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TIME

By Rev. Need

Psalms 90:12 *So teach [us] to number our days, that we may apply [our] hearts unto wisdom.*

In this prayer by Moses, we have a commentary on time. Moses sees time as totally God's instrument, whether it be man's lifespan or the world and its course, and he prays, *So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*

The purpose of time is to learn wisdom – by it he teaches us that we must truly apply our hearts to wisdom. True religion is true wisdom. Our goal is to live well and glorify God, not to live long, retire and pursue the desires of our heart.

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man? A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever. 1 Cor. 10:31; Rom. 11:36; Ps. 73:25-28.

In Psalm 90, Moses calls upon us to comprehend the shortness of human life. Though God is everlasting, our time on this earth is as a vapor. What God has given us is time to learn wisdom and pass wisdom on to the next generation: Through our children, we control the future for or against God.

Consider the shortness and miseries of life and the certainty of the speediness of death: "Lord give us your grace so we may devote ourselves to true wisdom that

we may pass it on to others, particularly to our children." (Grace is defined in Philippians 2:13, Pro 2:6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.) Proverbs 22:6 implies that our number one use of time should be learning and passing Biblical, Godly wisdom on to the next generation of our children and grandchildren.

Devoting ourselves to the study and practice of true wisdom or fear of the Lord requires redeeming the time and investing that time in increasing our knowledge and understanding of the Lord, Eph 5:16, Col 4:5. We redeem the time by trading the time we might use to watch a football game for time increasing our knowledge and understanding of the true wisdom and knowledge of God.

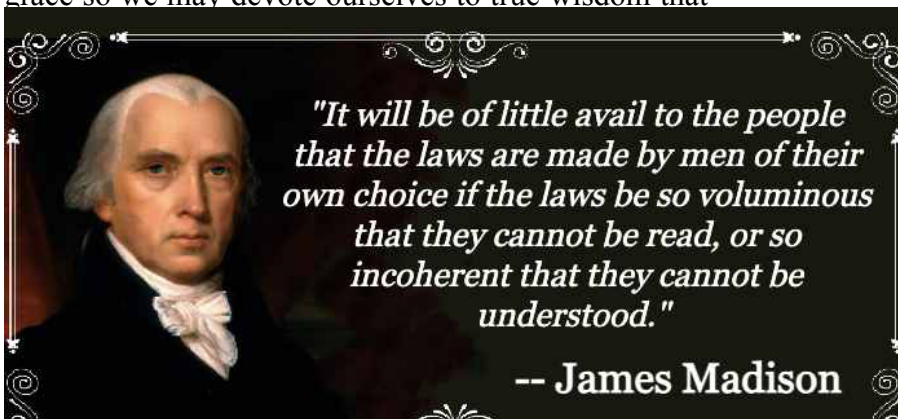
Job 28:28 *And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that [is] wisdom; and to depart from evil [is] understanding.* Proverbs 4:7 *Wisdom [is] the principal thing; [therefore] get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.* Proverbs 23:23 *Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.*

What price are we willing to pay to Buy the truth, &c., so we can pass it on to our children, and the following generations?

A short life should be wisely spent. We do not have enough time at our disposal to justify missed spending a single quarter of an hour. Nor is there enough time to jus-

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tify procrastination. CHS.

V. 12 So teach us to number our days literally, “O Lord number our days – make us know, and we will bring a heart of wisdom.” O that God would instruct us to estimate our days aright: their number; the rapidity with which they pass away; the liability to be cut down; the certainty that they must soon come to an end; their bearing on the future state of being. Wisdom will use time wisely, and only God can teach wisdom.

We are told to see all things as God’s work, and so Moses concludes, Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children, and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us and establish now the work of our hands upon us. Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

His prayer that the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us is a request that His magnificence, his loving favor, and the glory of His grace be upon us, and understood to some degree by us.

The swiftness of time: We are to see time not as a burden, but as an opportunity from God to gain wisdom, knowledge and understanding of the Lord to be passed down to the following generations, for we will be soon cut off, and we fly away. What will we leave for our children? Will we leave a good material inheritance or a good spiritual inheritance of wisdom, understanding and knowledge of the Lord as revealed in his Word?

Moreover, the night is coming when no man can work. (John 9:4, Ecc 9:10, Isa 38:18,)

The passing of time was celebrated by ancient Israel with the public sacrifices required by the laws of the Old Testament; these signified that not only are the persons, but the nation are to yield themselves to God by acknowledging His sovereignty in creation and over time.

The purpose of these public sabbaths is to take man’s mind off himself, off his own concerns, and to center the minds of men on God, but Amos 8:15 says the people spent their time fretting, and they viewed the sabbath as a restraint on their money-making rather than as a rest. In Hosea 2:11-13, God promises that He himself will put an end to their new moon sabbaths by bringing judgment upon them instead of rest, because they are an apostate people. Therefore, he will wipe them out and they will no longer have a problem. (RJR)

There were many sacrifices that were “sabbaths” of rest; they were required days of rest under the Old Tes-

tament ordinances.

Psalms 31:15 My times [are] in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

Psalms 90 reminds us that time belongs to God. It is His creation, and its purpose is for men to serve him.

We must learn to say with David, ‘My times are in thy hand.’ Everything in our culture works to give man a man-centered view of time, whether the perspective be personal or national, work-oriented or play-oriented. The sabbath is profaned if we fail to recognize all time as God-created and God-governed.

God’s sovereignty over time in creation must be acknowledged. His sovereignty is recognized by keeping the Sabbath.

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service.

In addition, Genesis 1:14 -18. The heavens mark the passing of time, but God strictly forbids the worship of the moon and other aspects of nature. Deuteronomy 17:3,

V. 6. We need not waste our time in finding out the immediate causes of death. The will of God is cause enough. Nor is it difficult for him to bring it to pass. He ‘turns man to destruction’ by a word, v. 3. He says, “I kill and I make alive,” Deut. xxxii. 39. The righteous would not put the keys of death and of hell into other hands. Home: “How apt are we to forget both our original and our end.” The purpose of the many sabbaths under the Mosaic law was to mark time as God’s time. Sabbaths are quite properly recognized as days of rest. This is God’s ordained purpose. (Plumer)

Sabbaths of rest time, not Sabbaths of play time: God condemns continuous work as a violation of His law. Here, we see still another aspect of God’s purpose regarding the sabbath. It is a time for focus. They were lawless men, despite their formal observance of a day of rest. They failed to recognize the meaning of God’s covenant of which the sabbath is a witness.

God’s covenant requires that the totality of our lives be governed by His covenant law and lived in the light of His mercy. This is the required focus. This is the reason for the sabbath, to give focus to our lives. We rest from ourselves and our way of life, to refocus our lives

on God and His law word. We look to His spirit to govern our spirit, to His word to silence our foolish words, and to His providential care. Because our lives are not our own, we need the requirement of the sabbath to remind us of that fact.

Modern man is destroying his ability to work by abandoning the true sabbath. His life now has no focus except his own wishes, and because as a fallen man, his wishes are self-centered, he increasingly loses hold on reality. Reality is God-centered

My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope. Job 7:6

The older one gets the more he realizes that time moves swifter than a weaver's shuttle, The end of our time on this earth is rushing upon us, and then we will see Jesus. Might He say, "Well done my good and faithful servant."

Let us not spend our shortness of time here without hope, but in training a future generation in the knowledge, wisdom and understanding of the Lord God of the future, and Christians shall control the future for the Kingdom.

MEN AND RESPONSIBILITY

by Rev. Need

And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart [is] snares and nets, [and] her hands [as] bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her. (Ecc. 7:26.)

Solomon, speaking from experience, tells us about seductions, and the Lord tells us the results of those seductions. He tells us that the woman caught the man whose heart was not stayed upon the Lord. On the other hand, the man pleasing God with his actions and thoughts was delivered by God from the woman who set a snare for him. When we consider this verse in light of what we see in society around us, it is obvious why women are gaining such tremendous control and authority in every area: family, church, social, political, occupational, civil, political, &c.

The Law

The Old Testament law established that a man who seduced a single woman before marriage had to pay the father 50 shekels of silver, about three years wages, and, if permitted by the girl's father, marry the girl he seduced. Moreover, the man who seduced the woman

and then marries her could never put her away for the rest of his life. (Exo 22:16, 17, Deut 22:28, 29. Gen 34, the evil against Schechem was not Jacob seeking his sons' advice about their sister. The evil was that he permitted them to utterly destroy the city even though the young man wanted to do the right thing. At the very least, Jacob should have allowed the boy to pay the dowry even if Jacob refused the marriage.)

Upon marriage, the seduced woman was not required to submit to her husband's authority in the home, but, obviously, she was still subject to the authority of God's law. In other words, adultery, murder, &c., on her part still required death under God's authority, but she did not have to submit to her husband's authority. She could be rebellious against her husband's authority, and he had no godly recourse but to tolerate her rebellion, but she could not rebel against God. (#1.)

Briefly stated: If the young man could not control his passions before marriage, he had no legal recourse before God to control his family after marriage. If the young man was a slave to his passions before marriage, then he was a slave to his wife after marriage. If the young man failed to exercise proper authority before marriage, God gave the woman the authority. But obviously, he could repent and confess his sin against her and against God, and work to exercise proper authority in his home after marriage.

No doubt the women of Old Testament times realized the hold they could gain over men by seducing them before marriage. Actually, the hold was much stronger than can be gained by seduction today. For if he succumbed to her advances, no matter how overt, it at least cost him three years pay (dowry of a virgin). But far worse than the cost in silver, God made him a slave to his wife if her father permitted the marriage.

We would be just as foolish to think the enemy of all godliness does not realize how God's law works. Thus, his effort to influence the males in society to lose authority over their own spirits and passions. He knows what snares to use. He knows that if he can overturn a young man's authority over his own spirit before marriage, he has overturned a man's proper authority in his family and in society after marriage. The enemy knows how to destroy the foundation. He knows, furthermore, that any effort to correct the "top" without correcting the foundation is futile. In other words, he realizes what we fail to realize: the top is overthrown from the bot-

tom. He has overthrown and is overthrowing society from the “back seat of a car” and through “living together.” The average man is a slave to his passions and will be until genuine conversion to Christ.

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. (Revelation 2:14.)

Ecclesiastes 7:26, above, tells us of a woman who seduces the young man before marriage. It tells us, though, that the young man godly in thoughts and actions will be **delivered by God** from the woman’s seductive actions, but the sinner will be taken by her. God tells us that the **young man is always responsible** to be in godly authority no matter how ungodly a woman might be before marriage. **The young man is always held responsible** and accountable though she may be the one making unlawful advances before marriage. If he is in godly authority over his passions, he will remain free of her clutches. If he allows his passions to gain control, he must pay the price. And what a horrendous price to pay for a moment’s pleasure. (Remember, we are in a spiritual rather than a physical warfare, 2 Corinthians 10:4.)

IMPLICATIONS

First, through immorality before marriage, females are placing passionate males who lack self-control under their authority and control. The female is the one in authority in the relationship if the male either is seduced by her or seduces her. The result is that many modern families are currently controlled by the wives. An immoral relationship before marriage placed the husband under her authority after marriage, and she now may or may not lead her husband around according to her will. The husband may deny, both publicly and privately in his own heart, that he yielded his godly authority to her before marriage and that he is now under her authority, but Scripture speaks otherwise. Certainly, all our wives know how to direct things more to their liking, but here we see the woman exercising authority in the realm of worship, occupation, &c. **Please note, though, that we are not saying that all marriages in which the wife exerts ungodly authority are the result of the husband’s ungodly authority before marriage.**

The breakdown of godly authority in the home started with the breakdown of godly authority in any private

place, many years ago when the man (or woman) might have said, “Why not? We are going to be married anyway.” As a result, not only are fathers stripped of their godly authority in their families, but society in general is stripped of its proper authority. In both cases of the breakdown of godly authority, the cause is found in the Word of God, viz., the males in society refuse to exercise proper self-controlled authority over their spirit. Thus, they refuse to be men.

Can one gain proper control of his home? Yes! But it must begin by confession of sin and taking godly responsibility for sin. **First**, it must start by the husband confessing to his wife: “It was my fault, not yours! It was wrong and I ask your forgiveness.” This will permit the man to gain the godly control of his house. Though he may have control already without confession, is it the loving control called for by the Lord, or is it control exercised by fear and terror against his family?

Second, not only is godly authority lost in the home after marriage because it was lost before marriage, godly authority is undermined throughout society. Because the God-ordained roles of authority are reversed by the young man’s uncontrolled passions before marriage by submitting to her authority, the female’s God-ordained role is also reversed, as the woman moves into positions of society God never meant for her to be in the world’s work-place. Moreover, no effort short of godly, biblical morality before marriage and/or confession and repentance of sin after marriage (Pro. 28:13, 14) can reverse the trend of females usurping the male’s place in society.

Concerning Deuteronomy 22:5, Adam Clarke says:

the instruments or arms of a man. As the word ... geber is here used, which properly signifies a strong man or man of war, it is very probable that armor is here intended; especially as we know that in the worship of Venus, to which that of Astarte or Ashtaroth among the Canaanites bore a striking resemblance, the women were accustomed to appear in armor before her. It certainly cannot mean a simple change in dress, whereby the men might pass for women, and vice versa. This would have been impossible in those countries where the dress of the sexes had but little to distinguish it, and where every man wore a long beard. It is, however, a very good general precept understood literally, and applies particularly to those countries where the dress alone distinguishes between the male and the female. The close-shaved gentleman may at any time appear like a woman in the female dress, and the woman

appear as a man in the male's attire. Were this to be tolerated in society, it would produce the greatest confusion. Clodius, who dressed himself like a woman that he might mingle with the Roman ladies in the feast of the Bona Dea, was universally execrated.

IT IS THE MAN WHO IS GIVEN THE PRIMARY
RESPONSIBILITY OF SELF-CONTROL UNDER GOD

Third, rampant crime... crimes of passion and other crimes. The "crime wave" started when the sinner yielded to his passions before marriage. Crime will be "brought under control" only when the males of the society bring their spirit under control. It goes without saying that the proper control comes from conversion and the control of the Spirit of God.

What a "terrible" responsibility for godly fathers to raise godly sons with control of not only their actions but their spirit. Lessons I surely was not told about as a young man in the 40s.

A young man is responsible to be in godly authority at all times no matter what the circumstances, especially over his own passions. Throughout Scripture, when men fail in their godly responsibility of authority, the woman is given authority by God. Therefore, godly authority in the home and society must start by young men exercising godly authority over their spirits. Additionally, those already in the compromised position after marrying their "lover," now must accept responsibility for all their actions with their wives before marriage if they expect to be the proper godly authority in their homes and society.

Can we, according to God's Word, expect a wife to submit to proper authority after marriage if her husband could not submit to proper authority before marriage? Ungodly actions must be repented of before the woman can be expected to or required to properly submit after marriage.

Compromise before marriage?

Our warfare is spiritual, so the sin problem must be settled on the spiritual level before there can be release from its hold. (2 Corinthians 10:4.) The husband needs to humble himself to his wife, and admit it was his fault for not remaining pure before marriage, and ask her forgiveness. Only repentance of sin can free one of unrighteous holds from the past. (Proverbs 28:14, 15.)

Thus, we cannot over-stress the importance of the young man, no matter what kind of pressure is placed upon him by his passions or by a woman, being responsible and pleasing God before marriage.

How can we not rejoice as we see godly men working to raise up godly sons particularly in the explosive homeschool movement? It seems that the Orthodox churches are "bursting at the seams" with families who desire to see their children prosper in the Orthodox faith. **God's work is men's work.** May God see fit to raise up godly responsible young men to be shot as arrows into the heart of the enemy.

End Note:

#1. Cf. Exodus 22:16, 17, Deuteronomy 22:13, 24:1, 2 Samuel 23. The man displeased with his wife could seek something in her worthy of putting her "away." "If a man married a wife, and he put her away with a letter of divorce, because she did not please him any longer... if the wife does not find favour in his eyes (i.e. does not please him), because he has found something shameful: ... nakedness, shame, disgrace... The meaning of this expression as a ground of divorce was disputed even among the Rabbins... Adultery, to which some of the Rabbins would restrict the expression, is certainly not to be thought of, because this was punished with death." Christ said that Moses permitted the bill of divorce, which became flagrantly misused, only because of the hardness of people's hearts, Mat 19:8. Commentary on the Old Testament, Keil-Delitzsch, vol 1, pp 417, 8. De 24:1, "By this God does not approve light divorcement, but permits it to avoid further inconvenience; Mt 19:7." Mt 19:7, "Because political laws are adjusted to allow some things, it does not follow that God therefore approves of them." Mt 19:8.

Appropriate Observations

CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA

on Lev 19:29 from *The Effeminate Male*, by Clement of Alexandria [A.D. 153-193-217.] Clement wrote to those rescued from paganism for the Christian faith. Among his several books are three called "*The Instructor*." In the first, he established the fact that the Word of God is the Instructor; in the second and third, he lays down rules for the regulation of the Christians, in all the relations, circumstances, and actions of life, entering most minutely into the details of dress, eating, drinking, bathing, sleeping, etc. In these two books, he instructs pagan converts in the principles of the Gospel, in the midst of the all but incredible licentiousness and luxury by which society around was incurably tainted. (Fathers, II.167.)

Clement's date was before Christianity became approved by Rome- AD 312. Therefore, the instructions in the principles of the Gospel found in Clement's writ-

ings had a great influence in overthrowing pagan Rome as the converted pagans placed into practice the principles of the Gospel outlined by Clement, in the midst of the all but incredible licentiousness and luxury by which society around was tainted. Obviously, the social climate in which Clement wrote was quite similar to our modern social climate.

The following is from Clement's second book of "The Instructor."

CHAP. III.--AGAINST MEN WHO EMBEL-LISH THEMSELVES.

1. The smooth skin, perfumed smell, love of finery, alluring/provocative attire, feminine hair, marked these men as effeminate creatures, using Clement's word. "Foreheads..." Clement was well versed in scripture, for the Lord did and does indeed judge according to the "forehead," e.g., Ez 9:4, Re 7:3; 9:4; 13:6; 14:1; 20:4 - note neither had his image...; and 22:4. Let those insisting that everything in Scripture that can be understood literally must be understood literally take heed: Logically, they must thus say that those who appear effeminate must be judged by God as effeminate. See 1 Cor 6:9.

2. Men and women seek to cheat time (elude death)? by denying their grey hair: They desire to retain their youthful appearances with dyes and other tricks (including surgery) to escape the ravages of time. It is not dreadful to appear old; in fact, The hoary head [gray] is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness. Ps 16:31. Vast sums are spent by people militating against God and His image in them: They are fearful of appearing as old as the Lord made them. Of course, advertising does not help, promoting the youthful look, free of grey hair. People use many various means in their vain attempts to trick time, but nothing can permit one to elude death at his appointed time.

3. Want to appear Godly? Let the hair turn white as wool in the way of righteousness. The white like wool in Rev 1:14, must also include Christ's beard, Isa 50:6. Why, may we question, did the beard become "out of style?" Who were men seeking to please when they shaved it off? The beard does, however, seem to be gaining popularity. One wonders if that popularity is an effort by men to retain their manliness in the day of the feminization of men?

4. Is not the use of coverups and fraudulent means to conceal one's natural appearance of growing older

contrary to Eph 4:20-24? [1 Thes 4:6, defraud, to be superior, gain or take advantage of another, to overreach... See 2 Cor 2:11 for an interesting observation.] Are we sure we want to abide by the New Testament laws as presented by Paul, or do we just want the ones with which the natural man can agree?

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

Reverence, not necessarily obedience, is required toward the hoary (grey)head, and honour the face of the old man, Lev 19:32. By defrauding the onlooker, i.e., offering something one is not with dyes and cosmetic surgery to look younger, does one forfeit the reverence commanded to him or her by the Law of the Lord?

5. Clement held that the smooth appearing face and features, female type hair, and the wearing of golden ornaments such as chains &c., was "womanly." "In truth," he said, "unless you saw them naked, you would suppose them to be women." Is there anything new under the sun, Ecc 1:9? Hardly!

6. The beard and grey hair are signs God placed upon manly, vigorous, mature men. The beard, according to Clement, is God's token of the superior nature of man, for both the man and the beard were in existence before Eve. The Creator had/has a beard, white as wool, and He created Adam in His image. Why is man so against that image?

7. Clement makes a point hard to argue against: Ridding of hair, shaving and/or plucking, by men to be attractive to other men, "is the act of an effeminate person - if to attract women, is the act of an adulterer..." Why, therefore, do men take great pains to remove their beards, and both men and women take such great pains to hide their age by removing the grey hair? Are they attempting to appeal to members of the same sex? appeal to members of the opposite sex? We might mention here that it is feminine for women to appear "hairless," with exception, of course, of the shaved head, 1 Cor 11:5, 6. On the other hand, for men to appear feminine is quite contrary to Scripture.

8. More attention is to be paid to the mind than to fit into the world's mold. Certainly, physical neatness

and cleanliness is appropriate and important, but far more important is mental neatness and cleanliness. The two go hand in hand, for cleanliness of the inner man will result in cleanliness of the outer man and his surroundings/environment. Because there are no longer Christian environmental concerns, we now have pagan environmental concerns. Bodily exercise is commendable, but far more profitable to health and long life is the exercise unto godliness, 1 Tim 4:8.

9. Great care is taken to see that boys sold and used for sodomite purposes are hairless. Obviously, stealing and selling “hairless” boys for sodomite purposes is far more common today than we admit. Being in places of great power and authority [because Christians have considered those places “secular,” therefore, places to be avoided], can we expect the pedophiles, sodomites included, to publicly reveal what is taking place with the tremendous number of children being stolen? Equally obvious is that boys “voluntarily” enter into the world of sodomites for the money.

10. Sounds as though Clement’s time of “luxury” was also a ‘PC’ society that attempted to eradicate the natural distinction between men and women.

11. Denying nature or seeking to change nature commits adultery against nature, therefore, against nature’s God. “People may sin legally...”! Sounds like Clement is writing about today’s laws.

12. He calls on men to look and act like men, and exalts civil authorities who detests effeminate men, “giving the body to feminine purposes, contrary to the law of nature...” Such men are “judged worthy of the extremest penalty, according to the righteousness of the law.” Clement was calling on those in civil authority to exalt manliness, as well as exalt femininity in women. Effeminate men and masculine women are exalted by civil authority by such things as “gay rights” laws, bringing civil authority clearly under God’s curse.

13. People are known by external appearances: conversation, i.e., manner of life, Eph 4:22; Php 1:27; Titus 4:12; Heb 13:5, &c.

Conclusion:

We cannot ignore the openness of sodomy of our day, the feminization of men and the confusion of the sexes—trying to make men out of women and women out of men. The military wants us to believe that with proper training, the 40% deficiency in upper body strength of women vs men can be overcome which places women

at the front lines in hand-to-hand combat. In addition, places like the fire departments and police departments are depending on women to have as much upper body strength as men. Moreover, all three efforts by vain, ungodly men violate Deuteronomy 22:5 as they, and many Christians, refuse to face the reality that men and women are different in bodybuilding, and in calling.

Nor can we ignore the modern effort to trick time with surgery and dye. Reading Clement’s statement “AGAINST MEN WHO EMBELLISH THEMSELVES,” we see that what we face today is not much different from what Clement preached against. The problem addressed by Clement is that man is a sinner at war against God’s image in himself at every opportunity, including in his appearance. Man the sinner will spare no expense nor effort to rebel against that image of God in himself.

We will not replot the “estrogen” ground. Check the website.

THE CONSTITUTION HAS GONE AWOL

From Presidential Power Grabs to Martial Law

By John & Nisha Whitehead, January 22, 2025

“Rule by indefinite emergency edict risks leaving all of us with a shell of a democracy and civil liberties just as hollow.”—Justice Neil Gorsuch

That didn’t take long.

Within days of Donald Trump’s second term, the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights disappeared from the White House’s website.

While the Trump Administration insists the removal of these foundational documents will eventually be restored to the site, the timing and symbolism of their removal is hard to ignore. Especially in light of the flurry of executive orders issued by President Trump as a means of bypassing the very rule of law those documents were intended to ensure.

Already, Trump has unilaterally declared two national states of emergency, announced his intention to disregard the 14th Amendment’s assurance of birthright citizenship, established two new government agencies, and pushed for an expansion of the death penalty.

So much for the Founders’ efforts to guard against this kind of concentrated, absolute power by establishing a system of checks and balances that separate and shares power between three co-equal branches to en-

sure that no single authority is entrusted with all the powers of government.

Mind you, Trump is not unique in his use of executive orders to bypass Congress and unilaterally impose his will upon the nation, but it is indicative of the fact that he, like his predecessors, will continue to serve as an imperial president, using executive orders, decrees, memorandums, proclamations, national security directives and legislative signing statements to operate above the law and beyond the reach of the Constitution.

America, meet your latest dictator-in-chief.

Be warned: what is happening right now is political theater. Allow yourself to be distracted by it, and you will miss the real power play afoot: the expansion of unaccountable presidential power that exposes us to constitutional peril.

Comment: God will not allow lawlessness and chaos to reign particularly in a nation He founded. It is obvious that God raised up “lawless” Trump for this lawless time in American history, and has given him unusual insight. Let us rejoice that we may have a time of “peace” in order to further establish Christian schools, homeschool and godly religious institutions. Christianity has many times prospered more under a lenient dictator than under a supposed godly ruler. Let us use this time wisely to expand the Kingdom of God in every area possible that falls within our responsibility or influence.

DONALD TRUMP – THE POLITICIAN

By Rev. Need

We must beware. **Trump is a ravaging wolf and will devour** everyone and everything in his way. It seems that he is not against a New World Order as long as he leads it.

Trump is now ruling as a monarch through his Executive Orders. Many of them simply call matters back into line with the Constitution, but far more can be considered unconstitutional. I am sure many will be challenged in court. Suddenly, the left wing will go to the court for relief from the very things they were doing.

Let us not forget that Trump has presented himself as the god – civil authority – that can cure all of America’s ills. He has told the American people what they wanted to hear, and they have overwhelmingly selected him as their god who can lead them out of the wilderness, and into the promised land of *Making America*

Great Again, without God who is the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ we must add. We are not at all complaining, but reminding Christians that we must keep our eye on Jesus as the answer to our ills. Evidently, God has given us a reprieve under Trump. Let us not even begin to imagine that we have “arrived.”

All of the money powers behind Trump’s rise to power have admitted we need a return to Christian principles if America will survive. However, they desire the results of Christianity without the truth of Christianity; that is, genuine repentance and conversion to faith in Christ.

There will be another election in four years. Let us lay a firm foundation that we might see a truly godly leader **raised up by God** as he did with Trump.

Things are pointing to Trump instituting the Noahide laws for Non-Jews.

“Sufficient social order within the gentile world is supposedly achieved through their adherence to the seven commandments specifically given to the heathen, meaning gentiles. Six of these laws were first given to Adam, according to Jewish law: the prohibitions against idolatry, blasphemy, murder, adultery, and robbery, plus the command to establish courts of justice. A seventh law was also supposedly given to Noah: the prohibition against eating the limb of a living animal. 3 Beyond this minimal list of seven laws, the gentiles” Noahides” or “Noahites,” the descendants of Noah 4 - are not supposed to go in their inquiry into the ethical requirements of Old Testament law, which belongs exclusively to the Jews.”

On April 16, 1989 President George Bush accepted a proclamation declaring Education Day which declared acceptance of “The centuriesold Seven Noahide Laws recorded in the Old Testament.” Just Ask Is World Peace Possible? What are the Seven Noahide laws? How are we going to implement them? Why did G-d bring a flood to the world? This presentation containing practicing Noahides, Leading Rabbis and Philosophers will give a detailed explanation of the Seven Commandments of Noah, and how they will ultimately lead to World Peace in our Time.

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TRUMP TO SIGN ORDER ADDRESSING

ANTISEMITISM

By Charlie McCarthy Wednesday, 29 January 2025 10:42 AM EST

President Donald Trump was expected to sign an executive order Wednesday instructing all federal agencies to identify civil and criminal authorities available to combat antisemitism....

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Laws against expressing anti-Semitism?

Today's "Jews" have absolutely no connection with the Hebrews that came out of Egypt. Their stated means of conquering the worlds is by using deceit. The Ashkenazi Jews of our day are descendants of a very wicked and warlike tribe of Turks: Look at their complexion which will show they are certainly not descendants from Shem. Shem is the father of the Orientals, Arabs and the like.

THE ASHKENAZI TURKS ARE CARRYING ON THE TRADITION OF THEIR FATHERS, AND ARE DESTROYING EVERYTHING IN THEIR PATH, PARTICULARLY CHRISTIANITY.

Lay aside preconceived notions, and ask the Lord to direct your heart and mind. Consider the whole of Scripture and do your research with a good Bible Atlas. I strongly suggest Baker's Bible Atlas, particularly page 10 as you consider the passages in Ezekiel. With Trump **outlawing "anti-Semitism,"** that battle between Christianity and modern Judaism is coming to the forefront. Using the word of God to confront the antichrist as revealed in Judaism **may well** result in persecution and even confinement.

Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Philippians 3:15

Do we know the book of Galatians well enough to take a firm stand against the pressure of Talmudic Judaism which is no more than the Phariseism that persecuted the new Christians until it was wiped out in 70 A.D. Phariseism has returned in the form of the Ashkenazi Jews of the nation of Isreal.

The battle of Gog and Magog is between Judaism and Christianity, and the opening solvo has been fired by Donald Trump. How far are we willing to go to defend the Orthodox Faith that teaches that both the Old

Testament Hebrew church and the New Testamen Gospel church are the true Israel of God by faith as clearly spelled out in the book of Galatians

Do your own research; however, all of the historical research and evidence is posted at <https://biblicalexaminer.org/JudaismOpen.html>

TRUMP LAUNCHES TASK FORCE TO ROOT OUT ANTI-CHRISTIAN BIAS

https://www.theepochtimes.com/us/trump-announces-doj-task-force-to-eradicate-anti-christian-bias-5805416?utm_source=morningbriefnoe&src_src=morningbriefnoe&utm_campaign=mb-2025-02-07&src_cmp=mb-2025-02-07&utm_medium=email&est=AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAbvQicR0JzMXo674Pt2kXCLt3G9TiQI4bq5yXcFWblzyhAA%3D%3D

THE THEOLOGY OF RAVENS

Brother Ron's Sunday snippet here was such an encouragement to me that I wanted to pass it on. For several years, we attended the same preachers fellowship in Roanoke Virginia when we lived in West Virginia. I am sure he would be glad to send his snippets to you if you would contact him. This snippet speaks to anyone's heart who is facing dark times in their lives. This is one of the many "glorious" hymns found in the Trinity Hymnal. (A Lord's Day Snippet! Biblical And Southern Studies H. Rondel Rumburg, ThM, DMin)

God moves in a mysterious way

His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines

Of never failing skill
He treasures up His bright designs
And works His sov'reign will.
*Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,

But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,

Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err

And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.
William Cowper (1731-1800)

"Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?"
Luke 12:24

Jesus was speaking to His disciples when He presented Raven Theology. He said that God feeds the ravens, and you are better than such birds. This of course is the glorious subject of God's Providence. God providentially upholds all things by the word of His power (Heb. 1:3). Providence deals with the unseen hand of God. God's providence refers to His upholding and governing everything He created coextensively with the universe which is as unceasing as the flow of time. "The providence of God is His almighty and everywhere present power, whereby as it were by hand, he upholds and governs heaven, earth, and all creatures; so that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, yea, and all things come, not by chance, but by His fatherly hand." (See Job 38:41; Ps. 104:1 ff.; 145:15 ff.; 147:8 ff.). One other definition, "God's providence is His constant care for and His absolute rule over all His creation, directing all things to their appointed end for His own glory" [J. Bridges].

Getting back to Jesus' Raven Theology, He had spoken to His disciples' anxiousness over life pointing out that life is more important than food and clothing; then He fastened their minds on considering "the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? He asked them which one could increase his height by concentrating his thoughts on the matter, then he took them to the theology of lilies (Luke 12:22-30). However, the theology of the ravens created by Him do not garner nor store food but the Father feeds them when they cry (Ps. 147:9), and considers that His disciples are better than ravens. That is Raven Theology.

In the Psalms previously listed we are reminded that God cares for His creation by sustaining life and life sources. The wisdom and power of God produces that which sustains or rules. His rule is absolute and universal so that ravens are fed, and such birds cannot fall to the ground without His permission, and the field He clothes in grass. Yes, He sovereignly works all things good or bad for His people's good and His glory. "God's power as well as His wisdom gives Him a right to govern the world: nothing can equal Him; therefore, nothing can share the command with Him" [S. Charnock]. He works providentially by an unseen hand working behind the scenes as it were. A little baby that was cast adrift in the Nile cries out and a nation is saved from

destruction, an emperor of Rome calls for a census so a baby was born in Bethlehem to fulfill the prophetic Word of God as the Son of God became incarnate to save His people, and a younger brother is despised by his older siblings and is sold as a slave ending up the prime minister in Egypt and saving his family.

God providentially makes the wrath of men to praise Him. Yes, the king's heart is in the hand of the Lord. Two cows go against nature and bring the ark of the covenant back home. Yes, and hungry ravens get fed. Pharaoh's hardened heart works for the deliverance of God's people out of Egypt on the night of the Passover. God can use a raven, a cow, a baby, siblings, rulers, and He even used hornets to drive off His people's enemies. Joseph's words to his brothers who sold him into bondage shows his recognition of God's providence, "God did send me before you to preserve life.... God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.... Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them." After the death of their father Joseph said, "Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me: but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive." Oh, the hidden hand of God's providence.

Raven Theology teaches us that the providence of God takes care of ravens and Jesus said we are of greater value than ravens. Thus, providence covers birds and the hairs on your head and great cataclysmic occurrences. "I adore and kiss the providence of my Lord, who knoweth well what is most expedient for me, and for you, and your children" [S. Rutherford].

William Cowper, at thirty-two years of age, went through a great crisis in his life. He tried to end his life by taking laudanum. Then he hired a coach and was driven to the Thames, intending to throw himself into the river; but some power seemed to restrain him. The next morning, he fell upon a knife, but the blade broke and his life was saved. He then tried to hang himself, and was cut down unconscious but still alive. Then one morning, in a moment of strange cheerfulness, he took up his Bible and read a verse in the letter to the Romans. In a moment he received strength to believe, and rejoiced in the forgiving power of God through Christ. Some years later, after he had passed through a rich Christian experience and had written many beautiful hymns, Cowper sat down one day and summed up his faith in God's dealings with him, and with other men,

in the great hymn on divine providence which you will find at the beginning of this Snippet.

“Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.”

*IT’S OKAY TO TALK TO YOURSELF AND IT’S OKAY TO ASK YOURSELF. IT’S REALLY SAD, THOUGH, WHEN YOU HAVE TO REPEAT YOURSELF BECAUSE YOU WEREN’T LISTENING.

SHE SMILES AT THE FUTURE

This virtuous women edition highlights the faithful life of South Carolina Patriot wife and mother, Eliza Lucas Pinckney. Her life is little known today, but the results of her faithful labors brought about many blessings for South Carolina and for the entire country. We hope and trust that your daughters will be inspired by her worthy example.

ELIZA LUCAS PINCKNEY

Mighty Men Herald – Virtuous Women Edition, September of 2024

There are few young ladies today who relish getting up at 5 AM. Even fewer make it a habit of rising at 5:00 every single day. Probably, fewer still prioritize projects that look far into the future - such as planting cedar and oak groves and developing a valuable crop, not for her own profit, but for the benefit of her country.

Such a young lady was Eliza Lucas when we first meet her in 1739, a sixteen-year-old girl in the colony of South Carolina. At sixteen, she had the responsibility of managing her father’s three plantations in South Carolina while he was stationed in Antigua and managing three sugar plantations. Colonel George Lucas was a kind and good father. He trusted Eliza over his property, and she rose to the task, “happy that I can be useful to so good a father,” as she wrote to a friend.

Amid her busy schedule with the plantations, Eliza did not forget to tend to the needs of her mother, who was not in good health, and to her sister Polly. She taught Polly at home for a time, and took pains to keep up with her own studies. Eliza read extensively from her father’s well-stocked library. She was also kind to their slaves, even teaching some of the girls to read, in preparation for letting them teach the slave children to read, something that was usually avoided at that time.

Eliza was serious-minded, and lived with purpose and energy. She kept up an avid correspondence and

kept a record of her letters in a book. Friends called her a “little visionary” and teased her about her many “schemes” – always coming up with some new project that would reach far into the future. In her letters, she describes planting a fig orchard for the purpose of drying and exporting the figs. She also describes planting a grove of oak trees, the proceeds of which she designed for charity one day.

Colonel Lucas sent over many seeds to try growing in Carolina. Eliza set her eye upon indigo – a plant that produced a rich blue dye – as a crop that she thought would prove valuable. Indigo had been tried in South Carolina years earlier, but abandoned when rice became productive. England got her indigo from France. It was a valuable commodity, and Eliza’s efforts were towards England being able to supply it herself.

The journey was not an easy one. Eliza experienced one set back after another. The first year the frost destroyed her crop before it had sufficiently dried. The seed she saved made only 100 bushes the next year. A Frenchman who was sent to help her make vats and turn the indigo into dye did not want to put his own country at risk, and purposely ruined the color during the process.

But at last, in 1744, at the age of twenty-one, Eliza was able to send samples of her indigo to England. She received a favorable letter from London: “I have shown your indigo to one of our most noted Brokers in that way, who tried it against some of the best French, and in his opinion is as good . . .”

The very next year Colonel Lucas gained a valuable income from the indigo crop. Eliza’s pioneering work on its cultivation paid off. She freely shared her seeds with other planters who also experienced good success. By the time the Revolutionary War began, the annual export from South Carolina was over one million pounds!

In 1744, the same year Eliza first sent her indigo sample to England, Colonel Lucas sent his son George to South Carolina to bring Mrs. Lucas, Eliza, and Polly back to Antigua to be near him. However, an unexpected turn of events happened before her brother George arrived. A friend of hers, Elizabeth Pinckney, had suffered ill health for many years and died in January of 1744. Mrs. Pinckney had been very dear to Eliza, and Eliza mourned her death. When the newly-widowed Charles Pinckney heard about Eliza’s impending move

back to Antigua, he proposed to her, asking her hand in marriage.

Eliza accepted his proposal gladly. Her father and mother gave their blessing, delighted that she would be in the care of one so honorable and with such good character. Eliza wrote to her father with gratefulness for his generous dowry and his lifelong care of her.

Soon Eliza was writing to a good friend, “Heaven has blessed us with a fine little boy,” declaring that he had “all his papa’s virtues.” She delighted in her baby boy. The energy and diligence she had put into studying music and cultivating indigo, she now poured into loving and teaching her little boy. She stumbled across a method to “play him into learning,” and her husband Charles evidently made an alphabet-learning toy for him. At 20 months old, he could speak intelligently and knew all his letters and even some spelling.

Charles and Eliza were blessed with four children in all: Charles Cotesworth, George Lucas, Harriott, and Thomas. Baby George died when less than a month old.

Eliza poured her whole heart into being a good wife and a good mother. She kept a list of personal resolutions that she read often and tried to follow, “by the Grace of God assisting me to keep.” She resolved to believe in God and obey his commands. She resolved to be a good wife and mother. Among the other the resolutions, she resolved “by the divine will not to be anxious or doubtful, nor to be fearful of any accident or misfortune that may happen to me or mine.”

For several years the Pinckney family lived very happily in the beautiful home that Charles had built for Eliza in Charles Town, South Carolina. The entire family then moved to England, where Charles served as commissioner for the colony of South Carolina. He thought it would be advantageous for his sons to be educated in England for a time. After five years, he and Eliza and Harriott paid what was intended to be a temporary visit back to South Carolina to visit the plantations. However, Charles caught malaria, and three weeks later he died. This was a terrible blow to Eliza and she grieved deeply the loss of her life companion. She had delighted in the 14 years they had together, and now, as she wrote to her mother, “earth had no charms” for her. She clung to the hope of being reunited in Glory.

But she must look ahead for the sake of her children. In writing to her sons, still in England, of their father’s

death, she wrote honestly of the bitterness of the cup that they must drink. Yet she assured them, “I hope the Almighty will enable me to do my duty in every instance by you, and that all my future life may be spent to do you good, and in showing to you, . . . how much, how truly, I loved and honored your dear father by my affection and care of you.”

Throughout the rest of her days, how truly did Eliza Pinckney fulfill her duty to her children, in prayers, letters, and motherly counsel. We see the fruits of her labors in the honorable men that her sons became. Both played significant roles in the founding of our country. Charles Cotesworth was one of South Carolina’s delegates to the Constitutional Convention in 1787. Thomas served a term as governor, and presided at the State Convention which ratified the Constitution. They were excellent and respected leaders in their generation.

When Eliza Lucas Pinckney died of cancer in 1793, George Washington personally requested to be one of her pall bearers at her funeral. She had lived well, and the fruits of her labors still carry on.

Proverbs 31:25 says, “Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.” A literal rendering of “rejoice in time to come” is, “she smiles at the coming day.” This is a fitting description of this worthy lady who looked to the future with hope and worked diligently to be prepared for the coming day.

Drawn from: *The Letterbook of Eliza Lucas Pinckney*

MAN UP

By Rev Need

In July, Zuckerberg said — after Trump got up and raised his fist following an assassin’s bullet grazing his ear — that the then-candidate getting up with blood covering his face and standing strong was “one of the most bada** things I’ve ever seen in my life.”

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

(idiomatic) To “be a man about it”; to do the things a man is traditionally expected to do, such as taking responsibility for the consequences of one’s actions, displaying bravery or toughness in the face of adversity, providing for one’s family, etc. (Compare man [“brace

oneself, steel oneself”].)

(of military personnel) To assemble, each person manning (attending to) his station, prepared for the departure of an aircraft, ship, etc. (Compare man [“supply with staff; take up position to operate”])....

(https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/man_up)

Notice the strong men, including “moneyed” men, who have attached themselves to Trump. They know where the center of world power is at the present.

Not only the Bible, but history shows us that a strong man will draw strong men after him, and the right or wrong of his stand will make little difference. Strength attracts strength.

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

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. (1 Corinthians 16:13)

Samuel’s context tells us that the man who will not stand up and be a man will become a servants of his enemy. The Corinthian context expands the context to “man up” to all believers.

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

Scripture encourages us to pattern our lives after the mighty men of the Lord in Scripture as well as the godly mighty men of past and present history. We are encouraged to be men, to be strong so others can safely follow our strong, godly examples.

(Philippians 3:17, 1 Thessalonians 1:6, 2 Thessalonians 3:9, Hebrews 6:12, Romans 15:3, Ephesians 5:1, 2, Philippians 2:4, 5, 1 Corinthians 11:1.)

EUROPEANS UNITE TO FIGHT GLOBALISM

EMBRACE MAGA AGENDA IN EU PARLIAMENT

BRUSSELS — Anti-globalist European forces are attempting to replicate the political dominance of Donald Trump’s MAGA movement. At the Make Europe Great Again (MEGA) international conference at the European Parliament, over 500 politicians, staffers, and NGOs gathered for a two-day event to game-plan how to “red pill” all of Europe. Organized by the [European Conservatives and Reformist Party](#) (ECR) and the [Alli-](#)

[ance for the Union of Romanians](#) (AUR), the event was the second annual gathering. Attendees seek to unify Europeans who want to see an end to mass migration, socialism, green-deal climate-scam policies, and endless wars.

George Simion, a Romanian parliamentarian, president of the AUR, and executive vice president of the ECR, told *The New American*:

It is a wave. We are trying to go from MAGA to MEGA. We should seize the momentum; we should act now because the globalists are frightened.

As the name of the conference conveys, Donald Trump’s political worldview is paramount to the movement. Many attendees told *The New American* that their various countries are warming up to the populist uprising led by Trump. They said the moment has arrived to unify around his leadership in Europe and do away with politics as usual.

Bringing Back Faith

Banners littered across the event read, “Defending Western values in the European Parliament.” Speakers repeatedly defined and articulated those Western values solely as principles derived from **the biblical Christian worldview**. Simion, the leader of MEGA, [told *The New American*](#):

We cannot do anything without God. We have four pillars at the basis of our party: nation, family — composed of a man and a woman, faith — Christian faith, ... and of course freedom.

“We must follow the words of God and of our Bible,” he added.

Accordingly, many speakers offered history lessons on the influence of Christendom in Europe. They noted how fundamental societal constructs such as family, nations, and marriage being between a man and woman are biblical principles. With mass migration compromising many Europeans’ cultures and religious practices, speakers said, returning to the Christian faith is a high priority.

Globalism Out, Nationalism In

In step with President Trump’s “America First” nationalism, MEGA brought its own flavor of nationalism. Speakers and attendees often labeled it “sovereignism.” This writer observed a variety of opinions on how to handle the rise of globalism. But there was

one consistent thread among the proposed solutions: Decentralization from the United Nations (UN) and European Union (EU).

Opinions on how to accomplish that decentralization ranged from abolishing the UN and EU altogether to reform measures. One Australian parliamentarian summed up part of the group's concerns by saying international bodies are prone to "mission creep," as time naturally corrupts an entity's original mission. However, debates took place in hallways and corridors regarding the good or evil behind the original visions of the UN and EU.

[The John Birch Society has been exposing for decades](#) how the UN and EU were instituted with the specific purpose of eroding national sovereignty and individual liberty as a part of a global conspiracy. Not all participants at MEGA saw "multilateral" groups as part of a conspiracy. However, there appeared to be the beginning of an awakening of the nature and methods of the EU and UN. This was a positive upgrade from previous political norms.

Among the American voices at MEGA was Dr. Robert Malone, a pioneer of mRNA technology and critic of the Covid-19 shots and lockdowns. He [told The New American](#), "The European Union, as it currently exists, is overextended, and it is counterproductive." Malone said that "it needs to be reformed," however, rather than abolished.

European Critics

One voice that has consistently exposed the EU for its globalist and anti-democratic ways is Christine Anderson. A member of the EU Parliament (MEP) and a key leader in Germany's [Alternative für Deutschland](#) (AfD) party, which has received [praise](#) from Elon Musk, Anderson [told The New American](#):

So, they [European nations] are relinquishing their sovereignty in part to, you know, these institutions. And that is actually of great concern because the EU institutions, they are not only undemocratic, but they're also downright anti-democratic.

David Campbell Bannerman, a former MEP from England, brilliantly exposed the Chinese influence behind globalist institutions. In an address delivered to MEGA leaders, Bannerman [exposed](#) World Economic Forum (WEF) founder Klaus Schwab's vision for the Chinese Communist Party to be the "role model for many countries" in the New World Order:

This is like a fork in the road. Either we go down this WEF Chinese model and do it that way, and that's communism, and we lose our rights and freedoms ... or we do it the American way; we do it the Trump way.

He continued:

[O]ne of my key arguments for leaving the European Union (and I was a prominent Brexit member of the European Parliament) was because the EU is not democratic and overrides national sovereignty, and it overrides the nation-state.... There's too much Chinese influence.

HOPE IN YOUTH TO MAKE EUROPE GREAT AGAIN

Youth were ever present at MEGA, participating in panels and question-and-answer sessions and as general observers. This writer [spoke to a young man](#) from London named Nicholas Lissack. He was attending MEGA to learn more about the success of Trump's MAGA movement and how he could use online media platforms to influence youth in the U.K. to get engaged.

When asked about globalism in the West, Lissack shared:

I think the second Trump administration really needs to place an emphasis on nationalism and populism and breaking up this neoliberal globalist establishment that's based here in Brussels. Europe will not thrive, and European countries will not regain proper sovereignty, until the European Union is a thing of the past.

Lissack has cultivated a large social-media following, encouraging youth in the U.K. to push back against the globalism, tyranny, and mass-migration policies that have infected the country.

A Message of Hope to the West

The MEGA conference ended with a call to action for a global, organized, grassroots response to the one-world-government conspiracy. Opined Simion when closing out the event:

We must be united, because in unity is our strength. If we fight alone, if we do not have allies and partners, we will be decimated.

The number of allies in the United States to help save Europe from totalitarian control is growing. Elon Musk posted on X after the event: "People of Europe: Join the MEGA movement! Make Europe Great Again!!"

https://thenewamerican.com/world-news/europeans-unite-to-fight-globalism-embrace-maga-agenda-in-eu-parliament/?mc_cid=5757800488

Any "revival" must be buided on the only firm

foundation, Jesus Christ, or it will fail, a work only the Spirit can accomplish. Let us pray and work toward that end.

DOERS DO

THE DEVIL'S WILES

Page 14: Lynn Vincent's column about her struggle with cervical dystonia seems to me to apply across the full spectrum of capabilities God gives us over the course of our lives, not merely to the waxing and waning of physical health.

Doers can be found in many fields of work. With 30 years in the U.S. military and nearly half again as many in global military ministry, I suspect that I would land in the same category as Lynn in the personality test she took. As such, I have always wanted to have an impact.

But mortality intervenes. Whether it is a medical condition, cognitive decline, personal failure, or simply getting old, doers often feel as if we are being taken out of what we think is our calling and sent to sit useless on the sidelines of the great ongoing spiritual war. Lately, I have watched in frustration as the creeping terrors of advancing age erode many of the gifts and talents God gave me years ago.

Strangely, by God's grace, what is left are not shattered dreams but a grudgingly thankful realization that I was never able to accomplish anything anyway, except for what the Lord gave me the ability to do. The extent to which I was ever a doer was set by God and only enabled by His grace working through the circumstances of my life.

That temporal truth mirrors the far more important spiritual truth that it was God's sovereign grace that led me to faith in Jesus Christ, not any merit on my part (Ephesians 2:8-10). When physical decline makes us feel cut short in achieving life's goals, it's helpful to remember that "he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the Day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6). God does not give us skills because He needs our help, but as part of His generously inclusive plan to bring us to Himself, refine our character, and give us the gift of significance.

The current challenge facing my faith is to embrace the slow, seemingly inexorable withdrawal of those things that I once could do. Perhaps my next goal should be to excel at losing the abilities that I thought

were mine and cling to Christ as the sole source of all that I am or ever could be.

After all, doers need goals.

PHILIP EXNER, I will and is is Houston, Texas
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LETTERS

Dear brother need:

I value highly the work you put into each addition of the Examiner. Thank you for making the effort to print and mail them to me.

Grace and peace be multiplied. Richard.

Dear Biblical Examiner friends

... And the common people heard him gladly Mark 12:30 7B. I am enclosing... towards the cost of getting out the Biblical Examiner in the hands of the common man. I've been adding your Internet address and others to the back of tracks I distributed as many in the common Internet age seem to prefer that means of communication. I will add that your envelope enclosed Examiner last received came in excellent condition and I did not have the trim tape or re-steeple to pass it on. Also pray that I might find a copy source to reprint my Examiners to increase their reach but as a sign of things to come 2 out of our three local print shops have gone out of business and the last one open banned me from printing as they said, I tied up their equipment too much. John 15:12 – 17.

Dexter

Bless you. Your book is a true treasure.

Ulmer B The book he ordered was the 21 essays found in "Essays on Judaism."

"WORLD PEACE AND THE NOAHIDE LAWS."

Steven and Janna Ben-Nun warn: Noajode Laws threaten the foundation of Western democracy. Mike Adams, Natural News, 11/24. One of the Bushs signed on in support of the Noahide Laws.

"Sufficient social order within the gentile world is supposedly achieved through their adherence to the seven commandments specifically given to the heathen, meaning gentiles. Six of these laws were first given to Adam, according to Jewish law: the prohibitions against idolatry, blasphemy, murder, adultery, and robbery, plus the command to establish courts of justice. A seventh law was

also supposedly given to Noah: the prohibition against eating the limb of a living animal. 3 Beyond this minimal list of seven laws, the gentiles” Noahides” or “Noahites,” the descendants of Noah 4 - are not supposed to go in their inquiry into the ethical requirements of Old Testament law, which belongs exclusively to the Jews.”

(They are covered in Essay 17 at <https://biblicalexaminer.org/JudaismOpen.html>)

THE YAHWEH GOD

This writer is quite distressed as he sees and hears him the name of the Hebrew God of the Old Covenant, **Yahweh**, becoming a common name for the God of the New Covenant, even in reformed pulpits. The God of the New Covenant is Jesus, not Yahweh. (Philip 2:9-11) Peter did not heal the name in the name of Yahweh, nor did Paul preach or offer salvation in the name of Yahweh. We shall see below that the early church rejected the name Yahweh because it did not represent Jesus in whom the fullness of the Godhead dwells. Christianity has, to a large extent, been taken over by the religion of Judaism and become a fossil more properly distinguished as Judeo-Churchianity.¹

That is to say, Judaism is so ingrained in Christian culture today that only a merciful God can open the eyes of his people to understand the inroads that Rabbinical Talmudism, *i.e.*, Judaism, has made into the church.

Judaism is a poisonous counterfeit of the *synagogue of Satan*:

I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. (Rev 2:9)²

To make any connection between an occult religion which directly contradicts Jesus Christ’s own solemn, admonitory condemnation of man-made traditions, and the religion of the God of Israel, is not only irrational and unscriptural, but an abomination.³

Why should we exalt the old God of carnal Israel, Yahweh, when the new *Israel of God* possesses the name that Judaism hates, the name above all names, Jesus Christ–God incarnate in the flesh? The purpose of the book of Hebrews was to deal specifically with the Hebrew converts’ desire to return to Judaism:

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath

appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; (Heb 1:1-3)

Why are Christians exalting the name Yahweh over the name of Jesus, which is the name above all names?

Paul warns those Christians who were attracted by the Judaic practices still taking place in the Temple:

If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. (Heb 6:6)

Bear, Dinur and other Zionist historians were not mistaken in stating that the significant Jewish presence (in Judea, ed.) was dramatically reduced following the Muslim conquest in the seventh century, but this was not due to the uprooting of Jews from the country, for which there is no shred of evidence in the historical record. Palestine, the former Judea, was not swept by masses of migrants from the Arabian Desert who dispossessed the indigenous inhabitants. The conquerors had no such policy, and neither exiled nor expelled the Judean agrarian population, whether they believed in Yahweh or in the Christian Trinity. ... **An irreparable split had occurred between Judaism and Christianity by the latter’s division of the deity, which aggravated the rivalry between them.**⁴

The Christian doctrine of the Trinity separated the early Christians from the Jews who “believed in Yahweh.” **The Old Testament Yahweh represented one god among many gods**, while the Christian God was a three-part God, and he was the only God in both Testaments. The Jews hated the Trinitarian doctrine which was not clearly revealed in *Yahweh*. On the other hand, the Christians defended it. (The charge against Christ was that he made himself equal with God.)

YAHWEH OR THE CHRISTIAN TRINITY? The Torah & Yahweh

Torah contains many names for God, but two of them predominate: YHWH and E-lohim. The meaning of the first one is traditionally believed to signify “The Eternal One”, but in academic circles the origin and meaning of the name is considered to be unknown. [1] The name is often left unpronounced by religious people and re-

placed most often with Lord (A-donai). [2] The second is a generic word, a common noun, for God or gods, which was also used as the name for the God of Israel.⁵

The meaning of God's names, especially YHWH, is central to Jewish theology....,⁶ which theology violently rejects any idea of the Christian Tri-Una God.

The Yahweh Religion

Yahweh is the unique name for the supposed one God in the Yahwistic religion, which name neither appeared in nor was developed in the land of "his chosen ones."⁷

Throughout *The Kuzari*, Rabbi Yehudah HaLevi expressed his disapproval of using the philosophic method of understanding God. His objections are: (1) One cannot understand God in his truest sense through intellect alone. In fact, the Tetragrammaton, the four letter ineffable Name of Y-H-V-H, represents the way only a prophet can receive God, in the truest sense that is knowable to man.⁸

YAHWEH IS THE OLD TESTAMENT HEBREW'S UNIQUE NAME FOR ONE GOD AMONG MANY

[4] "The first of such people was Adam. Adam knew about God only from his conversations with Him, from God's rewards and punishments [in the Garden of Eden], and from the fact that He had made Chavah from one of his sides. Consequently, it became clear to Adam that God was the Creator of the universe. He was able to recognize God through His words and prophetic images, and was thereby able to identify him as Y-H-V-H. Without this, however, Adam would have known God only as Elohim, which does not clarify what God is — whether He is one or multiple entities, whether or not He is cognizant of the separate components within nature, [and so on].⁹

The Kuzari goes into detail of why the name Yahweh is unique to them, the Ashkenazi Jews, alone. The Kuzari's author, Rabbi Yehudah HaLevi traces Yahweh to the Garden, for only through the name of Yahweh could Adam properly understand the Creator.

The Yahwistic Faith

Professor Sand tells us that Abraham, who was a convert to the Yahwistic faith, abandoned his homeland, and "migrated to Canaan from Mesopotamia." In addition, it was Yahweh who "engaged Moses directly during the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai." The

"Yahwistic faith" emphasized the foreign origin of its founders. It was Yahweh who made the promise to expel Canaan's inhabitants for the Israelites. "Moses, Aaron, and Joshua—who led the people to Canaan—were also born, educated, and transformed into devoted followers of Yahweh in the great pharaonic kingdom."¹⁰

Sand continues:

Although he (Jewish Yahweh, ed.) had a positive opinion of himself and was "merciful and compassionate," Yahweh was a stern and vengeful god. Like a zealously possessive husband, he would not forgive someone who betrayed him, and when his believers sinned, sanctions were activated immediately.¹¹

According to Rabbi Yehudah HaLevi's 2009 translation of the 1140 AD *Kuzari*,

[9] "God bestows His light only upon the elite people and the possessors of the true religion. The Jewish people are the object of His special closeness, and this closeness is reciprocal. Thus God is called 'the God of Israel,' and they are called 'the nation of God'²⁹ and 'the nation of the God of Avraham.' ... [10] "The name [Y-H-V-H] was similarly allotted to us alone, for no one else truly recognized it. ... This name is but one of the many great benefits by which God distinguished us. Its true meaning is hidden, [known only to a select few].¹²

YAHWEH REPRESENTED A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JUDAISM

Quite unlike the Gospel Church of our day, the early church fully understood the meaning of *Yahweh*, as the Jews flaunted their belief that **Yahweh represented a special relationship with Judaism** from the time of Moses, who also delivered the oral Torah. In other words, Jahweh was understood by ancient Israel as a God among many gods, who demanded unqualified worship. Jahweh is seen by followers of Judaism as the name of the Supreme Being Who had a unique and special relationship only with the ancient Israel that he delivered from Egypt. Talmudic Judaism claims that special relationship today as it claims to be "God's chosen people."¹³

Examples: *The God of the Hebrews*, Exo 5:3, &c., *God of gods*, Josh 22:22, He was known as the God of Israel by the surrounding pagan nations, 1 Sam 5:7, &c, *other gods*, Judges 10:10ff., *Our God hath delivered Samson...* Judges 16:23ff., *the God of gods*, Dan 11:36,

Deut 10:17, Ps 136:2, &c.

Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father. (1 Kings 11:33)

Hastings tells of **Popular superstitions regarding the name Jahweh.**

According to Jewish tradition, it was pronounced only once a year by the High Priest when he entered into the Holy of Holies, and Simon the Just was the last one who did this. He who knows how to pronounce this mysterious name was believed to have a magical power over the forces of nature, and was designated among the rabbis... "Master of the name."¹⁴

The religion of Jahweh forbade the depiction of God as a human man, yet the Christian God took on the form of a man, *God with us*, and tabernacled among His creation.

Exodus 6:4, Jehovah, or Yahweh was the covenant name by which God chose to reveal himself to the unique Hebrew nation he delivered from Egyptian bondage. Ancient Israel violated the covenant, and according to the covenant promise, their apostasy resulted in its final destruction in 70 AD.

Because of her apostasy, ancient Israel was destroyed and replaced by the new *Israel of God*, i.e., the Gospel Church. The covenant name by which God chose to reveal himself to the new *Israel of God*, i.e., his new humanity, is Jesus Christ. Actually, Christ is the Covenant. (Isa 42:6, 49:8, Matt 22:32, He 11:10-16) The covenant God of old (Yahweh) promised Palestine to ancient Israel, along with conditions. The conditions were violated, so every trace of the old nation was destroyed. However, Jesus Christ promised a better country to *the Israel of God*, identified by Paul as the seed of Abraham by *grace through faith*, which is the gift of God. (Rom 4:13, Heb 11:10)

Jahweh dwelt in a tent among his chosen people he brought out of Egypt. The Christian Tri-une God is revealed as *God with us* as he dwells among his people.

8 Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of

the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; (Isa 42:4-12)

Conclusion

It should sadden the heart to hear Christians commonly use Judaism's name for their unique God of the Old Covenant, Yahweh; that is, a God who had not yet revealed himself in the Lord Jesus Christ:

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philip 2:9-11)

The ungodly reject the *exalted* name of *Jesus*, for all judgment is in His name; there is no salvation in the name *Yahweh*, **so why is the name *Yahweh* creeping into Christianity which is now under the New Covenant?**

What is the source of this teaching that Yahweh can be a proper name for the Christian Tri-une God under the New Covenant? What is the source of the fascination with the old Hebrew religion that still exists in Judaism? Judaism has infiltrated our Christian colleges and churches to an amazing extent.

In the first century, it was the name of Jesus, not Yahweh that created such a turmoil among the "Jews," e.g., Acts 17:7, 25:15. Peter and Paul were jailed because of the name *Jesus*. The name of Jesus is sorely hated today not only by the self-professed Jews but by the ungodly world-wide, but they will tolerate *Yahweh*. This writer has even heard leaned preachers and teachers use *Yahweh* as a name for Jesus under the New Covenant.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

There is no such thing as Judeo-Christianity. How can the clean join with the unclean? How can a Christian follow the pagan ways of Judaism, and replace *the name which is above every name* with Talmudic Judaism's Yahweh? For what fellowship, what association, what identity can Christ have with the anti-Christ, the synagogue of Satan? (2 Cor 6:14-18)

The Islamic conquerors of the Land of Israel had no policy concerning a name for God, nor did they exile, or expel the Judean agrarian population, whether they believed in Judaism's Yahweh or in the Christian Trinity.

They could keep their faith in a monotheistic God, and just pay the tax required of non-believers in Allah.¹⁵

Who is our God? The Jew's God, Jahweh, or the Christian Tri-Une God of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Throughout the history of Christian doctrine, the *light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ* has shone supreme.

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Cor 4:6)

In other words, the Old Testament God of Israel, Yahweh, or Jahweh did not *give the light of the Knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*. Yahweh is the chosen name of Judaism today because the name excludes the Tri-Une God.

Hence, the conflict between Judaism and the early church over the name of God. In fact, the followers of Judaism, Jews, severely persecuted the followers of Jesus. About 440 AD., a Christian missionary was martyred by the followers of Judaism, during the reign of the Himyarite king Surahbi'il Yakkaf.¹⁶

It is absurd to profess Christ Jesus, and to Judaize. **For Christianity did not embrace Judaism, but Judaism Christianity**, that so every tongue which believeth might be gathered together to God. ...¹⁷

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21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. (Matthew 1)

HIS NAME IS JESUS

Endnotes

1 Hoffman, *Judaism's Strange Gods*, p 38.

2 Judaism's holy book, the *Talmud*, openly says that they, the Jews, follow Satan and demons.

3 Hoffman, *op. cit.*, p. 20, 21. Judaism's Talmud is a "demonic pantheon..." *Ibid.*, pp. 90, 91. See "Star of David."

4 Sand, *Invention of the Jewish People*, pp. 180, 181. There was no forced dispersion. Emp. added.

5 <https://thetorah.com/gods-revelation-of-the-name-yhwh/>

6 <https://thetorah.com/yhwh-the-god-that-is-vs-the-god-that-becomes/>

7 Sand, *The Invention of the Land of Israel*, p. 69. The religion of Yahweh has 613 laws which are impossible to obey today: List at <https://www.gospeloutreach.net/613laws.html> Is this the pressure to build the third temple, so the many laws can be obeyed?

8 *The Kuzari, Introduction*, p. 16. Judaism's idea of a prophet is completely foreign to Scripture.

9 *The Kuzari*, p. 393. Section 4:3.4, p 393. *The Kuzari* goes into detail of why the name Yahweh is unique to them alone, pp. 3. 91-397 Footnote⁹ in text, "This is the philosophers' belief. See *The Kuzari* in 2:54. 2." The quote is left open in the text.

10 Sand, *The Invention of the Land of Israel*, pp. 69, 70, 72. Christ tells us that he, the great I AM, met Moses at the Bush, on the Mountain and led Israel through the desert. The book of St. John. Judaism rejects the Tri-Une God.

11 *Ibid.*, pp 84, 85)

12 *The Kuzari*, pp. 395-397, 396. Footnote 29 in text, "See *Kuzari* 1:27." *The Kuzari* does not close the quotes.

13 *Ibid.*, p 395. Talmudic Judaism considers worshippers of the Christian God through the Son idolaters. *The Kuzari*, pp. 391-397 explains why the Jews claim the name *Yahweh* as unique to them. See also Hastings, *A Dictionary of the Bible, Extra Volume with Indexes*, p. 631.

14 Hastings, *op. cit.*, p 280. See *The Talmud* Essay

15 The Judean Palestinians who remained in the land were forcefully displaced by the Ashkenazi Jews from Russia, c. 1948, who have no Biblical connection to the land. The rightful heirs to Palestine will continually war against the non-Israelite Ashkenazi Jews.

16 Sand, *Invention of the Jewish People*, pp. 194, 5. "The Jews were considered heretics by the early church." Evidence of Christianity's struggle against the strong Jewish presence is found in the writings of Augustine and in those of the Christian poet Commodianus. Augustine criticizes the "heaven worshippers," probably an intermediate Jewish-Christian sect, whom the church regarded as heretics or even unbelievers." *Ibid.* p. 201.

17 *Op. cit.*

WELFARE DOESN'T WORK. IT NEVER HAS. IT NEVER WILL.

By Thomas Sowell

But you can't tell that to those who will pull on your heartstrings mercilessly, accusing you of selfishness, thievery, avarice, cruelty, privilege and prejudice. You can't tell it to them in scholarly papers, you can't tell it to them with evidence, and you certainly can't tell it to the people who administer the welfare system, at least

to their face.

Unless, of course, you're economics legend Thomas Sowell, in which case you pretty much do what you want — and do it with elan and brilliance.

Sowell has written countless books and taught at more academic institutions than can be accurately summarized here. However, in 1980, he was a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, and he was invited onto a series of programs called “Free to Choose” hosted by another free-market economics legend, the University of Chicago's Milton Friedman.

Several guests were invited onto this edition of the program — the fourth in the series, titled “From Cradle to Grave,” about the welfare system and its successes and failures. One of the most contentious quotes was from Friedman: “Trying to do good with other people's money simply has not worked; the welfare system is rotting away the very fabric of society.”

In addition to Friedman and Sowell were several other academics and administrators from all stripes of political and economic bearing — including James R. Dumpson, the chief administrator of New York City's Human Resources Administration, who definitely did not believe the welfare system was a failure. Or, if it was, the failings lay elsewhere.

The result was a viral showdown between Dumpson and Sowell still just as intellectually toothsome and instructive as it was 44 years ago.

The clip in question began as Dumpson worked himself into a towering rage over Friedman's characterization of the failures of the welfare state.

“As I hear Dr. Friedman's statement, I was aroused to the point, as I said, of anger — because only half the story is told,” Dumpson said.

“We are really blaming, again, a victim, this time a system — the welfare system — for the failure of the other systems to operate in the interest of the people.”

Sowell had the opposite reaction to the Friedman statement in question.

“My anger was at what had been created in the city where I grew up, under very different conditions, during the period of capitalistic failure, during the period when there wasn't this humanitarianism, and where it was possible for people to live better and to get out of that poverty,” he said.

“Now, I think someone who lived in the very same

place where I live would find it much harder to escape from that poverty because of all of these things. Buildings were not abandoned like the buildings we saw [in footage shown earlier] when I lived in Harlem. The crime rate — they're all things that are blamed upon the failures of the previous method [that] did not exist.

“I slept out on the fire escapes in Harlem,” he added. “I would defy anybody to do that in any part of New York City today.”

Another panelist — Robert Lampman, professor of economics at the Institute for Research on Poverty — also tried to get in on this. “Traditionally, in the United States, we have tried to avoid some of the welfare trap that was referred to by denying eligibility to people who are able-bodied and not aged and so on,” he said. “And we've therefore tried to close the welfare door to a good number of categories within the poor population.”

“Some, but not all, of what we might call welfare programs broadly, have this very strong take-back of benefits as you earn some more money. And that, I guess, is what I would like to single out as the principle problem but it is not common to any and all welfare programs one might think of,” he added.

Helen O'Bannon, the secretary of welfare for the state of Pennsylvania, contended that the issue came from the failure of other institutions. “When the family fails, when the private sector fails to create jobs at a fast enough rate, you find that people are unemployed and drift into needing help in order to exist,” she said.

“I see the welfare system not corrupting but, in fact, taking the remains and attempting to help people live in dignity,” he added.

The other guests were then asked if they would indeed describe welfare as “rotting away the fabric of society.”

Sowell would, and created a viral clip for the ages:

“What the welfare system and other kinds of government programs are doing is paying people to fail,” Sowell said. “Insofar as they fail, they receive the money. Insofar as they succeed, even to a moderate extent, the money is taken away.”

“This is even extended into the school systems, where they will give money to schools with low scores; insofar as the school improves its education, the money is taken away.”

Thus, Sowell noted, “you are subsidizing people to fail in their own private lives and become more depen-

dent upon the handouts.”

O’ Bannon disagreed with that argument. “We have expectations built in today about the quality of life, the quality of jobs, the level of income for which one expects in return. Why? Because we look at the level around us that it takes us to have a fairly decent” standard of living, she said.

“No, that’s not why,” Sowell responded. “I may have all sorts of expectations. ... The question is: ‘What can I do?’

“If someone is subsidizing my expectations, my expectations would be far higher. Insofar as the Center for Advanced Study was subsidizing my expectations a few years ago, I refused to work at UCLA for the normal full professor’s salary,” Sowell said.

“Why should I when I can get the same money for being at the Center for Advanced Study with no hours, no duties, and no classes?”

Later, O’ Bannon went for the heartstrings: For single mothers, if Sowell “cut off welfare tomorrow: What will they do? What will be their immediate response? At what price to their small children and to their middle-aged children?” She argued that women could get jobs, but that they would need daycare through what she sarcastically referred to as “this insidious, corrupting program” that the federal government subsidized.

“It’s an interesting notion of trying to get people in a productive mode,” she acidly remarked.

Sowell: “It’s incredible the way you start the story in the middle, as if there’s a predestined amount of poverty, a predestined amount of unemployment, and that the welfare system is not, itself, in any way responsible for that.”

Then, she said, there is a predestined amount! There’s a bottom 20 percent of the population!

“Well, that’s always been true,” Sowell said. “It’s also true that 20 percent of the bottom population doesn’t have to be living on the government and ruled by the government.”

The fuller clip is even funnier, in its own sad way, if you have the time; the exchange takes place over about a 15-minute period, however, and isn’t as social-media friendly: or enable JavaScript if it is disabled in your browser. What nobody on this panel could have known, of course, is that they were speaking at the tail end of LBJ’s “Great Society,” or even of FDR’s “New Deal.”

In federal elections that November, Ronald Reagan would defeat Jimmy Carter for president and the kind of government apparatchik like Dumpson and O’ Bannon who wanted to defend the welfare state would have to become progressively less upfront about the language they used and more canny about constructing their arguments, since America stopped buying them.

Yet, even when the next Democrat was elected president and declared that “the era of big government is over” in one of his State of the Union addresses (albeit somewhat deep into his first term, after heavy midterm losses), it never really was. It was always about clawing back a little more of the language — and continuing the same designed-to-fail welfare programs they tried to imply were “over.” They’re even more out of control, in fact.

We’ve continued to cheerfully subsidize failure in the same way Sowell warned we were. That hasn’t changed. The language has. The shuffling of programs, the rebranding of initiatives, the new exigencies that the leftists claim need to be dealt with: those will morph, but the underlying philosophy remains.

Sowell’s words, meanwhile, don’t have to change. His message needs no rebrand. That speaks volumes about how truth needs no varnishing or embellishment. One can only hope that, with a new president-elect, this message is heeded and the permanent government welfare state finally starts being pruned.

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MANIFOLD TEMPTATIONS

1 Peter 1:6 *Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see [him] not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 9 Receiving the end of your faith, [even] the salvation of [your] souls.*

First: v. 6, *we greatly rejoice though now for a season:*

The Preacher, Solomon tells us in Ecclesiastes 3:1 *that there’s a time for every purpose under the sun.* In God’s eternal plan for each of His own, there are maybe

just a few or many seasons in that individual's life for the *manifold temptations* that try his faith for the purpose of forming Christ in him. (2 Timothy 3:12, Romans 8:28, 29)

Second: We greatly rejoice, even though we go through many temptations to depart from the faith, or lose confidence in the Lord.

Proverbs 23:16 *Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.* And not charge God with having forsaken us. **Psalms 31:7** *I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;* **Matthew 5:12** *Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.* **Philippians 3:1** *Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.* (Ps 9:2, 31:11, 68:3)

Third: as we remain faithful, we bring praise and honor to Christ.

Fourth: we have not seen him yet we believe and *rejoice with joy, unspeakable and full of glory* as we go through the trials of our faith.

Fifth: *having received the end of our faith, even the salvation of souls.* The word *your* was added by the translators of the KJV, so it can be legitimately left out of the passage. *the salvation of souls* of those who are watching.

Six: *at the appearing.* It will not be until His appearing that we will realize the influence we have had on others by faithfulness to our Christian testimony.

Paul warns believers to *Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.* (1 Cor 15:34)

WHAT SPIRIT DO WE DISPLAY IN MANIFOLD TEMPTATIONS?

How many family members, spouses, siblings, parents, and those outside of the family have been won to the Lord by the believer's godly attitude in the midst of *manifold temptations*? (Galatians 5:22ff., Eph 5:9)

1 Peter 3:4, biblical modesty applies to both men and women. Our outward appearance – clothing, &c. – reveals the heart, for the tree it known by its fruit.

Certainly, each person will answer individually for his own soul, and he will not be able to point to anyone

and say "Because of that person's actions, I rejected Christ." *If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire,* 1 Cor 3:15. However, in verse 34, Paul places a heavy responsibility of the salvation of those who are around us upon the righteous life of the believer, particularly as the believer might be *in heaviness through manifold temptations*: the true character of the Christian individual is revealed in the midst of *heaviness through manifold temptations*.

We also have here the call for fellow believers to particularly pray for those who are going *through manifold temptations* that they will have God's all sufficient grace to remain faithful to their profession of faith and bring glory to the Tri-Una God.

How many have turned from the faith because of the heavy and *manifold temptations* from the world, the flesh, and the devil? (2 Timothy 4:10. Let us join with Christ in praying for His people to remain faithful, John 17.) How many times throughout the New Testament have we been commanded to pray for and encourage one another, particularly when we see them going *through manifold temptations* that might tempt them to depart from the Faith, Hebrews 10:25?

Let us identify with and pray for those going through *manifold temptations*: *Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.* (Romans 12:15)

We will not know the results that our life had upon others until the day of the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ. So, knowing that each day brings us closer to our appearance before Christ, let us press on by faith in the midst of *manifold temptations* knowing that they will bring glory to Jesus Christ.

Let us pray for not only ourselves but for others to have sufficient grace to go through those *seasons* that must come up God's people for our benefit and His glory.

1 Corinthians 4:2 *Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*