60:21 *Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.*

Isaiah prophesied concerning the Gospel Church. He speaks of the indwelling Spirit of God through faith in Christ, and that Spirit working out *righteous actions* that *glorify God* in the lives of the Elect. When *righteous actions* are missing, then one must assume that the *righteousness of Christ* is also missing.

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

The **second** part of the verse says, *any people*. When society in general is given over to debauchery, nothing but misery is ahead.

Biblical history proves that godliness and prosperity as well as ungodliness and misery are the fate of nations as well as individuals. Godly nations shall prosper, and sinful nations shall suffer misery. (That law is established in Deuteronomy 27 & 28) God's misery is upon the world today.

Charles Bridges (1846) tells us that a nation is not great because of its political wisdom, its conquests of its enemies, its excellent trade policies that make other nations debtors to it, its manufacturing abilities, its natural resources, nor anything that men consider greatness. Both Greece and Rome were considered great nations, but they were overrun with degradation. Their

greatness only existed in fanciful stories and dreams.

Contrast the influence of ungodliness that produces suffering and misery with the influence of Christianity that produces peace and prosperity.

Sin is a reproach to any people; that is, there is no individual nor nation that can escape the misery of sin, nor is there any who can escape the peace and prosperity of godliness.

No individual nor nation is so low he can go no lower. Ungodliness removes the protective covering that only God can provide. (Proverbs 21:31.) Men and nations can invest all their resources to protect themselves, but only God can protect.

Two conclusions:

First, *Sin is a reproach to any people; that is, there is no individual nor nation that can escape the misery of sin. So how does the enemy persuade a nation into the misery of sin?*

stumblingblocks This is an interesting term:

In Numbers 22-24, we have Balak persuading Balaam to join him to curse Israel. Rather than curse, Balaam gave one of the greatest prophecies in Scripture:

Numbers 24:17 *I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.*

Unable to curse Israel, Balaam taught Balak how to place a stumblingblock before God's Covenant People, which would cause God to curse Israel. Balaam was rewarded handsomely.

2 Peter 2:14 *Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: 15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;*

From the beginning of the Gospel Church, the problem of the stumblingblocks have been prevalent:

Revelation 2:14 *But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.*

Balaam taught Balak to the children of Israel to commit fornication, and eat things sacrificed unto idols,

#Re 2:14; and these taught men to commit lewdness, and indulge themselves in their sensualities. (Matthew Poole)

The enemy knows that if he can destroy the Christian moral character of the heart of any nation, God's anger will be against that nation.

The Christian moral character of not only our nation, but the Christian character of all the Western Nations has been destroyed as every man seeks to be his own god, and does what is right in his own eyes. (Gen 3:5) The thoughts and intents of heart of the West has been conquered by things such as lust and covetousness. It seems that the free flow of pornography is leading the way down the broad path to destruction.

Second, the foolishness of numbers. The ungodly man is an enemy to his country, no matter how loudly he proclaims his patriotism, nor how much he might advance his *nation's* interests.

Our only individual hope is the imparted *righteousness of Christ* through faith in His atoning work. Our only national hope starts with His people bringing every thought into the obedience of Christ. The only ministry of the state is to see that God's justice is done. So, it is clearly the duty of the state to legislate the private actions of its citizens, what takes place behind closed doors.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Rest comes from the new heart that finds its peace in Christ.

The establishment or maintenance of rest, peace and of a Christian social order starts by *Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;* (2 Cor 10:1-6)

THE LORD OF TIME

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“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

God who is eternal created time and He controls time and the events that occur in time are subject to His judgment.

David reflected, “My times are in Your hand” (Ps. 31:15). This should bring comfort and consolation, but perhaps it should bring caution as well. It was said of Ignatius that when he heard a clock strike, he would say, “Now I have one hour more to answer for.”

With the coming of a New Year some people contemplate where they have been, what they have done, where they are, and where they desire to go within space and according to time. However, wise people recognize the originator of time and the One who controls it, “God has made everything beautiful in His time: also He has set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God makes from the beginning to the end” (Eccl. 3:11). God as creator brings forth only the beauty of perfection, and He has set that world as an observatory for the contemplation of the inner man; but the work of God in creation is so pervasive and infinite that man is incapable of its full comprehension. “As to every purpose of man's heart, which is a thing most contingent, so to every kind of thing or being, natural and artificial, to all sorts of things under the sun (for he instances in things natural, artificial, and voluntary), and he says there is a set time; so the word signifies, *tempus determinatum* (time to be determined). Time is a necessary circumstance of being, and therefore was created when other things were, and is ordained to be, when things are ordained; for as nothing was in God's purpose that should have a being, but has a time for it also, which also, as Solomon says there, gives it a beauty and a comeliness” [Thomas Goodwin]. God is time's determiner.



Everything that God does, endures eternally for it is not in bondage to time, so, nothing can be added to it, or anything taken from it; God did it this way that men would reverence Him (3:14). Thus, we see why God purposed time. We are unable to add anything to the past or take anything from it. Also, we cannot add anything to the future or take anything away from it. God

does as He pleases, and human efforts cannot change it. Time as established by God reveals to us our helplessness for, we have no control over it. We cannot even

discern the times. Our God controls so that even sparrows cannot fall to the ground apart from Him. He who sets the times controls all things! Therefore, that which has already been, and that which is to be, already is or is present already; God holds man responsible for what is past (3:15). That which has been had to be, and that which has been done was what was to be done; there is nothing new under the sun (1:9). What God does is forever (3:14a); a cohesive whole is formed (3:15). God controls the times, and we are subject to the times. Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, we need to give thanks and worship God with reverence and awe because our God is a consuming fire (Heb. 12:28-29). Our God is sovereign over us and therefore has dominion over our times (Acts 1:7). “What was (or became) is already, existed already in the divine counsels before it was openly manifested, and hence we learn, that God’s decrees decide everything, that in all the circumstances and ways of life we should look up to God, and that we may not look to our fellowmen, who are the companions of our weakness, and who, however much they may puff themselves, and however great pretensions they may make, are, in truth, but instruments in the hand of providence” [Ernest W. Hengstenberg].

The poetical section of Ecclesiastes 3 begins with birth and death and then ends with war and peace (vv. 2-8). The word “time” occurs some twenty-eight times in those verses. The comptroller of time is our sovereign God. On one occasion Jehovah turned back the sun dial ten degrees for a man so the sun returned ten degrees. “The sentence of death may be revoked, but the time predetermined is unchanged (Isa. 38:1-5). The time to die can never be premature. God’s time must be right and best. God’s work must be done; and man is immortal, till it be done” [Charles Bridges].

God sent His Son under time constraints for when “the fulness of time was come God sent forth His Son” (Gal. 4:4-5), and when His “hour had come” He departed this world having provided redemption for His people through the blood of His cross (John 13:1). “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent and believe the gospel” (Mark 1:15).

Horatius Bonar recorded the following from a writer in the 1700s: The person said he had stopped in Clerkenwell Churchyard to see a gravedigger at work. He had dug pretty deep, and came to a coffin which was

quite rotten. As he was clearing away the rotten pieces of the wooden coffin the gravedigger found an hourglass close to the left side of the skull, with sand in it, the wood was so rotten that it began to fall to pieces as he took hold of it. Bonar said this was “A strange custom to notify to the dead that their time was at an end.” Perhaps the hourglass was a testimony to those looking into the coffin during the viewing. Isaac Watts wrote in his hymn “Our God, Our Help”

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

How are the mighty fallen! (2 Sam 1:19, 20)

THE MAGA GOD HAS FALEN

TRUMP GOES LGBT

Rev. Need

I understand that we do not want to be “involved in politics,” and maybe we do not like to be around those who might urge involvement, but here is the result of non-involvement. **This article is a serious declaration of war** from the highest level of government against those who desire to live and teach their children in the Christian faith. The ungodly are dreaming of and working toward the day when “the hate-mongers **will be in jail or in the grave where they belong.**” Are we ready for this persecution as promised by our LORD?

GAYS’ OTHER PARTY’

Obituary for the GOP

Exclusive: Scott Lively says with Trump’s Mar-a-Lago LGBT party, the ‘progressives’ have won

In response to that argument, some more liberal Republicans had harsh words. One reporter caught up



with a few of them in deeply conservative Oklahoma City, part of a scouting party looking at possible locations for the planned “**LGBT Museum of Supremacy and Triumphalism**” just authorized and generously funded by

the bipartisan omnibus bill. Said group leader Heather (formerly Henry) Bush, “It is homophobes like that who are the worst enemies of true democracy. Their ir-

rational fear and hatred of innocent LGBT Americans who just want to live our lives as who we are – **loudly and proudly** – disqualifies them from having any place in decent society. Thankfully, now that some leaders in the Republican Party have come to their senses, our country will finally begin to punish these bigots for all the harm they have caused, and to cut them off from the undeserved social privileges they have so terribly abused with their hate speech and their anti-marriage so-called laws. Finally, we see a glimmer of hope for a truly enlightened society where children can freely choose their gender and their number and age of partners – and where loving teachers and community activists can gently guide them to self-fulfillment – without the interference of religious and white supremacist parents, and where the hate-mongers **will be in jail or in the grave where they belong.**”

In response to all of this, we reached out for comment from the Republican National Committee, which replied simply by return email: “Hey, we’re here, we’re now queer, get used to it.”

https://www.wnd.com/2022/12/obituary-gop/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-breaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=breaking&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3

Above is a declaration of war against any vestige of Christianity left in America, and Donald Trump united with the enemy. Are American Christians ready to go into concentration camps for the faith?

There has not been nor is there a political party that represents Christians since the Unitarians subdued the Calvinists in the South. Up to this point, the Republican party has avoided the “woke and sodomite” agenda. Our hope for sound government at this point lies at the local level as in Florida, the governor on down.

We are now left with a choice of which men on the national level will provide that safest environment for Christian education. Which men will bring energy prices down? But our only hope is in the LORD God of Scripture.

2 Chronicles 7:13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; 14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

THE LOCAL SHERIFF

“A declaration of war has been publicly announced against any vestige of Christianity left in America”

We must back our local sheriffs, encourage them to protect our Constitution, rule of law. In future elections Leftists will be pulling out all the stops to fund liberal sheriff candidates and smear their opponents, we need to support conservatives

Could county sheriffs be our last defense against OmniParty corruption?

Like a termite-infested house, our country appears to be working properly, but a strong wind could topple us to the ground.

All our sacred institutions have been undermined, and our government “of the people, by the people and for the people” is now run by an OmniParty of Democrats and RINOs that have subverted the Constitution and the Bill of Rights for their own benefit.

Our criminal justice system and our courts are no longer able to administer our laws fairly. Instead they twist logic into a pretzel so that liberals are free to do whatever they want, commit any crime, violate any law, while conservatives are harassed and prosecuted for the tiniest of infractions.

Americans are not powerless, and there is a vast majority who think the country is on the wrong track and our laws are not equally enforced. We can demand action from our congressmen, stop funding the GOP, and

work with our families, friends and neighbors to share what is happening to our country.



Our sheriff grew up here, and everyone knows him. He is extremely popular.

But if the OmniParty takes control in the House with anti-MAGA Kevin McCarthy, and McCompromised Mitch McConnell in the Senate continues to cave to the Democrats, we are in serious trouble. And if we

can’t restore honesty to the election process our hands are tied - forever.

But there remains one institution in this country that is outside the control of Washington, DC and it holds a

tremendous amount of power...

Sheriffs.

Some quick facts from Christin McMasters, the Liberty Belle, a Ph.D. in political science from the University of South Carolina...

- of the 3083 sheriffs, approximately 98% are elected by the citizens in their county or parishes.
- the Office of the Sheriff is an elected position just like the office of the president or office of the governor, accountable first and foremost to the Constitution of their state, then to the Constitution of the United States and finally to the citizens of his or her county.
- It is an independent office, meaning that there is no government agency or position who hires or fires the sheriff, nor is there anyone who has the authority to tell the sheriff how he or she is to run their county or carry out his or her positional duties.
- the sheriff can use a good amount of discretion when carrying out his duties, as long as he stays within the confines of his oath of office to maintain and defend the Constitution and laws not contrary to the Constitution, both at the state and federal level.
- If the state and federal government go rogue, and the sheriff refuses to follow suit, the sheriff and his deputy sheriffs truly are the last line of defense standing between liberty and tyranny.

When you look at the country by county, you see that the majority of counties are conservative, and therefore the majority of sheriffs are conservative as well.

In 2020, despite election fraud, Trump won 2,497 counties and Biden won only 477.

A survey by the Marshall Project, shows that the majority of Sheriffs grew up in their counties...

77% of sheriffs worked in their county's sheriff office prior to serving as sheriff, and 56% attended high school in the same county....

Over 70% consider themselves as conservative or very conservative

And over 73% approved or strongly approved of Trump, while 87% disapprove or strongly disapprove of Biden.

So sheriffs don't work for the Federal government, their allegiance is to the Constitution of the United States, the constitution of their state and the voters in their county.

Liberals see the vulnerability of federal laws to county sheriffs and have spent years frantically trying to undermine "constitutional sheriffs," as "radicalizing law enforcement," "a dangerous trend toward vigilantism," "playing a role in right-wing white supremacist movements" and "a crusade to forge ties between anti-government extremists and local law enforcement." NPR did an interview decrying the power of sheriffs to act independently on behalf of their citizens. They are painted as racist and sexist because 92% are white, and 90% are men.

Local sheriffs have a long history of standing up for the U.S. Constitution regardless of sex or race. They have bravely stepped forward and opposed federal overreach in areas of the Second Amendment, lockdowns, vaccines and mask mandates, election fraud, border policies, unlawful executive orders, and IRS intimidation...

In 2013, more than 90 sheriffs opposed Obama's initiatives to restrict gun ownership, explaining that guns don't cause mass shootings, criminals do.

In March, 2020, at least 60 sheriffs opposed lockdown and mask mandate orders... 75% were in Democrat-controlled states.

In December, 2020, Barry County, Michigan sheriff Dar Leaf filed a lawsuit to impound voting machines to investigate election fraud.

On April 7, 2021, 275 sheriffs from both political parties and 39 states joined together in a letter to Biden opposing his policies causing the border crisis.

In September, 2021, sheriffs opposed Biden's vaccine mandates. Bollinger County, Missouri, Sheriff Casey Graham said the order was an "unbelievable tyrannical executive action" and a form of "unconstitutional government overreach" that he would "NEVER enforce."

In February, 2022, the sheriff of Bowman County, N.D., Frank Eberle, began fighting against a little-known White House executive order launched soon after Biden took office. It seeks to control the use of public and private lands and waters in the name of their green agenda. It's called the "30 x 30 plan" and wants to conserve 30% of American land and water by 2030.

In July, 2022, left-leaning Reuters reported that "A coalition of rightwing "constitutional sheriffs," who claim legal power in their jurisdictions that exceeds U.S. federal and state authorities, has a new calling: in-

vestigating conspiracy theories that the 2020 election was rigged against former President Donald Trump.

In September, 2022, Sheriff Calvin Hayden threatened to hire an army of deputies to repel any of the 87,000 new IRS agents coming to Johnson County, Kansas. Anyone can be appointed as a deputy by a sheriff, and is instantly granted the same authority and powers. Sheriff Hayden is also leading a criminal investigation into 2020 election fraud.

In November, 2022, Oregon sheriffs said they would not enforce a new law restricting sales of gun magazines over 10 rounds. Union County sheriff Cody Bowen said “This is an infringement on our constitutional rights and will not be enforced by my office!”

At a time where our president issues executive orders he knows are unconstitutional and waits months or years for the courts to take action, county sheriffs can force the issue by refusing to comply.

As patriots we must back our local sheriffs and encourage them to protect our Constitution and the rule of law. In future elections Leftists will be pulling out all the stops to fund liberal sheriff candidates and smear their opponents. We need to work for and support conservative sheriffs.

<https://canadafreepress.com/article/could-county-sheriffs-be-our-last-defense-against-onmiparty-corruption>

Half of State’s Sheriffs Defy Gun Ban - Tell Lib Gov. to Pound Sand

At least 74 different county sheriff’s departments in Illinois have expressed their inability to enforce a gun control law signed into effect by the state’s governor earlier this month, according to ABC News.

https://www.westernjournal.com/half-states-sheriffs-defy-gun-ban-tell-lib-gov-pound-sand/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=WJBreaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=western-journal

Local sheriffs can protect our gun rights, homeschooling, worship, protect from mask and shot mandates, and the list goes on and on. We see above he can stand between you and Federal government oppression.

Comment: Remember ‘America’s Toughest Sheriff’ Joe Arpaio in Arizona’s Maricopa County? His problem was that he enforced the immigration laws and turned the illegals over to the Border Patrol. The Obama DOJ

told him he could not detain the illegals, yet he continued to do so. Charges were brought against him two weeks before the election, and he was voted out of office. It was hoped that the Trump administration would intervene, but he did not.

<https://www.npr.org/2017/06/26/534381348/americas-sheriff-or-community-destroyer-joe-arpaio-goes-on-trial>

The NPR article built sympathy for the illegals, while making Arpaio an evil man for enforcing the law. Thus, though the “powers” may not win against a sheriff at the ballot box, they can win by trumping up false charges, and destroy him through the corrupt judicial system. **Be not deceived,** the illegal border mess is not only planned, but is encouraged and defended by the wicked “powers” in order to change the character of America. That change has been in the works for many decades and through many administrations.

Pastors should find some way to support and even exalt their local sheriff if he is a lawful sheriff if he is obeying his oath.

Ruby Ridge and the Waco Massacre could not have taken place without the local sheriffs’ permission.

How What Happened 25 Years Ago At Ruby Ridge Still Matters Today

The 1992 Ruby Ridge standoff was a set up by the ATF was done with the local sheriff’s permission.

(An ATF agent shot Mrs. Weaver in the head while she was standing in the door of their cabin holding their baby. NO one was held accountable. If I remember right, the agent received an award for shooting that unarmed woman.)

<https://www.npr.org/2017/08/18/544523302/how-what-happened-25-years-ago-at-ruby-ridge-still-matters-today>

The 1993 FBI’s unjustifiable **Waco Massacre** was carried out with permission of the local sheriff. The ATF had a trumped-up arrest warrant for David Koresh, which could have been served the day before when they met Koresh in town. Instead, they attacked “The Mount Carmel Center” with tanks and flame throwers, killed many men, women and children, and then buried everything, including the still living survivors with bulldozers. It was all done with the local sheriff’s permission.

(Google Waco Massacre.)



DEPOPULATION

5G & mRNA

Weapons of warfare against not only the US, but against the entire world: 5G, Vaccines for both animals and people!!

- **The dark reality** of 5G technology: What is the 5G Dragnet?

<https://citizens.news/439551.html>

- **Brussels halts** 5G deployment indefinitely: 5G project, says authorities, not compatible with radiation safety standards

<https://citizens.news/439551.html>

- **Still think 5G is harmless?** *Scientific American* issues warnings about the confirmed and UNKNOWN DANGERS of 5G tech

<https://naturalnews.com/2020-10-20-scientific-american-issues-warnings-dangers-of-5g.html>

- **Wisconsin couple describe** the chilling moment that a hacker cranked up their heat and started talking to them through a Google Nest camera in their kitchen

<https://www.businessinsider.com/hacker-breaks-into-smart-home-google-nest-devices-terrorizes-couple-2019-9?IR=T>

The dangers of 5G pollution cannot be overstated

<https://citizens.news/472714.html>

- **Leaked emails show that Trump via Operation Warp Speed drove global racketeering and collusion behind covid “vaccines” – Dr. Jane Ruby**

Some diehard supporters of Donald Trump remain in denial about the former president’s primary role in unleashing Wuhan coronavirus (Covid-19) “vaccines” on the world as part of Operation Warp Speed.

<https://citizens.news/685337.html>

Are we ignoring Trump’s involvement with this whole situation?

- **Todd Callender warns: Experimental mRNA may now be in flu shots**

International lawyer Todd Callender warned the public that the experimental messenger RNA (mRNA) may now be present in the seasonal flu vaccines.

He issued this warning during a recent appearance on “The Dr. Jane Ruby Show,” telling program host Dr. Jane Ruby that the military is at risk. While the Wuhan coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine mandates in the military were already scrapped, the seasonal flu shot remains compulsory for military members.

“We got contacted by a service member on a ship in the middle of the ocean who’s being forced to take the flu shot,” Callender shared. “And we found out that [the flu shot shares] the same ingredients with the COVID-19 shots.” ...

He recalled how 5G was ditched by millions of Chinese in November 2019 in Wuhan before the pandemic started.

“It’s a weapons system all by itself at 60 gigahertz (GHz), which is a 5G signal. It separates oxygen from nitrogen. The Huawei 5G is a 60 GHz device we found out in a lot of hospital rescues that the respirators were all operating on,” Callender explained.

[The annual flu shot contains mRAN. In the interview, he points out that 5G offers **NO ADVANTAGE** over 4G except that enables the mRNA to be turned into a computer that can be controlled from outside sources.]

<https://citizens.news/685337.html>

- **5G is a weapons system designed to KILL people, says weapons expert Mark Steele**

Steele explains connections between 5G and COVID-19 vaccines

<https://citizens.news/686648.html> **We covered this 5G news in the March 2022 Examiner.** https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/PDF/TBE_2022_03.pdf

LOW BIRTH RATE AND SOY

We cannot leave Depopulation without mentioning Soy. A little research will reveal that soy is a massive birth control effort.

- **Soy is in everything**

Soy is loaded with estrogen, which takes the manhood out of men. (The State Police in WV are given Testosterone shots on a regular basis.) Soy brings on early puberty in girls; 10 years old look like teenager. Estrogen can bring on breast cancer in women. Research and documentation:

Soy Alert. <https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/w200908.html#SoyAlert2>

The soy deception: <https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/PDF/TBE%202020%20Jan.pdf>

Soy: “Soy has many potent hormones that can wreak havoc with your health.” https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/PDF/TBE_2021_09.pdf

CAUSE FOR REJOICING

Homeschooling surge continues despite schools re-opening

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The coronavirus pandemic ushered in what may be the most rapid rise in homeschooling the U.S. has ever seen. Two years later, even after schools reopened and vaccines became widely available, many parents have chosen to continue directing their children's educations themselves. ...

Families that may have turned to homeschooling as an alternative to hastily assembled remote learning plans have stuck with it — reasons include health concerns, disagreement with school policies and a desire to keep what has worked for their children. ...

Around 3% of U.S. students were homeschooled before the pandemic-induced surge, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The rising numbers have cut into public school enrollment in ways that affect future funding and renewed debates over how closely homeschooling should be regulated. What remains unknown is whether this year's small decrease signals a step toward pre-pandemic levels — or a sign that homeschooling is becoming more mainstream.

[Linda McCarthy] Unimpressed with the lessons offered remotely when schools abruptly closed their doors in spring 2020, she began homeschooling her then fifth- and seventh-grade children that fall. McCarthy, who had been working as a teacher's aide, said she knew she could do better herself. She said her children have thrived with lessons tailored to their interests, learning styles and schedules.



“There’s no more homework ’til the wee hours of the morning, no more tears because we couldn’t get things done,” McCarthy said. ...

The new surge in homeschooling numbers has led state legislatures around the country to consider measures either to ease regulations on homeschool families or impose new ones — debates have gone on for years. Proponents of more oversight point to the potential for undetected cases of child abuse and neglect while others argue for less in the name of parental rights. (Child abuse! Both male and female teacher abuse of children is not uncommon in the “public school system.” The issue is obviously control.) ...



Black families make up many of the homeschool converts. The proportion of Black families homeschooling their children increased by five times, from 3.3% to 16.1%, from spring 2020 to the fall, while the proportion about doubled across other groups, according to U.S. Census surveys.

Raleigh, North Carolina, mother Laine Bradley said the school system's shortcomings became more evident to families like hers when remote learning began.

“I think a lot of Black families realized that when we had to go to remote learning, they realized exactly what was being taught. And a lot of that doesn't involve us,” said Bradley, who decided to homeschool her 7-, 10- and 11-year-old children. “My kids have a lot of questions about different things. I'm like, ‘Didn't you learn that in school?’ They're like, ‘No.’”

Bradley, who works in financial services, converted her dining room into a classroom and rearranged her work schedule to take over her children's education, adding lessons on financial literacy, Black history and Caribbean history important to her heritage.

“I can incorporate things that I feel like they should know,” she said. Her husband, Vince, who retired from the Air Force last year, steps in at times. The couple also have a 14-month-old. They plan to continue homeschooling for as long as their children want it. Her social media posts about her experience have drawn so much interest that Bradley recently created an online community called Black Moms Do Homeschool to share resources and experiences. ...

McCarthy, the mom from suburban Buffalo, said it was a combination of everything, with the pandemic compounding the misgivings she had already held about the public school system, including her philosophical differences over the need for vaccine and mask mandates and academic priorities.

The pandemic, she said, “was kind of — they say the straw that broke the camel’s back — but the camel’s back was probably already broken.”

“There are kids that don’t know basic English structure but they want to push other things on children, and it can be blatant but it can be, and mostly is, very subtle, very, very subtle,” McCarthy said. “So we were ready to pull them and will never send them back to traditional school. It’s just not a fit for us.”

“It’s just a whole new world that is a much better world for us,” she said.

<https://apnews.com/article/covid-business-health-buffalo-education-d37f4f1d12e57b72e5ddf67d4f897d9a> See also Fox news. <https://www.foxnews.com/us/homeschooling-surge-despite-schools-reopening>

Homeschoolers Save Taxpayers \$22 Billion Per Year

Taxpayers across America, struggling under the burden of crushing local property taxes in addition to state and federal taxes, should thank a homeschooling family today. According to recent estimates, homeschool families are saving taxpayers across America some \$22 billion each year, if not more.

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/culture/education/item/26714-homeschoolers-save-taxpayers-22-billion-per-year>

Good News

WOKE IS DYING A MOST WELCOME DEATH

By Rev. Need

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

2 Samuel 5:24 *And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.*

Good news about the bad things. We are seeing the movement of God against the wicked as they are now falling into the pit they have digged for the righteous.

In this column about the good things, let us start with the collapse of the secular, *i.e.*, without God, education

system. The truth concerning secular education is getting the attention it deserves, and young people and parents are fleeing from that pit.

• Race to the Bottom: High School Withholds Academic Awards for the Sake of ‘Equity’

https://www.westernjournal.com/race-bottom-high-school-withholds-academic-awards-sake-equity/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=conservative-brief-WJ&utm_campaign=dailypm&utm_content=western-journal

• Teachers prepare to strike over student behavior. Violence, disorder and disruption

Akron Public School teachers announced they would go on strike days after students are scheduled to return from winter break and cited safety as one of their top concerns after multiple reports of campus violence, according to a Thursday news release obtained by the Daily Caller News Foundation. ...

“Weeks of unparalleled fighting are now daily occurrence within Akron school buildings, yet the superintendent and the board continue to want to water down the definition of assault and force students, teachers, parents and families to endure more violence, disorder and disruption to the education of the majority of Akron students,” the news release read. ...

https://www.wnd.com/2022/12/teachers-prepare-strike-student-behavior/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-newsletter&utm_campaign=dailyam&utm_content=newsletter&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3

• Public schools facing dramatic surge in unruly students – Disruptions' up 56%, 'rowdiness' up 49%

https://www.wnd.com/2023/01/public-schools-facing-dramatic-surge-unruly-students/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-breaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=breaking&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3

• Police Charge Teen Basketball Player After Ref Is Savaged in Mid-Game Attack

https://www.westernjournal.com/police-charge-teen-basketball-player-ref-savaged-mid-game-attack/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=newsletter-WJ&utm_campaign=dailyam&utm_content=western-journal

We see that God’s Word is being worked out in the secular education system, so how can we not rejoice and be glad? The sad thing is that we must continue to support the wicked with our taxes.

Galatians 6:7 *Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

The secular schools teach the **Three Rs: Riot, Rev- elation and Rebellion**, along with anarchy. Then they

complain that what they teach is put into practice in the very class rooms where it is taught. The young people, including college age, are not dumb. They understand what they are being taught, and they are taking those philosophies of life into the classroom and into the streets. (Praise the Lord that the secular education systems are in their well-deserved death spiral.)

Though the secular education system cannot be salvaged for it was designed to remove Christianity from the nation, but godly people can take over the school boards and insist that the woke agenda be removed.

- **School board recalls** have hit an all-time high, nearly doubling in number over the last four months, and evidence is mounting that the same issues driving the recalls – school policies related to the coronavirus pandemic and critical race theory – are playing a significant role in candidates’ campaign strategies.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/education-news/articles/2021-11-01/school-board-recalls-at-all-time-high-as-gop-puts-k-12-issues-in-spotlight>

Check your local ordinances, and see what might be required to recall school board members. Don’t have children in that system? you pay taxes and are concerned about the social consequences of what is being taught.

Do a search for school board recalls. Many of those recalls are succeeding.

The public has failed to run for and elect “conservative” school board members. Being uninvolved in godly community action violates scripture as well as allows the wicked to take control.

GLORIOUS GOOD NEWS

- **Podcasts designed to help people engage with their faith on a daily basis have secured three of the top five most popular podcasts on both Apple and Spotify platforms.**

“It speaks to the deep longing we all have to respond to God’s plan for each one of us – a plan revealed so beautifully in the treasure that is the Catechism,” explained Jonathan Strate, the chief of Ascension.

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/christian-podcasts-bible-faith-top-apple-spotify-charts> ALSO https://www.wnd.com/2023/01/popular-podcasts-focus-faith-bible/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-breaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=breaking&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3

- **Watch this incredible moment before NFL game:**

‘There is power in prayer!’

‘This is awesome. Damar Hamlin is putting God back in football’

“What you’re seeing now is what [Jacksonville head coach] Doug Pederson talked about, that we felt the whole NFL as a community came together this week, and he talked about this,” ESPN sideline reporter Suzy Kolber. “Both teams, coming together in prayer, before this game starts.”

“It’s just an unbelievable deal for both teams to get together, pray, and thank God for what’s happened this week,” ESPN analyst Booger McFarland added.

https://www.wnd.com/2023/01/watch-incredible-moment-nfl-game-power-prayer/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-brief&utm_campaign=dailypm&utm_content=brief&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3

- **The great awakening’: As students flee public universities, Christian colleges only get bigger**

‘They’re going to look extreme but people are going to find that attractive’

“Students are drawn to colleges with a clear, distinct identity,” Adam Kissel, visiting fellow on higher education reform at the Heritage Foundation, told the DCNF.

https://www.wnd.com/2023/01/great-awakening-students-flee-public-universities-christian-colleges-get-bigger/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-newsletter&utm_campaign=dailypm&utm_content=newsletter&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3

I spoke with a young man who attends Hillsdale College, and he said that there are more freshmen than there are people graduating. The problem is finding professors to fill the void. Hillsdale is not inexpensive.

- **Fox News Crushes, Takes All 15 Top Spots in Ratings - Look at Where CNN’s 1st Show Appears in Comparison**

Fox News beat CNN and MSNBC in most time slots for the 25-54 age demographic. That coveted age range is of particular importance to advertisers, and is highly sought after.

https://www.westernjournal.com/fox-news-crushes-takes-15-top-spots-ratings-look-cnns-1st-show-appears-comparison/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=WJBreaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=western-journal

Regardless of who owns Fox, they know where the money is— conservative programming. People are fleeing from the “Woke” news sources as they seek truth.

Let the Saints of God rejoice and be glad as we see humanism collapsing all around us.

Sent to me

ELECTRIC CAR

The REAL truth about electric cars. Somebody needs to expose the hypocrisy.....before Americans are made out to be suckers again. PJ

ELECTRIC CAR - Hmmm... it makes you wonder...

Ever since the advent of electric cars, the REAL cost per mile of those things has never been discussed. All you ever heard was the mpg in terms of gasoline, with nary a mention of the cost of electricity to run it. This is the first article I've ever seen and tells the story pretty much as I expected it to.

Electricity has to be one of the least efficient ways to power things yet they're being shoved down our throats... glad somebody finally put engineering and math to paper.

At a neighborhood BBQ I was talking to a neighbor, a BC Hydro executive. I asked him how that renewable thing was doing. He laughed, then got serious. If you really intend to adopt electric vehicles, he pointed out, you had to face certain realities. For example, a home charging system for a Tesla requires 75 amp service. The average house is equipped with 100 amp service. On our small street (approximately 25 homes), the electrical infrastructure would be unable to carry more than 3 houses with a single Tesla. For even half the homes to have electric vehicles, the system would be wildly overloaded.

This is the elephant in the room with electric vehicles. Our residential infrastructure cannot bear the load. So as our genius elected officials promote this nonsense, not only are we being urged to buy these things and replace our reliable, cheap generating systems with expensive, new windmills and solar cells, but we will also have to renovate our entire delivery system! This latter "investment" will not be revealed until we're so far down this dead end road that it will be presented with an 'OOPS!' and a shrug.

If you want to argue with a green person over cars that are eco-friendly, just read the following. Note: If you ARE a green person, read it anyway. It's enlightening.

Eric test drove the Chevy Volt at the invitation of Gen-



eral Motors ... and he writes, "For four days in a row, the fully charged battery lasted only 25 miles before the Volt switched to the reserve gasoline engine." Eric calculated the car got 30 mpg including the 25 miles it ran on the battery. So, the range including the 9-gallon gas tank and the 16 kwh battery is approximately 270

miles.

It will take you 4-1/2 hours to drive 270 miles at 60 mph. Then add 10 hours to charge the battery and you have a total trip time of 14.5 hours. In a typical road trip your average speed (including charging time) would be 20 mph.

According to General Motors, the Volt battery holds 16 kwh of electricity. It takes a full 10 hours to charge a drained battery. The cost for the electricity to charge the Volt is never mentioned so I looked up what I pay for electricity. I pay approximately (it varies with amount used and the seasons) \$1.16 per kwh. $16 \text{ kwh} \times \$1.16 \text{ per kwh} = \18.56 to charge the battery. $\$18.56 \text{ per charge divided by } 25 \text{ miles} = \0.74 per mile to operate the Volt using the battery. Compare this to a similar size car with a gasoline engine that gets only 32 mpg. $\$3.19 \text{ per gallon divided by } 32 \text{ mpg} = \0.10 per mile .

The gasoline powered car costs about \$20,000 while the Volt costs \$46,000+... so the American Government wants loyal Americans not to do the math, but simply pay three times as much for a car, that costs more than seven times as much to run, and takes three times longer to drive across the country."

Green Religion Faith

Faith in the **Green Dream**, *i.e.*, nightmare, must include very high gas prices. (Crude oil prices have dropped to the level where gas was under \$2 per gallon, yet the prices remain very high. Why? The green religion is forcing the high prices, and congress supports the madness by financing it.)

Cincinnati Enquirer

More: High gas prices are nudging drivers toward electric vehicles. What is Ohio doing about it?

"The network will give drivers initial confidence and flexibility when driving Ohio's roads for personal, professional, or recreational purposes, regardless of distance traveled, location or weather conditions,"

DriveOhio, part of the state transportation department, wrote in its submitted plan.

Each station would be able to fast-charge at least four vehicles simultaneously at 150 kW per port – roughly **400 miles for every hour of charging** – and would cost anywhere from \$600,000 to \$1.2 million to build. Federal money would cover 80% of the cost, and the site host would give a 20% match.

The chargers would be available 24 hours a day near restroom facilities with 24-hour customer service and support, said Luke Steckey, former communications manager for DriveOhio.

https://www.cincinnati.com/story/business/transportation/2022/09/09/ohio-plans-to-build-30-plus-new-electric-vehicle-charging-locations/65468660007/?utm_source=cincinnati-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily_briefing&utm_term=list_article_thumb&utm_content=PCIN-1019EQ-E-NLETTER65

Note the absurdity above. **400 miles requires 1 hour charging.** The distance is decreased by many factors, including AC and heat required. In other words, the time required for a lengthy vacation will be consumed at charging stations, assuming there is no wait at the charging station. No doubt, the 1 hour for every 400 miles will prove to be a figment of someone’s imagination. **Propaganda works**, as it can overcome the realities of about any situation. Do a little snooping, and there many electric reality checks posted, some of them quite disconcerting. (See **Truth by Repetition**, https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/PDF/TBE_2022_09.pdf)

PURPOSEFUL LIFE

Work toward an established goal is an obligation laid upon man in the Garden, even before Eve was presented to Adam in Genesis 1:27. She was provided as a helpmeet to assist her husband in **his** calling under God in his responsibility to take dominion over the earth for the glory of God. Sadly, in our present day, men seem to think they are to assist their wives to succeed in her career outside of the home. (The Proverbs 31 woman worked very hard maintaining her household, which was probably very large, as well as making financial decisions under her husband’s authority.) Work is a calling for man; it is a duty for which he will be held accountable. (1 Thess 4:11, 2 Thess 3:12) I find no rest from work in Scripture until a man dies.

Genesis 3:19 *In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground;*

Man was made to work. The creation mandate is built into all men, and cannot be neutralized. The wicked use that innate mandate for evil purposes, *e.g.*, Nimrod’s dream of a one world order under his power. No work nor responsibility leads to an early death, which is a danger with no goals to be accomplished.

We are called to abound in the work of the Lord; we are called to victory. (1 Cor 15:57)

No work means no positive meaning in life.

The following article is from a “secular” source, but it certainly applies to all people generally.

PURPOSEFUL PEOPLE LIVE LONGER—AND BETTER—ACCORDING TO RESEARCH

Dr. Yuhong Dong, Dec 25 2022

Scientists have discovered that finding positive meaning in life is closely related to one’s health. The more purposeful one’s life is, the stronger one’s immune system. ...

That is to say, the philosophical topic of life purpose has a direct relationship to our immune functions of cells. ...

Reducing Mortality and Lessening Cardiovascular Events

Searching and thinking about the purpose of life can not only strengthen the immune cells, but also influence other bodily functions.

A strong sense of life purpose is defined as having a purpose in life and being responsible for one’s own actions. Experts in psychosomatic medicine recommend it as an important factor in promoting mental health and increasing one’s own resilience. ...

[Comment: That is, purposeful work doing what one enjoys doing and being responsible for his own actions generally means a longer life. Pro 17:22 *A merry heart doeth good [like] a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.*]

All of us should ask ourselves this important question, do we have a purpose in life? If not, we might want to seek an important purpose in life in order to obtain holistic health....

The study showed people with a higher sense of purpose in life have 51 percent lower risk of Alzheimer’s disease compared to those with a lower purpose of life. The relationship is drawn after adjustment based on

age, gender and education level. ...

Also, people with high life goals have a reduced risk of developing mild cognitive impairment (MCI) by 29%, which is a precursor to Alzheimer's disease. ...

[Comment: Hard, dedicated work in our occupation for the Glory of God is the highest life goal one can have. Eve's responsibility was to help her husband any way she could in his calling before God.]

The analysis showed that those who scored high on the purpose in life assessment had a 43 percent lower risk of death than those who scored low. This result did not include the effects of age, gender, education, or race. ...

Let's look at three aspects.

First, an overall increase in immunity has a positive impact on the prevention of chronic inflammatory states, cancer, and autoimmune diseases.

We have previously described that a self-fulfilling happiness mindset helps to maintain a good antiviral, as well as an anti-cancer, anti-inflammatory status in the body.

Research found that this eudaimonic **[altruistic, self-actualization]** mindset contains an important element, which is the establishment of a correct life goal.

The concept of an eudaimonic view of happiness includes the pursuit of life goals, autonomous living, and positive thinking (living in the present moment), kindness, and altruism. (That is, the quality of unselfish concern for the welfare of others. Get outside of self, Eph 4:28)

Secondly, as mentioned in the opening of this article, NK cells' functions are stronger in women with stronger purpose in life.

NK cells are distributed in the peripheral blood, spleen, lymphatic system, lungs, skin, subcutaneous adipose tissue, kidneys, liver, and other organs to monitor and remove diseased cells. They are the guardians of the body's health and the special patrols of the whole body.

Thirdly, a 2014 research in drug abusers and a 2018 study in low back pain patients found that with clear life goals, a person is less likely to develop depression.

People with a sense of purpose in life tend to be goal-oriented in their daily activities, and this mindset con-

tributes to longevity.

People who have a higher purpose in life use preventive health care services more often and are hospitalized less often. People who value life pay more attention to the prevention of disease triggers, care more about health care, and do not do things or act in ways that harm their health. Naturally, this worldview leads to healthy outcomes....

[Remember this is a "secular" article, but true in many points.] Austrian neurologist and psychiatrist Viktor Emil Frankl (March 26, 1905–Sept. 2, 1997) was an advocate of Existential Psychoanalysis. He was born in a Jewish family in Austria and was a survivor of the Holocaust.... Frankl was imprisoned four times



in Nazi concentration camps, but survived. During his experience, he discovered that some of his fellow prisoners were

more likely to survive than others.

He believes that "people who feel that life is meaningless and that there is no purpose in life are usually pessimistic and disappointed. Without the belief that life has a purpose to support him, he will soon lose the confidence to live."

He founded logotherapy (meaning therapy) based on his own experience, which is to help patients understand the meaning of life, change their outlook on life, face reality, and live a positive and optimistic life.

In Greek, "logos" means "meaning." Logotherapy emphasizes "the meaning of existence" and the "pursuit of such meaning."

[Comment: We have the meaning of life clearly spelled out for us by the Word. We need God's Grace to fully grasp His meaning of our life. We are surrounded by people with no purposeful work, no meaning in life other than to make house and car payments, and send their children to college to be indoctrinated in the Woke culture. Their countenance shows that they are existing in an unhappy state. They are only working with the hope of retirement with no work nor responsibilities.]

Logotherapy is a psychotherapeutic approach that focuses on guiding people to find and discover the meaning of life, to establish clear goals in life, and to face or master life with a positive attitude. It is different from psychoanalysis in that it takes a broader perspective and explores life in depth, and through the diagnosis of life problems, it enables the client to gain meaning in life.

[Comment: Godly leaders guide people in finding God’s meaning in their lives.]

Logotherapy considers the human being to be a three-dimensional being, a physical, mental, and spiritual entity, and is in fact holistic healing. It has three basic, interrelated beliefs:

The freedom of will—this is on the spiritual level. Some people’s will is not free, such as psychosis patients.

The will to seek for life meaning—this is the foundation of responsibility in life, it is active and original.

The meaning of life—which is different from person to person and from time to time. One needs to think in order to find it.

When we face hardships, it is usually our strong will that originates from the purpose of life that supports us and motivates us.

I [Dr. Yuhong Dong] was once seriously ill and was given a notice of critical condition, but at that time I had a firm belief that I had to live and that there were many important things for me to fulfill. With such a simple belief, I survived.

Frank described his personal experience in the concentration camp as a “miserable life.” He forced himself to turn to another topic. Suddenly, he had a vision of giving a speech about the psychology of concentration camps.

He used this method to overcome the harsh environment. He regarded all the sufferings as history, as if he was examining history. This way, all the suffering became the subject of his psychological research.

Therefore, if one can set a more ambitious goal in life, the hardships one suffers and the suffering one endures may become one’s unique life experience and lead to greater brilliance.

Just now we looked at some positive examples, but of course there are also negative examples.

During the pandemic, people were forced to take

vaccines, which actually deprives people of their free will. From the perspective of meaningful treatment, it is harmful to people’s health, for example suppressing immunity and NK cell function. The vaccine mandates can only harm people’s health.

In addition, people who live in authoritarian regimes have no freedom of thought, low freedom of will, so their will to pursue meaningful goals is weak. This may have a negative impact on their health.

Thoughts and Destiny

We have just shared that setting positive life goals is associated with better health, less incidence of Alzheimer’s disease, longer life, and less occurrence of cardiovascular disease.

Thought determines behavior, behavior determines character, and character determines destiny. Dr. Frankl’s favorite quote from German philosopher Nietzsche is “Those who know the ‘why’ of life can endure almost ‘any’ pain.”

[Comment: Without God, there can be no knowing the “why” of life other than “eat, drink, and be merry” for tomorrow we die.]

Let’s find the meaning of life with our hearts and minds, and gain the true meaning of health.

[Proverbs 15:13 *A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.*

15 *All the days of the afflicted [are] evil: but he that is of a merry heart [hath] a continual feast.]*

Spirituality or mentality is not far away from us, but rather has a practical implication in our health, wellbeing, and quality of our daily life.

https://www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/health/purposeful-people-live-longer-and-better-according-to-research_4924181.html?utm_source=share-btn-copylink

Comment: I found with my father that when he lost meaningful purpose in life, it was not long until he was gone. He died shortly after my wife died in 2000. Bettie’s mother was determined to stay alive to help her husband. She died soon after he died in 1977; her meaningful purpose was gone. Our neighbour is retired. He and his wife tell us that now their goal in life is to help others, and charge nothing for their labours. No matter your age, one must have a meaningful purpose in his inner being. We must be doing some kind of meaningful work that will Glorify God so we can enjoy him forever.

THE PURPOSE OF TODAY

By Joanna Gains (Magnolia Journal)

My first lessons in business I learned at a young age. Only then, it was the business of brake pads and tire sizes. I was in high school when my family moved to Waco so my dad could run his own tire and automotive shop, and the day I turned 16 that's where I went to work.

Working for Dad also introduced me to what it meant to be on camera when we'd film local television commercials for the shop. Chip still loves to joke around that those local ads are where he first noticed me.

When I enrolled in college a few years later, all the fun I'd had filming those commercials led me to become interested in broadcast journalism. And by my senior year, I was fortunate enough to snag a pretty decent journalism internship in New York City.

It was my first time living away from home, so in addition to being a nervous wreck, I was realizing that the world of television was not meant for me. Most days, I'd leave my internship feeling uncertain or just plain homesick. The best part of each day became my walk home, when I'd step inside the cozy boutique shops that lined the city's streets. Somehow, a really creative window display or the familiar scent of a lit candle could always restore a little life back to me.

When that semester ended, I can remember feeling as though I'd just wasted four years working toward a degree that was no longer of any interest to me—not to mention all the energy and money spent along the way. I returned to Waco with no plan beyond the fact that I no longer wanted to be a news reporter, so I went back to work at my dad's tire shop, thinking that maybe I was meant to take over the business when he was ready to retire.

In that season, time moved in slow motion. I watched as friends moved on and into careers while my own life felt like a piece of luggage left behind on an airport conveyor belt, going round and round, waiting to be picked up for its grand adventure. I questioned often—aloud to friends and even more so to myself—what is the purpose of my life? Then I bided time waiting for an answer that never came.

I can see now that I had been asking the wrong question. You see, I'd staked my life's worth on finding my future's purpose when I could have chosen to see

the meaning of where I stood then. In that season. On that day. If only life would allow us to connect the dots looking forward, we could know for sure where we end up and make our biggest decisions free of all the guesswork. But of course, that's not the way life works. It's only possible to connect the dots once we're on the other side.

And today, when I look back, this is what I see.

I may have spent 10 years learning everything you'd ever need to know about the tire industry, but in the process, I got to see firsthand what it takes to run a family business. I loved learning business from my dad's perspective. And now, all these years later, I own a shop of my own, and my dad works with us at Magnolia. Now, instead of selling of tires, Dad's selling candles with me.

For a long time I considered my semester in New York to have been a waste. But now I can see that season more clearly for the ways it impacted the trajectory of my life. I didn't recognize then that I was drawn to step inside those cozy storefronts for a reason.

Inside is where I could find beauty and comfort in a city that felt foreign and so far from home. And so, by the time I left New York, I had seen a glimpse of a different future, one I'd never considered and still couldn't fully articulate. Even during those years that I went back to work for my dad, I could never forget the way I'd felt inside those special boutiques, and something in me longed to re-create that experience for others. You could call it a gut check, an inner voice, a knowingness. Much later, I realized it was purpose that I'd found in those off-the-beaten-path city shops.

For years, I discounted that season because I didn't leave wanting to fulfill the same purpose as I had when I arrived. But if not for that experience, perhaps I never would have identified my passion for home. And even though the news side of the television industry wasn't the right fit for me, today we are less than a year away from launching a television network of our own. And I can't help but marvel at all the potential there must be hidden within even our best-laid plans.

I can imagine that there are thousands of stories just like mine—of plans changed, trajectories rerouted, and purposes reimaged. It can feel a little bit divine to look back and see how events in one season or circumstance connect to another and then another, well before we recognize the through line. Recently, looking at the

past through this lens has prompted me to reconsider the way I see the present.

I believe each of us can choose to see the purpose in where we stand today. Whether the season you're in feels like progress toward the future you envision or most days feel like you're stuck in neutral, without both I think we miss something important.

Our life's purpose is not a one-stop arrival. It is worked out along the way. The journey itself is the most essential part, because that's where the endless choices exist that lead us to where we're going and the story we're going to tell with our lives.

Finding our purpose seems to come down to trusting the process of doing. If you're trying something, anything, if you're moving forward, my gut tells me there will be purpose to it. Because when we're committed to something, anything, we're creating meaning—and those experiences don't just evaporate. They come back, sometimes full circle, and other times in bits and pieces of useful knowledge. No matter what you find yourself in today, it will be different tomorrow. Life is predictable in that way. Nothing is permanent.

We have to believe that where we were yesterday and where find ourselves today matter for who we become tomorrow. I've learned that when I can make that mind-set shift, the right questions follow. What is there to learn here and now? How can I make this time significant? If we can lean into that perspective, it can make all the difference between whether it feels like a season wasted or a season well spent.

There's comfort in knowing that none of us has arrived. We're all just figuring it out as we go. Still, if we can live more intentionally on the way, then perhaps every season can start to feel meaningful. I think that's how we can live in such a way that our purpose doesn't exist only in hiding, being reserved for a someday, one day life, but where there is purpose to be found in today.

VARIOUS

Those of us who remember JFK's assassination (1963. I was stationed in Cuba at the time) can remember the word that went around was that the FBI had a big hand in the assassination. It was said that JFK saw the CIA as a great threat to America, and was going to clean out

that den of vipers.

• JFK's Nephew Goes Public After Tucker Carlson's Insider Bombshell: 'The CIA's Murder of My Uncle Was a Successful Coup'

However, the nephew of assassinated President John F. Kennedy — and son of assassinated presidential aspirant Robert F. Kennedy — is praising Tucker Carlson, and not over questioning inoculations. Instead, RFK Jr. publicly lauded Tucker for a Thursday report on his Fox News show in which a source who had access to still-sealed government documents regarding the JFK assassination said the Central Intelligence Agency played a role in the 1963 slaying. ...

https://www.westernjournal.com/jfks-nephew-goes-public-tucker-carlsons-insider-bombshell-cias-murder-uncle-successful-coup/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=newsletter-weekly-WJ&utm_campaign=weeklyam&utm_content=western-journal

Though the law required all the documents concerning the assignation be made public, the CIA has refused to release the document. So, according to inside sources and JFK's nephew, the CIA killed JFK.



• Colorado Man's Close-Up Photos of Perfect 12-Point Snowflakes Look Incredibly Amazing

Armed with camera gear and a single black sock, a Colorado man has amassed a mind-blowing photo series of magnified snowflakes that look so complex and perfect

that it's hard to believe they're real. ...

https://www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/colorado-mans-close-up-photos-of-perfect-12-point-snowflakes-look-incredibly-amazing_4908514.html?utm_source=Morningbrief&src_src=Morningbrief&utm_campaign=mb-2022-12-27&src_cmp=mb-2022-12-27&utm_medium=email&est=7IVoxbF%2BPTLyag2ZVUfzSmJ40pZhTyuG91VnJIDbK%2BYOCCnqhkwtdwMLjPT3aCs%3D

The beauty and glory of our God is clearly visible in the simple snowflake. How can one look at even at a snowflake and not see the handiwork of the Creator?

Romans 1:18 *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed [it] unto them. [{in them: or, to them }] 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] his eternal power and God-*

head; so that they are without excuse: [{so ... : or, that they may be }

Men cannot see the glory of the Creator God in nature because they do not want to see Him.

• **Complete Stranger Gives Car to Teen Who Walks to Work, School Every Day**

Ian Vinziant has been walking two miles to his job at Buffalo Wild Wings and one-and-a-half miles to Gardendale High School in Alabama every day, according to WBRC-TV. That's why his coworkers decided to work together to get the teenager a car for their "Secret Santa" gift exchange. ...

"He walks everywhere he goes and still manages to be on time or early! You never hear anything negative from his mouth, no matter the situation and he is more than deserving of this! Please help us make this possible for him! Thank you all for the help and support! Merry Christmas!"

Someone saw the GoFundMe page and donated a car.

https://www.faithwire.com/2022/12/27/complete-stranger-gives-car-to-teen-who-walks-to-work-school-every-day/?utm_source=wnd&utm_medium=wnd&utm_campaign=syndicated

Be honest, faithful, dependable, work hard and be friendly. One of the ladies in my Linden church used to say, "What goes around comes around." Sow good seed and see what happens.

• **America for Sale**

China now owns massive amounts of America farm land, close to 200,000 acres. "DC" works to make it easier for China to purchase America. Not a small amount of that land is around sensitive, even secretive military sites.

<https://www.agweb.com/news/policy/politics/top-10-stories-2022-chinas-latest-land-purchase-could-pose-major-us-security>

• **Unvaccinated Blood Is Now in Very High Demand**

"Sacred Heart Hospital in Washington State has erased all records of the death of baby Alex who died from a blood clot after receiving a transfusion from a vaccinated patient. So there is no evidence of a problem anymore. They erased it, just like the CDC erased all data linking vaccines and autism. This is how science works nowadays."

https://www.theepochtimes.com/health/unvaccinated-blood-is-now-in-very-high-demand_4934809.html?utm_source=Morningbrief&src=Morningbrief&utm_campaign=mb-2022-12-22&src_cmp=mb-2022-12-22&utm_medium=email&est=ukDFE5dxdWQcHIhwBq8xnRv75VUI

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The Red Cross's blood supply is now totally corrupt, for they refuse to keep vax blood separate from real blood. Moreover, hospitals are very reluctant to allow non-vaxed people give blood specifically for a non-vaxed patient. To do so admits that the blood supply is corrupted. The depopulation plan is quickly moving ahead. *There is death in the pot.*

• **Pilot group: Elites secretly demanding UN-VAXXED pilots, flight crews**

Report cites many officers who have collapsed after taking shots

The chief of an organization of pilots assembled to battle corporate demands for COVID shots says now the elites from around the world are demanding their charter jet flight crews NOT be vaccinated.

<https://www.wnd.com/2023/01/pilot-group-elites-now-demanding-flight-crews-unvaxxed/#insticator-commenting>

• **The real reason TVs are so cheap: No more privacy**

https://www.komando.com/tv-streaming/smart-tv-privacy/873129/?utm_medium=nl&utm_source=notd&utm_content=2023-01-14

• **'Anecdotal' Documentary**

The film calls for an open dialogue and a movement from humanity to acknowledge the risks of COVID-19 shots, as well as those who are suffering due to them

https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2023/01/14/anecdotal-documentary.aspx?ui=62275c4f6eb5e1c6872faec264ac18ae89396dd486d6b98af038d9fef2e3c00d&sd=20110406&cid_source=dnl&cid_medium=email&cid_content=art1ReadMore&cid=20230114&cid=DM1326736&bid=1694765399

This film was banned by social media, but when Twitter files about banning started to be made public, social media reinstated.

• **Biden Signs Law Putting Kill Switches in Cars**

All new cars in the United States will be required to install "kill switches" by 2026. These were mandated in a recent infrastructure bill, allegedly to stop drunk drivers. But concerns are going around that it may lead to government abuse, especially as organizations including the World Economic Forum are trying to advance an agenda against cars overall. (Made possible by 5G?)

https://www.theepochtimes.com/biden-signs-law-putting-kill-switches-in-cars-update-on-brunson-case_4972738.html?utm_source=Enews&utm_campaign=etv-2023-01-11&utm_medium=email&est=q86r4%2B8%2FqZC%2F4c2JqPqxy9wzk1NsLTCjbsR%2FzG%2FUkltu9emvKMWBhpEg0H3VBJY%3D

THE PETRODOLLAR IS DEAD

The 1945 petrodollar agreement was between Roosevelt and Saudi Arabia, and thus the USD was backed by the Saudi oil that American technology produced. The petrodollar is dead as Saudi Arabia now accepts payment in any currency, and depends on China for its defence. Are you ready for the fallout of a dead dollar? We have enough oil and gas in the ground to supply us and Europe for many years to come, so the USD could be backed by our own oil and gas, but the left-wing has shut off only our spigot.

<https://www.thebalancemoney.com/what-is-a-petrodollar-3306358>

SHORT PERSONAL NOTE

Bettie had to have major dental surgery. Divine Providence has provided abundant medical and dental care at no cost for her other than time and travel expense. I have no dental through the VA, but the medical care could not be better.

We have mentioned about moving. We have a lot of “clicks” looking at the property on line, and several showings, but nothing yet. We are content here among many friends and neighbours who treat us as family: **Proverbs 27:10** is certainly true:

*Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not;
neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy
calamity: [for] better [is] a neighbour [that is] near than
a brother far off.*

(Our house has the double garage doors and the glassed-in front porch.
https://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-search/Lynchburg_OH)

The Prosperity Gospel

THE GOSPEL OF HEALTH, WEALTH AND PROSPERITY—IS IT CHRISTIAN?

By Thomas Williamson

It may seem absurd to pose the question of whether the Health, Wealth and Prosperity Gospel is Christian. Many would say that this teaching, that God promises riches and healing to those who exercise true faith, is the very essence and heart of Christianity.

This message is heavily preached and promoted on Christian radio, Christian TV, Christian books and videos. Tens of thousands of enthusiastic believers gather in Christian megachurches to hear Christian preachers proclaim that they can enjoy perfect health and unlim-

ited riches.

But just how Christian is this message? It may come as a surprise to some, to find that the Health, Wealth and Prosperity Gospel actually predates Christianity.

Marcus Tullius Cicero, in his book “On the Nature of the Gods,” written in 45 BC (before Christ) presented a form of that gospel: “All men agree that external benefits, such as vineyards, corn, olives, plenty of fruit and grain, and, in short, every convenience and property of life, are derived from the Gods, and, indeed, with reason, since by our virtue we claim applause, and in virtue we justly glory, which we could have no right to do if it was a gift of the Gods, and not a personal merit.

“When we are honored with new dignities, or blessed with increase of riches, when we are favored by fortune beyond our expectation, or lucidly delivered from any approaching evil, we return thanks for it to the God, and assume no praise to ourselves.

“But who ever thanked the Gods that he was a good man? We thank them, indeed, for riches, health, and honor. For these we invoke the all-good and all-powerful Jupiter, but not for wisdom, temperance, and justice. (Book 3, Chapter 36)

So, is the modern Gospel of Health, Wealth and Prosperity nothing more than a warmed-over Christianized version of pagan religiosity, designed to cash in on our piety and get what we want from God?

Modern “Faith preachers” generally emphasize that believers must exercise faith in the Christian God, in order to get in on the benefits of the health and wealth gospel. But sometimes they slip, and admit that they believe in a cosmic principle that anyone can tap into, even if they are not Christian believers.

For instance, charismatic “faith preacher” Kenneth Copeland says. “Words create pictures, and pictures in your mind create words. And then the words come back out your mouth. . . . And when that spiritual force comes out it is going to give substance to the image that’s on the inside of you. Aw, that’s that visualization stuff. Aw, that’s New Age! No, New Age is trying to do this, and they’d get somewhat results out of it because this is spiritual law, brother.”

New Age believers are not Christians, but according to Copeland, they can make use of, and get rich from, this “spiritual law” of visualization, or “Name It and Claim It,” without having to become Christians.

Joel Osteen, in “Your Best Life Now,” p. 5, describes this principle: “If you develop an image of victory, success, health, abundance, joy, peace, and happiness, nothing on earth will be able to hold those things from you.”

On page 229 Osteen goes on to specifically tell us that you do not have to be a Christian to benefit from this spiritual principle. He tells the story of a fabulously wealthy Saudi Arabian man who gave generously and was materially blessed by God for doing so.

Osteen says, “I doubt that the Saudi man practices the Christian faith, but the principles of giving are spiritual principles. They work regardless of nationality, skin color, or even religion. If you give unselfishly, it is going to be given back to you. If you meet other people’s needs, God will make sure your own needs are supplied in abundance.”

John Ankerberg has exposed the fact that such prominent “Faith Message” teachers as Paul/David Yonggi Cho and Kenneth Hagin admit that you do not have to be a Christian to take a ride on the Health, Wealth and Prosperity gravy train:

“‘Positive Confession’ means to verbalize positive thought and speak it aloud - precisely what shamans have believed and practiced for thousands of years in all cultures.

“The entire ‘Faith movement’ rests upon the occult belief that ‘faith is a force just like electricity or gravity’ [Kenneth Copeland] which obeys laws, and thus even non-Christians can use it. David Yonggi Cho, pastor of the world’s largest church, located in Seoul, Korea, declares: ‘Think

positively and prosper.’ Cho’s brand of Christian Science is based upon ‘the law of the 4th dimension,’ a law which both Christians and non-Christians can follow in order to create miracles. He says, ‘Sokagakkai [a Buddhist sect] has applied the law of the 4th dimension and has performed miracles.’ The Sokagakkai are occultists.

“The Wall Street Journal observed that Cho’s Christianity has elements of Korean shamanism in it. Kenneth Hagin also acknowledges that his variety of Christian science (as must be the case with any science) likewise allows non-Christians to obtain miracles by scientifically applying its laws. Hagin writes:

“‘It used to bother me when I’d see unsaved people getting results, but my church members not getting re-

sults. Then it dawned on me what the sinners were doing: They were cooperating with this law of God - the law of faith.’”

Hank Hanegraaff, in “Christianity in Crisis,” pp. 353-354, tells us more about the version of the Prosperity Gospel taught by Paul Yonggi Cho, who “contends that, as spiritual beings, believers and unbelievers alike can alter and create reality ‘through the development of concentrated visions and dreams in their imaginations.’..

“Cho’s concept of 4th- dimensional thinking is nothing short of occultism. In his bestselling book ‘The Fourth Dimension,’ Cho unveils his departure from historic Christian theology and his entry into the world of the occult.

“Cho lists 4 steps in his incubation formula: 1) Visualize a clear-cut goal or idea in your mind; 2) have a burning desire for your objective; 3) pray until you get the guarantee or assurance from God that what you desire is already yours; 4) speak or confess the end result into existence....

“Cho is well aware of his concept’s link to occultism, alleging that a number of occult-based religions utilize the power of the 4th dimension....

“Likewise, many people involved in yoga,’ according to Cho, ‘are healing the sick by yoga meditation’ and ‘in Buddhism monks also have performed fantastic miracles.’

“Cho maintains that if non-Christians are able to accomplish feats via the 4th dimension, then Christians, using the same means, ought to be able to do all that and much more.”

So there we have it - there is nothing specifically Christian in nature about the Prosperity Gospel. You can get the full benefits of it, without even being a Christian. You can be a heathen, a New Ager, a Saudi Arabian Muslim, a Buddhist, a Korean shaman, or even a worshiper of the ancient Roman god Jupiter, and live a life of unlimited health, wealth and prosperity, as long as you know how to tap into this supposedly universal principle.

However, the Prosperity Gospel doesn’t work. Most charismatics who follow this false gospel are not fabulously rich - only those at the top of the pyramid, the televangelists who cash on in the contributions of deluded poverty - stricken widows, are rolling in cash.

The Prosperity Gospel is not scriptural. The Bible does not promise riches or perfect health for all believers at all times. Many of the heroes of the faith in the Old and New Testaments were not rich, and all of them eventually died.

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PSALMS 5. A MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Need

Remember, all these Psalms apply to the Church and God's people of all ages. The church today is under tremendous pressure by the world and the devil.

Psalms 5 instructs the Elect, the church, to trust in the LORD, to deliver pleas to the LORD to judge the wicked, and to deliver the church from the persecutors who are counseling together against the LORD and his Anointed.

Hear me O LORD, for you are my King and my God; therefore, I come to you with my requests for deliverance from the hands of those that are seeking my destruction, or we should say, seeking the destruction of your church.

Why should he hear me? He is my King and my God. However, the antinomians, inside and outside the church, cannot expect answers to their prayers, for those who hate his law hate him; that is, those who hate him ignore or hate his commandments. (Jn 14:15, 23.)

V. 3. Properly, every morning. *As soon as I awake, I am still with thee, as he saith, Ps 139:18.* The first thing that I do is to pray to thee, I neither neglect nor delay that work. But this is not spoken exclusively as to his other times of prayer, as appears from Ps 55:17; but only eminently, to show his constancy, diligence, and eagerness in the work. (Pool)

V. 10 *Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their*

transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

That is, let the wicked fall from their own counsels. Cause the wicked who are crafty in their own counsel and plans against you destroy themselves by their own plans. Let them fall into the pit they have dugged to ensnare others. Strike them with stupidity and madness.

As the wicked institute their stupid and mad schemes to install themselves as gods over creation, and the righteous are not only forced to pay the physical price for their madness, but so is the earth, e.g., "solar farms," &c. In their stupidity and madness, the wicked are rendering tens of thousands of acres of tillable ground worthless. (Many times, neighbours are being paid not to oppose the boondoggle.) The righteous must suffer the wicked as the **wicked counsel together against the Lord and against his anointed. Psalms 5 encourages us to pray daily that God shall make their counsel against Him their own doom.**

We should often pray:

V. 10 *Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.*

Let the Elect rejoice and rest in the assurances we are given and claim Psalms 5:11, 12

But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. 12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as [with] a shield.

