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THE DESTRUCTIVE FORCE OF GUILT AND OF FEAR

We are witnessing the fall and destruction of America, just as sure as Judah fell to Babylon. The One World Order appears to be experiencing great advancement in their continuing war against the *Lord and his Christ* that failed in Genesis 11. All efforts to instill a One World Order have God's curse against them, but that certainly has not stopped the ungodly effort. How far will the God of heaven and earth allow it to go before he says, "That's enough?"

Matthew 11:28 *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

Heavy laden with guilt and fear. The unique events we see going on around us can be attributed to two things, **guilt and fear**. We will deal with **Guilt** which leads to masochism, and then with **Fear**. Both guilt and fear have two sources:

Guilt, dishonest, man-caused guilt. This guilt is manufactured with lies in order to manipulate men and society, and to mold the world's society according to the desires of those seeking to overthrow the Tri-une God.

Guilt, honest, God-caused guilt which results from violating *the law of the Lord*; it requires repentance and

forgiveness.

Fear, man-caused fear that leads to a faint heart and cowardness.

Fear, God-caused fear that leads to righteousness and departure from sin; it results in boldness against wickedness.

A combination of man-made guilt and fear has turned the "Land of the free and the home of the brave" into the "Land of bondage and the home of the cowards." The only answer to both guilt and fear is repentance and faith in Christ, starting in the house of the Lord. We are witnessing the results of man-caused guilt and fear not only in our nation, but in the Western nations of the world that have forgotten God.

Psalms 9:17 *The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*

The West has forgotten the God who exalted them, and God is now giving them over to the destroyer. In fact, he has exalted the destroyer today the same as he exalted Babylon and Rome to judge his hardened and rebellious people.

Isaiah 47:7 *I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.*

... we ought not to reject the ordinary distinction, that God is the author of the "evil" of punishment, but not of the "evil" of guilt. (Calvin)

Starting with the purely secular meaning of the noun, one finds that *ra* denotes physical injury, {#Jer 39:12} Times

of distress (#Am 6:3 and the famous verse, #Isa 45:7 'I bring prosperity and create disaster' NIV), but mostly denotes unethical or immoral activity against other people, whether by speech (#Ps 41:3 [H 6]; #Ps 73:8 Ps 109:20), by practice, {#Mic 2:1 Mic 7:3} or by offering improper sacrifices. {#Mal 1:8} (TWOT)

Deuteronomy 27& 28 tell us that God is the one who creates prosperity or disaster according the promises of his law-word. **He brings about** whatever disaster he desires for his own glory and advancement of his kingdom—disaster by a bug, strange diseases and illnesses, virus (COVID), lawlessness (Marxism-BLM), Asian Giant Hornet (2" long, and feeds on honey bees), and/or a foreign invader maybe from China. (Ps 47:4 *He shall choose our inheritance for us,...* His chosen judgment is now upon America, and the world.)

The wicked understand that through manufactured guilt and fear, people can be manipulated. We are now being manipulated to accept the tyrannical government of the NWO that has been the vain imagination of man since Nimrod. That One World Order has been promoted in earnest since WWII, and especially by the Bush and Clinton dynasties.

1) Lies and Guilt

Faith and a good (clear) conscience

1 Timothy 1:18 *This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; 19 Holding **faith, and a good conscience**; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck; 20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.*

Paul combines *faith, and a good conscience*, and gives the results that take place when either or both are compromised; that result is to be *delivered unto Satan* for the destruction of the flesh. (1 Cor 5:5) Let us not imagine for a moment that *Satan* does not realize what happens when the faith is compromised and the conscience is corrupted. Paul describes the warfare for **faith, and a good conscience**, whether in an individual or a nation.

2 Corinthians 10:4 *(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

The spiritual war for the heart and soul of individuals

and of nations takes place in the mind, **faith and a good conscience**. Paul tells us that when the **Biblical faith** and the **good conscience** that once prevailed in the West and that exalted the Christian nations is *put away*, the individuals and nations are delivered to Satan. Over the past 100+ years, the once Christian West has been *delivered unto* Satan. The evidence of that deliverance is undeniable. I do not have time to recount those evidences, but throughout both the Old and New Testaments, the fault lies in the house of God where TRUTH is no longer proclaimed.

Romans 1:17-32. Vv. 18 *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; **so that they are without excuse: 32** Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*

Romans 2:1-16. V. 15 *Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their **conscience** also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;*

This knowledge is a natural knowledge. (Geneva)

Conscience: 2) the soul as distinguishing between what is morally good and bad, prompting to do the former and shun the latter, commending one, condemning the other. (Greek Lexicon)

In #Ro 2:15 the Gentile conscience indicates human responsibility. Conscience has here a judicial function, although it may defend as well as accuse. In general the accusatory role of conscience is weaker in Paul because the law acts as an incomparably sharper accuser, and even the *accusing* law is set aside by the God who pardons and renews in Christ. (Theological Dictionary of the New Testament. That is, Paul replaced the natural knowledge with the clearly written law, and the call to pardon in Christ.)

The conscience is the natural knowledge of God and his moral requirements upon every man. The conscience accuses, threatens, shames, admonishes, condemns and judges according to the natural knowledge of God and his law written in every man. Those heavy burdens bring with them the need for redemption. According to Romans 1:20, that natural knowledge, the conscience, carries with it human responsibility, *for*

they are without excuse. Its intended purpose is to bring men to Christ's redeeming work. (Redemption means that Christ died to free his people from the guilt, power and the eternal consequences of their sin.)

The Western nations especially are without excuse, for they have turned away from the once Christian **common law** and the redemptive work of Christ upon which they were built. What kind of judgment is in store for the West?

- **OBSERVE:**

First, being created in the image of God, ALL MEN have God's law and their need for atonement implanted in their very being. All men without exception have a basic knowledge of moral sin and atonement, so they are without excuse. **Second**, God's law demands justice, atonement. Without law there can be no justice. **Third**, the conscience accuses or excuses one according to the natural knowledge of the law, the conscience. **Fourth**, that natural knowledge makes known the need for judgment and atonement for sin. Fallen man naturally seeks self-atonement.

Paul tells us that fallen man works to suppress the knowledge of the truth that is written in his very nature. He chooses rather to be his own god, and save himself through self-atonement. Thus, man becomes a slave to guilt by choosing to be a slave to sin rather than a slave to the Lord.

(**Biblical slavery** is the claim by the master on one's labour, not a claim on his body, though the Lord claims the body and soul. Slavery to guilt destroys the body. We are all slaves today to the clearly anti-Christ government school system through property tax. 60% of my property tax goes to educating young people in Marxism, rebellion and paganism. "Education without God, only makes man more effective in his rebellion." The income tax is slavery to the state.)

We were in Peru some years ago. The many altars there show the inherent need for a blood sacrifice to atone for sin.

The conscience is the guilty knowledge of the law, and is influenced by many things. Though the conscience can be corrupted, it cannot be ignored. It speaks guilt to every man according to his actions. Consciously or unconsciously, the nature of **guilt demands atonement**.

- **LIES AND THE CONSCIENCE**

When we think of atonement, we think of the atoning work of Christ which alone can deal with the guilty conscience. Atonement for the guilty conscience "nat-

urally" requires compensation or reparation for one's supposed wrongdoings or offences. The ungodly seek to control the conscience with LIES. **If lies are told often enough and sincerely enough, they can control the conscience. One then feels guilty as the corrupted conscience accuses or excuses** according to the lies he now believes. Speaking of our day, Paul says,

1 Timothy 4:1 *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. ...*

First, Paul gives a very explicit warning about lies in the *last days*, i.e., the Gospel Age which started with Christ. **Second, Paul warns** of seducing spirits who present demonic doctrines. Those doctrines consist of **lies designed to** corrupt and control the conscience contrary to the TRUTH and **common sense**, we must add. (Wearing a mask in a park or in the car or in one's home! Take off the mask to eat or speak, and quickly put it back on!) **Third, Paul's example** of demonic doctrines are the lies of celibacy and meats. However, demonic doctrines are much broader as they attack every area of *the truth* as found only in the Word of God. The devils' purpose of lies is to seduce, or corrupt the conscience away from the natural knowledge of God and his truth. Note that the "protests" are against God, and against everything that represents America's godly heritage. "It's God they are after."

"Protesters burn Bible, American Portland."
<https://nypost.com/2020/08/01/protestors-burn-bible-american-flag-as-tensions-rise-in-portland/>

Meanwhile, God sits in the heavens and laughs at the vain efforts of the wicked to overthrow the Lord and his Christ. (Psalms 2)

The most dangerous lies are from sources we trust: the pulpit and respected religious leaders, close friends, teachers, co-workers, parents, &c. Though we know better than to trust the media, if one listens to lies enough, his conscience will be affected. The media knows it can control the conscience and the actions of the public with lies which can create false guilt. **Guilt, even false guilt "naturally" requires atonement.**

Romans one shows us that lies harden the conscience to the known truth of God's law. The hardened con-

science suppresses the natural knowledge of God, and allows the people to be burdened down with false guilt and fear, neither of which can be satisfied apart from God's Truth.

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. (Isaiah 57:20)

• FALSE GUILT AND POLITICAL POWER

The ungodly use lies to manufacture a false guilt in those they want to control. That false guilt naturally demands atonement, and will cause those who feel guilty to submit to whatever means of atonement they think is required of them to appease their false guilt.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 *Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them **strong delusion**, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

“The motto of Israel's spy agency, Mossad, is, according to recently defected Mossad agent Victor Ostrovsky: “**By way of deception thou shalt do war.**”

By way of deception, Satan is waging war against Christianity and everything Biblical Christianity stands for. Satan believes his own lie, and is self-assured of victory because Christians do not know, believe, act on, nor live out the **TRUTH**.

Paul tells us that when the true freedom from guilt as found in Christ is **rejected** for the pleasures of sin for a season, **God will send a strong delusion so they would believe a lie to their own damnation**. The strong delusion is God's judgment against his rebellious people who reject God's truth in Christ Jesus. The purpose of the delusion is so the rebellious will destroy themselves, leaving them *without excuse* for their self-destruction.

Hosea 13:6 *According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me. 7 Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe them: 8 I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them. 9 O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help.*

God's call is a plea to his people to repent and return to obedience to the *law of the Lord*, and doing so, he will

pardon and deliver from the *roaring lion*, [that] *walketh about, seeking whom he may devour*: (1 Peter 5:8)

There is no need to document the rejection of the *truth* in the once great Christian Western nations. The results of that rejection are right before our eyes: *for this cause God has sent them a strong delusion* and they have believed the many lies that are being used to slowly manipulate the once great nations into the kingdom of darkness and oblivion. There is no one to blame for the destruction that is now taking place, for *thou hast destroyed thyself* by rejecting God's truth for their *pleasure in unrighteousness*. The Western nations have willingly departed from their Christian foundation, and thereby willingly delivered themselves to the *roaring lion*.

• MANUFACTURED GUILT AND THE POLITICS OF REDEMPTION

Redemption: “Make up for, compensate or make reparation for wrongdoing or causing offence.”

Lies become truth. Many lies are being told to cause a false guilt, and then the terms of redemption are spelled out by the wicked.

Examples:

We are being convinced by the media and the education system that “White” America is guilty.

White Guilt is promoted to **manipulate society**. It is taught in all the media and government education instructions as well as in the vast majority of churches and many “Christian” institutions. (*White Guilt* will influence many college age kids to vote for Biden.) Years ago, the Marxists infiltrated the government education system, and *White Guilt* fits perfectly into their goal to overthrow the US.

Here are a few things taking place in the name of **White Guilt**.

1) **Guilt** calls for the overthrow of the USA because it was founded by “WASP,” White Anglo-Saxon Protestants. However, it is **white Marxists** who are financing, encouraging, promoting and taking advantage of the *black anger* they have been able to create against *white America*. (Financed by Soros.) Note that the black anarchists **are not** demanding to be returned to the home of their ancestors, Africa.

AMERICAN DISGRACE: Soldiers, Police, FBI Kneel To The BLM Mob “The following shocking photo and video of police and military literally “taking a knee” to the

BLM rioters suggest what many Americans have begun to feel in their bones — the American security state is not on the side of the American people, and it goes all the way to the top.”

<https://www.revolver.news/2020/07/american-disgrace-soldiers-police-fbi-kneel-to-the-blm-mob-shock-photos/>

The Marxists who gained power at the top through lies are encouraging the anarchists to have their way, killing, looting and burning. The Marxists are intent on creating as much chaos as possible in order to install Marxism to bring the chaos under control, no doubt as Stalin and Mao Zedong brought order to Russia and China after WWII. (Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin divided up the world between them at the 1945 Yalta Conference. The West allowed Mao, with Stalin’s support, to take over China in 1949. Hence, eternal conflict between the East and the West, for there is money to be made in war. Only a committed few anarchists were needed to bring China and Russia into the Marxist’s fold.)

2) Guilt says that we deserve to have our cities looted and burned down. We hear statements like this, “They are justified in the anger. Let them burn and loot. After the anarchists take out their anger against us, things will calm down.” (Trump needs to exercise the Insurrection Act of 1807. The internment camps are already built. If the camps are not for insurrectionists, then who are they for?)

3) Guilt and redemption, payback, calls for compensation, reparation payed by the innocent who have been made to feel guilty. **Redemption from that false guilt may be sought** by financing, and maybe even joining with the anarchists regardless of color, as well as failure to enforce the law against the lawless.

Louisville Businesses Threatened: Cave to ‘Demands’ For racial reparations Or Get Bad Online Reviews. The **blackmail demand** specifically mentions that this nation was founded by white men, so it must be destroyed. https://www.dailywire.com/news/louisville-businesses-threatened-cave-to-demands-for-racial-reparations-or-get-bad-online-reviews?utm_campaign=dw_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=housefile

4) Guilt over past slavery will lead to “reparation” to be paid to blacks who claim their ancestors were held as slaves by those who had nothing to do with slavery. All the guilt is laid on the *White Man*, and nothing is said

about the Northern bankers and slave traders who imported and sold the slaves. Nor is there any mention of the blessings to the blacks who are no longer in Africa.

Satan knows the power of deception. We see in Revelation 20, that deception is his only means of warfare against the truth of God. The wicked understand the power of guilt, and use it to their great advantage. The Marxists know that racial strife opens a wonderful opportunity for them to step in and take over the government. We now have many Marxists who openly profess their hatred for America in powerful elected offices; they ascended to their “lofty” positions with lies. Through lies, these Marxists are not only allowing but are promoting a Communist Cultural Revolution.

BLM openly admits that it is a Marxist’s Cultural Revolutionary movement. Just as sure as a very few Bolsheviks overturned the nominal Christian Russian government, and a comparatively few Marxist revolutionaries took over China, the same tactics are at work today. While “good men” did nothing in China and Russia, both fell to the Marxists.

We must agree with James Dobson who said that this nation is at a point of no return “If men and women of faith and conviction don’t come to the rescue of their country, it is doomed.”

https://www.wnd.com/2020/08/christian-champion-joins-chorus-warning-nation-point-no-return/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-newsletter&utm_campaign=dailyam&utm_content=newsletter

“To the rescue” involves more than voting. (Voting according to truth leaves few candidates for whom one can vote.) “To the rescue” means believe, repent, return, and live according to God’s TRUTH, which alone can conquer lies. (Sadly, few Christians seriously study Scripture to establish truth for their lives. We recently met a young man who is trying to make a serious decision. We asked him upon what grounds he is making his decision. He started listing all the pro and con authors he has examined, and presented to us their arguments. He was determined to follow the way that seemed best to him according to the authors he is studying. He did not try to defend his position from Scripture.)

Lies become truth, and the conscience becomes captive to the lies. The result is that false guilt controls the individual and controls society.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the

truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

In 2 Peter 2:15, Peter tells us that “Balaam taught Balak to entice the children of Israel to commit fornication, and eat things sacrificed unto idols, #Re 2:14; and these taught men to commit lewdness, and indulge themselves in their sensualities.” (Matthew Poole)

Enticing the children of Israel into sin brought about Israel’s God’s wrath against his people. Satan knows that his manufactured guilt can manipulate society to accept the dream of a Utopia without God. The **offer of atonement** for the false guilt will motivate the “guilty” to accept his terms of atonement and self-destruction.

(**Utopia:** Sir Thomas More’s 1516 “Utopia,” an imaginary island where perfection was accomplished by perfect law, government and social conditions. However, since every man seeks to be his own god, those perfect conditions must be enforced at the point of a gun; hence Chinese style Communism. Sin makes Utopia an impossible dream, for perfect peace is only available through the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.)

“Pull down and destroy everything that we say represent white oppression.” The listener may not do the actual destruction, but his corrupted conscience may sympathize with the vandals, as he **sees the vandals atoning** for his false guilt. **A guilty conscience naturally demands atonement, and that guilt may allow others to establish the means of that atonement for him.**

Let me close this section with an example of the Power of Lies:

From 1965 to 1983, I served in and followed a “works based religion,” which was very prevalent at that time. I served in three churches where the leadership, including me, of those churches made one feel guilty if he did not put the needs of the church before his family. Guilt was used to raise finances; guilt was used to motivate religious work that benefited the church. One could never do enough religious work to satisfy the guilt coming from the church leaders. It was several years after I became a pastor before Divine Providence got my attention that I was captive to a lie, and was controlled by that manufactured false guilt. Now, my problem is what my wife and I call, “The curse of the firstborn.” That is, we are goal orientated to the point where we cannot rest until a project is finished. Though that “curse” is good at times, it can totally control our time and attention.

THE POWER OF FEAR.

Though we have mentioned fear, let us now develop it as a second method of manipulating people, *fear of man*. The results of the *fear of God* are well enough known that we should not need to develop that fear. Lies are used to manufacture whatever fear of man that might be needed to accomplish an ungodly goal.

Proverbs 29:25 *The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.*

2 Timothy 2:25 *In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.*

Snare: 1) snare, trap, noose 1a) of snares in which birds are entangled and caught 1a1) implies unexpectedly, suddenly, because birds and beasts are caught unawares. (Greek Lexicon.) A mousetrap is a snare. Satan baits his snare with lies that will capture the simple. When lies are accepted as truth, the righteous fear of God is replaced with the binding fear of man. (The fear of God delivers us from Satan’s well-placed snares.)

Psalms 19:7 *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. (Ps 119:130, Pr 14:15, 18, Ro 16:18)*

Simple: Naïve, open-minded, foolish, immature and open to all kinds of enticements and unable to discern what is right and wrong (Heb 5:12ff), and even rejecting the Lord (2 Chron 18:19ff).

The **simple** are easily snared by Satan. Not knowing, understanding nor believing *the law of the Lord*, the simple cannot properly “discern what is right and wrong,” and he becomes easy prey for Satan’s lies. Lies replace the fear of God with the fear of man, and the fearful are easily manipulated. According to 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12, not knowing or rejecting *the law of the Lord* causes God to send strong delusions

In 2 Chronicles 18:17-22, God sent a lying spirit to entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead in judgment of his rebellion. In 2 Thessalonians, God sends a *strong delusion* to those who rebel against *the law of the Lord*, for the purpose *that thy should believe a lie*. The *delusion’s* purpose is the same as it was for Ahab, *i.e.*, destruction.

Not knowing or rejecting *the law of the Lord* causes God to allow lies to prosper, and allows Satan to manipulate the rebellious to his advantage. **Deliverance**

from the fear of man created by lies is achieved by building faith in the Divine Sovereignty of God who is working in history to achieve his pre-determined goal.

1 Corinthians 15:24 *Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.*

Though we do not know how God is going to work everything in history, we do know that all history is working to subdue *all rule and all authority and power under his feet.*

(See North, “What about Romans 13” in this issue.)

• **FAKE FEAR, AN EFFECTIVE TOOL MEANS TO MAKE SLAVES**

“911” was a very effective use of fear to manipulate the world. It produced the oppressive “Patriot Act” which was a major step toward Nimrod’s one world order in rebellion against God. (See “Nimrod’s Legacy,” <http://www.biblicalexaminer.org/PDF/TBE%202020%20Mar.pdf>.) Bush used fear to persuade the population to accept the multibillion-dollar useless and endless Afghan war. (It is a tribal war, and will never be settled apart from the Gospel of Peace.) Fear is being used by local gods to institute tyrannical “executive” orders. (Civil authorities are called gods, John 10:34.) Fear is being used to shut down America’s economy. Fear is making mindless slaves out of the vast majority of America’s citizens. (Must wear a mask in one’s home!) Fear has caused honest facts and science to be replaced with lies and fake science which increases fear which produces better manipulation of the population. Fear is causing citizens to accept the open destruction of the Bill of Rights, which traces its roots back to the Magna Carta. (See TBE, “Obama out-militarized Trump but America still loves him.” June, 2020.)

Fear manufactured through lies, or fear caused by a justly guilty conscience has the same results. Godly fear can be conquered through Christ; fake fear can never be satisfied. Self-atonement cannot work.

TORMENTS: *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. (1 John 4:18)*

COWARDNESS: *The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion. (Proverbs 28:1) And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall*

flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth. (Leviticus 26:36)

* The guilty conscience caused Cain to fear what men might do to him, Genesis 4:14. * The Canaanites were weak with fear, Joshua 2:9. * Fear caused the Syrians to flee, 2 Kings 7:7. * **Fear causes faintness of heart**, and allows the imagination to control the mind, Judges 9:36 *And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as if they were men.*

The wicked know how to make otherwise normal and sane men fear. Fear can cause men to ignore facts, sound reason and even science. Manufactured fear has caused the “land of the free and the home of the brave,” to become the “land of the fearful and home of the cowards.” “We” praised MLK for leading peaceful protests against the establishment. Now we call out the National Guard, and throw people in jail for peaceful protest against the extreme idiocy of the establishment, *e.g.*, lockdowns and masks.

The COVID 19 fear is being used to create global panic as visible facts and sound science are vigorously denied. Fear of the unknown is causing otherwise sane people to accept totally irrational requirements from their local gods. The wicked know that fear is a valuable commodity to manipulate people to accept their One World Order “Utopia.” (We watch in sad amusement as well as astonishment as people wear masks in the open; they wear masks but take them off to eat or to speak, and then put them back on. **The D.C. Mask Mandate Exempts Lawmakers and Government Employees.** <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2020/07/23/dc-mask-mandate-exempts-lawmakers-government-employees/>. Clearly, the COVID 19 fear is a political tool to make the gods feel important, and to manipulate the masses. I am sure the “D.C. Mask Mandate” is the first time in history that government employees have been made immune from a flu virus by a divine decree of a local god. How good it would be if these gods would speak their fiat word against other diseases, *e.g.*, cancer.)

Manufactured, ungodly fear causes faintness of heart. Without a firm foundation in the Biblical doctrine of the true freedom from guilt and fear found only in Christ, faintness of heart will prevail even in the elect.

Marxism’s goal is to destroy freedom and any free market, so the Marxist gods withhold police protec-

tion. When the state no longer provides conditions for “good” to prosper, what choice do the various companies and organizations have but to pay protection money? It is hard to imagine how much protection money flows into the BLM coffers.

(<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2020/06/11/the-complex-funding-and-ideology-of-black-lives-matter/>)

BLM, ANTIFA, is the “New” face of Communism
(<https://thuletide.wordpress.com/2020/06/09/blm-antifa-communism/>)

2 Timothy 1:7 *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

And of a sound mind. The Greek word denotes one of sober mind; a man of prudence and discretion. The state referred to here is that in which the mind is well balanced, and under right influences; **in which it sees things in their just proportions and relations**; in which it is not feverish and excited, but when everything is in its proper place. It was this state of mind which Timothy was exhorted to cultivate; this which Paul regarded as so necessary to the performance of the duties of his office. It is as needful now for the minister of religion as it was then. (Barnes)

That is, *a sound mind* will not be controlled by manufactured fear nor false guilt; it will study to build faith, and will deal with godly guilt immediately. “The minister of religion” must not only have faith and a clear conscience that frees him from the fear of man, but he must build his people up in faith and a good (clear) conscience.

Ver. 7. *The spirit of fear*] δειλίας, called elsewhere the spirit of bondage, δουλείας, #Ro 8:15. The law will convince the judgment; but it is the gospel that convinceth the lust and the affection.

Of power and of a sound mind] These two fitly stand together. Sin unrepented of, lies rotting at the heart, and by rotting weakeneth it, as a rotten rag hath no strength. (Trapp)

“Sin unrepented of” speaks of godly fear. We are primarily dealing here with manmade fear through believable lies. Though the guilt and fear may be manmade, they still have the ability and power to destroy the *sound mind*. These lie-created emotions can only be conquered by a strong faith, knowledge of and confidence in the Word of God

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. (Romans 8:15)

Paul tells us that the unredeemed are in bondage to guilt

and fear, which can be used to manipulate people to join in the goal to overthrow everything that represents a godly order. We have seen that Paul warning that Christians can return to the *spirit of bondage again to fear* when they depart from the fear of the Lord and *live after the flesh*.

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; 19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck; (1 Timothy 1:18)

Fear and guilt are conquered by faith and obedience to the Christian faith and confidence in the sovereignty of our God and his loving care for his own.

Manufactured guilt and fear have made us into a nation of cowards, subject to manipulation according to the desires of the wicked who are determined to replace our Bill of Rights and Constitution with Chinese style Communism. Our once “Christian” nation is in the midst of a shipwreck, and is sinking fast. Through manufactured and fake fear and guilt, the world economy is shut down. We are at the beginning of the worse world-wide depression in the history of the world, as the spirit of Nimrod works to bring chaos, and then his promise to restore order.

Hebrews 2:15 *And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

The apostate church, under the color of “Christianity” has robbed the Christian of his Biblical faith. False guilt and unjustified fear now reign as Nimrod uses the “COVID Scamdemic” to accomplish his goal of the renewed Babylonian One World Order, as promoted by Bush clan. (It has been common knowledge for decades that nothing takes place on the national or international scene that is not pre-planned.)

Freedom from fear and guilt through the faith of Christ and obedience to his law-word must be proclaimed throughout the world.

Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. (1 Kings 18:37)

For many years, 2 Chronicles 7:14 has been used as a call to repentance. (Repentance for what?) We are now living in the reality of that passage:

If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among

my people; 14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:13, 14)

Remember Sampson! He was confident in his physical strength, so he involved himself with the ungodly. Three times he heard the words, *The enemy is upon you*, yet he escaped. However, the last time after he submitted to the enticement of lies, he found his strength was gone. Though the warnings have been many, there has been no national repentance, so America's pride is crashing down around us. Are we prepared?

We see how lies can produce guilt in the innocent, and create unwarranted fear. That false guilt and unholy fear gives abundant opportunity for the wicked to mold the individual and society into their Utopian dream society, Marxist Communism. Our conclusion must be that when men and society turn from the Truth as found only in Jesus Christ, they are not only turning from truth to lies and deceit, but are inviting Satan to deceive them. Satan certainly will not disappoint, as he carefully manipulates the deceived for his evil purposes against God.

John 8:32 *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

We must know and understand the WORD of TRUTH.

Hosea 4:6 *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: [of truth as revealed in his law-word] because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

Look around! Our society has *forgotten the law of thy God*, and the children are forgotten by God as they murder, rape, burn and pillage as did the pagan armies of old. Those pagan armies were sent in judgment against his rebellious people for a purpose: *and they shall know that I am the Lord*. Our modern pagan army now attacking from within was financed by Christian parents who sent their children to the pagan army's "boot camps," statist education institutions; there they learned: 1) to hate their Christian heritage, 2) the glories of Marxism, 3) the evils of free enterprise, and 4) how to wage street warfare against America.

Rejecting Truth promises strong Satanic delusions;

that is, believing self-destroying lies. (2 Thess 2:9) For our own safety, the safety of our family, church and society in general, we must search for, know and follow the truth of God as found in Jesus Christ.

If Satan can lay the burden of false guilt and fear upon a people, that people, saved or unsaved, can be manipulated to join with Satan in his war against the Lord God.

Ezekiel (ch. 8 and following) tells of how the Lord took him to inner chambers of the house of the Lord, and showed him the secrets of the hearts of the religious leaders. The Lord then told him of the wrath he was going to pour out on the apostate leaders and nation. 1 Peter 4:17 tells us that if God does not judge his apostate church, he has no grounds to judge *those who obey not the gospel of God*.

Men will experience guilt and fear, which will be dealt with either by God's Truth and freedom or the lying deceits of Satan and bondage.

He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. (Canticles 2:4)

His banner As the standard is the rallying-point and guide of the individual soldier, so the bride, transplanted from a lowly station to new scenes of unaccustomed splendor, finds support and safety in the known attachment of her beloved. His "love" is her "banner." The thought is similar to that expressed in the name "Jehovah-nissi." {see #Ex 17:15 note} (Barnes)

Christ's name, inscribed on his, was "love," his church's love; and by which his company or band was distinguished from all others, even by electing, redeeming, calling love. It may signify the security and protection of the saints, while in the house of God, and enjoying communion with him, being under the banner of love, with which they are encompassed as a shield; and it may denote the very manifest and visible displays of it, which the church now experienced. (Gill)

Our security is in his electing, redeeming and caring love.

RESISTANCE TO CHURCH LOCKDOWNS: WHAT ABOUT ROMANS 13?

Gary North - July 30, 2020

I reported on their defiance in yesterday's article [about John MacArthur]: <https://www.garynorth.com/public/21145.cfm>.

The elders made their defiance clear. They did not weasel.

Christ is Lord of all. He is the one true head of the church (Ephesians 1:22; 5:23; Colossians 1:18). He is also King of kings—sovereign over every earthly authority (1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 17:14; 19:16). Grace Community Church has always stood immovably on those biblical principles. As His people, we are subject to His will and commands as revealed in Scripture. Therefore we cannot and will not acquiesce to a government-imposed moratorium on our weekly congregational worship or other regular corporate gatherings. Compliance would be disobedience to our Lord's clear commands.

In the next paragraph, they cut off those pastors who prefer compliance, and who would be willing to cite Romans 13 as justification for this compliance. Here is Romans 13, verses 1 through 7.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. 6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

The elders correctly understand the context of Paul's statement -- the tyrannical Roman Empire -- and also how Paul's words should be applied today.

Some will think such a firm statement is inexorably in conflict with the command to be subject to governing authorities laid out in Romans 13 and 1 Peter 2. Scripture does mandate careful, conscientious obedience to all governing authority, including kings, governors, employers, and their agents (in Peter's words, "not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable" [1 Peter 2:18]). Insofar as government authorities do not attempt to assert ecclesiastical authority or issue orders that forbid our obedience to God's law, their authority is to be obeyed whether we agree with their rulings or not. In other words, Romans 13 and 1 Peter 2 still bind the consciences of individual Christians. We are to obey our civil authorities as powers that God Himself has ordained.

Later in their manifesto, they wrote this:

Accordingly, the honor that we rightly owe our earthly governors and magistrates (Romans 13:7) does not include compliance when such officials attempt to subvert sound doctrine, corrupt biblical morality, exercise ecclesiastical authority, or supplant Christ as head of the church in any other way.

In his first letter to Timothy, Paul wrote this:

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour (1 Timothy 2:1-3).

Paul was clear: civil government is legitimate. Churches even owe public prayer for civil rulers. He could not have been more clear on this point.

Peter was equally clear: Christians don't owe obedience to civil laws that undermine the church of Jesus Christ. They are not morally obligated to obey these laws.

There is another issue: the language of plural governments. Paul was not writing just about civil government. He uses the word authorities. That is a plural word. I have explained this elsewhere.

LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENTS

In 2001, I published my economic commentary on Paul's letter to the church at Rome: Competition and Dominion I had it professionally typeset in 2012. It is posted as a PDF here. Chapter 11 presents my analysis of Romans 13:1-7: "Legitimate Governments." Here is what I wrote, but without the footnotes.

A. Plural Authorities

Paul speaks of higher powers. Strong's Concordance defined the Greek word *exousia* as follows: "(in the sense of ability); privilege, i.e. (subj.) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (obj.) mastery (concr. magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence: authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength." It means, basically, lawful authorities. There are more than one. There is no single hierarchy in this life. God has created competing jurisdictions in order to eliminate the possibility of an absolute centralized tyranny. "And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from

them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city" (Gen. 11:6–8). A national civil government or empire has always faced competition: from foreign civil rulers, local civil rulers, families, kinship groups, churches, voluntary associations, and businesses.

Paul says here that lawful authorities deserve obedience. He does not say or imply that there is only one lawful institutional authority that must be obeyed. In his confrontation with the high priest, he made this point clear. Even though he was an apostle and in possession of lawful authority, he did not deliberately challenge the high priest. "And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth. Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law? And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest? Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people" (Acts 23:2–5). Paul honored lawful authorities. But when one authority could be used to offset another, Paul set them in competition to gain his freedom. "But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided" (Acts 23:6–7). The Sadducee party, which denied the bodily resurrection, was associated with the temple's priesthood. Paul's words to the Pharisees immediately undermined Ananias' power to prosecute Paul on the authority of the priesthood.

No power is established on earth that is not established by God. On this point, Paul is clear. "For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (v. 1). This English phrase—"the powers that be"—has come down through the centuries to describe the supreme rulers in a society. Therefore, obedience to them is biblically mandatory. "Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation" (v. 2). Because God has established authorities to rule

over men, men are required by God to obey rulers.

Paul lived under the rule of Nero, a tyrant by any standard. Yet he writes: "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good" (v. 4) Christians are to do good deeds, gaining praise from their rulers. God has set rulers in seats of authority to be a terror to evil-doers. Let these rulers devote their efforts to overcoming their enemies, not look for rebellious Christians to prosecute.

There are rulers who themselves are evil and allied with evil men. Nevertheless, Paul says to obey. The goal of governments is to defend social order. Every government has rules. It enforces standards with sanctions. Most civil rulers want more authority for themselves. They want things to run smoothly. God has built into human nature the desire to live in a predictable world. For predictability, there must be rules and sanctions. This is why rules and sanctions make life easier. Tyrants want predictability. The closer to righteousness the civil laws are, the more voluntary cooperation that rulers will gain from their subordinates. Rulers cannot rule without subordinates who voluntarily cooperate. If everyone refused to obey a law, there would not be enough police to enforce it. This is why rulers prosecute a representative figure. This sends a message to the public: "If you don't obey, and everyone else does, we'll get you." But there comes a day when many people take a chance and deliberately disobey the law. They refuse to cooperate with the civil government. On that day, the illusion of state omnipotence ends.

The early church lived under a pagan civil tyranny. Rome mandated idolatry as a means of extending the power of the empire. This polytheistic system of civil rule sought intercultural unity by divinizing the emperor. But Christians refused to offer public sacrifices to "the genius of the emperor," for they understood the theology of ancient empires: the divinization of man and the state. For this rebellion, they were intermittently persecuted for almost three centuries. They did not rebel by taking up arms. They merely refused to participate in false worship. Over time, they gained the reputation for being good citizens and reliable subordinates. In the fourth century, they inherited the Roman empire. They had served under tyranny, and they became rulers when this tyranny collapsed into the chaos of civil war and bankruptcy. Nonviolent disobedience

to civil authority on this one point eventually gained Christians civil authority. Otherwise, they were obedient. This is a biblical principle of authority: he who seeks to rule should first serve. Jesus told His disciples, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve” (Luke 22:25–26). But there is another principle of biblical authority. “Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29). Both principles must be honored. Both principles must be intellectually defended by covenant-keepers. Both must be honored by the flock.

B. The Legitimacy of Governments

Paul’s discussion of institutional authorities follows a passage that challenges personal vengeance. “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord” (Rom. 12:19). If personal vengeance is wrong, then how does God bring vengeance in history? Through civil government. The text does not say that vengeance is wrong. It says that God possesses final authority to impose vengeance. He has delegated the authority to impose physical vengeance to two governments: civil and family. Peter agreed with Paul on this point. “Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully” (I Peter 2:13–19).

Neither Peter nor Paul demanded obedience to civil government at the expense of obedience to other lawful governments. Again, Peter explicitly told the Jewish leaders, “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29b). Yet they had the authority to beat him, which they did (Acts 5:40). He submitted to the beating, but not to their command to stop preaching the gospel. He

disobeyed, but he submitted to the sanctions for the sake of his disobedience. So did Paul.

The point is this: Peter and Paul self-consciously operated within the existing Roman legal system. Paul understood Roman law, and as a Roman citizen, he invoked it. “But Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me? Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar’s judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest. For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar” (Acts 25:9–11). His words, “I refuse not to die,” affirmed the legitimacy of civil government, including capital punishment. But, at the same time, he appealed to Caesar to escape the jurisdiction of Festus, who Paul believed was acting on behalf of the Jews. This was consistent with his affirmation of the ministerial office of civil magistrates.

The anarcho-capitalist rejects all forms of civil government. He can point to every kind of tax as distorting the free market. He sees the free market as legitimately autonomous. But then come the problems of violence and sin. How can these be predictably restrained? The biblical answer is government, including civil government. In an anarcho-capitalist world of profit-seeking private armies, the result is the warlord society. Militarily successful private armies will always seek to establish their monopolistic rule by killing the competition, literally. Civil governments always reappear. They are one of God’s four ordained systems of government: self-government, church government, family government, and civil government. All four are sealed by an oath. All four involve sanctions.

Christians cannot legitimately adopt the libertarian quest to establish a world devoid of civil government. Sin mandates civil government and civil sanctions. The right of civil rulers to impose physical punishments is affirmed clearly by Paul in Acts 25. He affirms in Romans 13 the legitimacy of civil government among other legitimate governments. He says that rulers are ordained by God as His ministers. This is powerful language. It invokes the authority of God on behalf of the state. If Paul is correct, then anarcho-capitalism is incorrect. There is no way around this.

C. Crime vs. the Division of Labor

The threat of crime forces men to allocate scarce economic resources to the defense against criminals. The state is the primary institutional means of crime prevention. The state imposes negative sanctions on convicted criminals. The goal is to uphold justice by means of fear. “And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother; Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you. And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you. And thine eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot” (Deut. 19:18–21). Fear adds to the cost to criminal behavior. As the economist says, when the cost of anything increases, other things remaining equal, less of it is demanded. This is the goal of negative civil sanctions: less crime.

The expense of crime-prevention reduces men’s wealth. They believe that this expenditure prevents an even greater reduction of their wealth by criminals. Men find it more expensive to cooperate when crime increases. Their lives and property are less secure. This makes them more cautious about entering into cooperative ventures with people they do not know well. The information costs of dealing with strangers are high, and some people choose not to take these extra risks. Because of sin, the division of labor is reduced. Crime-prevention activities are a means of removing risk and increasing the level of cooperation. Institutional authorities seek to reduce crime by imposing negative sanctions on law-breakers.

To maximize the division of labor in a world of sin, the state must impose negative sanctions only on law-breakers, biblically defined. By adding laws that go beyond the Bible, or even go counter to it, civil rulers reduce the division of labor. Legislators and bureaucrats who go beyond the Bible in seeking to stamp out illegal activities make it more expensive for people to cooperate voluntarily to achieve their ends. This reduces the division of labor. It therefore reduces people’s wealth. The state thereby produces the same condition that criminals produce. The difference is, good men feel justified in defending themselves against criminals. They feel far less justified in defending themselves against the state. The predator state can become a greater threat to economic and social cooperation than the predator

criminal class. In some cases, the state allies itself with the criminal class.

Conclusion

Paul speaks of the illegitimacy of personal vengeance. He does not deny the legitimacy of vengeance as such. He says that God has restricted vengeance to legitimate civil governments. Civil power is supposed to restrain unpredictable personal violence, family feuds, and gang warfare. The free market is not autonomous. It is an extension of the individual or the family, both of which operate under civil law. The free market is under civil law. Civil law covenantally is superior to the free market. The civil covenant establishes the conditions of the free market by shaping public behavior and attitudes. Civil law is enforced by rulers who are ministers of God. Taxation as such is not theft, contrary to some libertarian theorists. Most forms of taxation are theft, and all levels above the tithe surely are (I Sam. 8:15, 17), but not all. Lawful authorities are entitled to economic support. Taxation supports the state.

Paul calls on Christians to obey lawful authorities. This may mean challenging one authority in the name of another. Authorities are to some extent in competition with each other. It is not unlawful to pit one against the other, as Paul’s tactics in Acts indicate. Freedom is sometimes achieved by using one authority to reduce the power of another. Paul used Roman law to undermine Festus’ desire to please the Jews. He lawfully removed himself from Festus’ jurisdiction. A legal system should not be allowed to become monolithic.

CONCLUSION

Rev. MacArthur and the church elders presented a biblically accurate assessment of Romans 13:1-7. I hope other congregations that face tyrannical lockdown laws will do the same when they defy these unjust, illegitimate laws and rules.

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FEAR-LESS

By Chip Gains

When the magazine team got together and decided that we were going to devote this issue to risk, my first thought was: It’s about time! Followed by: So when do I start?

Risk is my default setting. It’s part of my DNA to want to tackle the world and see how far I can climb. Even if just to taste the thrill of walking that edge. Sure,

it's meant that I've had to learn a lot of lessons the hard way. I've been knocked down more times than I can count. On many occasions to the point where people have questioned my ability to get back in the ring and have any sort of fighting chance.

But every setback or failure just shows me that I've got more growing to do. Each time I'm forced to course correct, I'm reminded how much untapped potential must exist on every path less traveled. Riding out the turbulence, even living through a few nosedives, has given me the confidence to know that I'm not going to let fear be part of the equation. The moment we're willing to say that we're not afraid to fail, fear dissipates and it loses its power over us.

Jo and I spent the first day of the new year in New Orleans with a group of close friends to watch the Baylor Bears play against the Georgia Bulldogs in the Sugar Bowl. The night before the game, we all went out for a nice dinner. It was a chance to unwind and enjoy each other's company, but I wanted to shake things up. So I asked the question: If fear wasn't part of the equation, how would your life look different?

You could hear the restaurant bustling in the background as our own table grew quiet. Fear can make people uncomfortable. It can silence plans and redirect dreams before they even have a voice. But gradually, one by one, our friends started speaking up. A few of my buddies—guys I've known for more than a decade—were talking about things they wanted to do with their lives, things they would do in a heartbeat if they weren't afraid of the potential collateral damage. We're talking extraordinary dreams—from health goals to parenting and relationships. I was moved by the honesty that was exchanged around the table that night. And how different risk, and the things we believed to be worth risking for, looked to all of us.

For that reason, I've become convinced that risk is not something to be measured based on who makes the biggest splash or the loudest bang. The barometer for risk isn't grounded in grandiosity or based on what you've got to lose. Because really, we're all in a position to lose something.

The courage to take your shot is half the battle. The other half? Viewing failure as a teacher and not an enemy.

I can't promise there won't be letdowns and curves in the road ahead. But I will guarantee that surprises and

miracles abound in equal measure. Risk is inherent to both. So what it seems to come down to is identifying the things in your own life that are worth risking for.

So now I've got a question for you.

IF FEAR WASN'T PART OF THE EQUATION, HOW WOULD YOUR LIFE LOOK DIFFERENT?

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Introduction: We are inundated with movies, both cartoons and live, about good witches. The lack of Godly training results in Satanic training taking take that place.

MIXING CHRISTIAN AND OCCULT

By Steve Stitzman

I was headed to work several weeks ago and the secretary texted me, "How are we going to respond to Charlie?" Charlie who? That conversation led to a little educational reading for me, on the latest fad of the moment, a game called Charlie-Charlie. At first, I declined to comment as much as possible, even though I was tagged multiple times on venues either for or against the game, by folks seeking opinions. Maybe it is just a 'bury-your-head-in-the-sand' approach, but I was kinda hoping it would quickly subside, and we could ignore it and go on with life. However, when the one website promoting the game exploded into the millions of hits, I knew it had crossed a line into a real phenomenon. Last night, after another round of questions, I decided to go ahead and lay it out as I see it...

First of all, I suppose it is no shock to you if I am basing my concepts off of the Bible. The title should have made that clear enough. 2 Cor 6:13-18 contains a bit of the perspective of God on the subject, especially in these lines: "for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with?"

Charlie/Charlie is a game, or a challenge, where yes and no words are written on a paper, pencils arranged in a T form, one across another, and then 'charlie' is summoned to answer questions. Questions are asked, and the pencil turns, unaided, toward the 'correct' answer. The practice and experimentation of this 'game' has exploded across the US and Canada, shared extensively through social media.

This practice of seeking answers, from an unknown source, by mysterious powers that are not explainable scientifically, is part definition of the word, occult. (Merriam -Webster” matters regarded as involving

the action or influence of supernatural or supernormal powers or some secret knowledge of them —used with the”

Involvement in the occult, in the pursuit of information, entertainment, healing, and manipulation of others, is an open door to the world of the demonic. It is very important to understand that witchcraft and occultism do NOT require the knowledge of the participant; in other words, your ACTIONS in a specific venue, give the demonic world certain rights to your soul, and access to your mind and body, whether you have any knowledge of what you are doing, or not. This access may or may not be exploited immediately. In some cases, nothing is felt or noticed at all, giving the individual involved the notion that no ill is coming, and prompting them to repeat the activity, thus strengthening the actual hold and influence of the demons on the mind and life of the individual. This is one of the reasons in the above Scripture, that God urges His people to separate themselves from all the demonic, so that He can be a Father to them “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean (demonic) thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”

Many, many, people today suffer untold damages in their spiritual walk, their emotional health, and even their physical well-being, because of having given ground in their soul to the demonic realm. (Please do NOT read, “All sickness comes from witchcraft”... That is not said or implied) I work with these people day after day. Some come to freedom: some never do. It has birthed in me, not fear, but a pretty severe consciousness of what the effects of witchcraft can be on a person.

If a person faces the horror of child sexual abuse- ONCE- the damage is done. Much pain and emotion surrounds the event, and the memory. 25 years later, many of them still writhe and weep over the pain and torment that one moment instilled. Witchcraft is similar- only it carries with it little or no feeling. The damage, emotionally, mentally, spiritually, is awful; but the person involved, sits in my office and has no recollection of the moment whatsoever. We search, pray, ask, look, seek, comb through the memories seeking the event, the involvement, that opened the door to the damage I see lived out in front of me. Sometimes, we find it, and through repentance, the door springs open,

and folks walk away profoundly changed, freed from the demons that bound them.

The ability of witchcraft and occult involvements to hide themselves, is one of the reasons this Cha/cha thing bugs me so badly. Thousands.... Millions of children, in the last few weeks, experimented with a “silly game” that opened a doorway to demons, right into their lives. Many of them have already passed it off as nothing, and headed on in to life a life that will be increasingly influenced by the dark side. As they grow, the Bible, Christianity, Creation and God may seem increasingly foolish to them. (blinded minds, 2 Cor. 4:4) The farther they go, the more they will come to agree with the culture and society that hates God; gay marriage will seem normal, trees will be more important than God is, parents will seem stupid, and rebellion-wise, understanding will return to third-world levels, etc. (for a more complete list, see Romans 1:25-32, note esp. ‘darkened heart’) Relationships will become disastrous, and drug use and suicide among this group will continue to climb. Meanwhile, folks will flounder around like drunks in the dark, trying to instigate policies to correct a problem no one can see, and most don’t even remember.

The basis of the game, Charlie/Charlie, is an attempt to access unknown sources of power, for information. In Scripture, this is called divination. There are hundreds of forms of it in today’s world. It is essentially, witchcraft; seeking to the demonic world for information. Man has always been curious about the world he cannot see, and God has always forbade him to seek how to enter it. De 18:9 “When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. 10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, 11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.” Opening these doorways in the OT had a death penalty attached; today, it is mocked by Christians as meaningless, but then they, and their children, and grandchildren, get to pay a price no one seems to understand.

Divination often “works”. Because it does, some folks assume it is legitimate. Along with that, there are

things many people do NOT understand that work, legitimately (like radio waves, electricity). This creates an easy seedbed for the demonic world to operate in. They tickle folks with curiosity, use the experimentation to slide in, then take over the controls of the life, via emotions. All the while, the whole scene is hidden from view. Christians get involved, and the devils laugh, staking claim to areas of the soul (and body). Because people FEEL nothing, they assume it is nothing; but the mind and the heart are systematically darkened, leading to a whole host of evils, lies and problems. The vast majority of dysfunctions of the mind are directly related to witchcraft, which remains hidden under blankets of “I forgot”, and “I didn’t know”.

People often say to me, “But how can a Christian have a demon?” Perhaps a better question is, “What happens when a demon has a Christian?” Paul says, that “to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey.” In 2 Tim. 2, he instructs Timothy on how to help people “recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will”. Simon the sorcerer, upon meeting up with his past in front of Peter, was told that he was in the “bond of iniquity. For simplicity’s sake, that means “present chains of past sin”. The Christians in Ephesus, saved for 1-2 entire years, still had these books and objects of curious arts (things that work, but no one knows how) in their houses. They were greatly hindered by it, (unknowingly) but they repented when 7 Jewish stakers hit the streets. (Acts 19) They got together and burned it all, completely collapsing the hold of demonic idolatry on the region. “So grew the WORD OF GOD, and prevailed.”

There should be a natural repulsion to this kind of thing, especially among believers. In today’s world, honestly, I tremble just a bit. We have entered a time where the desire for witchcraft is unprecedented in civilized history. 75% of high-school girls have tried casting spells by graduation. 30% have been approached by some ‘evangelist’ from the dark side. Satan is an incrementalist; he takes as small of steps as necessary, to suck people from one position to another, then another, and so on. Young people are being drawn to movies, books, music, and events that portray and glorify Satanism, the occult, seances, spells, magic, and vampires. Every song, every movie, every scene, releases the lock on the door of the mind, opens the latch.... propels us one step closer to something like Charlie/Charlie,

which is in simple terms, an open invitation to a demon. The demon, in turn, propels us back to the music, to the movies about the occult, the horror, the paranormal, the demonic. Even so-called “Christian” movies, portraying the supernatural underworld in fiction, open door a little in minds, drawing us to the next step. (By the time a child reaches his teens, he knows more about witchcraft than he does about God, ed.)

I realize there are a thousand opinions about all this stuff. There is no kind of witchcraft, anywhere that I know of, that is not defended by at least some “Christian”, somewhere. I am not interested in a truckload of opinions, especially emotional ones, dumped on me about this stuff; If someone has a well-researched, valid, life-experience backed notion, that may be helpful. But over-all, I hate witchcraft: I am not in the least fascinated by it, and I tend to resent any time that I have to waste, examining it. Paul wanted believers “wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.” I concur. But all the preaching, all the rhetoric, all the symbolism, all the motions, do very little to penetrate a mind and heart darkened by the demonic. And tho folks may be Christians, as in Simon’s case, or Acts 19, they are still often troubled, and even dangerous to the Kingdom, because of this influence and involvement. The bottom line is, I want folks to be free. I want people to connect with the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and LORD. I want the glorious gospel of Christ to explode around us, then in us, then out of us to others. I want the Kingdom to surge forward in power, with freedom, love and miracles leaking out all over the place. I want the “Word of God to grow mightily, and prevail”, both in our lives, and all around

us. But I am acutely aware that this is unlikely to be a reality where involvements with witchcraft exist. Light and darkness don’t mix well. God, for all the Love that He is, will not compromise His Holiness, and promises to destroy those that defile the temple. 1 Co 3:16-17 “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.” This is not, mind you, an angry God trying to hurt folks; this is the natural results of choosing to turn to His enemy. God has a natural negative attitude toward the demonic world. When He puts His Life and Nature in us, it follows that we should have a similar attitude. We have enough to deal with, in our own selves, and in the fallen world

around us, without reaching into the dark underworld for kicks and giggles, or for any other reason. Christ is to be our “all in all”, not our ‘some in some’. There is no room in Christ for these agreements with devils.

If you have been bamboozled into the Charlie-Charlie game, Ouija boards, up-table, 8-ball, light-as-a-feather, pendulums, or any of the other hundred things out there connected to the occult, I urge you to seek freedom. On our website, www.stutzmansingers.com. we carry a book *Gripped By a Dark Hand*, by Paul Weaver, that describes and defines much of the occult that has crept into the plain culture and circles. If you doubt the existence of any of this, as a reality at all, we have a book entitled, *When Pigs Move In*, by Don Dickerman, or you can order it directly from his website:

<http://ddmmin.tripod.com/dondickerman/store.html>

If something you were involved with was brought to your attention, whatever you do, please do not ignore it. Having God point out things like this in our lives, is a notable gift from Heaven, do not despise the gift. Find someone to pray with you, through the issue at hand. Repent of it, with all involvements and sin it brought. Carry it to the cross, and renounce it. Then have the friend involved, take authority over any spirits using that sin as an invitation, to leave, in the Name of Jesus Christ. If you, or your friend, are uncomfortable with this scene, we have a prayer format we will e-mail you to use free of charge (info@stutzmansingers.com) no magic words, just repentance and clear addressing of the demonic in Jesus Name.

Live Free.

Note: Aug 14 made me a 30 year man trapped in a 79 year old body.

WRINKLES

A Short Time With Larry 8-4-2020.

For most of my life, I could take smart remarks and put-downs. And then, and then I heard it; the life killing, snide descriptive, cutting words from some evil word crafter, who has no respect for man or beast:

“Larry’s getting all wrinkled up.” To which another remarked, “Yes, yes, he is, and he is as bald as a turkey buzzard.”

I took encouragement from a person who was a childhood hero and still is one in my dotage:

“Age wrinkles the body. Quitting wrinkles the soul.”

General Douglas MacArthur.

The General gave one of the best speeches in history to an assembly at West Point when he received the Sylvanus Thayer Award for outstanding service to the nation. He was 82. He spoke for 34 minutes with no notes or PowerPoint and held the crowd spellbound. It’s called Duty, Honor, Country. Every American should hear this speech.

Courtesy of Berean Baptist Church of Terre Haute.

Make today count

“You may determine the quality of a person’s life by the level of their commitment to excellence.” Tom Landry

PERSONAL

Sitting at my computer with my window open and looking out across corn growing around us, I sometimes hear a Bobwhite quail. That sweet whistle reminds me that God is in control and all is right with the world. As a very young boy when we lived on my grandad’s farm in Owen County, Indiana, the Bobwhites were very common. (Years ago, Purdue urged the farmers to take out all fencerows, and plant from property line to property line. And thus, the demises of the game birds that lived in those fencerows.) I feel sorry for those who have never had the opportunity to sit and listen to a Bobwhite. They have missed one of the many joys of rural living. The Whip-por-will is also a sweet reminder of God’s love for his creation, though they can be quite persistent with their whistle. I have heard none around us here.

Our major concern is Bettie’s cancer. We need prayer as to how best deal with it. Thank the Lord, it is not inflammatory breast cancer as Carol had 21 years ago. (I forgot the danger of biopsies, which break through the body’s natural barrier against infection. I refused a prostate biopsy years ago. The urologists told me then that he would tell me when it was time to stress.)

My oldest daughter, whose husband was transferred to Nashville with Duluth Trading Co, has been involved in a strong spiritual battle within their family. As they are spiritually cleaning their home, here are some things they have encountered. **1)** There are games designed for children on a smart phone and iPad. Technology allows the devices to recognize when a child is using the device. The device then presents to the child porn cartoon movies. They pop up only when a child is using the

device for a game or cartoon. My daughter found that if an adult is using the device, there is nothing unseemly shown on the device. **2)** After sitting down and examining the “cartoon” they have been watching, the TV has gone off with VERY FEW exceptions. The children are starting to enjoy reading. **3)** Books that appear to be innocent may have just a few pages hidden within that promote witchcraft, teaching the glories of and how to cast spells. **4)** They attended a Christian funeral of her favorite aunt. One of the families there had a little girl about 7-years-old. Her youngest daughter is 5. She and the 7-year-old were sitting on a couch sharing a book. A few months later, the 5-year-old came weeping to her parents telling of the witchcraft that was in that book, and she could not get it out of her mind. She was having terrible nightmares, and could not sleep. Of course, they prayed over her, and assigned her a book of the bible (KJV is the easiest to memorize) to memorize that her mind would be cleansed by “the washing of the water by the word.” **5)** They also encountered a Hasbro doll at Goodwill, “Trolls World Tour” with rainbow colors that promotes the sodomite and pedophile agenda. It has a button in the “No-No” spot that when pushed, the doll produces “gasping” noises.

Obviously, “Harry Potter” was and is a very real and dangerous attraction to witchcraft. The author even admitted that she was given the books in her mind. In addition, we are inundated with “Good Witch” movies, which includes “Forzen I & II.”

In 1986, “*Turmoil in the Toybox*,” by Phil Phillips and published by Starburst Publishers, Box 4123, Lancaster PA, 17604. (In 1989, he published “*Turmoil in the Toybox II*.”) “Many parents are ignorant of the role toys and cartoons play in a child’s life. I was too, until one day when I walked into a toy store,” *Toybox*, p. 15. He points out that toys have always been and are a necessary part of a child’s life. He covers story books, cartoons, games, advertisements to children, toys such as the Smurfs, Care Bears, G.I. Joe, Spider Man, Transformer, My Little Pony, Barbie. He uncovers the ungodly, even occult influence of children’s toys and games. 1986 seems like a life-time ago, but it is even more fitting today. It seems that the only safe toys are those that demand an imagination, e.g., Legos, cars, construction toys for boys, and unnamed, plain dolls, doll houses and pretend cooking, &c. for girls. He warns against any toys that are promoted by games, movies and cartoons. (We hope to have a review of the

book in the next Examiner. No children? How about grandchildren?)

As grace from above is denied, grace from below must take its place.

Over the past 2 or so years, I have been getting shots in my left eye. In the late 1990s, a seepage developed behind the retina in my left eye. We caught it early, and a laser was used to stop the seepage. It did leave a distortion at about the 2 o’clock position, but the distortion improved. The doctor at that time said only about 10% recover their vision. God was good. Cataract surgery aggravated the problem, and the VA sent me to an eye doctor to try to reduce the fluid behind the retina. He used a generic medication that helped very little. After about a year, the VA sent me to a retina specialist who used the brand name medication. (Price difference, \$50 vs \$1800.) After about a year of those shots and another laser procedure he developed, my left eye has improved dramatically enough that he is stretching out the shots to every 6 weeks. Our goal is to get away from the shots.

I plan to periodically post sermons with their texts on sermonaudio.com/providence. I will also send the messages to the Sunday Sermon mailing list. Due to the limited space in the Examiner, I hope to deal with many things that would normally be in the Examiner. Links and email copies will go the Sunday message mailing list. Lord willing, I hope to post messages on YouTube.

Time is of an essence. I am trying to get material reformatted, edited and published with an ISBN number. I am currently working on “Biblical Tongues and God’s Judgment.” In the meantime, we have a large piece of property to maintain.

Bettie was told by Jennie, her oldest daughter, that COVID has greatly increased the homeschool movement, as both parents and teachers are “sick” of the children being used as political Pawns.

And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from one fire, and another fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I set my face against them. (Ezekiel 15:7 His judgment makes the Lord known to the wicked.)

Brethren, pray for us.

LETTER

Dear Pastor Need

After reading the May issue of The Biblical Examiner, I sat back and thought what a gift this issue is to

God's people both here and abroad. It is a perfect reflection of your scholarship and dedication to research in order to provide the best to your readers. I encourage every Saint to make time in the monthly study schedule for the Biblical Examiner.

6/30/20, Robert Gairing, Phd. Loveland, Co.

DESCENT FROM FREEDOM TO BONDAGE

Marxists are clearly seeking to overthrow "Christian" America. With vast sums of money, primarily supplied by George Soros, the Marxists have gained control of a large portion of Congress, and of many states as well as the AGs of many states. Seizing upon the wonderful opportunity presented by the manufactured COVID War, the Marxists in power have prevented law enforcement from ending the riots. The result is that their cities are being burned down, and large corporations are being required to pay protection money to the anarchists.

Khrushchev's Message 61 years ago: Many of us can remember when Khrushchev said "We [Communism] will bury you!" Almost exactly sixty years ago since Russia's Khrushchev delivered this September 29, 1959 message:

"Your children's children will live under communism, You Americans are so gullible. No, you won't accept communism outright; but we will keep feeding you small doses of socialism until you will finally wake up and find you already have Communism. We will not have to fight you; We will so weaken your economy, until you will fall like overripe fruit into our hands." "The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

Remember, socialism leads to Communism. So, how do you create a Socialistic State? There are 8 levels of control—read the following recipe:

1) Healthcare - Control healthcare and you control the people. **2) Poverty** - Increase the poverty level as high as possible, poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything for them. **3) Debt** - Increase the debt to an unsustainable level. That way you are able to increase taxes, and this will produce more poverty. **4) Gun Control** - Remove the ability to defend themselves from the Government. That way you are able to create a police state. **5) Welfare** - Take control of every aspect (food, housing, in-

come) of their lives because that will make them fully dependent on the government. **6) Education** - Take control of what people read and listen to and take control of what children learn in school. **7) Religion** - Remove the belief in God from the Government and schools because the people need to believe in ONLY the government knowing what is best for the people. **8) Class Warfare** - Divide the people into the wealthy and the poor. Eliminate the middle class This will cause more discontent and it will be easier to tax the wealthy with the support of the poor.

A perfect parallel to the Democrat platform being offered in the upcoming election!!!! It differs little from what the Republicans either are doing or are permitting. The conservative Christian is caught between the "Devil and the Deep Blue Sea."

THE AMERICAN DREAM NOW A NIGHTMARE THE ECONOMY IS DEAD

Gerald Celente, June 30, 2020.

The nation's economy is Dead, killed by the politicians' who started the COVID War.

The COVID War, like all the other wars that they start, the fearful follow them. This war has no relationship to the real world. Go back to the beginning of the lockdowns. Listen to what Wall Street said: "It will be a V-shaped recovery." Remember what Main Street was saying back then? "It will come back." No, it won't, and no, it isn't. ... Yesterday, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that nearly half of Americans, 47.2 percent, are jobless. This is unprecedented. Yet, it is barely news, and the implications are downplayed and/or ignored...

Reported virus cases do not equal death. The recovery rate is, 99.35%

Gerald Celente. He has a daily short video clip at <https://trendsresearch.com/>

However, Trump is touting a The US economy added a record 4.8 million jobs in June, according to the latest jobs report released Thursday morning, reducing unemployment to 11.1 percent, down from a peak of 14.7 percent in April. Who is right?

The Author of the Nightmare

Ephesians 1:9 *Having made known unto us the mystery*



of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 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: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

It is clearly stated throughout scripture that though the wicked continually conspire against *the Lord and his against his Anointed*, history is not controlled by conspiracies. It is the Sovereign God of scripture who is the unseen cause of every event in the history of mankind. It was determined before the beginning that Christ would be crucified, so all events of all time have been, are and will be according to the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of the Tri-une God, as he works toward the fulfillment of 1 Cor 15:27, 28, Acts 2:23.

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.*

As we consider what is taking place around us, by *faith we understand* that God is the one who is moving the hearts of the wicked in their efforts to overthrow our nation. Let us all cry out to the Lord as did the father in

Mark 9:24 *And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.*

We been warned for years of the coming judgment against America, and it appears it is now here. **Proverbs 8:36** *But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.*

The nation that was to be considered a “City upon a Hill,” and at one time was claimed to be the “land of the free, and home of the brave.” It is now a nation of fearful cowards hiding behind masks because they were told to do so. The enemy is not only at the gates, but is in the process of burning down the “City upon a Hill,” as the fearful stand back and watch, and even supply the funds with which to burn down the city.

...for we must Consider that we shall be as a City upon a Hill, the eyes of all people are upon us; so that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken and so cause him to withdraw his present help from us, we shall be made a story and a byword through the world, we shall open the mouths of enemies to speak evil

of the way of God and all professors for God’s sake; we shall shame the faces of many of God’s worthy servants, and cause their prayers to be turned into Curses upon us till we be consumed out of the good land whither we are going:

... ***But if our hearts shall turn away so that we will not obey, but shall be seduced and worship other Gods, our pleasures, and profits, and serve them, it is pronounced unto us this day, we shall surely perish out of the good Land whither we pass over this vast Sea to possess it:***

Therefore let us choose life, that we, and our Seed, may live; by obeying his voice, and cleaving to him, for he is our life, and our prosperity:

John Winthrop, 1630. <https://thehistoricpresent.com/2010/06/28/the-city-upon-a-hill-and-puritan-hubris/>

Winthrop’s words are coming to pass as Christians stand by and “fiddle as Rome burns.” This once brave nation is fearful to stand up to the Marxists who are implementing communism with clearly un-constitutional actions, and there seems too little alarm.

Where are fearless pastors who will stand up, call sin sin, and expose the enemy with the light of God’s word, as Dr. Voddie Baucham is doing? We should be continually amazed as well-known pastors refuse to shine the light of God’s word upon the evils of our day. Not only do they fail to warn God’s people, there are those who support and even join with the anarchistic anti-Christ crowd. Where would this nation be if it were

not for the boldness of the early preachers to take a stand for God’s truth in their troubled time? Where is the boldness of a lion in the pulpit as men proclaim the word of God?



Proverbs 28:1 *The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.*

Let us not imagine for a moment that the wicked do not realize that boldness evaporates in the face of fear and guilt. For some years now and using every means possible, the wicked have been creating a guilty conscience in the public—guilty for not being black, guilty for having more than someone else has, guilty for following the Christian religion, guilty for anything the wicked can lay upon the rest of the population.

Because the Marxist politicians allow and even en-

courage the treasonous anarchists and refuse to allow the federal government to step in and enforce law and order in their domain, the large corporations are left with no choice but to pay homage to the anarchist in order to protect their properties from being destroyed, e.g.,

Walmart Caves On ‘All Lives Matter’ Merchandise

https://www.westernjournal.com/walmart-caves-lives-matter-merchandise/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=WJBreaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=western-journal

What can we expect from these large corporations like Walmart, Wendy’s, Chick-Fil-A, Apple, when there is not law enforcement? (I am sure the destruction of the Walmart store in Chicago got corporate attention.)

It is evident that a major motive behind “defunding” the police is so there will be no law enforcement, leaving not only retail businesses but individuals with no choice but to bow to the demands of anarchistic mobs.

And thus, we are in the midst of the overthrow of America by a very small very committed minority that is willing to literally burn down this country to obtain their goals.

‘Do As They Say’: Minneapolis Police Tell Residents To ‘Be Prepared To Give Up’ Personal Belongings To Robbers

Exclusive from Gen. Flynn: If We Don’t Act, 2% of the People Are About To Control the Other 98%

https://www.westernjournal.com/exclusive-gen-flynn-dont-act-2-people-control-98/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=conservative-brief-WJ&utm_campaign=dailypm&utm_content=western-journal

US IS PLEADING FOR JUDGMENT

as the US Army celebrates sodomy with June Pride Month.

The US Army video opens with this statement: “The strength of our nation is our army; the strength of our army is its cultures; and our cultures are stronger because of their diversity.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHDST3u1Fpk&app=desktop>

Some of us can remember the propaganda blitz of some years ago: “Our strength is in our diversity.” That propaganda laid the groundwork for what we have today, as the US has divided up into many diverse and competing factions. The various anti-Christ factions have united as one in their war against “Christian America.” They are blackmailing corporate America: Either pay big bucks to this faction, or we will burn you down, and the corporations are paying. The factions then use

those funds to further their destructive cause. The average American stands back dumbfounded not knowing what to do. The American spirit that gained independence from England has vanished as we meekly submit to foolish, nonsensical and non-constitutional laws imposed by the new Marxist regimes in various states.

My son-in-law was waiting in the hospital for his wife who was having surgery. Another man was waiting, but did not have on a mask, and refused to put one on. The hospital called the police who threatened jail time if he did not put on a mask. The police do not have time nor manpower to answer 911 calls, but they have time to answer lockdown and mask violations.

HOMOSEXUALS AND THE DEATH PENALTY IN COLONIAL AMERICA, LOUIS CROMPTON, PH.D.

ABSTRACT: This article traces the legislative history of statutes prescribing the death penalty for sodomy in 17th-century New England and in the other American colonies. New England and some middle colonies broke with English legal tradition by adopting explicitly biblical language. After the Revolution, Pennsylvania took the lead, in 1786, in dropping the death penalty.

... The Body of Liberties approved by the Colony of Massachusetts Bay in 1641 welcomed refugees seeking to escape “the Tyranny or oppression of their persecutors” or famines or wars. For several hundred years America was to serve as a haven for minorities threatened with religious or political persecution in other lands. What then did it offer the homosexual? Not, assuredly, liberty or the pursuit of happiness. Indeed, it appears that in 1776 male homosexuals in the original 13 colonies were universally subject to the death penalty, and that in earlier times, for a brief period in one colony, lesbians had been liable to the same punishment for relations with other women.

The following essay is an attempt to trace the capital laws against homosexuals in these colonies from their origin in the first settlements until their abolition after the Revolution. ...

<https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1061&context=englishfacpubs>

The nations that have forgotten God are now being turned into a living hell. They are willingly turning toward a nation that hates God, and that will not tolerate sodomy, China.

The one worlders made Communist China rich enough to purchase America. Rather than prosperity turning China into a capitalist society as planned, it made China into a Dragon intent on and able to swal-

low up the entire world. It is the God of heaven and earth who moved influential men to transfer America's wealth to China; it is the God of heaven and earth that is moving China to swallow up the world. (Dan 4:33-35. When will sound reason return to foolish, stupid men, v. 36?)

China stakes claim to S. Texas oil, gas

<https://www.mysanantonio.com/business/local/article/China-stakes-claim-to-S-Texas-oil-gas-858329.php>

Chinese buy strategic land in Texas, U.S. intel may not be pleased

<https://www.lifezette.com/2020/06/chinese-buy-strategic-land-in-texas-u-s-intel-may-not-be-pleased/>

China Orders Christians To Renounce God Or We'll Cut Off Food and Housing

<https://janejanejane.com/2020/06/29/china-orders-christians-to-renounce-god-or-well-cut-off-food-and-housing/>

The God of Heaven has exalted China as judgment against the nations that hate God.

Communists, Islamists and Radicals Behind the BLM Movement Hijack America – While Others Sheepishly Comply

By Joe Hoft, June 28, 2020

We reported a month ago that recent riots in the US in many Democrat-led cities around the country are hardly spontaneous. They are coordinated. The groups behind these riots are linked to communists, Islamic groups and the Democrat party.

https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/06/communists-islamists-radicals-behind-blm-movement-hijack-america-others-sheepishly-comply/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=the-gateway-pundit&utm_campaign=dailypm&utm_content=weekend

Note that in the pictures of the rioting BLM anarchists – the anarchists are mostly young white (college educated?) males. The looters are primarily blacks. The white anarchists are stirring up the blacks to riot, loot and burn down the cities, so the blame then falls on the blacks. The result is the serious split between the two “races” while the anarchists stand above the fray, and take over the government.

We are told that appearances are deceiving:

John 7:24 *Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.*

Though things appear to be totally controlled by the wicked who conspire together against the Lord and his Anointed, yet *Through faith we understand* (Heb 11:3) that God's righteous judgment, Divine Providence is working all things for his glory, and for the benefit of the Elect, the Church.

A major problem is that many US politicians, the mainstream media and companies are complying and supporting this hijacking.

Deuteronomy 28 is taking place right before our eyes, e.g., v. 61 ***Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.*** V. 68 ***And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.*** (The massive national and personal debt has put us in bondage to the FED who bought us with their fiat “money.”)

Read the Old Testament and keep count of the many times God says, “And they shall know I am the Lord.” Those statements are at the conclusion of his warnings of coming judgment upon his covenant people. In other words, the purpose of his judgment against a rebellious people is so they will know that He is the Lord.

Fear has taken hold of this nation. The offers of political and military solutions are as clouds without water; they offer hope in the desert, yet do not deliver. Might of arms are useless against an enemy that God has exalted.

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SUBVERSION

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What is happening when people deny the veracity of God's Word? What is happening when human life, especially in the prenatal period of development, is being extinguished so lightly? What is happening when immorality is made the norm? What is happening when people destroy the Constitution? What is happening when history is being rewritten to fit the liberal narrative? What is happening when monuments built in a former generation are being destroyed? What is happening when authority figures are being accosted?

How do we answer those questions! There is subversion of “thus saith the Lord.” There is subversion of “thou shalt not kill” to support the convenience of death. There is the “calling of evil good and good evil.” There is the practice of anarchy to replace a republic. There is an attempt to change what has been the acknowledgment of our forefathers to the active repudiation of the dead. There is an embracing of lawlessness as the new norm. There is a repudiation of God, the

ultimate authority.

We are witnessing the subversion of right for wrong, subversion of truth for error, subversion of life for death, subversion of righteousness for wickedness, subversion of law and order for crime and chaos, subversion of reality for make believe, subversion of honor for dishonor, subversion of history for fantasy, subversion of liberty for bondage.

Webster, in his first edition, defines SUBVERT', v.t. [L. subverto; sub and verito, to turn.]

1. To overthrow from the foundation; to overturn; to ruin utterly. The northern nations of Europe subverted the Roman empire. He is the worst enemy of man, who endeavors to subvert the Christian religion. The elevation of corrupt men to office will slowly, but surely, subvert a republican government.

This would subvert the principles of all knowledge.

2. To corrupt; to confound; to pervert the mind, and turn it from the truth. 2 Tim. 2.

Subversion is nothing new! It was clearly visible in the Garden of Eden. It began with Satan, the father of lies and the daddy of depraved humanity. Jesus knowing all things exposed the pretention of the religious leaders of His day with this confrontation, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not" (John 8:44-45).

The first subversion was manifested verbally in the Garden of Eden by that old serpent the devil (Ez. 28:13-19; Rev. 12:9; 20:2). The serpent said unto Eve, "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" (Gen. 3:1). Here the character of the devil is on display when he used very subversive language to question the veracity of what God had said to Adam and Eve previously (Gen. 2:16-17). He must have been eavesdropping. Edward J. Young explained:

With the serpent's first utterance it becomes apparent that an enemy of God is speaking.... The first words uttered form a question, which seems designated to cast doubt upon God's goodness.... Perhaps we can to a certain extent bring out the force of the question if we render, 'Is it really a fact that God has prohibited you from eating of all the trees of the garden?'[1]

The subversive nature of this intervention in the gar-

den was to plant a seed of doubt in the mind relative to the nature of God and the truthfulness of His words. Eve's reply to the serpent was to try and correct an error, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die" (Gen. 3:2-3). Eve was correct up to the last part of verse 3 where she became guilty of adding to the Word of God when she said, "neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die." Now she was taking unlawful liberty with God's word by embellishing what God said; so the serpent recognizing her error replied, "Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Gen. 3:4-5). So the serpent adds to God's word and accuses God of envy and provoking her to pride and curiosity. The serpent was saying, "God does not want you to become a god in knowledge."

The promise is, that they shall resemble the Supreme God, their Creator and Governor; and this is farther amplified or illustrated by the assurance of their being put in possession of the knowledge of good and evil, that is, being made to participate in the fullness of knowledge. This last suggestion was exceedingly insidious....

And yet, though every word of this statement was a lie, and every thought horrid blasphemy and rebellion against the Eternal Lawgiver and Judge, and might have been seen by the woman to be supported by no other evidence than the bold assertions of him who gave them utterance, the representations are believed, and the implied though not expressed counsel is followed. [Donald MacDonald, *The Biblical Doctrine of Creation and the Fall*]

What did Eve do? She "saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat" (Gen. 3:6). This disobedience brought immediate death spiritually as God had warned and physical death began its reign. "Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12). Thus mankind was subverted! This subversion was evident in Cain's murder of his brother Abel because God rejected the false worship of Cain but received the true worship of Abel. Cain became a wanderer trying to escape the presence of God. Cain's

subversion was to be at cross purposes with God. Cain's wish was that there be no God, and the Cain-complex consisted of hatred of God. He had the same attitude as "the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains: And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb" (Rev. 6:15-16).

Being possessed of the Cainitic wish that there be no God, the sons of Cain, his spiritual heirs, seek to eliminate every trace of God from reality. Order, design, intelligence, purpose, and meaning are all denied in principle, because God is denied in principle. But man can only eliminate God, and all sign-posts pointing to God, by eliminating all reality, including himself, for all things witness to God, their Creator. The result is ... an "integration into the void." Man dissolves himself whenever he seeks to dissolve God. [R. J. Rushdoony]

Why are the university students, the progressives and the drug dependent crowd seeking to destroy society as we know it? The old society has the vestiges of God and God's people, law and order, which the new descendants of Cain want obliterated. Responsibility is renounced because it is too Biblical for responsibility shows there is an authority outside of self. The reason is it recognizes God's authority. The primary demarcation between paganism and Biblical faith is its concept of responsibility. Thus these rebels feel hurt, oppressed, and cast off. What do they do? They agitate, demonstrate, aggravate, and remonstrate against people of law and order to maintain their sense of being persecuted. Remember Cain saying, "My punishment is greater than I can bear" (Gen. 4:13) even though he had murdered his brother. He considered his brother's life of insignificance compared to the god of self. Cain was the offender but claimed to be offended. The Cainites were vagabonds from God, from righteousness, from lawfulness, from civil society these were the elements they were working against. They avidly sought the destruction of the God ordained way of life and all monuments to it.

Satan, the father of fallen

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mankind and father of Cain, has put his subversive plan to work in every avenue of our culture in order to destroy morality, truth, righteousness, justice and honor. He is the enemy of God and man. "Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Pet. 5:8). Since this is the modus operandi of the devil, he is the number one subversive with millions of his children walking about seeking who and what they may destroy. They leave destruction in their wake!

Clearly the stakes are very high in the contemporary culture war. It is a war for dominion over today and control over tomorrow. As Hunter succinctly puts it, "culture conflict is ultimately about the struggle for domination." In shaping the culture both camps seek to shape this generation and influence (if not define) those that come after. The progressive camp is set on destroying cultural values that the orthodox hold dear, and vice versa... The outcome remains in the balance. [Dr. Robert D. Stacey]

In this light what should a child of God do? "Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" (1 Pet. 5:9-11). The first Adam was the representative of the lost world and the second Adam Christ is the representative of the redeemed world. "For

this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8). And that He might save His people from their sins. That they might repent to the acknowledgement of the truth and be recovered out of the snare of the devil who now takes them captive whenever he so desires (2 Tim. 2:25-26).

