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## THE WAR INTENSIFIES

Several times we have mentioned that God shakes all things that can be shaken as He works to subdue all nations of the world under the footstool of Jesus Christ. The first shaking of the gospel age was the fall of Jerusalem and His destruction of the apostate Jewish culture and nation; that is, Old Testament Israel. In the March Examiner, we saw how the SBC has been shaken; it has shown itself to be built upon the sand as it requires submission to the beast of Revelation 13, which is defined as the apostate, humanist State.

In this Examiner, we will see how another well-known “Christian” ministry has been shaken, and has revealed its foundation of sand. As these well-known “Christian” ministries are being shaken, their true anti-Christian nature that may have been hidden in the past is now being clearly revealed; they are bringing open shame upon the name “Christian.” Their shaking will work its way down, and the true nature of those ministries that have supported and do support the SBC and Bethany Christian Services will be revealed. Will they stand according to the Word of God, or will they continue to support these various antichrist “Christian” ministries? Admittedly, though various ministries that claim to be Christian may deny the final authority of the Word of God, not everything that emits from them is anti-Christian. (From the beginning, the devil is a liar and the father of lies, so he can be expected to put on a godly façade. Behind his godly



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exterior he specializes in bringing in error to undermine the work of God, Acts 20:29.)

### PARENTHESES:

**2 Peter 2:1** *But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.*

Consider how damnable heresies can be quietly and unknowingly inserted by the devil

with just a word or two, as he seeks to win the hearts and minds of sincere Christians from the Truth. One cannot go wrong by staying with translations that are faithful to the Textus Receptus. (See the damnable heresy of the best-selling NIV translation in this issue.)

Antichrist is just what the name says it is; it is any spirit that is contrary to the Spirit of Christ, and seeks to undermine everything the Christian God represents; the spirit of Christ is evidenced by love for and obedience to the law-word of God.

**1 John 2:18** *Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.*

St. John defines the antichrist not as an individual any more than 666 is an individual; rather, the antichrist represents the spirit of rebellion *against the LORD, and against his anointed*. Antichrist is the spirit of those trying to destroy godly law and order, which is the overwhelming spirit of the last time. We are presently living in the heat of that war where it appears that the antichrist is obtaining his goal of overthrowing the Kingdom of God.

**2:19, when “push came to shove,”** they denied the authority of the Word of God, and thus revealed that they are not presently a Christian ministry. (We must admit that these ministries no doubt were founded on a solid Christian foundation, but as the founders passed into history, their Christian foundation also passed into history. Their former Christian foundation drew loyalty and finances from Christians who now continue to support their antichrist actions.) Thus, their denial of the law-word of God shows those who have supported the once Christian ministries are now supporting the antichrist in his war against the Lord.

**Illustration:** Across the street from the Linden Church lived a family who attended the Methodist Church. I asked him why they continued to attend a church that had departed so much from where it used to be. His answer was that because his mother used to play the organ there, he felt obligated to stay. How many professed Christians continue to support a ministry because of emotional attachment though it now operates contrary to the word of God?

#### **SELF-PROFESSED CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES’ ATTACK AGAINST THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY.**

As Christians, we should be shocked at how quickly self-professed Christian ministries are revealing their anti-family and antichrist nature.

**First**, in the March issue of the Examiner, we pointed out how Al Mohler departed from the Christian faith when he required all new students at the SBC seminary to sign allegiance to the beast, i.e., civil government mandates. (See March TBE, “How the Mighty are Fallen.”)

**Second**, the 03.27.21 issue of World requires another look at the current and continuing denial of the Christian faith by those that profess to be Christian ministries. Various quotes from World:

**Bethany’s break**— After decades of affirming Christian teaching on marriage, Bethany Christian Services will allow same-sex couples to foster and adopt children in all

its locations. (By Jamie Dean, March 27:2021)

We shall look closer at Bethany Christian Services’ denial of the Christian faith shortly, but first let us understand the Issue

#### **GOD’S EMPHASIS ON THE FAMILY**

It should go without saying that from the beginning of time, the family, i.e., one man married to one woman, is the basis of a godly social order. (Gen 2:24, Ex 21:17, Lev 20:9, Deut 21:18-20, Pro 30:17, Mat 19:5, Mar 7:10, Eph 5, Col 3, &c.)

As one reads through the Old Testament, particularly the Decalogue, he cannot help but see the emphasis that God places on the family. There are many passages that require the death penalty for those who attack the family, e.g., laws concerning adultery, sodomy, fornication, the bystander, and even the law of jealousy. There are many other laws that emphasize the importance of the family, the law of the vow, &c.

**The Devil knows that if he can undermine God’s word concerning the family,** and get the church to ignore the laws concerning the family, society will be yielded over to him. The destruction of the family must take place in order for his desired New World Order to overthrow the Lord and his Anointed. The long sought after NWO, which both Bush 1 & 2 pushed heavily, is not New, for it started in the Garden with the offer that man could be his own God. The NWO is an order where man is his own god and the measure of all things, and that universal power is centered in a few élite. Christians who follow the news should be greatly distressed as we watch the success that the Serpent is having in destroying the biblical view of law and life, particularly in the family.

**We must not give Satan too much credit,** for James tells us that every man is tempted as he is led astray by his own lust. In order to remove personal responsibility for our sin, we blame others, including the Devil, e.g., Flip Wilson’s shirt, “The Devil Made Me Do It.” However, James 1:13-15 tells us that the fault lies at our own door, for the temptation started in the Garden with the offer that man could be like God and predestine, or control all things according to his own good pleasure, his fiat word.

It is even more disquieting that the church in general is ignoring the problem as it fails to defend the biblical family in its teaching and practice. Interesting observation from

**Ephesians 6:17** *And take the helmet of salvation, and*

*the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

The helmet by itself is useless in the battle against the various anti-family agendas, for the victory must be won with the proper use of the sword.

Building up and emphasizing the helmet will not defend the family and advance the Kingdom; rather, defense and advancement depends upon the proper use of the sword, for it is The law of the LORD that produces wisdom, converts the soul and subdues the nations to Christ, *i.e.*, victory for Christ. (Ps 19)

Ignoring the problem, and not supporting the family from the Word of God denies the Christian faith. It is like a “dog chasing his tail,” for when the church fails to protect and support the godly family, it destroys itself and the society in which it exists. Though we do not like to face the fact, we are clearly told that the root of the problem is in the house of God.

**1 Peter 4:17** *For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?*

That is, the problem is in the local church that does not teach and apply the entire command-word of God:

(house of God: he can mean the same as the “spiritual house” of #1Pe 2:5 or a local church. Biggs even takes it to refer to the family. [RWP]; ...reserving the phrase for the temple (or the Christian community, #Heb 3:6 1Pe 4:17. [Theological Dictionary of the New Testament.]; 1 Pet 4:17 reserving the phrase for the temple (or the Christian community, #Heb 3:6 1Pe 4:17) [Barnes]; the Church of living believers. [JFB.]

**The overwhelming consensus of the commentators is that the house of God means the local congregation of believers;** therefore, the logical conclusion must trace the destruction of the family to the “Christian” pastors/leaders in the local congregations of the Lord.

But we must make this point! Throughout Scripture, the father is the one responsible for teaching or seeing that his family is not only taught the Word of God, but also how to apply the Word in every situation. The responsibility of the pastor/teachers is to train the fathers to take their position in their families, communities and in society in general. The lack of godly teaching from the pulpit does not excuse the father from his godly responsibility.

Bethany Christian Services’ denial of the Word of God

Though the denial of both the SBC, Bethany and others has been going on for some time, it is now even

more pronounced. FOLLOW THE MONEY!

**1 Timothy 6:6** *But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*

The more we pay attention to what is going on around us, the more we realize the accuracy of Paul’s warning in verse 10, the love of money is the root of all evil. Basically, it appears that it is the love of money, *i.e.*, covetousness or the lust for money, that has led to the compromise of the various self-identified Christian ministries; their compromise cannot be blamed upon the devil, for they are drawn away by their own lust and enticed, James 1:14. Bethany certainly is not alone in their denial of the Christian faith for money, for Bethany has joined the long list of ministries that have openly apostatized from the Christian faith due to the State’s offer of “free” money. What had been done by Bethany out of the public eye is now being exposed for all to see; the truth is being shouted from the housetop as they bring great public shame and reproach upon the name of Christ. (Ecc 10:20)

**James 2:7** *Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?*

Looking at Bethany’s continuing compromise, we see how it applies to all compromise: “Follow the money.”

**First**, let us make this point up front as we consider Bethany’s, and others, radical denial of the Christian faith with 1 Timothy 6:6-12. **Money:**

Bethany’s 2019 annual report showed private donations from individuals and groups had dropped from \$19 million to \$17 million from 2018 to 2019. In the same time period, the group’s service revenue had increased from \$103 million to \$113 million. A Bethany spokesperson confirmed the “vast majority of our service revenue is from government funding.

Government funding often comes with government strings, and some government officials are determined to tighten those strings for religious groups and others.

**The context of 1 Timothy 6: 6-12** is discontentment as one considers that gain is godliness, even when the gain is accomplished outside the bounds of Biblical Christianity. One starts with nothing, and with God's blessing, he accomplished much. But he is not content with the "much" God provides, and he desired more; that desire results in taking the Devil's bait (the snare), and he becomes entangled in the road to destruction and perdition. (See TBE, April 19, 2019, <https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/PDF/TBE%202019%2005.pdf>)

**Second**, looking behind the façade of Christianity, we many times see that the love of money is the motivation. Leaders are not content with what the Lord has provided to support their ministry, so they look to the State in order to expand their ministry. Discontent has led many godly men and ministries down the broad road to destruction. The desire for more money than what the Lord has seen fit to provide is a very effective snare of Satan.

*Proverbs 28:20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent. Psalms 91:3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. 119:110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.*

"Hence also those foolish, or rather, mad desires, which at length plunge them into perdition. This is, indeed, a universal evil; but in the pastors of the Church it is more easily seen; for they are so maddened by avarice, that they stick at nothing, however foolish, whenever the glitter of gold or silver dazzles their eyes." (Calvin)

**That is**, the covetous desire for more money "is more easily seen" in the religious leaders than in the out of sight average Christian. That desire for more drowns men in destruction and perdition; that is, it leads to compromise so they can have more money, even more money to do the "Lord's work."

**Third**, the enemy of all righteousness certainly understands the power of covetousness and the love of money. All advertising is rooted in covetousness. The offer of money is a very effective bait to trap even those who desire to serve the Lord. The Humanist crowd understands how the lusts of the flesh can easily cause many Christians to sacrifice their Christian faith for money to "do the Lord's work."

*Proverbs 1:17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.*

**Ver. 17.** Surely in vain the net.] Which is to say, Silly birds pick up the meat, but see not the net, and so be-

come a prey to the fowler. If the fruits of the flesh grow out of the trees of your hearts, saith blessed Bradford, {a} surely, surely the devil is at inn with you; you are his birds, whom when he hath well fed, he will broach you, and eat you, chew you, and champ you, world without end, in eternal woe and misery. (Trapp. Emp added)

The principle stress lies on the *b<sup>a</sup>eeyneey* { see definition 05869 } (before the eyes) as the reason of the *chi-naam* { see definition 02600 } (in vain), according to the saying of Ovid, *Quae nimis apparent retia, vitat avis....* Hitzig, Ewald, Zöckler, and others, therefore interpret *chnm*, {see definition 02600 [of mental or spiritual faculties (fig.)]} not in the sense of in vain, inasmuch as they do not let themselves be caught; but: in vain, for they see not the net, but only the scattered corn. (Keil)

**In other words**, v. 7 tells us that even though the victim sees the net, he still goes for the bait and is trapped by the fowler, who in this case is the devil. **Proverbs 1:17-19** tells us that those who are greedy of gain take the Devil's bait in believing that the "Godly end" justifies the "Ungodly means," and they rush to shed their own blood.

**Conclusion:** According to the word of God, those who sell their "Christianity" for the financial gain offered to them by the State know the Truth, yet they believed their "good" works outweigh their compromise; they shed their own blood, and destroy themselves. (Hosea 13:9). In fact, 1 Timothy 6:5 tells us to get away from those who compromise their professed Christianity for money.

**Our point is** that those religious organizations—including self-professed Orthodox Christian churches that fail to confront social issues, particularly social issues concerning the family—are those responsible for the destruction of the family. The result of Christian indifference to the importance of the family has destroyed our once great Christian society.

This writer has encountered more than a few professed Christians, professed Fundamentalist and professed Orthodox churches that deny the necessity of having a Christian government, or godly requirements for government; their Christianity remains within the confines of their particular organization. They leave the world around them to the Humanist State to save itself, and hope that State will tolerate them preaching the gospel of the Cross. The preaching of the gospel needed to expand the kingdom of God on earth can only be tolerated for a limited time by the humanist State, for that kind of preaching will not only overthrow the apostate State, but will overturn all organizations built

apart from the Cross of Christ. (1 Cor 1:18-19)

It appears that great many orthodox groups follow in the steps of Karl Barth and deny a Christian concept of civil government, yet readily affirm a Marxist Socialist government with the hope that they can survive in such a government. We are now confronted with living under a total Marxist government because the “house of God” has sacrificed biblical truth for government money, and public acclaim.

**Now let us continue with the 03.27.21 issue of World Magazine**, which requires another look at the current and continuing denial of the Christian faith by self-proclaimed Christian ministries.

### BETHANY’S BREAK

After decades of affirming Christian teaching on marriage, Bethany Christian Services will allow same-sex couples to foster and adopt children in all its locations

On the first day of March, a brief email announced a big change at *Bethany Christian Services*: The organization plans to follow “consistent inclusive practices” and “offer services with the love and compassion of Jesus to the many types of families who exist in our world today.”

**Comments:** 1) the “compassion of Jesus” was clearly according to the law that Jesus Christ established in the Old Testament, which demanded the death of sodomites. 2) Bethany changed the Word of God’s definition of a family being one man married to one woman to the humanist definition of a family, which includes two sodomites living together. **Follow the logical implications of anti-Christian actions such as Bethany’s:** This writer recently saw an article that identified two men living with one woman as a family. Of course, when the biblical definition of a family is ignored by supposed well-known Christian speakers, churches and ministries, such as Bethany, we certainly cannot expect an apostate state to support biblical marriages.

**Genesis 11:5** *And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. 6 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.*

**Romans 1: 21** *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

One can only imagine the horrendous implications of the vile imagination of fallen man, for it has no limits;

it is beyond Christian imagination. Vain imaginations combined with a godless State determined to destroy the WASP influence, the following things are not beyond the imagination and actions of the wicked, for we must fully expect the wicked shall do wickedly. (Dan 12:10. Biden is paying \$10,000 to every illegal who makes it into the US.)

#### 1) legal marriage between a human and a machine:

Undermining Intimacy: Sex Doll Makers Promise Breakthrough in ‘Synthetic Sexual Companionship’  
[https://www.westernjournal.com/undermining-intimacy-sex-doll-makers-promise-breakthrough-synthetic-sexual-companionship/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=WJBreaking&utm\\_campaign=ct-breaking&utm\\_content=western-journal](https://www.westernjournal.com/undermining-intimacy-sex-doll-makers-promise-breakthrough-synthetic-sexual-companionship/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=WJBreaking&utm_campaign=ct-breaking&utm_content=western-journal)

There are also male dolls in the “works.” Though sodomite unions and mechanical unions, as mentioned above, are clearly an abomination to God and beyond a Christian’s imagination, which is worse, sodomy or a machine?

2) **legal marriages** between two men and two women are approved by the Beast, so what prevents the State from **legalizing bestiality “marriages”** as was prevalent among the Canaanites when God dispossessed them from the land. Legal barriers down and the war against the WASP influence growing more intense, what would prevent bestiality marriages and then requiring supposed Christian family ministries such as Bethany to provide children for adoption to State defined families? (Sodomite “marriages” are becoming more common and promoted in movies and in women’s magazines to make sodomy socially acceptable. The only magazines we have found safe to allow into the home are “Magnaolia” and “World.” What will stop bestiality marriages from becoming socially acceptable seeing as how this nation has been turned over to blindness and self-destruction? Out of the realm of possibility? Hardly!

Remember in Judges when every man was doing what was right in his own eyes? Jephthah made a vow unto the Lord which resulted in him sacrificing his own daughter, Judges 11. When the ungodly State is at war with God and attempting to overthrow the Lord and his Anointed, what will hinder the State from recognizing unholy unions that are beyond a Christian’s imagination? (We cannot even imagine what is now taking place in the dark corners of society, maybe not with government approval but with government indifference.)

“Whenever a nation’s laws no longer reflect the standards of God, that nation is in rebellion against Him and will inevitably bear the consequences.”

Rep. GREG STEUBE, R-Fla., quoting from The Tony

Evans Bible Commentary on Feb. 25 while speaking on the House floor in opposition to the Equality Act, which would make it illegal to discriminate against homosexual and transgender individuals. Rep. Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., replied: “What any religious tradition ascribes as God’s will is no concern of this Congress.” (The House voted 224-206 in favor of the bill.)

<https://world.wng.org/2021/03/quotables>

Sadly, Rep. Nadler’s response that God has no place in Congress, that is, in civil government, is the general attitude of not only many Christians, but of the average self-professed Bible believing church.

In a humanist society, the State is god, and its fiat word stands as god’s word that all must obey or perish.

Knowing the Word of God, we must understand that there is absolutely nothing beyond the imaginations of fallen men who have willingly and knowingly suppressed the knowledge of God, and are counseling together to overthrow *the Lord and his Anointed* by voiding every law of God.

We should be praying that God will come down and see what is going on as He did in Genesis 11, and render just judgment.

#### BETHANY’S BREAK CONTINUED

The language was vague, but the meaning was clear: After a practice of declining to place children in gay and lesbian households in states that didn’t require it, Bethany now allows same-sex couples to apply to foster and adopt in all of its locations—whether local laws require it or not.

The change was big news for the nation’s largest Protestant foster care and adoption agency, but the email delivered another jolt: *Bethany* President and CEO Chris Palusky told some 1,500 employees that Bethany “will not take positions on the many doctrinal issues for which Christians disagree.”

#### Comment: “Christians disagree.”

Palusky thus included sodomites as Christians, and defined a sodomite couple that might identify as Christians as a “Christian family.” How much wickedness can proceed from the wicked as they overflow with their wickedness? (1 Sam 24:13, Rom 3:13. The picture at the head of the article showed two males holding the hands of maybe a 10-year-old boy who is looking up to the bearded man with great admiration. *Bethany Christian Services* has now openly proclaimed that they are a pagan humanist organization



with no connection to biblical Christianity.

**Deuteronomy 23:17** *There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. 18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.*

Dog: of male cult prostitute [fig.] God forbids giving any “profits” from ungodly activities to godly ministries. See also, Gen 19, Jud 19:22, 1 Kgs 14, 15, 22, 23. Paul is very clear that sodomites shall not inherit the kingdom of God, 1 Cor 6:9. 1 Tim 1:10 tells us that any support of those who defile themselves with mankind have departed from sound doctrine.

Southern Seminary President Al Mohler (also a WORLD board member) lamented the decision and said in a changing cultural and legal landscape every Christian and every Christian organization eventually will face decisions about whether they will pivot on this question.

**Comment: “Lamented the decision.”** How hypocritical can one be? We pointed out in the March Examiner that Mr. Mohler now requires all new SBC seminary students to submit themselves to the humanist agenda of the New World Order, so how can he now criticize *Bethany* for submitting to the sodomite agenda as required by the Beast? However and to his credit, he firmly stands against the feminization of the military being put in place by the NWO.

We look on in amazement at the inability of self-identified Christians to be able to think logically, or is it that they ignore biblical logic for the money and/or public acceptance? It is a sure sign of God’s judgment as he blinds eminent “Christian” men to the long-term reality of their antichrist actions.

In the meantime, evangelical organizations with formal ties to Bethany must grapple with how to respond to the organization’s seismic shift—and how to make sure their own positions are clear.

Denny Burk, a professor at Boyce College and Southern Seminary, reacted to Bethany’s change in a tweet:

“We are watching a great sorting unfold before our very eyes. When the pressure is on, some will follow Jesus, and some won’t. It’s only just begun.” (Comment: Are we ready?)

**Hebrews 12:25** *See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake*

*on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: 26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. 27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: 29 For our God is a consuming fire.*

How many times have we sung, along with our children, “The wise man built his house upon the rock... and the house on the sand fell flat?” The flood of evil that is starting to crash against the church is wrecking the houses not built on the rock, the Word of God.

We have right before us the literal shaking of Hebrews 12 in both Mohler’s compromise and Bethany’s compromise. As the word of God shakes the various professed Christian organizations, their true antichristian nature is being exposed by the demands of the humanist State, the beast, and their allegiance to money over the Word of God is revealed.

When a Bethany staffer in Philadelphia referred a lesbian couple to another agency in 2018, the city suspended its foster care contract with the organization. City officials also suspended a contract with Catholic Social Services over the group’s similar policy.

The city issued an ultimatum: If the groups wanted to continue facilitating foster care, they’d have to allow same-sex couples to apply. Bethany complied. The Catholic agency refused.

A year later, officials in Michigan made a similar demand. Again, Bethany complied. A Catholic agency refused, and Catholics filed lawsuits in both Michigan and Philadelphia, seeking to retain conscience protections that now await a U.S. Supreme Court ruling. Bethany didn’t join the legal action.

“Come Shekels come Shackles.” That is, men, ministries as well as corporations are controlled by whoever provides the money.

**The sodomite position of Bethany has shaken other ministries, and will reveal their true character and faith. Are they built upon the Rock or upon the sand of human wisdom and understanding and money?**

Bethany is a long-standing member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA), a group that requires its members to affirm a written statement of faith and abide by other standards....

Standard 1 says, “We believe the Bible to be the inspired and the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.”

Bethany says it remains committed to showing the compassion of Jesus to vulnerable children, and its own statement of faith, drawn from the evangelical-based *Lausanne Covenant*, includes: “We affirm the divine inspiration, truthfulness and authority of both Old and New Testament Scriptures in their entirety as the only written Word of God, without error in all that it affirms.”

The solid statement reveals the central question facing evangelical groups when it comes to sexuality: What does the Bible affirm?

### FURTHER COMPLICATIONS

Bethany is also a member of the Virginia-based Christian Alliance for Orphans (CAFO). Jedd Medefind, the group’s president, says CAFO asks member organizations to commit to placing children “in healthy families with mature Christian faith to the fullest extent possible.”

He says CAFO policy does allow member organizations to comply with government mandates regarding sexuality in locations that require it. That would extend to Bethany’s practice in places like Michigan, Philadelphia, and other jurisdictions requiring same-sex placements.

But *Bethany’s* policy now seems to go well beyond the CAFO allowance by requiring all of its branches to serve same-sex couples, whether the government mandates it or not.

The changing legal landscape underscores the pressures some Christian groups face, particularly if they accept government funds in conjunction with foster care or refugee services.

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The article continues by pointing out the tremendous need for foster care, but it’s not possible to meet that need in an ideal way without State financing:

“Any adoption agency that is able to furnish children with a mother and father but fails to do so because of political correctness ... fails their true client, which is the child.”

The growing debates aren’t a reason for Christians to withdraw from foster care and adoption, but to step up to it, she says. She hopes those who don’t think same-sex foster care or adoption is best for a child will “send in your application to become a foster parent today.”

Herbie Newell, president of *Lifeline Children’s Services*, an Alabama-based, Christian adoption and child welfare ministry, agrees that Christians should continue

advocating for a Biblical definition of marriage when caring for children.

Newell's organization released a statement reaffirming its belief in marriage as an institution between a man and a woman, and Newell said *Bethany's* recent decision saddens him. But he also remains hopeful for Christians making a case for adoptive mothers and fathers.

"Everything we stand up for is for human flourishing, and human flourishing within child welfare," he says. "But we've allowed the secular world to say that's bigoted, narrow-minded, and not for good. We haven't stood up to say—no, this is for human flourishing—this is for good."

Newell's organization doesn't accept government funding, but he knows it's possible it could face similar government pressures in the future. What would he do?

"I would just say we're not going to compromise who we are," he says. "When you base who you are on the Word of God, you don't change who you are to fit social constructs. You stay true to who you are with consistency based on the Word of God."

There is much more one could say about the *Bethany* situation as explained in *World*, but we will stop here and draw some conclusions:

### 1. What does the Bible affirm about the family?

Can ministries such as *Bethany Christian Services* question and change God's definition of a family without incurring God's wrath against them and against those who support their antichrist ministries? (Rom 1:31, 32)

2) What are the social consequences of the church failing to support the Biblical family in its teaching and practice? Are we not now living in those consequences?

### 3) What does the Bible affirm about sodomy?

(Maybe the "Bible" translations they use have removed God's condemnation against sodomy. See NIV in this issue.) Here we have questions raised in order to justify covetousness. The lack of faith and the cowardliness of "Christian leaders" is astounding when it comes to money. Denial of the Word of God concerning sodomy is just the start of the denials coming as society continues to rush down the well-paved, heavily traveled broad road to destruction. The love of money will cause covetous men to jump through any hoop necessary to get that "free money."

**Revelation 22:18** *For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book*

*of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

4) What can we say about the wicked comparison of "showing the compassion of Jesus to vulnerable children" with placing "vulnerable children" in sodomite homes, seeing as how Jesus required the death penalty against sodomy in the Decalogue?

5) What will happen to reputable organizations like ECFA and CAFO that have their reputation on the line. If they vouch for groups such as *Bethany* that openly supports sodomite adoptions, they are no longer trustable as legitimate "documenting" organizations. How can Christians support organizations that approve sodomite adoptions. Denial by any group of the oh-so-clear teaching of Scripture concerning sodomy, identifies it as antichrist.

**Jeremiah 14:7** *O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou [it] for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee. 8 O the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man [that] turneth aside to tarry for a night? 9 Why shouldest thou be as a man astonished, as a mighty man [that] cannot save? yet thou, O LORD, [art] in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not.*

**Oh Lord, leave us not in the hands of the ungodly.**

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The real story

## THE WORLD TELLS ONE NARRATIVE, BUT THE BIBLE TELLS ANOTHER

Janie B. Cheaney, 2/13/21

"We should be praying and thinking and talking about how to influence our neighborhoods."

President Barack Obama was fond of locating himself "on the right side of history." He also liked to quote this saying from Martin Luther King Jr.: "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." That's the perfect tagline for a speech—hopeful, virtuous, and stirring—and King used it more than once.

But King borrowed it from Theodore Parker, a 19th-century abolitionist and Unitarian minister: "I do not pretend to understand the moral universe; the arc is a long one, my eye reaches but little ways; I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure by the experience of sight; I can divine it by conscience. And from what I see I am sure it bends towards justice."

But does it? As I write this, National Guard troops

are pouring into Washington, D.C., to ensure a peaceful transfer of power to the next administration, and I'm praying they'll have nothing to do that day. One side of the political spectrum is triumphant and the other despondent—or defiant. Wildly divergent views of what happened on and since Nov. 3 fill the airwaves and cyberspace: “The Victory of Truth and Justice” clashes with “A Date That Shall Live in Infamy.” I've spoken to many Christian friends who subscribe to the Infamy narrative. Others claim Victory, and several in between won't say or don't know what to believe.

It's all about the narrative: The truth you believe shapes the story you tell, and vice versa. One reason narratives have grown so much in power (not to mention divergence) might be that we've let go of the master narrative. The Bible describes a classic plot, with a setting, protagonist, central conflict, thematic development, climax, and resolution. That story took thousands of years to tell before breaking upon a pragmatic and amoral world in approximately A.D. 50.

Gradually, the master narrative created the moral universe that Theodore Parker saw as a long arc. And even though our culture today has relapsed into some of the vices of the Roman Empire, such as sexual license, paganism, and a stratified society of elites and plebes, it's no longer amoral. “Social justice” is idealism inherited from Christianity.

Let's get real: This state of affairs is not going to change anytime soon. The left holds almost all political and cultural power. It has seized the moral arc and will continue to bend it. Those of us not on the left (including classical liberals, traditional Catholics, evangelicals, and political conservatives) have three choices: fight, surrender, or subvert.

The fighters need to take a hard look at the odds. “What king,” asks Jesus, “going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?” (Luke 14:31). Which side appears to be the 20,000?

But surrender is no option for a responsible citizen. Giving in only ensures that disorder accelerates, and when the whole system collapses, there will be no one to pick up the pieces or point in another direction.

Lawful subversion means quietly and strategically working against the status quo. It's often as hard to figure out as it is to accomplish. How can I subvert anything when my job is threatened or my social media ac-

count shut down? What kind of influence can my side have when we're hounded out of the public square? It's time to get creative: We should be praying and thinking and talking about how to influence our own homes, churches, and neighborhoods.

The arc of social justice has been bending leftward for as long as I can remember. The “long march” that began in elite universities has taken over media, mega-corporations, entertainment, and K-12 education. But the story isn't over. It took us decades to get here. If the Lord tarries, it may take a century to get beyond here. But we know what the overarching narrative is and where it ends.

World Magazine, 02.13.21

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## NIV

### PRO-ABORTION BIBLE?

Those who profess faith in Christ while supporting abortion have rightly been on the defensive for almost 2,000 years—but as Leah Hickman shows, abortion advocates are weaponizing the New International Version's translation of one mysterious Old Testament passage.

The 2011 NIV translation breaks with earlier NIVs as well as at least 37 other translations in making three obscure verses—Numbers 5:21, 5:22, and 5:27—suggest that God forces an adulterous woman to “miscarry.” Most of those 37 are like the 2015 New American Standard Bible's translation: “her abdomen will swell and her thigh will waste away.” Nothing about miscarriage or abortion.

The NIV has a history of fashionable translation. As Daniel Vaca writes in his scholarly *Evangelicals Incorporated*, in 1997 *WORLD* exposed “*the Stealth Bible*,” a previously unpublicized NIV retranslation that bowed to feminist pressure. Under pressure, translators backed off. The NIV's reputation took a hit and the version lost “market share,” but the NIV is still the best-selling English translation.

The only other translation *WORLD* found that inserts the word “miscarry” is the relatively little-used *Common English Bible*, also published in 2011. Four of the five denominations responsible for the CEB—the Episcopal Church, the United Church of Christ, the Presbyterian Church USA, and the United Methodist Church—were abortion proponents. The fifth, Disciples of Christ, wanted abortion to be legal but rare.

The Bible's many clear pro-life verses include Luke

1:44 and Psalms 51:5 and 139:13, where David says of God, “You knitted me together in my mother’s womb.” Some abortion proponents have tried to turn this into special cases—yes, God knit David and John the Baptist, but not others. Even if that were not such a stretch, it runs up against passages such as Isaiah 44:2, addressed to everyone in Israel: “Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you from the womb.” —Marvin Olasky

World, 04.10.21

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God Uses Wicked Devices for His Own Glory

## **DATA SHOWS HOMESCHOOLING EXPLOSION**

by Alex Newman

New data from the U.S. Census Bureau confirm earlier polling results showing an unprecedented explosion in the number of families choosing to educate their children at home, free from government indoctrination, sexualization, forced masking, and dangerous dumbing down. Homeschooling rates grew fastest among black Americans. (Interesting note: Blacks are huge supporters of proper voter ID laws as well as of the Second Amendment, ed.)

The shift has been enormous. By the fall of 2020, the overall number of homeschooling families doubled, Census data show. In the Spring of 2020, just over 5 percent of families were educating children at home. By the fall, homeschoolers grew to represent over 11 percent of all American households with school-age children.

According to Census.gov, the number of homeschooling families grew rapidly from 1999 to 2012, but remained relatively steady at around 3.3 percent for years. “However, the global COVID-19 pandemic has sparked new interest in homeschooling and the appeal of alternative school arrangements has suddenly exploded,” wrote the bureaucracy, which tracks population data and more.

Using a nationally representative sample of American households, the Census Bureau’s “Household Pulse Survey” compared data from the spring of the 2019-2020 school year with results from the fall of the 2020-2021. In late April and early May, about 5.4 percent of U.S. households with school-aged children reported homeschooling. By late September and early October, that number surged to 11.1 percent.

That enormous growth was an increase of 5.6 percentage points and a doubling in the number of U.S. households that were homeschooling compared with the previous school year. Because homeschool families are often larger on average than government-schooled families, the percent of school-age children being educated at home is estimated to now be **well over the 11.1 percent** — potentially 5 million children or more.

Just to be sure that families doing government school at home did not misreport, the Census included a clarification making clear that virtual learning through a public or private school was not to be considered “true homeschooling.” Experts said that means the surge in homeschooling may have been even larger than reported. Unfortunately no data from the bureau was available from before the pandemic.

In some states the population of homeschoolers became almost 10 times larger. Massachusetts, for instance, went from having just 1.5 percent of children being homeschooled to more than 12 percent in that short period. In Alaska, the number went from 10 percent to almost 28 percent. And in Oklahoma, the numbers went from about 8 percent to over 20 percent. Florida’s numbers also grew to almost 20 percent of families choosing to educate at home.

**Self-described black Americans were far more likely to pull their children from government schools than any other group measured in the data.** “In households where respondents identified as Black or African American, the proportion homeschooling increased by five times, from 3.3% (April 23-May 5) to 16.1% in the fall (Sept. 30-Oct. 12),” the Census Bureau revealed. Lower-income Americans were also more likely to pull their children out.

Analysts said more research would be helpful to understand the changes. “Future research will likely reveal what portion of those families who began homeschooling during the past year will continue on with it into the future,” wrote Dr. Brian Ray, who leads the National Home Education Research Institute. “If a significant portion stay with homeschooling, more noticeable changes lie ahead regarding public favor toward homeschooling and parent-led home-based education’s impact on individual children, families, and society.”

The news is not new. In fact, The Newman Report noted in September of 2020 that survey data from Gallup revealed a doubling in homeschool numbers. At the same time, this blog also reported in December that government-school districts across America were

seeing catastrophic declines in the number of victims enrolled in their indoctrination centers, with some districts losing over 10 percent or more in one year.

Of course, government and government-school proponents want Americans to believe that the surge in home education is solely due to COVID-19. The reality is far more complex. One of the many things COVID did was expose for parents the madness and child abuse taking place in government schools, while at the same time showing parents the benefits and possibilities of homeschooling.

Governments' totalitarian responses to COVID19 decimated small businesses and economies around the world. But there has been a clear silver lining. With every day that passes, more and more families are fleeing the dangerous indoctrination centers that identify as educational institutions for the safe sanctuary of homeschooling and good private schools. Hopefully the exodus will continue to grow.

<https://freedomproject.com/blog/2021/03/29/new-data-shows-home-schooling-explosion>

#### **Comment:**

**A cause for rejoicing.** Godly homeschooling will, by the grace of God, produce godly young people of dependability, hard work and godly character. They will be able to "write their own ticket" in a job market.

**1 Kings 18:37** *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.* **Zechariah 4:10** *For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.*

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## **THOMAS SOWELL**

### **SAGE OF THE TECHNOCRATIC MINDSET:**

The technocratic mindset is not defined by a hubris that a privileged or elite group or class can better decide the course of human "progress" than the relatively freely chosen interactions and choices of billions of the world's inhabitants.

The notion is not particularly new. In some ways, it's as old as mankind and rooted ultimately in a dark facet of human nature that desires the power of others. Before there were "technocratic" elites, relying on predictive modeling and analytics of AI and supercomputers and information networks, there were "rational" elitists. And before that, there were "Sun Kings," closer to the gods and therefore more deserving of decision-making

power and status.

The economist and political philosopher Thomas Sowell identified the latter as a kind of organic meta "intelligence." It can be seen in the economic performance of free markets vs. directed economies. It can also be evidenced in the quality of civic life of free societies vs. totalitarian regimes.

Sowell described the characteristic pattern for the way elites acquire a political mandate for controlling and directing society and carry out their agenda. His insights are all the more prescient, considering how the COVID pandemic has played out. Sowell named four typical stages of elite intervention (we are experiencing these states):

Stage 1: "The Crisis" Stage 2: "The Solution" Stage 3: "The Results" Stage 4: "The Response"

**The "Crisis" stage is an opportunity never to be wasted**, to further the aims of the technocratic elites. A crisis can be a chance or unforeseen occurrence that can be exploited. Think of a sensational video appearing to show a black man being suffocated with a knee on the neck by a white police officer. Or a crisis can be something brought into public awareness via a steady, coordinated effort of organizations and interests with something to gain by changes to policies. Think "climate change."

**The "Solution" stage is where elites have defined the crisis** and achieved a certain level of public acquiescence and roll out desired policies, which often have only the most tangential relationship to the actual "crisis." Consider the Federal government's latest \$1.9 Trillion "COVID" relief spending spree.

**The "Results" stage is where policies instituted by elites**, while empowering and enriching favored entities, have usually very obviously failed in successfully smiting the original "Crisis." Think vaccines and the eventual, inevitable news that protection conferred is ephemeral.

**The "Response" is when elites** use the very failure of their policies as a reason to double down on further policies to combat the ongoing, interminable "crisis." **Think "more COVID vaccinations"** or future lockdowns to combat global climate change, which precipitated the easy spread of the COVID virus, etc., etc.

#### **LIMITS OF THE TECHNOCRATICALLY "ENLIGHTENED"**

Sowell's essential point is that no group of oligarchs, however "enlightened," will ultimately make disinterested decisions. Given enormous power, they will be

corrupted by that power, according to very infallible human nature.

And even if they could act dispassionately, the “mass intelligence” of millions of relatively free people interacting and making compacts with each other will always outperform the proscriptions of a few “wise” elites.

One could argue that Sowell’s analysis did not foresee the capabilities of supercomputers and modeling to capture and synthesize vast amounts of data. But even if the capabilities approached the meta-understanding of the “mass human intelligence” Sowell described, the concentration of power in the hands of a few humans would still be the point of failure. And in the hands of artificial intelligence? As envisioned in many dystopian novels and movies, as well as by some people currently working in the upper echelons of tech giants, the results might be even more catastrophic.

(TJ 3/23/21. There is an excellent documentary on the life of Thomas Sowell streaming on YouTube and Amazon Prime, *Common Sense in a Senseless World.*)

## VARIOUS

### TOO MUCH INFORMATION, BUT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE

The following is just the tip of the iceberg of what is being said about these various subjects.

With each new year, during what used to be called the “Flu season,” (before the COVID War began and the flu disappeared from the face of the earth) the politicians, media, and Big Pharma will be pumping the “Next Wave” of COVID Fear, selling the public on the need to get vaccinated and re-vaccinated. The continual message of fear will make a large segments of the population afraid to resume a standard of living that existed before the COVID War was launched in March 2020. As a result, the economy will continue to steadily contract, pushing the world further into the “Greatest Depression.”

It is amazing that as more people test positive for covid, fewer people were recorded as having the normal flu. **There are huge opportunities for the destruction of the Bill of Rights, and for massive “profits” in identifying everything as Covid related, so do not expect a regular flu season to return.** From now on,

every flu symptom will be Covid. Fear will keep the sheep under control, and otherwise sane people “mask up” even in their cars, parking lots and on the sidewalks. Fear reigns.

**The flu, called Covid, has been very profitable** for many people, and the list contains some amazing names and institutions. *World Net Daily* lists many who have profited and are profiting from the flu, and the list is not short, e.g., excuse not to go to work, grant amnesty to illegals, and particularly to force obvious socialism, Marxism, upon our once free nation. The free money given to the American work-force makes them reluctant to return to work, so employers are struggling to find workers. Hence, the need for legalizing illegals who will work for much lower wages, and increase the politicians desire for control, and increase the tax base. The article points out that temporary policy changes deemed necessary for the flu, are becoming permanent:

A crusade for covid hazard pay launched in the fall and led by the United Food and Commercial Workers’ union is taking shape in several West Coast cities including Seattle, Long Beach, Calif., and Los Angeles.

[https://www.wnd.com/2021/03/using-covid-reset-policies-culture/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=wnd-brief&utm\\_campaign=dailypm&utm\\_content=brief&ats\\_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3](https://www.wnd.com/2021/03/using-covid-reset-policies-culture/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-brief&utm_campaign=dailypm&utm_content=brief&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3); <https://www.nytimes.com/live/2021/03/01/world/covid-19-coronavirus/>

**What is the reason behind history’s greatest push for**

**100% vaccination?**

**\* Against Parents Who Question Racial Curriculum**

Teachers Plot A group of current and former teachers and others in Loudoun County, Virginia, compiled a lengthy list of parents suspected of disagreeing with school system actions, including its teaching of controversial racial concepts — with a stated purpose in part to “infiltrate,” use “hackers” to silence parents’ communications, and “expose these people publicly.”

<https://www.dailywire.com/news/loudoun-teachers-target-parents-critical-race-theory-hacking>

We have known for years that the Marxist NEA has and is controlling America’s classrooms, and parents have not complained. It is about time for parents to wake up.



There is an abundance of Virologists warning about the Covid vaccine. Also, the death rate of those vaccinated is being kept from the public.

**\* Former State Department investigator concludes coronavirus escaped from a Wuhan bioweapons lab**

<https://www.afinalwarning.com/504518.html>

**\* European Union: COVID-19 vaccine has ‘clear association’ with brain blood clots**

‘We still do not know what causes this reaction’

[www.wnd.com/2021/04/european-union-covid-19-vaccine-clear-association-brain-blood-clots/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=wnd-breaking&utm\\_campaign=breaking&utm\\_content=breaking&ats\\_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3](http://www.wnd.com/2021/04/european-union-covid-19-vaccine-clear-association-brain-blood-clots/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-breaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=breaking&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3) ; [www.afinalwarning.com/504186.html](http://www.afinalwarning.com/504186.html)

**\* Adverse Incident Reports Show 966 Deaths Following Vaccination for COVID-19**

<https://myvalleynews.com/blog/2021/03/07/adverse-incident-reports-show-966-deaths-following-vaccination-for-covid-19/>

**\* Dr Mercola: COVID-19 Vaccine Tested on Babies Even as Death Toll Mounts**

If early statistics are any indication, we are facing the greatest public health calamity in modern history. No, I’m not talking about a third, fourth or fifth wave of COVID-19. I’m talking about the current vaccination campaign. I have no doubt that deaths caused by COVID-19 vaccines will end up far exceeding the number of actual COVID-19 deaths. ...

[https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2021/03/23/covid-19-vaccine-testing-on-children.aspx?ui=62275c4f6eb5e1c6872faec264ac18ae89396dd486d6b98af038d9fef2e3c00d&sd=20110406&cid\\_source=dnl&cid\\_medium=email&cid\\_content=art1HL&cid=20210323\\_HL2&mid=DM837791&rid=1114238082](https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2021/03/23/covid-19-vaccine-testing-on-children.aspx?ui=62275c4f6eb5e1c6872faec264ac18ae89396dd486d6b98af038d9fef2e3c00d&sd=20110406&cid_source=dnl&cid_medium=email&cid_content=art1HL&cid=20210323_HL2&mid=DM837791&rid=1114238082)

**\* Dr Mercola: A Prison Planet Is Ahead Unless We Stop This Agenda**

Soon you may be left with two options - submit to being a lab rat for an experimental injection or live your life as an outcast. It truly is a mindboggling ruse, and unless enough people are able to see it for what it is, the world could literally be turned into a prison planet. ...

In other words, health officials know full well that this mass vaccination campaign is a roll of the dice. It’s the largest medical experiment in the history of the world, and vaccine certificates will allow them to track all of the millions of test subjects. This alone should be cause enough to end all discussions about vaccine mandates, yet the experimental nature of these injections is being completely ignored.

[https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2021/04/06/vaccines-are-the-new-purity-test.aspx?ui=62275c4f6eb5e1c6872faec264ac18ae89396dd486d6b98af038d9fef2e3c00d&sd=20110406&cid\\_source=dnl&cid\\_medium=email&cid\\_content=art1HL&cid=20210406&mid=DM850337&rid=1125800876](https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2021/04/06/vaccines-are-the-new-purity-test.aspx?ui=62275c4f6eb5e1c6872faec264ac18ae89396dd486d6b98af038d9fef2e3c00d&sd=20110406&cid_source=dnl&cid_medium=email&cid_content=art1HL&cid=20210406&mid=DM850337&rid=1125800876)

**\* Dr Mercola: The Pandemic’s Evil Plan to Oblit-**

**erate the Middle Class**

The big shots in government, tech, media, pharma and finance love pandemics for the same reason they love wars and terrorist attacks - discover how they’ve used COVID as a Trojan horse to shift wealth, abolish civil rights and expand authoritarian control.

[https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2021/04/12/technocracy-vs-democracy.aspx?ui=62275c4f6eb5e1c6872faec264ac18ae89396dd486d6b98af038d9fef2e3c00d&sd=20110406&cid\\_source=dnl&cid\\_medium=email&cid\\_content=art1HL&cid=20210412&mid=DM855721&rid=1130784217](https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2021/04/12/technocracy-vs-democracy.aspx?ui=62275c4f6eb5e1c6872faec264ac18ae89396dd486d6b98af038d9fef2e3c00d&sd=20110406&cid_source=dnl&cid_medium=email&cid_content=art1HL&cid=20210412&mid=DM855721&rid=1130784217)

**\* Dr. Marcola: Covid vaccine is an experimental and unlicensed gene therapy.**

[https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2021/03/18/herd-immunity-excuse-for-gene-therapy-vaccine-kids.aspx?ui=62275c4f6eb5e1c6872faec264ac18ae89396dd486d6b98af038d9fef2e3c00d&sd=20110406&cid\\_source=dnl&cid\\_medium=email&cid\\_content=art1HL&cid=20210318&mid=DM833069&rid=1110076535](https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2021/03/18/herd-immunity-excuse-for-gene-therapy-vaccine-kids.aspx?ui=62275c4f6eb5e1c6872faec264ac18ae89396dd486d6b98af038d9fef2e3c00d&sd=20110406&cid_source=dnl&cid_medium=email&cid_content=art1HL&cid=20210318&mid=DM833069&rid=1110076535)

**\* COVID scandal: Feds ignored 2016 law requiring use of real world evidence**

Exclusive: Joel S. Hirschhorn cites hypocrisy of Fauci et al. for spurning HCQ and ivermectin

[https://www.wnd.com/2021/04/covid-scandal-feds-ignored-2016-law-requiring-use-of-real-world-evidence/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=wnd-newsletter&utm\\_campaign=dailyam&utm\\_content=newsletter&ats\\_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3](https://www.wnd.com/2021/04/covid-scandal-feds-ignored-2016-law-requiring-use-of-real-world-evidence/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-newsletter&utm_campaign=dailyam&utm_content=newsletter&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3)

Health problems are being ignored by everyone, as they push for universal vaccinations. The media refuses to report the adverse reactions and even death from the vaccines.

**DEPOPULATION**

**\* Number of Pregnant Women suffering Miscarriage after having Covid Vaccine increases by 483% in just 7 weeks**

We’re saddened to report that the eighth update on adverse reactions to the Covid vaccines reported to the MHRA Yellow Card Scheme has seen yet another increase in the number of women suffering the heartbreak of losing an unborn child. ...

According to the eighth report released by the UK Government on adverse reactions to the Covid vaccines, using data inputted to the MHRA Yellow Card Scheme up to the 14th March 2021, there has been a 550% increase since the 24th January in the number of women who have lost their unborn child after having the Pfizer vaccine, bringing the total to 26. This is devastating.

<https://dailyexpose.co.uk/2021/03/28/number-of-pregnant-women-suffering-miscarriage-after-having-covid-vaccine-increases-by-483-in-just-7-weeks/>

**\* Over 100 Fully Vaccinated People in Washington State Test Positive for COVID-19**

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/over-100-fully-vaccinated-people-in-washington-state-test-positive-for-covid-19\\_3757218](https://www.theepochtimes.com/over-100-fully-vaccinated-people-in-washington-state-test-positive-for-covid-19_3757218)

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**\* WHO: No guarantee that vaccines prevent COVID-19 transmission**

[https://www.wnd.com/2021/04/no-guarantee-vaccines-prevent-covid-19-transmission/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=wnd-newsletter&utm\\_campaign=dailyam&utm\\_content=newsletter&ats\\_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3](https://www.wnd.com/2021/04/no-guarantee-vaccines-prevent-covid-19-transmission/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-newsletter&utm_campaign=dailyam&utm_content=newsletter&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3)

**\* Dennis Prager: If We ‘Follow the Science’ on Masks, It Leads Somewhere the Media Seriously Doesn’t Want to Go**

Dr. Anthony Fauci himself told the truth about the uselessness of mask-wearing on “60 Minutes” on March 8, 2020, “Right now, in the United States, people should not be walking around with masks. ... There’s no reason to be walking around with a mask. When you’re in the middle of an outbreak, wearing a mask might make people feel a little bit better, and it might even block a droplet, but it’s not providing the perfect protection that people think that it is. And, often, there are unintended consequences: People keep fiddling with the mask, and they keep touching their face.”

Dr. Ramin Oskoui, a cardiologist in Washington at a Senate hearing in December, testified under oath, “Masks do not work.”

The Wall Street Journal reported on Nov. 11, “The projected number of lives saved, and the implied case for a mask mandate, are based on a faulty statistic.”

[https://www.westernjournal.com/dennis-prager-follow-science-masks-leads-somewhere-media-seriously-doesnt-want-go/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=conservative-brief-WJ&utm\\_campaign=dailyam&utm\\_content=western-journal](https://www.westernjournal.com/dennis-prager-follow-science-masks-leads-somewhere-media-seriously-doesnt-want-go/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=conservative-brief-WJ&utm_campaign=dailyam&utm_content=western-journal)

**\* April 8th, 2021: mRNA vaccines may cause your body to churn out PRIONS that “eat your brain” like Mad Cow Disease**

<https://naturalnews.com/2021-04-08-mrna-vaccines-may-cause-your-body-to-churn-out-prions-eat-your-brain-mad-cow-disease.html>

**\* 20 Reasons Why America’s Next Bank Holiday Will Be a Nightmare (Updated)**

<https://survivalblog.com/2021/03/29/20-reasons-americas-next-bank-holiday-will-nightmare-updated/>

**\* ‘Men are coming’: Hundreds of inmates request transfer to women’s prisons since January**

[https://www.wnd.com/2021/04/men-coming-255-inmates-request-transfer-womens-prisons-since-january/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=wnd-newsletter&utm\\_campaign=dailyam&utm\\_content=newsletter&ats\\_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3](https://www.wnd.com/2021/04/men-coming-255-inmates-request-transfer-womens-prisons-since-january/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-newsletter&utm_campaign=dailyam&utm_content=newsletter&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3)

STATE OF NEW YORK 2021-2022 Regular Sessions IN ASSEMBLY January 6, 2021 Introduced by M. of A. PERRY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the removal of cases, contacts and carriers of communicable diseases who are potentially dangerous to the public health...

**HEADS UP?**

**\* Mike Adams: Their real plan:** The vaccinated will die; the unvaccinated will be hunted

The globalist extermination plan for humanity is now accelerating. The covid vaccine “death wave” (likely to explode this Fall) will likely kill tens of millions, but that’s not nearly enough for the anti-human criminals in charge.

They’re also building concentration camps and passing laws (in New York already) to round up the unvaccinated and throw them into camps for mass extermination. This is the Holocaust, version 2.0, the “covid camps.” And it’s coming to America right now.

<https://naturalnews.com/2021-04-06-situation-update-april-6th-the-vaccinated-will-die-unvaccinated-will-be-hunted.html>; <https://www.brighteon.com/bc525fcc-7df1-434e-8127-21ce2e79c38d>

**\* The study, “Preservative in Pop-Tarts, Cheez-Its, hundreds of popular foods may harm immune system,”** focuses on the chemical tert-butylhydroquinone or TBHQ. (TBHQ is a “forever chemical” that never dies. It is ignored by the FDA. TJ, 3/30/21. I love cheez-Its.)

**\* Scientific American: We Have No Reason to Believe 5G**

**Is Safe**

... “Numerous recent scientific publications have shown that EMF affects living organisms at levels well below most international and national guidelines. Effects include increased cancer risk, cellular stress, increase in harmful free radicals, genetic damages, structural and functional changes of the reproductive system, learning and memory deficits, neurological disorders, and negative impacts on general well-being in humans. Damage goes well beyond the human race, as there is growing evidence of harmful effects to both plant and animal life.”...

<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/we-have-no-reason-to-believe-5g-is-safe/>



## CHINA

### \* **China admits vaccines have low efficacy**

by Onize Ohikere. 4/12/21

The director of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Gao Fu, on Saturday said the current vaccines don't have very high protection rates against the coronavirus.

[https://world.wng.org/content/china\\_admits\\_vaccines\\_have\\_low\\_efficacy](https://world.wng.org/content/china_admits_vaccines_have_low_efficacy)

### \* **China's Massive Infiltration of U.S. Virus Research Laboratories**

It began in the 1990s as a trickle of Chinese military scientists trained by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and arriving at U.S. universities and research institutions.

Then, via the scientific exchange equivalent of chain migration, U.S. virus research programs were flooded with scientists from Communist China, where Chinese scientists already working in the U.S. invited close colleagues to their laboratories.

<https://www.document.no/2021/03/18/chinas-massive-infiltration-of-u-s-virus-research-laboratories/>

**Comment:** We have known for decades that the US State Department has worked to overthrow the US constitutional government, yet no one ever held individuals accountable. We are living in the results of that effort. In short, we have paid China to destroy us without firing a shot.

### \* **Report: China Brags About Controlling Anti-Trump Election Groups & Has Ties to Fact-Checkers**

[https://thenewamerican.com/report-china-brags-about-controlling-anti-trump-election-groups-has-ties-to-fact-checkers/?ct=t\(EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_12\\_2\\_2019\\_15\\_37\\_COPY\\_01\)&mc\\_cid=a5005bd548](https://thenewamerican.com/report-china-brags-about-controlling-anti-trump-election-groups-has-ties-to-fact-checkers/?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_12_2_2019_15_37_COPY_01)&mc_cid=a5005bd548)

### \* **CCP Adviser Outlines Detailed Plan to Defeat US, Including Manipulating Elections**

The covetous nature of man for money and power allows elections to be sold to the highest bidder, and it is hard to outbid China. Purchasing politicians and election officials is a cheap way to conquer the U.S. and Canada. China is investing multiplied millions of dollars in purchasing covetous people, which does not mean they are ignoring their war machines. They are conquering the world without firing a shot.

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/xi-jinpings-adviser-outlines-plan-for-ccp-to-defeat-us-including-manipulating-elections\\_3748196.html?utm\\_medium=email2&utm\\_source=promotion&utm\\_campaign=EET0403&utm\\_term=1for2M-Premium&utm\\_content=6](https://www.theepochtimes.com/xi-jinpings-adviser-outlines-plan-for-ccp-to-defeat-us-including-manipulating-elections_3748196.html?utm_medium=email2&utm_source=promotion&utm_campaign=EET0403&utm_term=1for2M-Premium&utm_content=6)

### \* **Is Trudeau Handing Control of Vancouver International Airport Over to Communist China?**

Here is a chilling account what happened to a Canadian citizen, Virginia Pollock at Vancouver Interna-

tional Airport. Virginia posted the account on Facebook April 3, and Facebook took it down on April 9.

<https://canadafreepress.com/article/is-trudeau-handing-control-of-vancouver-international-airport-over-to-communist-china>

### \* **Chinese Officials Trying to Dodge COVID-19 Vaccinations, Citing Health Reasons: Leaked Documents**

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/mkt\\_morningbrief/chinese-officials-trying-to-dodge-covid-19-vaccinations-citing-health-reasons-leaked-documents\\_3763204.html?utm\\_source=morningbriefnoe&utm\\_medium=email2&utm\\_campaign=mb-2021-04-06&mktids=adf353c013f1e9bcd74d71992f71c872](https://www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_morningbrief/chinese-officials-trying-to-dodge-covid-19-vaccinations-citing-health-reasons-leaked-documents_3763204.html?utm_source=morningbriefnoe&utm_medium=email2&utm_campaign=mb-2021-04-06&mktids=adf353c013f1e9bcd74d71992f71c872)

### \* **Understanding Government Money**

Government money is money confiscated from American citizens in the form of taxes

There is a terrible misunderstanding by far too many Americans about the nature of "government money." I am not sure if it is ignorance, stupidity, or people consciously ignoring reality because they don't want to acknowledge the truth (maybe that's stupidity too). People, people, people; there is no such thing as government money!...

<https://canadafreepress.com/article/understanding-government-money>

### \* **WOKE CULT: Pentagon officials now say pregnant female soldiers will LEAD America's national defense**

<https://www.afinalwarning.com/504117.html>

### \* **North Carolina School District Launches Campaign to 'Disrupt White Culture,' Urges Teachers to Subvert White Parents and Families**

[https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2021/03/north-carolina-school-district-launches-campaign-disrupt-white-culture-urges-teachers-subvert-white-parents-families/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=the-gateway-pundit&utm\\_campaign=dailypm&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2021/03/north-carolina-school-district-launches-campaign-disrupt-white-culture-urges-teachers-subvert-white-parents-families/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=the-gateway-pundit&utm_campaign=dailypm&utm_content=daily)

### \* **Wind Turbines Don't Like Cold Weather**

Some countries learned something that the warmer countries did not: wind turbines can freeze in winter. Not only do they cease to put out power in very cold weather, they actually need to be heated. ... Wind energy cannot reliably meet even the most fundamental need to keep us warm during harsh winter weather.

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## HUMANS SUBJECT TO mRNA "SOFTWARE UPDATES"

For anyone who believes the COVID vaccines are a unique phenomenon, guess again.

Moderna, a company at the forefront in developing a COVID vaccine, envisions its mRNA technology as an "operating system" delivering the "software of life," complete with frequent updates. Only with humans as

the recipients.

The Moderna website has a page devoted to explaining that mRNA technology is meant to deliver much more to people than just a one-time vaccine. Under the heading, “Our Operating System,” complete with a nifty graphic, it explains (<https://www.modernatx.com/mrna-technology/mrna-platform-enabling-drug-discovery-development>):

Recognizing the broad potential of mRNA science, we set out to create an mRNA technology platform that functions very much like an operating system on a computer. It is designed so that it can plug and play interchangeably with different programs. In our case, the “program” or “app” is our mRNA drug—the unique mRNA sequence that codes for a protein. ...

Those “application” proteins created by Moderna’s “operating system,” and “software” are designed to occur...inside people.

The Moderna website explains their expansive designs in terms of a “Software of Life” in another section:

Generally, the only thing that changes from one potential mRNA medicine to another is the coding region—the actual genetic code that instructs ribosomes to make protein. Utilizing these instruction sets gives our investigational mRNA medicines a software-like quality. We also have the ability to combine different mRNA sequences encoding for different protein in a single mRNA investigational medicine.

We are leveraging the flexibility afforded by our platform and the fundamental role mRNA plays in protein synthesis to pursue mRNA medicines for a broad spectrum of diseases.

If the technology Moderna is touting were strictly voluntary, like traditional medical treatments, that might be one thing. But that very notion is being tested right now in the “crisis” vaccine rollout.

Governments around the world, spurred on and advised by globalist entities such as the WHO, the World Economic Forum, the U.N., and others, are edging closer and closer to making COVID vaccines compulsory. There seems little doubt that if the drive meets with no resistance, people are likely to be subject to whatever future “updates” technocratic elites decide are necessary for humankind.

Moderna’s language describing its innovations is quite literally de-humanizing. It likens humans to machines and extols “programming” them to build pro-

teins that trigger other events, whether immunological responses or “fixes” to diseases.

Unfortunately, that language is about more than analogies and semantics. It underscores a technocratic view about what humans are, and what boundaries are acceptable in pushing invasive experimental technologies into their bodies.

Trends Journal, 3/30/21

In other words, Moderna’s mRNA vaccinee is coding software injected into the human body. It can be used for nefarious purposes, e.g., control the human race as was Nimrod’s desire. What Moderna is telling us is probably just a small hint of what is taking place in the tech world, as the tech giants seek to bring every person under their control. Thus, the push for mandatory vaccinations world-wide?

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## THE RULERS TAKE COUNSEL TOGETHER

**Psalms 2:1** *Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. 6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.*

### TOP EXECUTIVES MEET TO PLOT AGAINST ELECTION- INTEGRITY LAWS

Pepsi, American Airlines, Starbucks, PayPal, Twitter, Walmart among companies

The Georgia law requires proof of identification but it also expands the number of early voting days, and it continues to allow voters to cast absentee ballots without an excuse. Biden continues to make false claims about the Georgia law, even after earning the maximum four “Pinocchios” from the Washington Post fact-checker....

A Rasmussen national survey last month found that 69% of likely black voters and 75% overall believe voters should be required to show photo identification such as a driver’s license before being allowed to vote. ...

[https://www.wnd.com/2021/04/100-top-executives-meet-plot-election-integrity-laws/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=wnd-breaking&utm\\_campaign=breaking&utm\\_content=breaking&ats\\_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3](https://www.wnd.com/2021/04/100-top-executives-meet-plot-election-integrity-laws/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-breaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=breaking&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3)

These “top executives” believe that because they are on the top of the “food chain,” they have the authority over the average people who use their products, and have made them rich. Therefore, they take counsel together, and stand against anything that could challenge their

power and authority. Evidently, they are fearful that the average person might somehow vote to restrict their power. Why do these 100 top executives find “election integrity laws” a danger to them?

**They control every facet of life, so how can they be boycotted?**

## WHY DO THE WICKED PROSPER?

This writer knows of at least two understandings of the Revelation that fit well with the overall context of Scripture. **One understanding is that Babylon represents the combined effort of man to be his own god**, and tells of God’s continuing judgment against that humanist desire. That desire is summed up in Nimrod’s continuing dream of an all-powerful and controlling government by man, known today as the New World Order, which is not new at all. That dream of man controlling all things according to his sovereign will started in the Garden.

**The second is a more immediate understanding of Babylon** which sees the first century city of Jerusalem that put Christ to death under God’s judgment as prophesied by our Lord in Matthew 24. The Revelation describes that judgment, which is the partial preterist view.

The truth of the matter will not be known until we actually see the Word of God in person, but no matter which understanding is used, the united city of rebellious man, Babylon, is under the judgment of God, and will fall just as surely as there is an Almighty God in heaven.

Jeremiah asks the same question as did Job in chapter 21, and as did Asaph in Psalms 73, “Why does God allow the wicked to prosper?”

**Jeremiah 12:1** *Righteous art thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet let me talk with thee of thy judgments: Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they happy that deal very treacherously?*

**The answer is given in,**

**Revelation 17:17** *Because God has put it in their hearts to do his purpose, and to be of one mind, giving their kingdom to the beast, till the words of God have effect and are complete.*

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## Babylon is fallen, is fallen

**Isaiah 21:9** *And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.*

**Revelation 14:8** *And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.*

Following the spirit of Nimrod’s Babylon into the New Testament, we find that it manifested itself in killing the prophets, and wise men, and scribes sent by the Lord to His covenant-people. (Mt 23:34-39, Rev 18:20, 24. See Nimrod’s Legacy, <https://wzw.biblicalexaminer.org/PDF/TBE%202020%2003.pdf>)

\* **The Lord identifies Jerusalem as Babylon**, for it hunted the souls of men as did Nimrod. (Rev 18:13.)

\* **Sinful man cannot ascend to God**, but when God became man, the spirit of Babylon saw a chance to overthrow the King and grab the inheritance. (Mt 21:38.)

\* **The spirit of Babylon used every means possible**

to persuade men to rebel against God and to kill the Only Begotten Son. (Mt 27:20.)

\* **The wicked killed the Heir**, hoping they could succeed where others had failed. In killing the Son, Babylon’s rebellion reached its peak, paling all other acts of wickedness. The result was not the desired overthrow of the King, but the exaltation of the Son to the throne of David, and the overthrow of the Spirit

of Babylon. (Mt 21:41, 42.)

\* **The Son is now seated far above every name** that can be named, totally out of reach of wicked men. (Eph. 1 & 2.)

\* **From His exalted position**, He exercised His vengeance upon the city.

Speaking to the high priest, the King said ye shall see the Son... **That is**, Jesus Christ told the high priest that with his own eyes would see the literal and fearful fulfillment of the pronounced judgment open the religious leaders who sought to kill the Heir. (Mr 14:62.)

Because the anti-Christ spirit of Babylon cannot pull the Son down from His throne, it exhibits its wrath against the Son by subtly drawing men away from the



revealed truth of the Word of God.

**Revelation 18** describes the King's judgment against the city of Matthew 21:42; that city tried to seize the Son's inheritance by slaying the Son. It appears that passages such as Matthew 21 and Revelation 18 place the writing of Revelation before 70 AD and Rome's destruction of that great city. (Note that prophecy is from the time it is written, not from the time it is read. Though J.N. Darby claimed to introduce the idea that everything past Revelation 4:1 is yet future, his idea was not new. It was actually introduced by a Roman Jesuit, "a converted Jew," in a 1790 manuscript published in Spanish by Rome, 1812. See J.N. Darby's Collected Writings, II.362, c. 1852. The Jesuit also introduced the idea of a literal 3 ½ years yet to take place in history. We are experiencing the result of the Darby/Schofield mentality that converted the world in the 19th Century; he singlehandedly changed the Calvinistic Christian doctrine of victory in time and history to a doctrine of "let the good times roll," for we will soon be gone. The good times have turned into bad times. (See *Death of the Church Victorious*, by Ovid Need.)

The purpose of Revelation was the same as was Isaiah's prophecy — that is, to see the faithful people of God through the extremely difficult times ahead as the center of their then known world was going to be shaken to its very foundation by the judgment of God against Babylon. With the death of the Son, God's purpose with Babylon, Jerusalem, was complete, and it was ripe for destruction by Rome. Even its foundation was overthrown, plowed with a yoke of oxen and sown with salt. The streets where Jesus walked are under many feet of rubble, but there is good money in deception

In Revelation, the Lord Jesus Christ, who had just been put to death maybe 30 years previously, is presented to the church that He founded and left. Revelation presents Him as the victoriously risen Lord and King over all of creation. (ch. 1) He is then presented as the all-knowing Lord and King over the seven churches. (chaps. 2, 3) He knows all about them, and they are close to His heart even in the coming judgment. He tells them to get the sin in the church taken care of because there is tremendous judgment on its way. He then tells of the great destruction about to come upon the center of the world for both the Hebrews and for the new church, the Christians; that is, the destruction of Jerusalem and the 1000 year old Hebrew method of worship.

Through John, the Lord tells the new Christians, and Jews if they would listen, of the quickly approaching

judgment against those who put Christ to death, which destruction was close at hand, even within a few years. He tells them for the same reason the prophets of old told of Babylon's fall, i.e., to show that God is in total control, and the result will be the glorious exaltation of the Kingdom of God. In all of the terrible 'trembling' that was soon coming upon them, they are assured that it is God who has put it in the heart of the wicked to accomplish his purpose. (Insert the names Biden, Pelosi, Shumer, &c. here.) The overthrowing of the city of Jerusalem was the beginning of the overthrow of the anti-Christ nations of the world.

**Though Matthew 24 and many prophecies of the Revelation were basically fulfilled when the "Jewish World" was brought to an end in 70 AD**, the workings of God in history are described in the Revelation, workings that shall fulfill the everlasting promise to the Son found in

**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.*

**Revelation 10:6** *And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:*

"There shall never be any more time." (Geneva)

Revelation 22 tells us: **First, v. 7**, the time is very near for the judgment spoken of in Revelation to come; **second, v. 10**, the prophecy was not sealed, so it spoke to the immediate future, not 2000 years away (Daniel's prophecy was sealed and could not be understood until the end times, 12:4; **third**, even after the judgments described in Revelation are complete, there are still unjust people in the world (Rev. 22:11, 15. We do not have time nor space to properly develop vv. 11, 15.); **fourth**, many times throughout Revelation, as well as throughout the New Testament, the nearness of the coming judgment against Babylon is noted (v.20).

We do not find Isaiah's warning of the fulfillment of the coming judgment against Babylon being referred to as quickly coming, and the destruction he foretold was only 170 or so years away. How could the Holy Spirit change his definition of quickly from the Old Testament to the New Testament? In light of the Old Testament, quickly cannot be identified as a period of an excess of 2000 years, as modern expositors seek to make it.

**The Revelation was not sealed.** Being unsealed, the readers of the period understood that the events described therein would very soon come to pass, which they did within probably 10 years.

But its readers in the present, 2000 years beyond the prophesied events, have a difficult time understanding that the events were very soon to come to pass upon the ones to whom it was addressed. It is, therefore, sealed to those today who refuse to recognize its time-frame. This is why there is such a huge amount of speculation from this book, including 3:20 used as a salvation verse.

**The churches mentioned in chapters 2 and 3 had to be able to read the prophecy and understand it because the great tribulation which Christ spoke of in Matthew 24 was almost upon them.** Notice Christ's use of Isaiah 13:1-10 to describe the terrible time about to come upon Jerusalem (Mt. 24:29). Christ clearly identified the time spoken of by himself of the overthrow of Jerusalem with the overthrow of Babylon as described by both Isaiah and Jeremiah. Those who heard him knew immediately what he was talking about. They knew the context of Isaiah and the meaning of the terms used by the Lord. He had no need to say more, for his words clearly spoke of God's total destruction of the Babylon of the Chaldees. (Many reformers considered the Babylon of Revelation as the city and Church of Rome, but that understanding does not fit the clear context of Matthew 23:37 and Revelation 18:20. We should not forget the totality of Jerusalem's destruction: Titus plowed the foundations of the walls with a yoke of oxen. What is seen over there today is several feet above the streets upon which Christ and the apostles walked. The spirits of Babylon and of the antichrist do indeed live on in the Roman Church.)

The new Christians and the new church needed the strength to stand in the coming horror. Nothing had ever happened like it before. But since then, horrible tribulation against the church has happened many times. In fact, our Lord said that there had been and will be nothing like it in the history of the world. (Mt. 24:21.) With this statement to his hearers, he identified the coming fall of Jerusalem as far worse than even the fall of Babylon spoke of by Isaiah and Jeremiah.

What Josephus observes here, that no parallel examples had been recorded before this time of such sieges, wherein mothers were forced by extremity of famine to eat their own children, as had been threatened to the Jews in the law of Moses, upon obstinate disobedience,

and more than once fulfilled, (see my Boyle's Lectures, p. 210-214,) is by Dr. Hudson supposed to have had two or three parallel examples in later ages. He might have had more examples, I suppose, of persons on ship-board, or in a desert island, casting lots for each others' bodies; but all this was only in cases where they knew of no possible way to avoid death themselves but by killing and eating others. Whether such examples come up to the present case may be doubted. The Romans were not only willing, but very desirous, to grant those Jews in Jerusalem both their lives and their liberties, and to save both their city and their temple. But the zealots, the robbers, and the seditious would hearken to no terms of submission. They voluntarily chose to reduce the citizens to that extremity, as to force mothers to this unnatural barbarity, which, in all its circumstances, has not, I still suppose, been hitherto paralleled among the rest of mankind. (Josephus, B 6, Ch 3, Sec. 3, note. The Master Christian Library, Ages Software, PO Box 1926, Albany, OR. 1 800 297 4307.)

We see in Revelation 1:3, that the prophecy was unsealed. Any child of God could read it and readily understand the warnings, threats and promises contained therein. Thus the promised blessing to all who read it. This promise was an encouragement for the people of God to read this book. They had to in order to prepare themselves for what was soon to take place, so they would not be shaken in their faith. This encouragement was as much needed by the people of God before this terrible time spoken of by our Lord in Matthew 24, if not more so, as was the encouragement needed in Isaiah's time. Without the explanation of what was soon to take place, the people of God would have been at wit's end, thinking that the promise of God had failed.

The promise from the time of Abraham on was/is for the exaltation of the King and his Kingdom. The Messiah was the personification of the promise: everything, every fulfillment, all hinged upon the Messiah, and he was going to be killed. To the natural mind, Christ's murder proved the spirit of rebellion more powerful than the King. (Even the Apostles lost hope until the risen Lord appeared to them on the sea shore.) The Lord, therefore, warns his people, both in Matthew 24 and in the Revelation, that the judgment and overthrow of Babylon, which killed the Son, would be more violent than anything since the foundation of the earth. Therefore, they were not to lose hope in the promise of the exaltation and victory of the Kingdom of God over the spirit of Babylon that put the Son to death.

Isaiah and Jeremiah prepared the people of God for the coming destruction of Babylon of the Chaldees and the glorious Kingdom of God after it. The prophet John prepared the people of God for the coming destruction of the Babylon of apostate Israel and the glorious Kingdom of God after it. This is not to say that the spirit of Babylon is now inoperative since Jerusalem's destruction, for obviously it is still very much in operation — Revelation 22 points out that the dogs, sorcerers, whoremongers, murderers, idolaters, and those who love and make a lie, are still very much in action.

But the power behind the spirit of Babylon (Babylon defined as rebellion in all its shapes and forms, against the Lord and his Anointed and the Kingdom of God) was most certainly broken — it was broken on the cross of Christ. (Col. 1:13, 2:15.) The spirit of Babylon can only operate as God permits.

Isaiah 13 describes the coming terrible judgment against Babylon of the Chaldees as a trembling in nature itself. Hebrews 12 tells us there is to yet be a final trembling and throwing down of the end-time Babylon when all men and nations are subdued to the Kingdom of God and the King.

John's exhortation to the covenant-people was the same as was Isaiah's — look past the apparent depressed and defeated condition of the present Kingdom of God, and look to its future promised glory according to God's word. We are not to just look, but we are to work at bringing all things into this Kingdom. Sitting back and waiting for the future greater glory results in the judgment of God.

Jeremiah 50 describes the reason for God's wrath against Babylon of the Chaldees, which was basically pride. God sent Babylon as a rod of chastisement against his disobedient people. Babylon destroyed the people of God with great zeal and joy, stirring up the wrath of God against it. Babylon was extremely exalted with pride because of the strength God had provided her. But, as the saying goes, the bigger they are, the harder they fall. Therefore, the fall of Babylon is compared to the overturning of nature itself. (Isa. 13:10, 13.)

**In Isaiah 13:3, 4**, the Lord makes it clear that he called Babylon against his sinful people. We must, hence, conclude that even the most powerful and glorious men (Isa. 14) are nothing but a tool in the hands of the Sovereign, Almighty God. God allows them to gain strength for his purpose, and when that purpose is accomplished, they are cast down. This fact is one of the

most obvious of the Old Testament, e.g., Pharaoh.

## HISTORY

History is simply a record of Jehovah God allowing the spirit of Babylon, Satan, to exalt itself through ungodly men and nations to accomplish his purpose. Even when it seems that the enemy is at his very worse, he is accomplishing the Lord's purpose. No matter what takes place, the Lord is in complete control and he allows it for his purpose. Our job is to be faithful to his calling no matter what.

The Prophet Isaiah (13:14) looks ahead to give a vivid description of what was going to take place in Babylon's judgment. Judah is still in her land; Ahaz makes a deal with Assyria, along with serving her gods. Babylon overtakes Assyria, and as God's instrument of judgment against her sins, moves in judgment against Judah. Isaiah is speaking before it happened, warning the people. The coming judgment against them, executed by God's servant Babylon, will be beyond anything they can imagine. (Babylon is not any kind of a threat to them at this point in time. The threat is Assyria. Therefore, as Isaiah looks ahead to Babylon's exaltation, his threats seem foolish.)

Isaiah calls God's people to look past the Lord's judgment when it comes, and not give up hope. It includes the promise that they will not be completely destroyed from off the face of the earth, as it will seem when Babylon moves against them.

The key to the terrible judgment lies in Jeremiah 50:15 — Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her. (Note Mt. 27:25; Rev. 16:6, 17:6, 18:6, 24, 19:2.)

Jeremiah describes Babylon at her fall. She fell for what she did to the covenant-people when she went into Judea as the Lord's rod of chastisement. (Cf. Jer. 51. Assyria is also called the "land of Nimrod," Mic. 5:6, and Assyria is also called the "rod of mine anger," *i.e.*, God's indignation against his people, Isa. 10:5. Isa. 10 describes the same threats against Assyria as are given against Babylon in Jer. 51.) We see that even the pagan nations will be and are held accountable to the basic principles of God's word. He exalts them for a purpose, and they must execute that purpose according to his word because they will receive back upon themselves as they did to others.

Notice Revelation 18:6 — the wrath against Baby-

lon (Jerusalem) was to “reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.” The comparison between the two Babylons is amazing. Those to whom Revelation was written easily and readily made the connection.

A conclusion here is that as ‘expositors’ try to make the primary interpretation of the Revelation future from our day, the book becomes closed and the source of much false doctrine.

The similarity between the destruction of Babylon of the Chaldees and the Babylon of the Jews is striking.

### **Quoteing**

#### **What is government?**

When this question is asked, most people respond by equating government solely with a centralized state. Even our language reflects the confusion: “Government? It’s in Washington,” or “The government will take care of its citizens through its many programs.” Both of these statements reflect a misunderstanding of the true nature of government. They portray the idea that the only governing institution is a political one. Historically, however, the term “government” was always qualified in some way, unlike our present-day definitions.

Our educational system reflects the same confusion. A generation ago high school classes dealing with state government were given the title “Civics.” The emphasis was on the function of government in civil matters. This is no longer the case. Such classes are now given the broad title of “Government,” implying that the many governments are absorbed into one all-encompassing government. Before World War I, textbooks dealing with national government were qualified with the title “Civil.” An example of this can be seen in a textbook used in 1903: *Elements of Civil Government*. According to its author, “The family... is a form of government, established for the good of children themselves, and the first government that each of us must obey” (p. 18). The book continues by defining five areas of civil government: “the township or civil district, the village or the city, the county, the State, and the United States” (p. 18). The term “government,” as the older educational definition indicates, is broader than the state. Textbook writers were aware that there were personal, family, church, school, and civil governments, each having a legitimate realm of authority. The state was seen as only one government among many.

To deny the validity of the many governments and the responsibilities that each has under God, would be to deny the authority that belongs to each of them in the realm of their activity. If we as individuals neglect our personal governing duties, then we can expect the state to assume the role of all other legitimate governments and claim to be the sole government, while labeling all others as counterfeits. Therefore, to see the state as the only governing institution “is destructive of liberty and of life” (R.J. Rushdoony, *Politics of Guilt and Pity*, p. 332).

The concept of the multiplicity of governments was as old as our country, because the principles were extracted from biblical principles. Noah Webster’s definition of government in his *American Dictionary of the English Language* (1828) reflects the biblical concept of the diversity of governmental authority. Webster defined government in this way: “Direction; regulation. These precepts will serve for the government of our conduct. Control; restraint. ‘Men are apt to neglect the government of their temper and passions.’”

While Noah Webster, in 1828, defined government in terms of personal self control, most modern definitions largely limit government to the realm of institutions, especially civil or statist governments. This is made evident by the fact that the definition for civil government is placed first in modern dictionaries. Nowhere are self and family governments even listed. For example, Webster’s *New World Dictionary* (1972), defines government in this way: “The exercise of authority over a state, district, organization, institution, etc.” Noah Webster, in the older definition, even goes on to include family government as part of the complete definition before he deals with the government of an individual state or nation. He defines family government as: “The exercise of authority by a parent or householder. ‘Children are often ruined by a neglect of government in parents.’” According to the Bible, it is the duty of parents to govern in the home: “And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). It is not the duty of a civil government to interfere with the affairs of the family. Too often, however, parents neglect their God-given duty to raise their children in the “nurture and admonition of the Lord.” When this happens, we can expect the state to take an increasingly dominant role in family affairs. Such a role is to the detriment of the family. The state on many occasions has even claimed ownership of children.

If generations continue to be indoctrinated with the modern definition, as they have been, they will neglect their own personal, family, church, and local governing duties. They will believe that these duties are outside their area of authority and responsibility. Each generation will become more dependent on the “benevolent” state for care and security. We are beginning to see such a trend. “Today, most Americans have lost their faith in Christ as Savior, and they expect civil government (Trump, ed?) to be their savior. They have no desire for the responsibilities of self-government, and so they say to politicians, ‘Do thou rule over us.’ Instead of Jesus Christ as their good shepherd, they elect politicians to be their shepherds on a program of socialistic security for all” (R.J. Rushdoony, *Law and Liberty*, p. 61)

Government, then, in our American Christian heritage which was formulated from biblical principles, begins with the individual and extends outward to include all institutions. Presently, however, most Americans are unaware of the varied nature of government. The civil government has assumed responsibility to be the government. It is sad to say that many Americans are thankful that Washington has relieved them from what they believe is the heavy burden of governing themselves, their families, churches, and schools. If the people of the United States do not once again establish self, family, church, local, state, and national governments to their proper places of power and authority, our nation is doomed.

The central focus of all realms of government is the regenerating work of Jesus Christ. Institutions and civil governments are made up of people who are governed by the condition of their hearts. If the heart is in rebellion against God, we can expect undisciplined and ungovernable people. If the heart has been made new in Christ, we can expect a people who will govern their lives according to the governing principles of Scripture. A.A. Hodge speaks of the essence of the new heart, regeneration, as consisting of “the implantation of a new governing principle of life—from the fact that it is a ‘new birth’ John 3:3], a ‘new creation’ [2 Corinthians 5:17], wrought by the mighty power of God in execution of his eternal purpose of salvation, and that it is as necessary for the most moral and amiable as for the morally abandoned”

(*A Commentary on the Confession of Faith*, p. 238. Sadly, I failed to record the author’s name.)

## VENTURE ALL FOR GOD

The sound of psalms wafted through the open win-

dows of a country cottage near Bedford, England in 1675. A small group of men, women, and children had assembled together to sing, to fellowship, and to hear the Bible preached. It was no cathedral they were in, and everyone in the room knew that this Nonconformist meeting was illegal. The sound of larks and sparrows took the place of the peals of the organ. Here, there was no high altar, no surplice, no prayer book, no candles, and no stained glass. A simple table served as a pulpit, upon which rested the well-worn Bible of John Bunyan.

Most of these people were farmers, and their faces were tanned just like that of their preacher. This was just the kind of congregation Bunyan loved. It was said of our Lord Jesus, “The common people heard him gladly.” The same could be said of John Bunyan. He was a tinker by trade, a mender of pots and pans, and he spent the week travelling through the countryside with his portable brazier. It was in the countryside, talking to farmers and their wives, that John Bunyan had come to know the common man. He spoke in a direct way that they understood and loved.

But of all the faces in the cottage, a few were dearest. Nearest the pulpit was seated his wife, Elizabeth, and their children. Because of John Bunyan’s many years in prison, Elizabeth had been forced by circumstances to raise the children almost alone. By 1675 Bunyan had already spent 12 years of his life in the Bedford jail.

At Elizabeth’s side were arranged the children God had given them. Mary, the oldest daughter, had been blind from birth and had never seen the light of the sun. Bunyan’s few references to her are always tender, and he called her “my poor blind child.” Sometimes, during her father’s extended imprisonments, Mary had been forced to beg for the sustenance of the family. Her father’s heart ached for this, but as he told his family, “I must venture all with God, though it goeth to the quick to leave you.” On this day, the eyes of “poor blind Mary” were raised to meet her father’s. Her eyes could see nothing physically, but her spiritual vision was very clear.

Little did John Bunyan know that this day would bring him yet another painful separation. As the singing ended, the snort of a horse was heard outside. A party of armed men stomped up the stairs and into the room. A shadow of fear briefly passed over Mary’s sightless eyes. Bunyan’s wife Elizabeth knew fully what the sound meant, but God’s past mercy gave her strength for the hour. The assembled saints kept their seats, and all eyes were fixed, not upon the sheriff and his men,

but upon their beloved pastor. John Bunyan looked the sheriff calmly in the eye and announced his text from Luke 23:40, “Dost not thou fear God?”

Instead of breaking up the service, the sheriff quietly took a chair. His men did likewise. Bunyan could sense the abiding power of God in the room, and he knew that he must obey God rather than men if he would truly “venture all for God.” Slowly, Bunyan read again his text from the words of the penitent thief on the cross, “Dost not thou fear God?” He read on, “seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.”

When Bunyan looked up from his Bible, he saw the sheriff visibly shaken by the text. The sheriff was holding the warrant for Bunyan’s arrest, but the hand that held the warrant began to tremble. Bunyan knew the power of the Word of God, and he proceeded, “Behold how this man trembles at the Word of God.”

John Bunyan proceeded to preach. He described the wretchedness of man’s sin, the perfect righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. Bunyan knew what it was to be a lost and dying sinner. He had once been a man as wicked as the sheriff, a blasphemous, lustful, and proud young man.

The text brought to mind Bunyan’s own conversion. He remembered the crushing weight of his own sin. He called to mind the iniquity of his own heart. He remembered the passages of Scripture that seemed to forever condemn him under the righteous judgment of an offended God. He had been terrified by the Scriptures in Hebrews that warned of falling “into the hands of the living God.” He feared that he, like Esau, could find no place of repentance. But he eventually found rest in the same book of Hebrews that pointed the sinner to the perfect righteousness of Christ. He remembered the day that he read the text in Hebrews 12:22, “But ye are come to mount Zion ... to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus Christ, the mediator of the New Covenant.” Having realized that sinful men are “made perfect” by the “mediator of the New Covenant,” Bunyan had come to rest in the perfections of Christ and the burden of sin rolled from his shoulders at the foot of the cross.

In his autobiography, “Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners,” John Bunyan relates the agonizing process by which God brought him from sin to salvation, from doubt to faith, from darkness to light, and from defeat to victory. Now, in his sermon, he sought to proclaim the

Good News of salvation to farmers and sheriffs alike. If the grace of God could save “the chief of sinners” — Bunyan himself, the same grace could save the sheriff.

Through the entire sermon the sheriff sat riveted to his seat. At the end the sheriff could not bring himself to bind the man of God. Instead, with great respect, he served the arrest warrant to John Bunyan and told the Nonconformist preacher that he should follow him to the Bedford Jail. Then, the sheriff left the cottage. Bunyan was a free man at that moment. He could have disappeared into the hills. He could have disguised himself. There may have been times when this would have been appropriate. But John Bunyan believed that he should demonstrate before his family and congregation that he was willing to suffer for the sake of the Lord Jesus and that he was not afraid of imprisonment or even of death.

The hardest thing was to be separated again from his wife and children. Elizabeth bravely accepted the bitter separation, yielding her husband once again into the hands of an ail-wise God. Bind Mary’s sightless eyes were brimming with tears as she embraced her father, but Bunyan had taught his wife and children that the Christian life demands sacrifice for the cause of truth. He wrote this in his autobiography:

“I had also this consideration, that if I should now venture all for God, I engaged God to take care of my concernments; but if I forsook him and his ways, for fear of any trouble that should come to me and mine, then I should not only falsify my profession, but should also count that my concernments were not so sure, if left at God’s feet, while I stood to and for his name, as they would be, if they were under my own care.”

Venturing all for God, John Bunyan trusted his family into the care of God and walked freely into the Bedford Jail. In some ways, these months of his final imprisonment were the most important months of his life. It was during these six months of imprisonment that he wrote his most famous and lasting work, *The Pilgrim’s Progress*. John Bunyan was a tinker by profession and was considered by the clergy of England to be ignorant and illiterate. But from his prison cell, Bunyan wrote a book that has been the world’s best selling book ever written originally in the English language. Its popularity cannot be explained apart from the fact that men and women see in John Bunyan an honest portrayal of the realities of life.

In many ways John Bunyan’s famous allegory is an extension of his own autobiography. He reminds every

pilgrim that the Christian life is never easy. Even after Pilgrim's sins rolled away at the foot of the cross, there were struggles and hardships in life. Doubting Castle looms big, and Giant Despair is very real. Doubts, fears, struggles, darkness, and sorrow are just as much a part of the Christian's life as victory. Apollyon must be met and conquered. But through all of life's journey we are guided and sustained by the hand of a gracious God, and we can look back to say, "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28).

John Bunyan reached the end of his own pilgrimage in 1688. His faith was put to the final test as he came to the brink of the River of Death. "Jesus, the mediator of the New Covenant" had sustained him in life, and was there again to sustain him in death.

Bunyan had recorded in *The Pilgrim's Progress* how that when Christian and his companion emerged from the river, they were met by two shining ones with this triumphant message, "Ye are come unto Mount Zion, the city of the Living God" (Heb 12:22).

The life of John Bunyan encourages us that the glories of the Celestial City await every sincere Pilgrim who will truly venture all for God.

—Drawn from *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners* and *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan, *Venture All for God: Piety in the Writings of John Bunyan* collected by Reformation Heritage Books, and the video lectures *Christian History in First Person* by Dr. Edward Panosian John Hoffman, *Mighty Men Herald*, Feb 2017. (cbcbelleville@gmail.com)

## PERSONAL

My wife, Bettie, has been steadily getting her strength and appetite back which she'd lost due to the chemotherapy. For the first time in several months she again enjoys cooking. May 1st, she starts her radiation treatments. Though there is no trace of cancer left after her surgery to remove the lumps, the protocol still calls for radiation. The treatments will be five days a week for three weeks. The trip to the Radiation Center is about an hour and 15 minutes each way so those three weeks will be totally consumed on the road, **so their may not be an Examiner next month.** The hospital, University of Cincinnati, is a teaching hospital, and they are on the leading



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edge of cancer research. **Thank you for your prayers.**

Bettie and I celebrate our 20th anniversary on the 29th. We had both been married about 30 years to our first spouses when they died, so this will mark our 50th year of married life for both of us, 30+20. Marriage in the Lord can be heaven on earth. The option is hell on earth.

I must have another skin cancer removed. As a younger man and as an equipment operator, I spent many enjoyable hours in the sun. Are these skin cancers a result? I seem to be having carpal tunnel problems again in my right hand. I went through carpal tunnel surgery maybe six years ago, and it was not pleasant. The VA has scheduled a test to try to trace down the problem. The shots in my left eye seem to have been successful in reducing the swelling behind the retina. No more shots are scheduled, only follow-up examinations. The Lord has been and is being good to His Elect.

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