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## The Evil Prince

Like so many other pastors, I have been going through the book of Ephesians with our people. The following is from that series. As always, it would be possible to spend a lifetime on just this one book, as some have done on various books of the Bible. I hope I can share some of the excitement of this book with you.

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

**First.** “*who were dead...*” There is nowhere a clearer statement of the total inability of anyone to choose or please God any more than could Lazarus as he was dead in the tomb.

**Second.** Vv. 2, 3. “*prince of the power of the air*”. (Christ called him “*the prince of this world*” in John 12:31, 14:30 and 16:11.)

A few points about this prince.

**First**, this “prince” is not a king. Paul has already made it clear in 1:21 that Christ is the King and absolute Ruler over everything that can be named in heaven above, on earth and under the earth. The “prince” does not have unlimited power now any more than he had in Job’s day. Willingly or unwillingly, this “prince” only does “according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:”. (Eph 1:11, Daniel 4:34-37.)

Several times, Christ promised the “*great tribulation*” of 70 AD within one generation. (Matt 21:41, 23:34ff., &c.) As it came upon the New Gospel Church, the

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Christians would have been inclined to doubt that King Jesus was in control. Paul assures them that all things were working to accomplish God’s divine purpose. In the case of the Ephesians, God’s divine purpose was to judge apostate Israel, as promised several times by Christ.

We have the same issue today as it appears that “*the whole world lieth in wickedness*”, yet we are assured just as were the Ephesians that God’s righteous judgment is at work against the apostasy of His people.

**Second**, Ephesians 1:21, the “prince” is in total subjection to Christ.

Thus, it is sin to attribute any independent power to the “prince”. Christ clearly stated in Matthew 28:18 that “*All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth*”. Why do we fret and doubt “*him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*”?

**Third**, the evil prince and his human followers are unknowingly doing the will of God.

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

We know from Psalms 2, that fallen men always unite together to accomplish their evil devices, but only what fits into the Divine Counsel of our God will stand.

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

We are told by Holy Writ that the evil powers and authorities of this world have been from the beginning and are even now doing the pleasure of the “King of kings”. (Cf., 1 Timothy 5:21.)

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

As James tells us, God does not force anyone to sin; rather, He leaves them alone so they will follow their own sinful lusts.

*“Revelation 17:17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.”*

Throughout history, though the Lord does not move the wicked to wickedness, He does give them the desire to join together in their rebellion, all for His own purpose.

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

Paul assures them that all the evil powers of this world are only carrying out God’s eternal purpose. His purpose is righteous judgment against apostasy, the advancement of the Gospel Church and the glory of His own name.

*Psalms 110:1 “The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.”*

In Ephesians 1:19-23, Paul says that Psalms 110:1 was fulfilled in the resurrection of Christ. Though Christ had all power from eternity past, He had to lay aside that power for 33 years, so He could provide redemption for His people. At the resurrection, He was reinstated on His throne, and from that throne all things will be subdued to Him, as He does according to His sovereign will in the kingdom of men and devils.

In Psalms 110, the Father promises the Son, *Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.”*

How will the Father fulfill His promise to the Son? Clearly not by physical, political nor military force, for it is a spiritual warfare. The Father subdues and makes Christ’s enemies His “*footstool*” through the drawing of and conviction by the Spirit of God—that is, Holy Spirit conversion. (Jn 12:32, 17:7, 9, 11, 24. Isa 5:26, 7:18, Zech 10:8.)

God is doing according to His own will even in the kingdom of evil men who are serving the world, the flesh and the devil with all their heart, soul, mind and might, which includes their money.

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

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

*dear Son:”*

In Acts 28:18, the Lord Jesus told Paul, who was on his way to Damascus, that he was *“To open their (Gentiles’) eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.”*

**Fifth**, the prince is close at hand. He is the prince *“of the air, the spirit that now worketh”* as he walks the earth seeking whom he may devour.

But *“the spirit”* can only work according to *“the counsel of [God’s] own will”*. It is in the sovereign will of God the Father that the *“powers of darkness”* (Lk 22:53) have been given the lower region to inhabit and work. In the lower region, they are close at hand to work their mischief in the world of nature, as happened in Job. They are close at hand to work their mischief in tempting men, as seen in James. God permits the temptations from the world, flesh and the devil, but it is man’s sinful nature that causes him to yield to those temptations.

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

Paul assured the Colossians that their redemption through Christ’s blood, delivered them from the *“power of darkness”* and *“into the kingdom of his dear Son:”*, providing forgiveness of sin, and heirship to all the promises of God in Christ.

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

However, in Ephesians 4 (v. 23), Paul warns that those in Christ can give the devil authority to work in them.

**Sixth**, Psalms 2 tells us that the prince has united all the various powers of darkness, those who are “dead”, to counsel together in establishing a strong and united power against *“the Lord and his anointed”*.

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

The *“rulers of the darkness of this world”* appear to be prospering, which encourages the wicked in

their evil deeds. But the Saints are warned by the King Himself, “*Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.*” John 7:24. “*Righteous judgment*” tells us that all things are working together for the good of the Elect and according to “*the counsel of his own will.*”

Our problem is that we observe the present disconcerting events around us, and see the strength of the enemy. The result is that we take our eyes off the Lord and His promise of victory in human history over all His enemies, as He fulfills Psalms 110:10.

**Seventh**, Ephesians 2:2, 3, the prince works in the “*children of disobedience.*” Note the order here. It is not the “*powers of darkness*” that cause disobedience. Rather, it is individual disobedience that allows the “*powers of darkness*” to work their mischief in the individual, and thus into society.

James 1 tells us that sin is our natural tendency which permits the evil “*powers*” to work in us. Ephesians 2:4, “*But God, who is rich in mercy*”, brought about the new birth, which gives the required freedom from the wicked one, and gives the new desire to live above sin, thereby stripping the “*powers of darkness*” of their power in the lives of the elect.

**Eighth**, the prince blinds his followers.

2 Corinthians 4:1-7 (v. 4 “*In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*”)

• **TWO OPTIONS:**

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

Recounting what Christ did in John 12, the Apostle quoted Isaiah 53.

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

That is to say, God blinded the Jews so they could not see the godly truth of Christ. This blindness was required so the Jews would crucify Christ, and receive

the just reward of their evil deeds stored up “*from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.*” (Matt 23:35.)

According to the many ancient prophecies, the old national Israel with its religious practices had to be removed to make place for the New Israel of God and its practices. The new wine of the Gospel could not be put into the Old Wine bottles of the Old Israel. (See Paul’s letter to the Galatians.)

Moreover, Christ had to be crucified in order to open the Kingdom of God to the whole world, Jew and Gentile alike.

**Second**, “*god of this world*” according to A.T. Robertson, “*world*” is actually “*age*”, which is not an uncommon usage. Satan did claim unlimited rule over the world in his temptations of Christ.

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

• **THE BEST EXPLANATION:**

“*god of this world*” That is, Satan is god to those who subject themselves to the powers of darkness who operate within his realm of authority. (Barnes’ on Psalms 82:6.) Thus, “*the children of disobedience*” are his willing subjects, and he keeps them locked in their deadly path to destruction. Only the One Who has the keys to death and hell can release them from their prison of darkness into His glorious light.

*“Philippians 3:18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.”*

The “*god of this world*” blinds those who serve the god of lust. He blinds them to the glorious gospel, and the freedom promised by the gospel. Only the Spirit’s call to obedience to the gospel can free the sinner from Satan’s area of dominion, to serve the Lord God. It is the Lord God who must replace the “*god of this world*” with Himself.

*“Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should*

*boast.”*

The purpose of being quickened together with Christ is not simply heaven, but 1:10 *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”*

Let us not be deceived into thinking that the whole earth is spinning out of control.

*Ephesians 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*

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## **Politicians Now Creating Traffic Jam**

**BUT IT'S FOR OUR GOOD**

*By Thomas Williamson*

As I write these lines, in the middle of January, the big news story is about how staff members for New Jersey Governor Chris Christie deliberately tied up traffic in Fort Lee, New Jersey by closing traffic lanes on the George Washington Bridge.

It is believed that this scandal will derail Christie's plans to run for President in 2016, even though he denied having advance knowledge of this action.

Meanwhile, politicians in Chicago are planning to do the same thing, closing down traffic lanes on Ashland Avenue and creating traffic jams, not just for a few days but permanently. And everyone seems to think that this is a great idea and the politically correct thing to do.

The name of this project, in case you want to Google it for further information, is Ashland BGT. What they want to do is cut down Ashland from 4 lanes to 2 lanes, with the left lanes reserved for bus traffic only, and almost all left turns banned.

This is the first of many streets where the city wants to restrict car and truck traffic in this manner. As luck would have it, the first big street alteration will start right where I live, off the 3100 block of South Ashland (at Archer), creating traffic snarls on the one street I rely on more than any other to get to and from my home.

It is widely perceived that this plan is endorsed by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and therefore nothing can be done to stop it. A few aldermen will probably vote against it, but the Chicago City Council operates as a reliable rubber stamp for anything the mayor demands, so this plan will probably be approved with only minor opposition.

The justification for this plan is that federal matching

funds are available for this project, but only if the funds are spent in this manner. Any project for the purpose of helping car traffic to flow faster, rather than tying it up, would not be eligible for federal funds.

Our city leaders are gushing about how wonderful this is and what a great favor they are doing for all of us inner-city residents, by making the buses run a little bit faster.

Ashland BGT will cost \$10 million a mile, in a city where there is not enough money to hire police or keep the schools open (but Mayor Emanuel just gave \$55 million in taxpayer funds to Roman Catholic DePaul University to build a basketball stadium).

The project is justified as a way to help the poor, deprived, long-suffering denizens of the inner city to get around by bus faster. But most people do not ride the Ashland bus for more than a few miles in any direction. For once, I actually know what I am talking about, since I live on Ashland and ride the Ashland bus a lot.

The whole idea is that it is politically incorrect for inner-city people to drive cars. We should all be on public transportation, riding bikes and walking. I personally rely heavily on these 3 modes of transportation most of the time, and I rarely drive my car in the city. Nevertheless, I strongly oppose Ashland BRT and have vocally made my opposition known.

At one community meeting, I told a city official that if the idea is to stop global warming by controlling car emissions, it is counterproductive to tie up cars in traffic jams, thus creating more emissions. The official responded to me, “Since you don't believe that cars cause global warming, that is not an issue.”

Actually, it is an issue. I personally don't believe that cars cause global warming, but there are a lot of politicians who do. One alderman who supports Ashland BRT stated that it would help with the problem of “climate change” which is the liberal code word for global warming.

There has been some organized opposition to Ashland BRT, but generally, when this type of thing is proposed in a one-party city like Chicago, there is no way to stop it.

Most of the folks who read this article will never ride on the Ashland bus or try to drive down Ashland Avenue in Chicago, so you may wonder, “What does all this have to do with me?”

Well, for one thing, if you pay income taxes to the federal government, you will be helping to pay for this transit project that you will probably never use. Most

of the taxpayers from Maine to California, who will contribute to this wasteful pork-barrel project (which will mainly benefit only the construction unions) would probably be opposed to it if they knew about it.

But this is not the type of issue that generates organized opposition by the voters. The average Joe in Pocatello is probably not going to write his Congressman to ask him to stop a harebrained transit project in Chicago. Any Congressman who did take a stand against such spending would be loudly accused of snatching food from the mouths of the downtrodden inner city poor, and of throwing them under the bus instead of helping them to ride on it.

Meanwhile, there are plans on the drawing board to control carbon emissions, that will affect everyone in America, not just the docile, dependent and easily controlled people of the inner city who can be relied on to vote for liberal politicians no matter how much they are made to suffer by their policies.

Based on the false assumption that any burning of fossil fuels causes global warming, there are plans to control thermostats, to restrict air conditioning, to monitor mileage on all private vehicles, and to raise taxes on gasoline and heating fuels. If put in effect, these plans will affect all Americans, even those who are gloating about how inner city people in Chicago deserve to suffer from politician-caused traffic jams since they were stupid enough to vote for Obama and Rahm Emanuel.

The mindset of government is that freedom of travel is a threat. People who are free to travel are free to do anything else they want to do - work, shop and attend church and recreational activities wherever they want. This makes politicians and bureaucrats nervous - how can you control and keep tabs on people if they are constantly on the move and going anywhere they want to go?

The government will use any excuse to control, ration and restrict freedom of travel. Global warming makes a convenient pretext, and so does the "war on terrorism."

Over the years I visited Canada by car 14 times and Mexico 5 times without a passport, but I can no longer do that until I obtain a passport. This new rule, which took effect on June 1, 2009, was justified by the "war on terrorism." Don't you feel safer already, knowing that I am no longer roaming around in Canada and Mexico, doing who knows what?

The government is always looking for excuses to raise taxes on the people, to redistribute wealth from the more productive classes to the less productive, and to control our freedom of movement. The hysterical global warming scare is perfect for justifying all 3 of these governmental obsessions.

When taxes are raised on gasoline and heating fuel, many lower-income people will no longer be able to afford to drive to work or heat their homes in the winter. The governmental response to this will be to raise taxes on the rich, and then set up a vast, expensive governmental bureaucracy to redistribute this money to the poor and to decide how much everyone gets. Maybe they can set up a web site for it like the Obamacare web site.

The 18th Century novel "Rasselas" by Samuel Johnson depicted a character who believed that he had the power to control the weather. He was regarded by the other characters in the book as mentally ill.

Nowadays, when politicians claim the power to control the weather by raising taxes and blocking oil pipelines, we hail them as great statesmen, and give them our votes. Maybe all of us are just a little bit crazy.

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## Church History

WHEN THY JUDGMENTS ARE IN THE EARTH,  
THE INHABITANTS OF THE WORLD WILL  
LEARN RIGHTEOUSNESS. ISA. 26:9

## St. Valentine, The Real Story

*By David Keithcart*

Flowers, candy, red hearts and romance. That's what Valentine's day is all about, right? Well, maybe not.

The origin of this holiday for the expression of love really isn't romantic at all -- at least not in the traditional sense. Father Frank O'Gara of Whitefriars Street Church in Dublin, Ireland, tells the real story of the man behind the holiday -- St. Valentine.

"He was a Roman Priest at a time when there was an emperor called Claudius who persecuted the church at that particular time," Father O'Gara explains. "He also had an edict that prohibited the marriage of young people. This was based on the hypothesis that unmarried soldiers fought better than married soldiers because married soldiers might be afraid of what might happen to them or their wives or families if they died." (Note, there was no Roman Church until the middle 300's, so Valentine had to be a Christian Pastor.)

"I think we must bear in mind that it was a very permissive society in which Valentine lived," says

Father O’Gara. “Polygamy would have been much more popular than just one woman and one man living together. And yet some of them seemed to be attracted to Christian faith. But obviously the church thought that marriage was very sacred between one man and one woman for their life and that it was to be encouraged. And so it immediately presented the problem to the Christian church of what to do about this.”

“The idea of encouraging them to marry within the Christian church was what Valentine was about. And he secretly married them because of the edict.”

Valentine was eventually caught, imprisoned and tortured for performing marriage ceremonies against command of Emperor Claudius the second. There are legends surrounding Valentine’s actions while in prison.

“One of the men who was to judge him in line with the Roman law at the time was a man called Asterius, whose daughter was blind. He was supposed to have prayed with and healed the young girl with such astonishing effect that Asterius himself became Christian as a result.”

In the year 269 AD, Valentine was sentenced to a three part execution of a beating, stoning, and finally decapitation all because of his stand for Christian marriage. The story goes that the last words he wrote were in a note to Asterius’ daughter. He inspired today’s romantic missives by signing it, “from your Valentine.”

“What Valentine means to me as a priest,” explains Father O’Gara, “is that there comes a time where you have to lay your life upon the line for what you believe. And with the power of the Holy Spirit we can do that -- even to the point of death.”

Valentine’s martyrdom has not gone unnoticed by the general public. In fact, Whitefriars Street Church is one of three churches that claim to house the remains of Valentine. Today, many people make the pilgrimage to the church to honor the courage and memory of this Christian saint.

“Valentine has come to be known as the patron saint of lovers. Before you enter into a Christian marriage you want some sense of God in your life -- some great need of God in your life. And we know, particularly in the modern world, many people are meeting God through his Son, Jesus Christ.”

“If Valentine were here today, he would say to married couples that there comes a time where you’re going to have to suffer. It’s not going to be easy to maintain your commitment and your vows in marriage. Don’t be surprised if the ‘gushing’ love that you have

for someone changes to something less “gushing” but maybe much more mature. And the question is, is that young person ready for that?”

“So on the day of the marriage they have to take that into context,” Father O’Gara says. “Love -- human love and sexuality is wonderful, and blessed by God -- but also the shadow of the cross. That’s what Valentine means to me.”

## For This Child I Prayed

*“Lo, Children are an heritage of the Lord.”*

*“As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them.”*

*“I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.”*

### • ATTITUDES TOWARD CHILDREN

Until we stop to think and look about us, we will likely be unaware of the general attitude of non-Christians toward children. Whereas, in former years, children could be counted upon as a boon to the family’s earning power as they toiled on the family farm, today they are mostly considered an economic liability. In the minds of many non-Christians, children amount to an endless succession of bills from the first day of their lives until the day the last installment is paid on their college education.

Then there are the antipopulation-explosion theories. Modern sociologists point out that this earth can feed only a certain amount of people and that we are fast approaching the time when we will be half-starved. They would have us believe that the only alternatives are between voluntary and legislated reduction of family size. Furthermore, we are told that every child has a right to be a wanted child.

The thinking of the Christian parent and that of the non-Christian go in divergent directions. Many parents of the world say, “Since every child has a right to be a wanted child, we are justified in using any means, including feticide, to assure that there are no unwanted children among us.” Christian parents say, “Since every child has a God-given right to be a wanted child, we will welcome each one into our hearts and homes. We would not voluntarily part with any one of them from the moment we become aware that God is sending one to us.” Christian parents believe the Bible when it says, “Children are an heritage of the Lord,” and “Thy children [shall be] like olive plants round about thy

table.”

Upon these differences in parental attitudes is hinged much of the difference in the outcome of the product of Christian versus non-Christian homes. Although Christian parents are awed by the great responsibility that God has laid upon them and are conscious that their child is a future resident of either heaven or hell, the average parent of the world could not care less about eternal outcomes. The Christian parent sees the child as a sacred trust, lent to earthly parents for a time, to be fitted for God’s service in the world, as Samuel was, and prepared for a heavenly home.

Non-Christian parents see the child at various times as an unavoidable nuisance, a little idol upon which to lavish money and ornaments, one to be pampered and spoiled, an object for the projection of their own pride, and one for whose outcome they are not even remotely responsible if he turns out bad. But of course they would want to be remembered as the parents of the child if the opposite should happen to occur. With this background of circumstances, the uncontrollable child develops into a juvenile delinquent, then into a rebellious youth, and finally into an irreverent and irresponsible adult.

#### • **WANTED CHILDREN IN BIBLE HISTORY**

Several outstanding men of God were the answer to a Hebrew mother’s prayer for a child. Among those were Isaac, Joseph, Samson, John the Baptist, and Samuel. Why were these individuals so outstanding? What happened during the time their parents waited for them that set the stage for their unusual lives of service? Certainly God could have removed any biological hindrances immediately, without the delay which drove the parents to their knees in fervent petition. But during the waiting and the praying, the parents’ hearts were being prepared for the great responsibility ahead.

Let us go to Shiloh with Hannah. Each year she comes here to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord. Likely, as she journeys, she has often wondered to herself whether the next year might be the blessed time when she could bring a son with her. But, no, each year has brought only disappointment. Finally, in her bitterness and longing, she weeps sorely. Now she prays and makes a vow to God. “If thou . . . wilt give [me] a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life.” Hannah is ready now not only to receive a son but also to return him to the Lord.

#### • **EVERY CHRISTIAN HOME SHOULD BE SO PREPARED!**

In due time God answers the prayer of Hannah. In thankfulness and faithfulness she rears her son for the

Lord. Then comes the day when Hannah again treads the path to Shiloh. This time a small son goes with her. We can almost see her and feel the joy in her heart as she presents this son, Samuel, to Eli with the explanation, “I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD.”

Hannah’s concern for her little son Samuel did not cease on the day she presented him to the Lord at Shiloh. From year to year, she made him a little coat and brought it to him when she came with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice (1 Samuel 2:19). Surely this yearly token of her love was also a token of her daily prayers, for nothing can quench the love and concern of a godly mother and father.

What had Hannah given to the Lord? Not merely a child, but a potential leader in Israel! She gave a boy who would one day answer the call of God and bear the truth of God’s message on an aging and permissive Eli. He would one day be the man to replace the apostate Hophni and Phinehas, who the Bible says were the “sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.” Samuel was the man who would restore dignity and virtue to the priest’s office, who would never defraud the people nor take a bribe. About him it was said, “The LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.” What would have happened to Israel without this son for whom Hannah prayed?

#### • **HAVE WE PRAYED?**

After years of waiting for God’s blessings of parenthood, perhaps a few parents have prayed as Hannah prayed. But out of that context, what about our daily prayers for our children? Are we rearing children who will be faithful before the Lord? Does the influence of our prayer follow them as they leave for school each day? Will our prayers be ascending for them as they choose companions, vocations, and locations so that they can fill the places God would have them to fill? It is not difficult to believe that there will be a difference between the child for whom the parents have prayed and the child who is in this world merely because of biological functions.

Can we say, as our children come into our homes, as they go to school, as they find meaning in life, as they start homes of their own, “For this child I prayed”?

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## Subject: What is Love?

Slow down for three minutes to read this. It is so worth it.

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, 'What does love mean?'

The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think:

\* 'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore.. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.' (Rebecca- age 8)

\* 'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.' (Billy - age 4)

\* 'Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.' (Karl - age 5)

\* 'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.' (Chrissy - age 6)

\* 'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.' (Terri - age 4)

\* 'Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.' (Danny - age 7)

\* 'Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss' (Emily - age 8)

\* 'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents. And listen.' (Bobby - age 7 Wow!)

\* 'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate, ' (Nikka - age 6. We need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)

\* 'Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day. (Noelle - age 7)

\* 'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.' (Tommy - age 6)

\* 'During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.' (Cindy - age 8)

\* 'My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.' (Clare -

age 6)

\* 'Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.' (Elaine-age 5)

\* 'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford .' (Chris - age 7)

\* 'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.' (Mary Ann - age 4)

\* 'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.' (Lauren - age 4)

\* 'When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.' (What an image! Karen - age 7)

\* 'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross..' (Mark - age 6)

\* 'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.' (Jessica - age 8)

### • AND THE FINAL ONE

The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry'

When there is nothing left but God, that is when you find out that God is all you need. Take 60 seconds and give this a shot!

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## Eulogy

Below is the funeral eulogy delivered by Matt Chancy. Papa was his grandfather. When he asked the Ethell's for permission to court their oldest daughter, Jennie, he presented them with a letter of introduction and recommendation from his father. With their OK, he went straight to Jennie's apartment in Winchester, and took her for coffee. He told her of his intentions, and that he wanted to marry young so his children could get to know Papa. She agreed to the courtship, and immediately moved back home to be under her father's protection during that time. Their first son, they now have 10 children, was born just before Jeff Ethell was killed in 1997.

His grandfather died, and Matt and their first son flew from their present location in South Africa for the funeral. Matt works with Persecution Project in the Sudan. His frequent trips into South Sudan influenced him to live in Africa. They left Kenya because of the unstable environment that has developed there.

I thought you would benefit from his understanding of the fifth commandment.

## Honoring Jars of Clay-- a Eulogy for my Papa

*Delivered by Matt Chancey, March 7, 2014. First Baptist Church, Enterprise, Alabama*

Today is a great day. I've been to many funerals but never felt so good and been so grateful as I am today. A long life and one well lived. A peaceful death at home. A funeral attended by family and friends, what more could a man ask for from this poor, fallen world? Papa was loved in life, is mourned in death, and has left a legacy for those still living.

But what is that legacy? I've thought about this a lot in the last few days. Funerals are not for the dead as much as they are for the living. We can celebrate and mourn a lost loved one. But what can we, as those left behind, learn from this exercise? What can we take away from this event that will edify and endure?

Papa did many things in his life. Lots of normal things. Some extraordinary things. But what stands out? What marks the man? What is his major legacy?

All of us will have our own answer to this question. For me, I found the answer by going back to the first lesson I remember Papa teaching me many years ago. He taught it to me by word and deed. And, as it turns out, this lesson has had the single greatest influence on my outlook in life. And its validity has been reinforced by subsequent teachers, mentors and personal experience.

The first lesson Papa taught me was the fifth commandment: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that The Lord your God has given you." Papa told me there were several things about this commandment that I should note.

First, this commandment does not talk about honoring parents while you live under their roof or while they're alive. Papa said his parents had been dead for a long time, but he still tried to honor them every day.

Secondly, Papa taught me that this commandment doesn't just address biological parents. It deals with all those who came before us. The ones who blazed the trail for us. The ones who fought for us. And the ones

who simply lived normal lives day-by-day to bring up the next generation.

Third, and most importantly, Papa told me to notice that the commandment doesn't say we are to honor only "good fathers" or "exceptional mothers." There is no qualifier in the verse. We are just told to honor them. And this is important, because children tend to judge the mistakes of their parents more critically than those of other people. And this is understandable. Our parents are our models and sometimes idols, and when they fall, it usually impacts most severely those closest to them. Children can take this hard and become bitter and angry. And this bitterness and anger grows like a virus and can cause us to lose our way and isolate ourselves for fear of being hurt again.

But if God gives us the strength to honor even our not-so-perfect parents and forefathers, something amazing happens. Papa told me this was the first commandment with a promise. God didn't just say "Do this." He said, "Do this, because if you do, you will live long in the land I've given you." Papa said the land mentioned here was God's inheritance to us. If we honor those who gave us our inheritance, we will prosper in that inheritance. It doesn't mean we will all live to be 93.

I was born in Enterprise, Alabama. But I didn't build the town. This town is my inheritance. It was built by my forefathers. If I honor them for what I have, chances are my children are going to inherit greater blessings in the future. But if I sit in judgment of my parents and dishonor them, then I will lose this inheritance. I will not live long, as it were, in the land I have been given.

Papa taught me that honoring parents doesn't mean agreeing with everything they believed or did. It's not an endorsement of bad behavior. Honoring parents and ancestors is simply showing respect and appreciation for the fact that God works through broken, messy people. Imperfect people. People with lots of baggage. If honor could be described with one word, it would be "gratitude."

It is easy to play Monday-morning quarterback and catalogue the mistakes our fathers and forefathers made. And if we don't have a heart of gratitude but, instead, judge them in our own self-righteousness and sense of justice, we become like the atheist who shakes his fist towards heaven and denies the existence of God--- while breathing His air.

We all live in cities we didn't build and drink from wells we didn't dig and eat from vineyards we didn't plant, yet we still puff ourselves up with delusions of our own enlightenment, saying "Wisdom was born with

us.”

But we breathe the clean air and stand in the sun because of our parents! Any joy we experience in our lives, whether it's watching our sons play T-ball or receiving little girl kisses from our daughters, is possible because God chose to use sinful, fallen people to carry His message of love, forgiveness and reconciliation forward through the generations. And however imperfect their example, we must not forget that we love because we were first loved by others.

History is a story. It's a good story. And like all good stories, it needs its share of heroes and villains and ordinary people somewhere in between. It needs trials and tribulations, moral crisis and defeat in order to amplify the glory of victory and sacrifice, love and reconciliation. A story of perfect people living perfect lives in a perfect world would not sell. Love would be meaningless. But Romans 5 says “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die--but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Christ's love for sinners liberates us to do the same. We can love the unlovely and honor even those whom the world would treat with contempt. We can find victory in defeat and salvation in a manger. This is a good story! It is His-story. It is our story.

Papa's lesson taught me that we must honor and show gratitude for our place in the story. God wrote us into His story by standing us on the shoulders of those who came before us. If we can rejoice and be grateful even through the hard chapters, there is nothing we can't accomplish. There is no enemy who can defeat us. There is no tragedy that can crush us. 2 Corinthians 4 says, “We have this treasure in jars of clay [not gold or silver], to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.”

That's the lesson Papa taught me. It's what I will most remember and love about him. He gave me the key to a joyful life. It's not a college degree. It's not a lot of money. It's not in fame or popularity. The key is gratitude. At all times. Through any trial. And to purposefully channel that gratitude to God, by honoring the jars of clay He used to give us our lives and our inheritance.

So I will honor this jar of clay lying before us--now broken. I will stand in the sun, and breathe the clean air and hold the hand of my son and take him to the stone where this man lies buried. And I will tell him “This is your father. This is your inheritance. This is your story. Honor him, and you will live long and it will go well with you in the land of your father's fields.”

## **The War On Men: 10 Ways Masculinity is Under Attack**

**AND WHY THE ELITE – NOT WOMEN – ARE TO BLAME**

*Paul Joseph Watson, February 19, 2014.*

Men are facing a full frontal assault on their rights, health and culture like never before. The war on masculinity has never been so brutal – but it's not a war being waged by women. The attack is coming directly from the top, as the establishment desperately attempts to emasculate and disempower men in order to force women to be more dependent on the state, thereby enabling more power to be centralized and aiding the growth of big government.

Here are ten ways in which the state has declared war on men and masculinity;

### **1) Falling Fertility**

Sperm counts amongst men have significantly decreased over the last half century and particularly over the last 25 years. In some European countries, sperm counts have dropped by as much as a third since 1989. Part of the fall can be explained by exposure to pesticides, endocrine-disrupting chemicals like Bisphenol A, and the many other artificial horrors that increasingly pervade our water and food supply. Many have made the connection between falling sperm counts and the open calls by innumerable elitists to drastically reduce world population by as much as 95%. Research shows that underpopulation, not overpopulation, will be the major demographic crisis of the 21st century as a result of humans failing to achieve the replacement rate of 2.1 children.

### **2) Chemical Warfare “Feminizing” Boys**

Exposure to phthalates, which are found in many plastics, is “feminizing” boys by blocking normal male testosterone and causing genital abnormalities, according to scientists. “Boys exposed to high levels of these in the womb were less likely than other boys to play with cars, trains and guns or engage in “rougher” games like playfighting,” according to a BBC News report. According to Elizabeth Salter-Green, director of

the chemicals campaign group CHEM Trust, phthalates are a true “gender-bender” because they lead to a reduction in “male behavior”.

### **3) Degradation of Positive Masculine Role Models**

Whereas 50 years ago, advertising, Hollywood and television was filled with examples of positive masculine role models that young men could look up to, today’s entertainment industry routinely portrays men as clueless and bumbling oafs at best (think Homer Simpson, Everybody Loves Raymond, Married With Children) or at worst as aggressive sexual predators. Since advertising is primarily aimed at women, men in commercials are also now routinely depicted as either being emasculated losers or stupefied morons. Young men consuming this content grow up thinking that it is acceptable and even encouraged to aspire to these character traits. In doing so, they are robbed of their natural masculinity and find it extremely difficult to attract well-rounded women, who are rightly disgusted by such behavior. The entertainment industry is largely controlled by men, again underscoring the fact that this assault is a top down trend that has little or nothing to do with the gender war.

### **4) Metrosexual Malaise**

Second wave feminism was a creation of the establishment itself and at its core has little whatsoever to do with genuine concern about women’s rights. Radical feminism deliberately confuses gender roles and makes young men apprehensive about exercising their masculinity for fear of being seen as overbearing or aggressive towards women. This has contributed to an entire generation of “metrosexual” men who are promiscuous, unwilling to commit to a relationship and unable to fulfil a women’s basic needs for healthy companionship, destabilizing society and making it more difficult for women to find suitable long term partners (husbands, ed) with whom to have children.

### **5) Cultural Marxism**

Establishment-controlled second wave feminism also advances the doctrine of cultural marxism, which claims that oppression emerges from patriarchal society and culture, and not the state. Governments love cultural marxism because it absolves them of blame. The true source of all oppression has always been the state, but by blaming it on men or western culture in general (which is primarily shaped by men), the state hides its own responsibility.

### **6) The “Men are Paid More” Myth**

The establishment promulgates the myth that men

are paid more than women because of discrimination, feeding into feminist doctrines about patriarchal systems oppressing women in the workplace. In reality, the “wage gap” of around 19 per cent between the two sexes in the United States is explained by a number of reasons that have nothing to do with discrimination, including the fact that men work more hours and men seek less desirable jobs that pay higher. As a result, men account for 93% of workplace deaths despite being only 54% of the workforce. 94% of workplace suicides every year are also men. The establishment buries these shockingly high male workplace fatality figures because they completely contradict the myth that the jobs market discriminates against women. (When my oldest daughter had their first baby, she became a committed “stay at home mom”. The result was that they “took” a 60% pay cut. Though both were in retail, she made about 10 % more than her husband. Ed.)

### **7) The “Privilege” Trap**

Statists, collectivists and their mouthpieces in the media and the establishment claim that western men (in particular white men) cannot express a valid opinion on any issue related in any way to a “minority” (such as feminism or immigration) because they have “privilege”. The “privilege” talking point is a stunt through which liberals and feminists attempt to shut down free speech. In essence they are asserting the ludicrous notion that a man’s viewpoint has no value because of the color of his skin, his gender or his country of origin. This is an inherently racist position, yet it is routinely used by leftists to shout down their ideological adversaries and silence male voices.

### **8) The Legal System Discriminates Against Men**

In both divorce and child custody proceedings, it is widely acknowledged that courts heavily favor women and discriminate against men. Men are routinely hit with onerous alimony payments even if women are capable of working and earning a good paycheck. Men only receive custody of their children in around 10 per cent of divorce cases in the United States. The ironic thing about this system is that it has primarily been instituted by other men, emphasizing again how the war on men is being waged not by women, but by the primarily male-dominated establishment itself.

### **9) Masculinity as a Dirty Word**

Dissident feminist Camille Paglia recently wrote a Wall Street Journal piece in which she warned, “What you’re seeing is how a civilization commits suicide.” Paglia was referring to how the emancipation of masculine virtues by the establishment threatens to

create massive destabilization in society due to less and less men being able to fill traditionally “masculine” roles in the jobs market. Paglia points to schools cutting recess, the effort to deny the biological distinctions between men and women, and the left’s characterization of controversial opinions as “hate speech” as examples of how masculinity is being deliberately eroded. “Masculinity is just becoming something that is imitated from the movies. There’s nothing left. There’s no room for anything manly right now,” warns Paglia, adding that young men have, “no models of manhood.”

### **10) Domestic Abuse Against Men**

Whereas women have numerous safety nets to turn to if they become victims of domestic abuse, men have virtually none, despite the fact that domestic abuse against men is a huge and growing problem. In the UK for example, 44 per cent of domestic abuse victims are male, while more married men suffer abuse at the hands of their spouse than married women. While domestic abuse against women is constantly highlighted by the mass media, domestic abuse against men is a complete non-issue.

#### **• CONCLUSION**

A totalitarian society can only survive if the male population has been gelded, emasculated and disenfranchised. With this natural bulwark against tyranny removed, the elite can centralize power and pursue collectivist tyranny unopposed. This is why men and masculinity are under assault on every level — and why both men and women should join forces to fight back against this common enemy.

<http://www.infowars.com/the-war-on-men-10-ways-masculinity-is-under-attack/>

We must add #11 to the 10 points above. The easy access to pornography which appeals to the males. There is a great amount that can be said about the devastating effects on young and old men in their godly relationship to women. There is not a web page on the internet, other than “Christian sites”, that does not have at least one semi-nude female in an ad. Sex not only sells, selling sex destroys a society.

### **“Judge Says Boys Claiming Girlhood May Use Girls’ Restroom”**

<http://www.thenewamerican.com/culture/education/item/17540-judges-say-boys-claiming-girlhood-may-use-girls-restroom>

### **“Westerners in Wonderland, and the Death of Reality”**

“Boys will be girls? Our society is increasingly accepting a diagnosis of “Gender Identity Disorder” — and allowing children to live as members of the opposite

sex, as done with Coy Mathis (picture shows a 5 year old boy dressed like a girl, ed.) – based on nothing but those most mercurial of things: feelings”

“We’re now hearing many stories about boys being allowed to use the girls’ bathroom in schools; in fact, California (Wonderland Central [a reference to Alice in Wonderland, ed.]) just went so far as to enact a law mandating that students must be allowed to pick the bathroom and sports teams with which they “identify.””

“Are the insane running the asylum? As happened with homosexuality in 1973, activists want “Gender Identity Disorder” reclassified so that it won’t be viewed as a disorder. This may mean that psychologists will soon consider it a normal human variation.”

*The New American, 2/17/14.*

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Book Review by Bettie Need

## **“SECRET BELIEVERS**

### **What Happens When Muslims Believe in Christ”**

*By Brother Andrew (God’s Smuggler) and Al Janssen.*

This book is a page turner as the stories about converts from Islam to Christianity unfold! Many Muslims are indeed hungry to know love and forgiveness that can be found only through Jesus Christ.

One sad report in this book tells about a Muslim who had worked for 10 years in Egypt’s Education Ministry. His government gave him a scholarship to spend 2 years studying educational curricula in the United States, where he found himself at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, lonely and lost in a foreign culture.

Part of his struggle was the dramatic contrast between “Christian” American culture and his Muslim background. Born in 1906, Sayyid had memorized the Quran as a boy, but he had grown up with a restlessness that caused him to ponder the meaning of life and death.

He published a comparative study of the Quran and the New Testament in which he argued that European society was little affected by Christian thinking while Egyptian thought and law were greatly affected by the Quran and Islamic law. During his time in America, he spent time in many cities, to see for himself whether his preconceptions were right. But the event that perhaps had the greatest impact on him occurred at a church in Greeley, Colorado.

[Listening to NPR the other day, we heard an interview with the author of auto-biography of a well known man who has passed away. We got in on the end of the interview, so do not know the book, the author nor the man the book was about. The deceased

man had been asked about outlawing Christianity. He told the questioner that there was no need to outlaw Christianity, for it had become a powerless force in the world today. However, at one time, Christianity was a powerful social force to be reckoned with. Ed.]

He attended an evening service followed by a social event for the young people next to the “prayer hall.” The pastor chose the music and the dancing began. “They danced to the tunes of the gramophone, and the dance floor was replete with tapping feet, enticing legs, arms wrapped around waists, lips pressed to lips, and chests pressed to chests. The atmosphere was full of desire...”

What a shame that Sayyid didn’t have a Christian friend, someone to go with him to church, to talk with him about what he was observing in the United States, to exchange thoughts about Christianity and Islam and their impacts on morals, daily life, and culture. Most tragic is that apparently no one ever showed him what real Christianity looks like. Sayyid returned to Egypt with powerful impressions of America filled with violent games like football, primitive music, severe racial discrimination, and obsessions with sex. And this was before the sexual revolution of the 1960s— just imagine what he’d observe today! He concluded that America was soulless and materialistic.

Back home, Sayid became an activist, increasingly dedicated to the study of the Quran. Sayyid used his considerable writing skills to express the ideology of the Muslim Brotherhood during the period when Egypt was going through political convulsions with the dethronement of their king and rise to power of President Gamal Abd al-Nasser. Along with other radical thinkers, he was imprisoned in 1954, and during the next 10 years, he poured his literary skill into writing several books. One little book called Milestones has become the manifesto of radical Islam, as powerful as Adolf Hitler’s Mein Kampf was to the rise of Nazism, or the writings of Karl Marx to Communism. Virtually every extremist group points to this book and its author, Sayyid Qutb, as the man who developed the philosophy of modern jihad. His thoughts were considered so dangerous that he was executed in August 1966.

We are the Bible to unbelievers. Would things have been different if Sayyid Qutb had become friends with just one man who demonstrated the reality of a Christian life submitted to Jesus Christ? It could have happened in Egypt. It could have happened in America. The tragedy is he never experienced the real love of Jesus.

When Sayyid Qutb visited the United States, few Muslims came to the West. Today there are millions of Muslims living in Europe and North America, and they present us with a challenge. What would happen if we accepted the challenge of Islam by striving as Christians to imitate Christ? If our morals are the same or only marginally better than the society at large, what message do we have for 1.2 billion Muslims that at least outwardly uphold a higher moral standard?

The only chance we have against the relentless growth of Islam is millions of people revealing through their behavior the love of Christ. We must be imitators of Christ in all areas of our lives. The scourge of Islam may in fact be God’s means of judgment on us. Why should God protect a society in which He sees nothing worth protecting in our morals, righteousness, ethics, or spirituality? Maybe it’s time to take a serious look at our churches and admit that while they appear prosperous and successful on the outside, in reality they are weak and provide little if any real witness to Muslims, our neighbors and unbelievers around us.

[“Secret Believers” is serious look at the terrible price Muslim converts to Christ pay for following Christ, even to horrible death at the hands of radical Muslims. Ed.]

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## Consider the following

### Smart Meter

(<http://www.infowars.com/you-gotta-fight-for-your-property-rights/>)

“Utility companies are literally kicking doors in to install unwanted smart meters. Rather than help private citizens defend their property rights, local governments allow monopolies to radiate and invade privacy. Massive incentive to do this comes by way of \$11 billion taxpayer dollars to implement the smart grid...”

There is a video on infowars showing how smart meters work. They gather information from everything that is plugged in to an electrical outlet in your house that might have a “computer” chip in it to control the appliance. The meter then sends that information to a central location, to be used by advertisers. The radiation from these meters also damages the red blood cells.

The use of the wiring system in the house as an in-house network is becoming common. The thing that got my attention is that it collects information from things that are plugged into that network, such as a computer (though a computer is not mentioned in the video). Can we assume that these smart meters tap into your computer through the wiring network, and transit

the information to a central location? The program is an \$11 billion government program. The NSA is the only government agency that actually listens. Does the government developed smart meter make the NSA part of your home network?

“Smart Meter” will be stated on the meter itself.

#### **“Cash prizes for signing up for Obamacare?”**

Young Invincibles, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C. that is focused on the economic issues affecting young adults, launched a sweepstakes last week where it is awarding a cash prize of \$1,200 – enough to potentially cover a year’s worth of health insurance premiums for a young adult – to people who download their health care app or submit a card in the mail....”

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/cash-prizes-for-signing-up-for-obamacare-2014-03-14>

#### **“Exclusive: Radar data suggests missing Malaysia plane deliberately flown way off course - sources”**

(Reuters) - Military radar data suggests a Malaysia Airlines jetliner missing for nearly a week was deliberately flown hundreds of miles off course, heightening suspicions of foul play among investigators, sources told Reuters on Friday....”

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/14/us-malaysia-airlines-radar-exclusive-idUSBREA2D0DG20140314>

#### **For your consideration.**

The following full article is found at [http://therebel.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=750274:awacs-hijack-proven&catid=347:opinion&Itemid=2455](http://therebel.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=750274:awacs-hijack-proven&catid=347:opinion&Itemid=2455)

The 777 could have been hijacked by an AWACS type aircraft. Several nations have similar aircraft. The 777 was tracked by the military for a full hour after civilian contact was lost.

“...AWACS type planes have many functions and one of them is JAMMING EVERYTHING. AWACS planes have amazing signal jamming capabilities, this is so well established fact that you are going to have to shill even Pakistani agricultural web sites to front the lie that AWACS is not used for jamming. Give up on that one, even goat herders are not that stupid....”

“A reason to electronically hijack the airplane - 20 top people from a semiconductor firm [Freescale, ed.] that works defense, with employees working for countries that are not allies yet VERY powerful - THAT supports the Awacs story.”

“Freescale semiconductor is actually a large company with many divisions. The most credible information out there points to two possibilities with one central binding theme -

The central binding theme is that these employees did not work in the energy sector, they worked with advanced military technologies. One branch was for data security and may have been attempting to circumvent the NSA, and the other branch worked in cloaking technology for stealth applications.

When I was at the NSA, they very clearly stated that the best engineering teams out there consisted of 4 or 5 people and NO MORE. So the plane obviously would not have all people from freescale working on the same team. There would have been, with 20 employees, 4 or 5 separate engineering teams aboard assigned to different tasks. This could be why there are so many different explanations for what all the employees actually did, and you know they had to at least be engineers because Freescale would not load floor sweepers or assemblers onto a jet.

My best guess is that the people worked in defense. And I have a pretty good reason for thinking so - Malaysia is an amazingly advanced country. You might not think so because you have never been told but Malaysia is in fact so advanced a country that ever since the early 90’s Malaysia has made many and at times ALL processors for both Intel and AMD. How much higher than that can you get?

So here we have two countries, Malaysia and China, with a top flight electronics engineering firm, Freescale semiconductor, and 20 missing engineers on a vanished plane. I’d say this was probably a military takedown by the United States. And I’d bet the plane was remote hijacked and flown to a runway somewhere. THAT is why the cell phones still ring and you can bet the black op NSA knows exactly where they are. All the modern planes can be taken over via remote, they all have back doors now ...”

The conclusion is that those on the aircraft will either have new lives or will be killed. (Remember, there was no concern by those seeking power and control with the 911 strikes, nor is there concern over the multiplied millions of murdered unborn babies.]

#### **I read it on the Web**

New Snowden Doc Reveals How GCHQ/NSA Use The Internet To ‘Manipulate, Deceive And Destroy Reputations’

A few weeks ago, Glenn Greenwald, while working with NBC News, revealed some details of a GCHQ presentation concerning how the surveillance organization had a “dirty tricks” group known as JTRIG -- the Joint Threat Research Intelligence Group. Now, over at The Intercept, he’s revealed the entire

presentation and highlighted more details about how JTRIG would seek to infiltrate different groups online and destroy people's reputations -- going way, way, way beyond just targeting terrorist groups and threats to national security.

Among the core self-identified purposes of JTRIG are two tactics: (1) to inject all sorts of false material onto the internet in order to destroy the reputation of its targets; and (2) to use social sciences and other techniques to manipulate online discourse and activism to generate outcomes it considers desirable. To see how extremist these programs are, just consider the tactics they boast of using to achieve those ends: "false flag operations" (posting material to the internet and falsely attributing it to someone else), fake victim blog posts (pretending to be a victim of the individual whose reputation they want to destroy), and posting "negative information" on various forums. ...

<http://www.techdirt.com/articles/20140224/17054826340/new-snowden-doc-reveals-how-gchqnsa-use-internet-to-manipulate-deceive-destroy-reputations.shtml>

### **New Snowden Documents Show that Governments Are "Attempting To Control, Infiltrate, Manipulate, and Warp Online Discourse"**

*Posted on February 25, 2014 by WashingtonsBlog*

Spy Agencies Manipulate and Disrupt Web Discussions to Promote Propaganda and Discredit Government Critics

<http://www.washingtonsblog.com/2014/02/british-spy-agency.html>

"Truth is now defined as whatever furthers, strengthens and supports 'Big Government'".

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## **The Dead Bones**

*Ephesians 2:1 "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*

Some time ago, (Nov 16, 2013) my wife and I were listening to a Christian radio station. On this program, they were bemoaning the fact that "Replacement Theology" is taking over the church, with about 60% having changed their view concerning Israel. The modern idea of "Replacement Theology" means that the New Testament Gospel Church has replaced Old Testament Israel in God's order of history. However, the historic orthodox theology from the time of Paul's letter to the Galatians, was that the Gospel Church replaced national Israel as "the Israel of God."

Their anger over the departure from Dispensationalism by the church was quite apparent, as they called those who have abandoned Dispensationalism every name they could call them over a Christian radio station.

The spirit in their anger was clearly not a spirit of

Christ. They angrily called down the judgment of God upon those who have abandoned and are abandoning modern Israel, which is as anti-Christ as any nation can be.

They said those people are departing from the word of God, and they are interfering with God's plan for history, and many more wild claims. They complained that "Replacement Theology" abandons the Abrahamic Covenant, the many prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and many of the minor prophets.

I received this from one of our men: "I am watching Dr. David Jeremiah as he has been teaching a series of sermons about Heaven. He is speaking today on the millenium & the 1000 years we will have with Jesus Christ."

Let's look at one of those Covenant Promises as found Ezekiel 37:1-14. For space sake, I will not print the passage out.

I was taught that the bones in 37 represent the old nation of Israel being re-gathered into a mighty physical army. That re-gathering started in 1948. That army will be subject to a literal messiah who will physically sit on the earthly throne of David. From there he will rule the world with his iron fist, much like the followers of Muhammad are trying to rule the world. That is, with the sword: "Obey or else."

However, looking at this passage in the light of God's Covenant promise, we should find it one of the most encouraging passages in Scripture. Ezekiel 37 is the foundation of Paul's doctrine in Ephesians 2:1. We will only look at the first half. (See Patrick Fairbairn, 1805-1874, on Ezekiel.)

**Carl Friedrich Keil** (1807-1888) of the classic Keil-Delitzsch Old Testament Commentary commented on Ezekiel 37:26,

"Thus does this prophecy of Ezekiel span the whole future of the people of God even to eternity. But the promise in which it culminates, namely, that the Lord will erect His sanctuary in the midst of His restored people, and there take up His abode above them for ever..."

Ezekiel 37 covers the whole future history of God's people "even to eternity."

I will not go into the two resurrections, but Ephesians 2:1 refers to the first resurrection as described in Revelation 20:6 "*Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*"

Ezekiel 37:1-14 is a prophecy concerning that first resurrection.

We would need to go through the entire book of Ezekiel to get the background of this glorious section, but we will not. We will only say that Ezekiel 37:11 *“Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts”* gives us the purpose of Ezekiel’s vision. It was to counter the feeling of despair among God’s people.

Sin had done its disastrous work. There was a dark and fearful apprehension of impending distress and ruin. There was no hope in sight. The people felt as if they were on the brink of total destruction with one foot in the grave. They felt they were no better than a pile of dried bones. The prophets had promised many times a better future, but none of those things seemed to be coming to pass. Sin and despair was the order of the day, particularly as the people saw the strength of the enemy around them.

The clear understanding of this vision is that God’s Spirit could and would overcome the miserable condition of His people. The promise here is that the Spirit would reestablish God’s people into their proper covenant relationship with Himself, and they would again be blessed by the Lord.

The general consensus of Christ’s day was that the Promised Messiah would be the strong military leader to bring back the glories once obtained under David and Solomon. Christ told them that He was the Son of David, the legal heir to David’s throne, and that He was greater than Solomon. So they expected Him to laterally fulfill Ezekiel’s vision of a great military army to again subdue the world to the Jewish nation.

Let me encourage you to read Galatians 3:1-18 in light of Ezekiel 37. The argument throughout Galatians is that heirship to God’s promise to Abraham was and is by the faith of Abraham. From the beginning, God’s people were justified and identified by their faith.

Paul continually teaches that the New Israel of God is the Gospel Church, which has no racial distinctions. The Epistles explain in the light of the Gospel of Christ what the prophets foresaw.

The first resurrection is illustrated here in our text. One can easily find many obvious New Testament fulfillments in the Gospel Church.

**1) Vv. 1, 2.** Ezekiel is carried by the Spirit to a large valley of bones. The bones turned out to be an exceeding great army, so evidently the dead bodies were the result of a great war. It was obvious that the “owners” of those bones were dead. The bones had been there for quite

some time, for they were bleached by the elements.

The war started in the Garden, and Adam through Eve was the first casualty. The Tempter said, thou shalt not surely die, but they did die. Paul tells us that through Adam, sin and death entered into the world. (Rom 5:12.)

We are told by the Spirit that all are born dead in trespasses and sins. The world is populated by the walking dead: *“But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.”* (1 Tim 5:6.)

But according to God’s eternal purpose, He chose particular people to life who were born dead in trespasses and sins. (Eph 2:1.)

Those who have been called to New Life in Christ are now living among dead people who are seeking life by serving the god of their belly. They believe the devil’s lie that they can live by pursuing the desires of their flesh.

It is obvious that the dead can do nothing about their dead condition. No dead person ever raised himself from the dead, except Christ. We hear of people whose final wish was to pipe air to their casket and have a bell to ring above ground as they vainly hope to be able to come back to life.

**2) Ezekiel 37:3.** *“Son of man”*. It is interesting that Ezekiel is continually called Son of man, and Son is capitalized.

*“Can these bones live?”* In the midst of this grave yard, the Lord asked Ezekiel if the dead people represented there could live. Think of the dried bones on the battle field of Lincoln’s war. To the natural man, there is no possibility of dried bones coming back to life. This was a question to which any of us would have answered, “No way, Lord.” However, Ezekiel answered the question wisely, *“Oh Lord God, thou knowest.”*

Ezekiel placed the impossible in the Lord’s hands, as we must. Only the Lord knows who will be raised from the dead. It was not Ezekiel’s choice, nor is it our choice. Christ’s resurrection proves that the dead can and will be raised, both spiritually and physically. The passage I commonly use at the grave side, 1 Corinthians 15:19-28, tells us that our hope is in His resurrection.

Paul prays that the Ephesians would know the Power of Christ’s resurrection.

It is impossible for the heart of stone to change itself by its own strength. (Ezk. 11:19, 36:26, 2 Cor. 3:3.) Ezekiel knew it was impossible for the dead to raise themselves, so he placed the impossible in the Lord’s hands. Only the Lord knows who will be raised from

the dead.

We are surrounded by dead people. We live and move in a grave yard, where the vast majority of the people are dead. Those people are hardened in sin, as we were at one time. Can they live? Can they be reached for the Lord? Only the Lord knows. Our responsibility is to be found faithful to the command word of God.

Why are we surprised when those who are dead in trespasses and sins live according to their own sinful lusts to the destruction of those around them?

**3) V. 4.** “*Prophesy upon these bones.*” Ezekiel was told to prophesy to the dead people around him. If any action seemed to be wasted breath, this was.

There is a grave yard up the road from us. What Ezekiel was told to do would be like me going up the road and preaching the life-giving gospel of Christ in that grave yard.

*Revelation 19:10 “And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”*

The clear New Testament command to God’s people is to prophesy to the dead people around us. Our Lord commanded His followers to offer “*the testimony of Jesus*” to every dead person in the world.

**4) Vv. 5, 6.** “*Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:*” The Lord told Ezekiel that the Spirit of God would cause the dead to live. John 5:21-27. (24 “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. 25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.*”)

\*It was not Ezekiel’s responsibility to bring life to the dead.

\* It was not Ezekiel’s responsibility to look around at the dead people and wonder how the Lord could do anything with them.

\* It was not Ezekiel’s responsibility to decide which of the dead would live.

His only responsibility was to “*hear the word of the Lord*” and obey it. He was to preach to every creature. We can preach Jesus to the dead people around us even with our dying breath, but only when the Spirit “causes the breath of life” to enter, will there be life.

**5) V. 7.** “So I prophesied as I was commanded”. In

his hopeless situation, what more could Ezekiel do than obey? So he spoke “*the word of the Lord.*” V. 4.

If there were ever a hopeless situation, Ezekiel faced it. If there ever was a time that all effort seemed foolish, this was it. He had been told to preach to a bunch of dead people. He was told to preach in a grave yard.

*1 Corinthians 1:20 “Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”*

Preach the word to every creature, and God will produce the results that please Him.

**6) V. 8.** As Ezekiel preached to this very great pile of dried bones, the bones gathered themselves together, and God placed them in their proper order in the body. (Eph 4:7-16, “*From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*” 1 Cor 12.) The Spirit fits every piece into its proper place in the body.

Sinew, or the tendon and ligaments that attach the muscles to the bones, were added, and then the muscles were added and finally skin covered everything to form a human body.

**But “*but there was no breath (of life) in them.*”**

How do we see those around us? Do we see them as never dying souls in need of a new life in Christ? Only the Spirit of God through the preaching of Biblical Gospel of Christ will breath life into the living dead.

**7) V. 9,** these men around Ezekiel were the living dead. They had no life, so Ezekiel was given a seemingly foolish task, “*Prophesy unto the wind*”. (Rom 1:16, 1 Cor 1:18, 24, 2 Cor 13:4.)

Notice the apparent foolishness and hopelessness of testifying of Jesus to the living dead around us. Yet in God’s eternal plan and according to His good pleasure alone, He chose to use “*the testimony of Jesus*” to bring life to the dead. The testimony of Jesus, the preaching of the cross of Christ is the power of God unto salvation, which alone can bring life to the dead.

In the midst of these dried bones which were the result of a great warfare, Ezekiel “*prophesied*” — he preached the gospel of Christ to the wind.

V. 9, At God’s command, Ezekiel commanded the wind to “*Breathe upon these slain, that they may live.*”

They were slain in the great war that took place in the Garden, and death passed down upon all men. Only the testimony of Jesus will bring life to those dead in trespasses and sin.

8) V. 10. Ezekiel obeyed God's command, and preached to the wind. How many times has it seemed we were testifying useless words of life (the gospel) to the "wind"?

*"John 3:1-8, vv. 7, 8 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."*

Christ compared the Life Giving Holy Spirit to the wind. It blows, and we can hear its sound, but we do not know from where it came from nor where it is going. Nor can man control it. But we certainly can see its effects as the trees bend, leaves move around and even houses fall.

We know not where the Spirit is working except when we see His results. Just as easily as the wind flattened the Phillippines last year, the Wind of God's Spirit can flatten before Him the most stiff-necked sinner without shedding a drop of the sinner's blood, making him a willing servant of the Lord of Glory. Pa 110:1.

That once hardened sinner will then gladly say, "We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool." (Ps 132:7.)

Ezekiel obeyed God's command, and preached to the wind, and the wind brought life to the dead, according to Ephesians 1:13, 14. (John 6:63 "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." John 20:22, Acts 2:2, Romans 8:9.)

9) V. 10. "So I prophesied as he commanded me." By faith, Ezekiel preached to the wind. The result was clearly supernatural as the walking dead were raised to newness of life.

In Genesis 2:7, the Lord breathed life into the pile of dust He formed into a man, and the dust lived. And He called that former pile of dust, Adam. (Rom 6:4.)

By faith, we "prophesy", or "testify of Jesus" to the living dead who surround us. We prophesy because God commands us to preach the gospel to every creature. We proclaim the "testimony of Jesus" with the assurance that in God's predetermined plan, He has chosen a particular people unto Himself. Though they were chosen in eternity past, they are called to Himself in the present – in their proper time through the "testimony of

Jesus."

10) V. 14. The promise here is that God's Spirit would indwell those raised from the dead — the reference to the Holy Spirit indwelling the believer could not be clearer. According to John 16:7-15, the promise of the indwelling Spirit could not be fulfilled until after Christ ascended into heaven.

11) Vv. 6, 13, 14. Three times we are told that a result of the His Spirit bringing life is so the walking dead would "know that I am the Lord."

In Acts 10:34-38, Peter prophesied of Christ to Cornelius' household. Peter prophesied, and the walking dead to whom he preached received the breath of life. It was then that they knew "that the LORD he is God" as found in

*Psalms 100:3 "Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."*

12) V. 14. Those raised from the dead would also be placed in their own land where they will live in peace.

*"Ephesians 1:3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly [places] in Christ:"*

Galatians 3:9 and Hebrews 4 especially tell us that the land of peace and safety is found in Christ Jesus."

13) V. 10, "an exceeding great army" This one is a little out of order, but it is the key of not only Ezekiel but also of the Epistles. The purpose of bringing life to the dead is to form an army under the command of the Captain of the Lord's hosts. That army is to confront the forces of darkness that are in control today. The command is to conquer all nations by preaching Christ, and **teaching them to observe all things whatsoever Christ has commanded in His word.** Furthermore, The Spirit provided arms for guaranteed victory in Ephesians 6.

The result of Ezekiel's prophecy to these dead people was that the Lord God sent His Spirit into the living dead, and brought them to life for a purpose. They became "an exceeding great army".

There is an abundance of Scripture that commissions the Lord's army to confront the powers of hell themselves. (1 Tim 1:18, 6:12, 2 Timothy 1:13, 4:7, 8, Jude 1:3, Eph 2:10.)

God's purpose in bringing life into the dead and dried bones was not just to show His power over death and hell, though He certainly proved that power. His purpose was then and is now to raise a great and mighty army to fight the good fight of the faith, to fight for the

advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth in the face of all the forces of Hell.

Those who expect the resurrected new life in Christ to be a life of ease will face God in that great day, and will answer for their unconcern about the dead people around them. Christianity is a war to the death against the world, flesh and the devil. And right now, it appears that the whole world lies in the wicked one. Everything around us today is at war against our faith.

Isaac Watts added these words to a sermon he was giving on 1 Corinthians 16:13, c. 1721:

Am I a soldier of the cross,  
A follower of the Lamb,  
And shall I fear to own His cause,  
Or blush to speak His Name?  
Must I be carried to the skies  
On flowery beds of ease,  
While others fought to win the prize,  
And sailed through bloody seas?  
Are there no foes for me to face?  
Must I not stem the flood?  
Is this vile world a friend to grace,  
To help me on to God?  
Sure I must fight if I would reign;  
Increase my courage, Lord.  
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,  
Supported by Thy Word.  
Thy saints in all this glorious war  
Shall conquer, though they die;  
They see the triumph from afar,  
By faith's discerning eye.  
When that illustrious day shall rise,  
And all Thy armies shine  
In robes of victory through the skies,  
The glory shall be Thine.

The elect have taken part in the first resurrection, as they have been called from the dead in trespasses and sin. The reason for remaining here after that resurrection is not to be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease, while others fight to win the prize and sail through bloody seas. Are there no foes to face to stem the bloody tide of evil and darkness?

The purpose of election is to raise a mighty army to confront the forces of evil at every opportunity. As we are faithful in the war against the evil darkness that covers the earth, the Lord will provide the victory according to His predetermined purpose.

When that illustrious day shall rise, And all Thy armies shine In robes of victory through the skies, The glory shall be Thine. Glory to God for His marvelous life producing grace.

## Personal

As most of you know and have experienced, this winter has been long and severe: cold and snow, more cold and more snow, along with an abundance of wind. It has been the coldest and windiest since we moved here 7 years ago: commonly 20-40 mph, and some up over 50 mph. Maybe "the winter that would not quit". Of course, we have had nothing like Chicago:

**"It's official – Chicago experienced the coldest four months ever on record"**

*Posted on April 1, 2014 by Anthony Watts*

The average temperature for December 2013 to March 2014 period in Chicago was only 22.0°F, 10 degrees below freezing, beating the old record set in the winter of 1903-04. It even beat the harsh winters of 1977/78 which were some of the worst ever.

While stories rage in the media about how global warming is a threat to mankind and nobody will be left untouched by it, the National Weather Service in Chicago issued this statement today.

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RECORD IN CHICAGO..."

Think of how cold it would have been in Chicago without "global warming".

This mailing is quite late. We spent 3 days in court, and many days preparing for that trial. (See facebook.com/hardycountyinformed for what was and is going on.) Then we visited grandchildren in OH.

Like you all, I certainly do not know where the last two months have gone, but they are forever gone.

*John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*

**12-year-old girl speaks out on the issue of abortion.**

Lia Mills is a student pro-life activist who surprised her class with a moving speech on abortion that is so good it's gone viral on the Internet.

Here is how she describes herself on her Twitter account: "Lover of Jesus. Daughter of the Most High. Human Rights Activist. Public Speaker. Pro-life. Survivor. Revivalist. Nation shaker. World changer."

See her speech here: <http://www.creationtoday.org/youth-abortion/> Her 5 minute speech is worth the time.

**Higher education depravity!**

University to teach students "How To Be A Lesbian

in 10 Days or Less” during seminar

“An upcoming LGBTQ seminar at the University of South Carolina Upstate (USCU) will teach students How to Be a Lesbian in 10 Days or Less and will focus on LGBTQ cultural mores.”

<http://www.campusreform.org/?ID=5521>

And you send your children to a statist education facility? Without Christian support, they would all fail.

**“GMOs will unleash global killer ‘ecocide’ across the planet, warns prominent scientist”**

(NaturalNews) A top scientist and “risk engineering” expert is now publicly warning that GMOs pose a dire, genuine threat to the continuation of life on Earth. Nassim Taleb, author of *The Black Swan* and *Foiled by Randomness*, says that GMOs have the potential to cause “an irreversible termination of life at some scale, which could be the planet.” ...

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**Top ten REAL medical conspiracies that actually happened**

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**Big Pharma profiteering gone wild: \$1,000-a-pill Hepatitis drug in USA sells for less than \$10 in Egypt**

[http://www.naturalnews.com/044463\\_Big\\_Pharma\\_profiteering\\_Sovaldi\\_overpriced\\_drugs.html#ixzz2xkM18rNa](http://www.naturalnews.com/044463_Big_Pharma_profiteering_Sovaldi_overpriced_drugs.html#ixzz2xkM18rNa)

**California lowers organic standards in face of historic drought**

[http://www.naturalnews.com/044524\\_organic\\_standards\\_severe\\_drought\\_California.html#ixzz2xkMS6qC7](http://www.naturalnews.com/044524_organic_standards_severe_drought_California.html#ixzz2xkMS6qC7)

**Monsanto has been ordered by the South African government to stop making false advertising claims about GMOs.**

At least some countries can see through their false propaganda:

[http://www.naturalnews.com/044557\\_Monsanto\\_GMOs\\_false\\_advertising.html](http://www.naturalnews.com/044557_Monsanto_GMOs_false_advertising.html)

**Giant US Government Internet Spying Scandal Revealed**

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## **BILL GOTHARD RESIGNS**

**AFTER EXPOSURE OF ONGOING PROBLEM WITH SEXUAL HARASSMENT.**

Bill Gothard, founder of the Institute of Basic Life Principles in Oak Brook, Illinois, has resigned as director of this organization, after the Recovering Grace web site posted the accounts by many of the

34 women who claimed that he had sexually harassed them. There are also allegations that Gothard violated labor laws by having parents of teen-aged children pay for “apprenticeships” and then putting the teens to work at hard, unpaid menial labor.

IBLP is now in a “circle the wagons” defensive mode, and has hired David Gibbs of the Christian Law Association to review the allegations. Gibbs is a longtime supporter of IBLP and is not expected to conduct an objective review - he is known for providing “damage control” services for “ministries” that have gotten mired in sex scandals, such as Trinity Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida and First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana. Time will tell whether the Gothard ministry will come clean about its own scandals, or attempt to cover them up as they have done in the past.

**BILL GOTHARD’S UMBRELLA OF PROTECTION PROVIDES COVER FOR PERVERTED BEHAVIOR.** “I have been the Teaching Pastor for 3 churches over the past 30 years. In each church there were people who left because they didn’t like my views on authority. More precisely, followers of Bill Gothard made vocal objections to my view that the major problem with American evangelicalism is an infatuation with spiritual authority.

“Many of them left. They couldn’t stomach my belief that the Bible teaches Christ alone has spiritual authority over His people, and every believer in His kingdom is a priest unto God. Nobody else has ‘spiritual authority’ over anybody else. Christ, in shepherding His people, dispenses spiritual gifts to enable us to serve one another, never to rule over one another.

“. . . Gothard’s most bizarre and harmful teaching of all, in my opinion, is his ‘umbrella of protection’ or ‘umbrella of authority.’ Gothard teaches that ‘By honoring and submitting to all authorities in your life, you will receive the privileges of their protection direction, and accountability. If you resist their instructions and move out from their jurisdictional care, you forfeit your place under their protection and face life’s challenges and temptations on your own.’ Gothard goes even further and says that by not submitting to those in authority you are in rebellion, which according to Gothard ‘is as the sin of witchcraft’ (1 Samuel 15:23). But here’s the kicker: Gothard claims that resistance to the authorities in your life will bring God’s judgment upon you.

“I would propose to you that any Christian who constantly vocalizes his ‘authority’ over you and

demands your submission to him for ‘your umbrella of protection,’ is actually a man who casts a large shadow in terms of his own perverted and immoral behavior. In other words, he who is most concerned that another person ‘obey’ and ‘submit’ to his authority is actually showing indications of personal moral failure.

“ . . . Bill Gothard bears that out. Bill Gothard is in trouble for multiple alleged sexual encounters with young women. . . .”

*Wade Burlison, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Enid, Oklahoma, in “Istoria Ministries” blog. (From Thomas Williamson’s “Northren Landmark Missionary Baptist” news letter.)*

Comment: Gothard encouraged young ladies to put off marriage and families to serve in his ministry until their late 20. How many families did he destroy in the name of serving God. 2.5 million attended his meetings. What social impact did they have? I attended his seminaries in the 70.

<http://www.recoveringgrace.org/> & [http://www.worldmag.com/2014/03/bill\\_gothard\\_resigns\\_from\\_ministry](http://www.worldmag.com/2014/03/bill_gothard_resigns_from_ministry)

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## America - Crumbling From Within; Who’s To Blame?

*By Paul Gauntt*

Throughout my growing up years, we seemed to live with the notion that if our nation is taken down, it would be by a button being pushed from without. Protest anthems (i.e. Eve of Destruction) prophesied the impending doom of our great nation. Over a generation ago, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev made his infamous declaration that, “We’ll take America without firing a shot.” Although Khrushchev wasn’t the one to do it, it’s systematically being done with great success. But it might startle us if we recognized who the real culprits are.

In these days of political upheaval, the unleashing of the political correctness policy, and an all-out concerted effort on the part of the secular progressive movement to undermine everything biblical and moral, it’s refreshing to see some unlikely personalities (like members of the Hollywood set) taking a stand for truth and Americanism, including Steven Segal and Jeff Daniels (“Dumb and Dumber”).

While these two may not necessarily be coming from a Christian standpoint, their assessments of what is considered to be a sinister movement against our culture, could, ironically, signal a new burst of moral and spiritual courage on the part of believers - including myself.

I’m afraid the New Testament Church - as a whole

- has rolled over today and has played dead. We have, for the most part, acquiesced to progressivism and the shrill whines of the Godless who voice their “offense” because a kid wears red, white and blue, or a “What Would Jesus Do?” bracelet to school. I’m so afraid we have rested on the laurels of our Laodicean increase with goods, having need of nothing. Why? If we stand for what’s right, and just - and biblical, why should we fret over the IRS taking our 501C3 away? Who are we - as people of God, who proclaim Christ as the Savior of the world - to refuse to come against abortion, same-sex marriage, legalization of marijuana, and a government bent on taking down every principle and precept of our Constitution, which was developed and penned by men who bathed it in prayer? Why do we seem to be hunkering to the corner of our sanctuary, trembling and intimidated by a hell-immersed culture?

Folks, our nation may well become the late, great United States of America - but she won’t become that way because of a wayward administration, a spineless Congress or because a complete state legalizes marijuana, or the passing of Roe v. Wade in 1973, or the dogma that appears on the silver screen, compliments of Hollywood. She won’t be destroyed because of atheism, new age mysticism, and a push for a wide diversity of sexual orientations, and the assault on the traditional family. It won’t be because of the Godless spewings of liberal professors in institutions of higher learning or a media that turns and looks the other way when our culture is assaulted. No! It will be because we, as God’s people, just simply live as though he that is in the world is greater than He who lives in us. Surely we don’t believe that.

On the eve of God’s decimating Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham “drew near and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?” - Genesis 18:23-24.

God’s answer was, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.”

Why would that not apply to God’s people today? Could it be the New Testament Church has become distracted - yea, even blinded? Are we so busy building our own little kingdoms, preaching feel-good sermons, and essentially welcoming, with open doors and arms, the world into our midst?

Have we turned 2 Chronicles 7:14 into nothing but a cliché? Oh, but we preach it - and it’s easy to preach

because God outlines the sermon for us. But have we really taken seriously the promise that if we, who are called by His name, would humble ourselves, and pray, and seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways, then He would hear our cries, and forgive us - and heal our land? Is it just a nice sermon - or is it a command, with promise, that we can count on?

What if every New Testament Church in America set aside every weekday for an entire month, opened her doors, and encouraged God's people to come fall on our faces on the altar and do what 2 Chronicles 7:14 says? No singing - no sermon - no announcements, no potluck, no refreshments, no coffee, and no visiting.

If our nation crumbles from within, as it appears to be doing right now, it won't be because of nationalized healthcare - or an IRS leader who perjures herself before Congress, or a Benghazi cover-up, or a 20 trillion dollar deficit - she will crumble because of the apathy of God's called out ones. (From Baptist Progress).

*From Thomas Williamson's "Northren Landmark Missionary Baptist" news letter.*

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## THEY TOOK THE "JESUS IS MUSLIM" BILLBOARD DOWN

*By Coach Dave Daubenmire, April 3, 2014, NewsWithViews.com*

Perhaps you are wondering what I am talking about. Maybe you missed out on my commentary from last week.

If you did, you need to read it. Otherwise this commentary won't make much sense to you. The Muslims put up a series of billboards in Columbus, Ohio declaring "Jesus Is Muslim."

• **HERE IS THE STORY. IT IS WORTH THE READ. JESUS IS MUSLIM.**

So we held our rally. It poured down rain the entire time. It is a wonder that anyone came.

But they did. About 100 stout hearts battled the elements to stand up for Jesus. There is a lot of good info on my Facebook page. We have posted some great moments from the rally...vids of the powerful speakers. It is worth your time to visit and read the reports. Go here.

But the bottom line is that the Muslims took down the "Jesus Is Muslim" billboard. You read that right... **THEY TOOK DOWN THE SIGN!!**

I don't think you understand the significance of that statement. We are not some powerful media outlet...we used social media to draw a crowd. We didn't ask them to take the sign down. We didn't whine and complain

about how they dishonored Jesus. We didn't beg them to be nice.

We just showed up. That's it. We showed up on the streets and called them liars. They took down the sign.

It didn't take a court order. It didn't require us burning down any building. It didn't require months of negotiations. We simply showed up. We told them their sign was a lie. They made a weak attempt to defend it. They said "anyone who submits to God is a Muslim." That was all they had.

We never once asked them to take the billboard down. We believe in free-speech. We made them blink. They took the sign down. Light always causes darkness to flee.

Today I would like to share with you a few take-aways from this episode.

Muslims use lies and deceit to advance Islam. Although they call it a "religion of peace" nothing could be further from the truth. Just like Christianity, Islam has millions of followers who are "cultural Muslims." Just like we have many "cultural Christians" in America. A "cultural" adherent is often one who was born into the faith and has adopted it because it has been passed down generationally from their parents.

Usually, these followers are shallow. Millions of Muslims are MINO...Muslims In Name Only. They are peaceful and will not fight to death for their faith. Just like millions of Christians...Christianity is a religion... not a way of life. Just like Christians many Muslims do not understand what their religion teaches.

True believers, on both sides, tend to be more radical. A devout Christian dies for his faith. A devout Muslim kills for his. We better begin to recognize that difference. And soon. The closer Muslims get to following Mohammed the more violent they become. The closer Christians emulate Jesus the more loving they will become. True Christianity is driven by love. True Islam is driven by hate.

One of the signs on the billboard said MUSLIMS LOVE JESUS TOO. If that is true why are the Muslims killing so many of Christ's followers?

A few pastors did come to our event. Most are from small, country churches that are not swayed by the glitz and glitter of "ministry." There are thousands of faithful, God-fearing pastors who are willing to lay down their lives for their faith. But they are not unified. They are not networked. Many are awake and aware of what is going on in America.

The "soon coming rapture" theory is paralyzing

this nation. Christians will not fight back against evil because they have been taught by their pastors that bad is good...meaning...the worse things get the better it is. That means Jesus' return is right around the corner. To fight evil is to fight against God. That idea is anathema to Christianity. Jesus said "occupy until I return."

Most Christians only occupy pews. They feel no responsibility to fight for holiness in the world. They ignore all of the action verbs in the Scriptures... "Go, contend, speak, wrestle, occupy." If they really believed the end was near they should be running from house to house compelling man to turn to Christ in order to "flee the wrath to come." They don't even follow what they claim to believe.

Showing up DOES Make A Difference. Here is the truth. Even though we did not ask them to, the Muslims took down the billboard that said JESUS IS MUSLIM. This shows the power of showing up and speaking out. Once we began to shine the light on the Truth... THE MUSLIMS TOOK THE LYING BILLBOARD DOWN. Thanks to everyone who braved the weather. Prayer mixed with action does make a difference...just as faith without works is dead, so is prayer without action!! GOD'S NOT DEAD. JUST SHOW UP AND LET GOD SHOW OFF!!! The Muslims know we are watching...

What is Love? Let me ask you a question...which is a greater demonstration of love...helping someone after they have been hurt...or preventing them from being hurt? For the most part our churches are hospitals where the sick are repaired...rather than fortress where God's soldiers are trained. If helping someone after they are injured is love...isn't protecting them before they are injured also love? By speaking the truth to our friends we can prevent them from being injured rather than helping them be healed. Jesus prayed till blood came out his pores...and then he got up and went...aren't you glad He did more than pray? Prayer is the power to propel our actions....prayer makes action effectual.

You can't just pray...and you can't just go. You must do both. Prayer softens up the enemy...like the air force during a battle. Prayer softens up the enemy so that the ground troops can be more effective. Jesus prayed and went...most Christians only pray...very few go. When you go.. the power of prayer can be felt. The idea that God will do for us what we can do for our selves is misguided. The Word says our faith can move mountains...but sometimes moving the mountain requires us getting a shovel and digging. Why would

God end abortion when He gave US the power to end it? Pray and Go. That is the answer.

Most Americans knew very little about Islam before 911. If you were like me most of my knowledge of Islam came from the movie "Raiders of The Lost Ark" and Indiana Jones' journey throughout the Middle East. Since then, the Muslims have been hard at work teaching us some things that simply are not true. Most pastors are frighteningly ignorant of Islam.

Our featured speaker last Saturday was Rev. Rusty Thomas. His fiery speech is posted on our Facebook page. Permit me to summarize some of the great points he made. He addressed Islam from a legal, historical and biblical perspective.

**(History)** Wherever Islam protests in democratic nations, you will observe signs that expose their ideology. "To Hell with Freedom," "Down with Democracy," "Islam Will Rule the World," and other such signs are common place. Once Islam takes root and grows soon other demands are enacted. Sharia law seeks to supplant the laws of the land in free nations.

Go to any nation where Islam rules and try to find a hint of freedom of speech and religion. You will search in vain. There are only three choices granted in places where Islam dominates. They are: convert, become their slave (Dhimmi), or die. There are no other freedoms, no other choices. Every nation that lets the Islamic camel's nose into the tent of freedom eventually rues the day.

**(Legal)** Supreme Court Justice, Joseph Storey, who served the high court from 1811-1845, commenting on the meaning of the First Amendment stated, "The real object of the First Amendment was not to countenance, much less to advance Mohammedanism, or Judaism, or infidelity, by prostrating Christianity, but to exclude all rivalry among Christian sects [denominations] and to prevent any national ecclesiastical patronage of the national government."

No other faith, worldview, or philosophy of man is capable to set men free from the tyranny of sin from within or despotism of men from without. As America resorts back to the brutal darkness of paganism, it is not a coincidence that she is losing her freedoms as well. Islam may very well prove to be the harsh taskmaster to drive home this reality, if our nation does not repent.

**(Biblical)** No man, religion, worldview, or philosophy has the authority to define or redefine Jesus Christ. He has already revealed Himself in the 66 books that comprise the Holy Bible. God's Word warns, "Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you,

and you be found a liar” (Proverbs 30:6). Ecclesiastes 3:14 concurs, “I know that whatever God does, It shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it. God does it, that men should fear before Him.” Jesus stated, “You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me” (John 5:39). Every word of the Bible points to Him. He is the Word made flesh (John 1:14). No other so-called “holy book” either claims or comes close to this revelation.

If this billboard (Jesus is Muslim) was presented as evidence in a court room, it would be considered perjury. Thus, in the court of public opinion and in religious circles, the billboard needs to be judged as slander, heresy, and blasphemy.?

I used to tell my football teams that often the hardest part of winning is simply showing up.

We showed up and they took the billboard down. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!

I wonder what else would happen if we simply showed up...

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## Constitution

*Forwarded to me.*

You need to read the document. It is very short, and was written by a Christian you lady, a home schooled girl, as an imaginary preamble to a new Confederate Constitution. I think you will enjoy it. Her name was Faith, and is from KY. Pastor

Faith’s Preamble to the expectant Confederate States of America

We the God fearing people of these Free and Independent Confederated States, in order to secure an upright and moral nation, where no one man or one party may govern the whole, do form a new Constitutional Republic based upon the principles and precepts found in the Word of God as translated in the King James Bible. We endeavor to see that the citizens do their due diligence to educate their own children (Deut 6:6-7), ensure their own security and aid in the defense of their county and state (Nehemiah 4:14). The people shall have the power and the responsibility to deny any unjust taxation (II Chronicles 10:18) and demand that their elected officials punish the wicked, protect the innocent, and uphold the laws that are ratified by the people (Romans 13:1-5). The

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churches that follow the pattern laid out by our Lord Jesus Christ and His Apostles shall be immune to any and all licensure, silencing, muzzling, suppressing, or gagging from any entity, branch, department, bureau, or agency of the Confederate, State, or Local government. Furthermore, no governing body, legislature, council, or administration shall infringe upon the church’s duty to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, proclaim the righteousness of God, and declare the evils of our day (Matthew 28:18-20) Trusting in and calling upon the Almighty, Sovereign, One, True God to give us His guidance and direction along with understanding and protection; we establish and engrave in our hearts the following Constitution of these Confederated States.

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