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A CHILD-A SON

Isaiah 9:6 *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

Isaiah 9:6, 7 is a well-known Christmas passage that one could easily spend many messages developing. It should bring peace to a Child of God regardless of the circumstances Providence has placed him in. Though it is a wonderful passage that a teacher could run out of time on this earth developing, and though I would love to develop v. 7, we will severely restrict ourselves to these few words in v. 6 *For unto us a child is born, and unto us a Son is given.* Here Christ is revealed as

the infinitely divine and Man-God, the *daysman* who alone unites heaven and earth, the sinner and the Holy Heavenly Father. He is the *daysman* that Job longed for about 2000 years before he came. (Job 9:33) Christ is the only begotten Son of the Heavenly Father. As a child, he was *born* unto us. As the Son, he was *sent* to us, John 3:16, 17.

Let us consider *unto us*. They are used twice, showing us that they are the focus of the verse.

Three points to consider:

- I. Is it true?
- II. If it is, so what?
- III. If it is not, then what?

I. Is it true that unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given?

One of the most well-accepted facts—because of the \$\$\$—in history is that a child was born to the young virgin named Mary who was in a very lowly situation.

This is a point with which Judaism violently disagrees, yet Christians send God's money to help support their unbelief. Tradition has added a lot to his birth, including animals and three *wise men*, who did not actually show up until after the *child* was walking. It is clear, however, that he was born in the lowliest condition.

A son is given... Upon this point hangs the entire Christian religion. Though the *son* did a great many undisputed mighty works proving he was indeed the Son of the Highest, the unbelievers throughout history hold that he was simply a good man, at the best, a prophet of God, *e.g.*, Mohamadism.

Though the infidel may dispute that he is the only begotten Son of the Father, we who profess to believe the Scripture must receive the Son as an undeniable truth—that is, God sent to us his only begotten Son to save *his people from their sins*. (Matt. 1:21. Emphasis is on *his people*, the elect, not the devil's people.)

The point of v. 6 is this: Was this *child born* unto you? Was this *son given* to you? Is *the son your king* by faith in him alone? Do *your* works prove his authority over all your life? Do *you* have a personal relationship with the child who was born at Bethlehem? *Unto us...* Are *you* confident that he was given to *you* as *your* Savior? Has he brought *glad tidings* to *you*? Do *you* belong to him through faith alone?

This writer can easily remember the day back in 1977 when the Lord showed him that the *son did not belong to him nor did he belong to the son*. For a good number of years, I was the picture-perfect example of what a Christian church staff member should be like in works and in words, and I was confident that I belonged to the son. (I would quote John 3:16, and found a false assurance there.) However, he was not mine, nor was I his. We have seen more than a few converted to Christ though they were the very picture of godliness, and their lives were excellent examples of Christianity. Yet the Spirit of God troubled them about their faith, and they had to confess that he was not theirs nor were they his. The number of unsaved good—even active—church members who are traveling the broad road to destruction is legion. From my experience in both Louisiana and Indiana, at least 50% of conservative, evangelical church members, including pastors, are unsaved. Others have given a 90% number of professed Christians with which I can certainly agree, and that may be low.

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

First, this child is not born unto you unless you are

born to this child. In Jesus' words, *you must be born again*. According to Paul, one is elect before his conversion takes place in time. Faith that cometh by hearing the proclamation of the gospel is the norm. **2 Timothy 2:10** *Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.*

What about infants, including those murdered in the womb?

Westminster: X.III, 1649. Elect infants, dying in infancy, are regenerated, and saved by Christ through the Spirit, {84} who worketh when, and where, and how He pleaseth: {85} so also, are all other elect persons who are incapable of being outwardly called by the ministry of the Word. {86}

Baptist, 1689: X.III. Infants dying in infancy are regenerated and saved by Christ through the Spirit; {#Joh 3:3,5,6} who works when, and where, and how he pleases; {#Joh 3:8} so also are all elect people, who are incapable of being outwardly called by the ministry of the Word.

The Particular Baptists identified closely with the Presbyterians in order to present a common front against the heresies of the day, and the prevailing heresies of our day I must add. I tell folks who are looking for an orthodox church to check out the Presbyterians if they cannot find a Baptist church that has not been consumed with the dispensational rapture theory. We had to do that in Ohio.

There are those who reject the doctrine of election because they cannot understand it. But what do they do with the other doctrines they cannot understand, such as *unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given?* Can they understand the divine Father-Son relationship in Isaiah 9:6? If not, in order to be consistent in rejecting doctrines they cannot understand, *e.g.*, election, they must also reject v. 6, for they certainly cannot reduce that key doctrine to human understanding.

THE "CHRISTMAS" RELIGION OF MARY'S CHILD

Christmas is a season when everyone claims as their own the **child of Mary** who entered into this world in the most humble manner possible, born of a lowly young woman, probably in her late teens. But those who have never been regenerated by the blood of this *child* speak of things of which they know nothing. Their "**Christmas**" religion of **Mary's child** is a vain and hopeless effort, for in that day, *whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire*, which is

the second death. (Rev 20:14, 15)

Has your life been changed? Do you now hate things you once loved? Has the outside been changed, but not the inside? The proof of Christianity is both inside and outside, for faith without works is dead. We are commanded to examine ourselves whether we are in the faith. (2 Cor 13:5)

Second, if this child is born unto us, and we were born again as a child, then we are not to remain a child. Paul tells us we are to put away childish things and become a mature man in Christ. (1 Cor 13:11.) Peter tells us we are to mature in the grace and knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, which requires discipline and study. (2 Peter 3:18. Those who might be content in their immaturity need to examine themselves.)

Christ, even in his eternal glory, was called *thy holy child Jesus* (Acts 4:27), a child who had to increase in wisdom and in stature. (Luke 2:52) He learned obedience through suffering; that is, “He always did his Father’s will, {#Joh 8:29} but he grew in experience as in wisdom and stature and in the power of sympathy with us.” (Robertson’s NT Word pictures on Heb 5:8.)

The Father gave *unto us a son* who saves *his people from their sins* as they come to him by faith. Notice the wording of **Matthew 18:3** *And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and THEN become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

The apostles were converted in one sense, but even they needed a further conversion. They needed to be converted from self-seeking to humbleness and contentment. A little child has no ambitious dreams, he is satisfied with little things, he trusts, he aims not at greatness, he yields to command. There is no entering into the kingdom of heaven but by descending from fancied greatness to real lowliness of mind, and becoming as little children.

To rise to the greatness of grace, we must go down to the littleness, the simplicity, and the trustfulness of childhood. Since this was the rule for apostles, we may depend upon it we cannot enter the kingdom in any less humbling manner. This truth is verified by our Lord’s solemnly attesting word, “Verily I say unto you.” Christians are to become like little children. (Spurgeon)

1 Corinthians 14:20 *Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.*

Third, if unto us a Son given, then we, *the elect*, are given to the Son.

John 6:44 *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. 65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.*

Fourth, if unto us a son is given, then we are given the power to become sons of God. (John 1:12) We are given to him for a purpose; that is, to glorify God in our every thought, action and deed.

If unto us a child is born, and a son is given, then,

First, we have been redeemed and converted by the Son, born again as a son of God

Second, if this *child is born unto us*, we become a child at conversion. We are to remain as a child in some areas, but in knowledge, understanding and doing God’s law-word, we are to mature into men.

Third, if *unto us a son is given*, then we are given the power to become sons of God:

Fourth, if unto us a son given, then we are given to the Son.

ISAIAH 9:6

I. Is it true that *unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given*?

If it is true, then what?

If not, then what?

II. If it is true, then what?

First, if unto us a child is born and unto us a son is given, then we can confidently and joyfully say with Job who spoke close to 4,000 years ago:

Job 19:25 *For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: 27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.*

Second, if unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, then *Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance* **Psalms 42:5**

Heaven is our home. Psalms 2: *The heathen rage, and according to their vain imagination, that all-consuming faith of their imagination tells them they can throw off the bands and cords of God’s law. Their faith tells them that when they finally throw off God’s law, paradise will be here. That is to say, they can restore paradise*

when they get rid of God world-wide. Though nations given to Marxism show the reality of their “Worker’s Paradise,” their faith will not die. But the **son** that **is given** now sits in the heaven and laughs; the **son** has the wicked in total derision. That is, he laughs at them and mocks them by allowing their boundless stupidity to work itself out to its logical conclusion. (Keil) Are we not now experiencing the logical conclusions of stupid efforts to control the world? The Son, the Man-God who was given **unto us** is in total control, and he will vex them as he sees fit. (Isaiah 9:7)

- **UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN,**

* In the heat of his anger, the **son** that is **given unto us** will speak to them not with words, but through his providence *e.g.*, Jerusalem. (Gill) Providential action as described in Deuteronomy 27, 28?

* *And vex them*] Or trouble them, as he did the builders of Babel, Pharaoh, Sennacherib, others; either by horror or conscience or corporal plagues, one way or the other he will have his penny worth of them, as he had of the old and late persecutors of his people. (John Trapp)

* 5. This silent contempt of God for his foes and their plots shall continue until the time chosen by infinite wisdom for the display of his glorious justice. Then, when their iniquity shall be full, when all men shall have seen his long-suffering toward them, and when it shall appear that they did but harden themselves in pride engendered by his mercy, then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.” (Psalms, William S. Plummer. 1867. The Banner of Truth Trust 1975 reprint, p. 42.)

That certainly does not mean we can sit back, hide behind the closed doors of home or church, and “let the good, or bad, times roll.” (It is extremely distressing to encounter churches and Christians with the attitude of, “Don’t, worry, be happy” because we are saved, while the world around them descends into chaos.) We have responsibilities and duties spelled out for us in his word. We have the marching orders given to us by the **son** who was given. V. 6, that **child, son** is the Captain of the Lord’s Hosts. Let us not be AWOL.

Even as a pagan farmer rejoices over a good crop or prosperous year, how much more must we rejoice that **Unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given?**

Poverty? Sickness? Bondage to sin? *The whole world lieth in wickedness?* In all these things, we are more

than conquerors. Rejoice, for **unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given**, and the government of all things is upon his shoulder, not ours, for not even a hair falls from our head without his explicit approval. (Job 1, 2) Everything, even the Biden administration is praising God in their actions as they work out the **Son’s** pre-determined plan for history.

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

Why do we view life with such distress when *unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given?*

I. Is it true that *unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given?*

II. If it is true, then what?

III. If it is not true, then what?

First, we are told at least 10 the distressing and sad results if it is not true that *unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given*, 1 Corinthians 15:

12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is (1) no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is (2) Christ not risen: 14 And if Christ be not risen, then is (3) our preaching vain, and (4) your faith is also vain. 15 Yea, and (5) we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. 16 For if the dead rise not, then (6) is not Christ raised: 17 And if Christ be not raised, (7) your faith is vain; (8) ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ (9) are perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, (10) we are of all men most miserable.

Thus, if Christ was not a human child born to a human mother, Mary, if Christ were not the preexisting and everlasting Son, then there is no resurrection and we are of all men most miserable. **Job in his** complaint to his friends, said in chapter 9:

25 Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good. 26 They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle that hasteth to the prey. 27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort myself: 28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent. 29 If I be wicked, why then labour I in vain? 30 If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean; 31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me. 32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together

in judgment. 33 Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both. 34 Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me: 35 Then would I speak, and not fear him; but it is not so with me.

Job! It would be a tossup between Job and Joseph as to who is my favorite man in Scripture. Remember, the Lord twice said to Satan, ***Have you considered my righteous servant Job?*** Though even the Lord considered Job the best man of his day, Job understood that no matter how righteous of a life he might live, it would not be good enough. He understood Jehovah God was not a man, and being God, he could not understand what Job was going through. **Job longed for a daysman**—that is, a man who could lay his hand on both him and the just God and could take his case without fear before that God.

Second, there would be no mediator between the Thrice-Holy God, and sinful man. There would be no high priest who could identify with his creation, and was *in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin*. All mankind would hear would heat the words, ***Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:*** (Matt 25:41)

Hebrews 2:17 *Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.*

We can do nothing for our own redemption any more than Job could. Almost 4,000 years ago, Job clearly understood that one cannot weep enough, work enough, repent enough, sacrifice enough, be sincere enough nor do enough of anything to please the just, righteous and holy Father enough to have peace with God and eternal life. The answer for the 4,000-year-old plea from Job is **Isaiah 9:6, *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given*** and only through faith in that ***child, that son*** can there be any hope in this world or in the world to come.

Christ has done it all, and it is by total abandonment of self, and faith alone in Christ alone that will let us see his face.

Isaiah 9:6 *For unto us a child is born, and unto us a Son is given: and the government is upon his shoulder, and he shall call his name Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The prince of peace,*

The God who made the heavens and earth became a man through the natural human birth. Explain that with

human understanding! He finished the atonement, and the bloody sacrifice required by God's law has been made.

What a wonderful hope God gave to the world through Isaiah. Is that hope yours?

TOWER OF THE FLOCK

Micah 4:8 *And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.*

This *tower of the flock* is interesting. Edersheim, in his book, THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JESUS THE MESSIAH ([1883]-pg.186) makes an extremely important and significant point about the location of this ***tower of the flock*** and what took place there. He says:

“That the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem, was a settled conviction. Equally so was the belief, that He was to be revealed from *Migdal Eder* [see marg. of Bible, “Or, Edar”], ‘the tower of the flock.’ The *Migdal Eder* was *not* the watch-tower for the ordinary flocks which pastured on the barren sheep-ground beyond Bethlehem, but lay close to the town, on the road to Jerusalem. A passage in the Mishnah leads to the conclusion, that the flocks, which pastured there, were destined for Temple-sacrifices, and, accordingly, that the shepherds, who watched over them, were not ordinary shepherds.... The same Mishnic passage also leads us to infer, that these flocks lay out *all the year round*, since they are spoken of as in the fields thirty days before the Passover—that is, in the month of February, when in Palestine the average rainfall is nearly greatest. Thus, Jewish tradition in some dim manner apprehended the first revelation of the Messiah from that *Migdal Eder*, where shepherds watched the Temple-flocks all year round. Of the deep symbolic significance of such a coincidence, it is needless to speak.

It was, then, on that ‘wintry night’ of the 25th of December (he gives a good argument for this date), that shepherds watched the flocks destined for sacrificial services, in the very place consecrated by tradition as that where the Messiah was to be first revealed. Of a sudden came the long-delayed, unthought of announcement. Heaven and earth seemed to mingle, as suddenly an Angel stood before their dazzled eyes, while the out-streaming glory of the Lord seemed to enwrap them, as in a mantle of light. Surprise, awe, fear would be hushed into calm and expectancy, as from the Angel they heard, that what they saw boded not judgment, but ushered in to waiting Israel the great joy of those good tidings which he brought: that the long-promised Saviour, Mes-

siah, Lord, was born in the City of David, and that they themselves might go and see, and recognize Him by the humbleness of the circumstances surrounding His Nativity.

It was, as if attendant angels had only waited the signal. As, when the sacrifice was laid on the altar, the Temple-music burst forth in three sections, each marked by the blast of the priests' silver trumpets, as if each Psalm were to be a *Tris-Hagion*; so, when the Herald-Angel had spoken, a multitude of heaven's host stood forth to hymn the good tidings he had brought. What they sang was but the reflex of what had been announced. It told in the language of praise the character, the meaning, the result, of what had taken place. Heaven took up the strain of 'glory'; earth echoed it as 'peace'; it fell on the ears and hearts of men as 'good pleasure':

Glory to God in the highest---

And upon earth peace---

Among men good pleasure----

Edersheim adds this interesting footnote to the three sections of the Temple-music. "According to tradition, the three blasts symbolically proclaimed the kingdom of God, the providence of God, and the final judgment (of God)."

'SANTA CLAUS'

A chance to talk about the real Nicholas

by Mike O'Connor

As a boy, I believed in Santa Claus. On Christmas Eve, my brothers and I left cookies and milk out for him so he could snack a little as he assembled the Mouse Trap game for us. On Christmas morning, the cookies and milk were gone, and the Mouse Trap game was done! Certainly, Santa had been there! There was no white beard hair in the milk cup, nor reindeer hoof prints on the roof. But who cared? Rather than pull a CSI to disprove his existence, it was easier to believe that he was really there.

So was the Easter Bunny! And the Tooth Fairy! All those eggs and coins proved it!

"Santa Claus" comes from the Dutch "Sinterklaas," which means "Saint Nicholas." And there was a real Bishop Nicholas, a church leader who ministered in the late 200s and early 300s A.D. He was not a writer, so what we know of him derives from historical records and, later, legends.

Some legends are more fanciful than factual. What does appear to be historical is his service to Christians in the southwest of what is today Turkey, his impris-

onment during the persecution of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, his release under Constantine (the emperor who converted to Christianity), and his attendance at the church council of Nicaea, where one of the great creeds was formulated. So, the real Santa Claus is about as far removed from the North Pole, elves, and reindeer as I am from Michael the Archangel.

What of this Nicholas? It is clear that he suffered for his faith. The emperor who imprisoned him also destroyed church buildings, burned Scriptures, demoted Christians from places of honor, and offered release from jail to those Christians who sacrificed to the Roman gods. Given the fact that he remained in prison until the tolerant Constantine came to power, it is clear that his Lord was Christ and that he did not waver in that allegiance.

So who did "Santa Claus" believe in? The Lord Jesus Christ.

Did Nicholas suffer with the intent of drawing attention to himself? Not at all! He bore testimony of his Lord and Savior. If Nicholas were alive today, would he desire the adoration and attention that Santa Claus receives? Not only does the Santa Claus phenomenon put forth inaccurate information, it also obscures the faith of Nicholas. Where is the second Person of the Trinity, humbling Himself to take upon Himself real humanity, so that He could die a real human death to pay for the sins of people? Nicholas himself would preach that.

This message is not preached as children hear of sleigh rides, reindeer, going down a chimney, and "Ho, ho, ho." Santa didn't die for anyone's sins. Is he really worthy of the attention some people give to him? He was a sinner, in need of a Savior. Just like me. Just like you.

So, how do I answer the question, "Do you believe in Santa Claus?"

I don't dodge the question.

It provides the chance to tell of Nicholas, the real Santa Claus, and his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

As you meet the jolly, red-suited man at the shopping mall, please remember the real Santa Claus. Please remember that he was a follower of the Savior, who died on a cross so that those who submit to Him as their personal King might enjoy the blessings that come from the forgiveness of sins. Nicholas wouldn't want you to miss that.

God knows about gift-giving at Christmas and at any

time. The gift of a Savior is not earned but given by God to all who will receive Him. If He is not now your King, then please submit to Him that you may receive God's Christmas gift to you. Not delivered through a chimney, but through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. ♦♦♦

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Christmas in Winchester

THOMAS [STONEWALL] AND ANNA JACKSONS CHRISTMAS IN WINCHESTER‡

“The Winchester Christmas would turn out to be one of the best ever in our lives.” Mary Anna Graham Jackson

By H. Rondel Rumburg

War is a fearful master! The dogs of war had been turned loose on the Southern people creating widows, orphans and devastating property. Anna may have started wondering whether she was going to be able to be with her husband at his winter quarters. Christmas was coming, would they be together or would they ever see each other again? She longed for Thomas' plan for her to visit to work out providing it was pleasing to the Lord.

Finally, on November 16, 1861, a letter arrived at “Cottage Home,” North Carolina from Winchester. The letter was opened with a little drama. Thomas knew Anna was anticipating news and hoping for the “ok.” “Don't you tremble when you see that you have to read such a long letter, for I'm going to write it just as full as it can hold.” Normally the longer the letter the better as far as Anna was concerned. But perhaps she did not want the prolonged anticipation such an extended letter might elicit if her esposo toyed and waited to the end to reveal the answer. Her heart was all aflutter with the prospects. A place had been found for Anna to stay in a house belonging to Lieutenant Colonel Lewis T. Moore of the 4th Virginia Volunteers. § Anticipating what Anna would want to know the epistle recited, “... you wish that I could have my headquarters at Mr. Grigsby's? I tell you this is a much better place for my pet.” Why? “You can have plenty of society of charming ladies here, and the Rev. Mr. Graham, † our Presbyterian minister, lives in the second house from here....”

To allay all questions Anna's esposo gave a detailed description of the quarters they would share by speaking of the place as beautiful. The structure was like a

cottage with six rooms. Thomas went on to explain: “I have two rooms, one above the other. My lower room, or office, has a matting on the floor, a large fine table, six chairs, and a piano.” Having use of a piano would suit Anna and he loved to hear her play. The depiction continued: “The walls are papered with elegant gilt paper. I don't remember to have ever seen more beautiful papering, and there are five paintings hanging on the walls.” What more could one desire? The answer was in Thomas' conclusion:

If I only had my little woman here, the room would be set off. The upper room is neat, but not a full story, and is, I may say, only remarkable for being heated in a peculiar manner, by a flue from the office below. Through the blessing of our ever-kind Heavenly Father, I am quite comfortable. I have much work to perform, and wouldn't have much time to talk to my darling except at night; but then there is so much pleasant society among the ladies here that you could pass your time very agreeably.

Lastly, the words Anna looked for: “I hope to send for you just as soon as I can do so, with the assurance that I am in winter-quarters.” The trip looked more certain now. Should she get her hopes up?

Anna's delight was hard to imagine as she considered spending Christmas with Thomas. This would be the best kind of Christmas present. She joyfully received the news and without waiting for the promised escort she joined some friends who were going to Richmond and off they went. Having reached Richmond Anna shopped, secured a passport and awaited the appearance of her escort to Winchester. Shopping was important because of the shortages and she thought she would be able to purchase in Richmond what she could not find in Charlotte. Finding items for herself and her family back in North Carolina was futile. Either the items could not be found or inflated prices made items prohibitive. The shopping trip was disappointing though not a complete failure.

While in Richmond, she secured the proper papers for continued travel. Anna described the rest of the journey as well as a description of her escort:

The latter was soon found in a kind-hearted but absentminded old clergyman, who occupied himself so assiduously in taking care of the little woman he had in charge that he entirely forgot to look after her baggage (a very necessary precaution in the upturned and disjointed condition in which the country then was),

and the result was a lost trunk! We travelled by stage-coach from Strasburg, and were told, before reaching Winchester, that General Jackson was not there, having gone with his command on an expedition to demolish Dam No. 5 on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. It was therefore with a feeling of sad disappointment and loneliness that I alighted from the stage-coach in front of Taylor's Hotel at midnight in the early part of dreary, cold December, and no husband to meet me with a glad welcome.

Anna wrote of her "feeling of sad disappointment and loneliness" when Thomas failed to meet her upon her arrival. Anna had travelled by stage coach to the Taylor's Hotel. Her knight was absent. This was the kind of thing Thomas had tried to warn her about. Anna's escort sought to help her to the quarters that would be a place of respite from her journey. She believed that the old gentleman felt disappointed at still having her on his hands. And her luggage was missing to add to a kind of discouragement to the end of her journey.

As she reached the landing on the long stairway, Anna turned and caught a glimpse of a person who looked familiar, but perhaps her own words would be more satisfactory.

Just before reaching the landing I turned to look back, for one figure among that group looked startlingly familiar, but as he had not come forward, I felt that I must be mistaken. However, my backward glance did reveal an officer muffled up in a military overcoat, and cap drawn down over his eyes, following us in rapid pursuit, and by the time we were upon the top step a pair of strong arms caught me in the rear; the captive's head was thrown back, and she was kissed again and again by her husband, before she could realize the delightful surprise he had given her. The good old minister chuckled gleefully, and was no doubt a sincere sharer in the joy and relief experienced by his charge. When I asked my husband why he did not come forward when I got out of the coach, he said he wanted to assure himself that it was his own wife, as he didn't want to commit the blunder of kissing anybody else's esposa. He had returned but a few hours before to spend the Sabbath in Winchester, and with the hope of my arrival upon the midnight stage.

Anna had previously described her situation as one "of sad disappointment," but the embrace and affection of her beloved was a form of resuscitation to joyful and gleeful happiness. They were together again and all was well. Thomas had returned from a very successful foray

on December 23, just a little while ahead of Anna's arrival. Even Anna's lost trunk could not spoil this glorious reunion. She knew she could rest, for the trunk problem was now in the hands of Thomas.

This December day was described as "a very disagreeable day.... Christmas is nearly here, but we will not enjoy ourselves like we always did..." because of being absent from loved ones. This is descriptive of the condition among encamped soldiers. Things would be better for Anna because of being with the one to whom she had pledged her love. Although she would miss her family in North Carolina, she was to have the better situation.

The next day, a Monday, Thomas was up bright and early and began to put together plans for a new conquest. His mission was to search and recover Anna's missing trunk. To expedite this plan, the general sent an aide to Richmond! Barrages of telegrams were dispatched to crucial points to recapture the misplaced trunk. The trunk contained Anna's treasures and the special items she had just purchased in Richmond which were to replenish her wardrobe and make it appropriate for Winchester. One must remember that with all the high prices and shortages it would be impossible to replace the lost objects.

The great warrior came up empty in the first skirmish and Anna had to make do with what could be gathered locally at the last moment. Anna remarked: "So, giving it up in despair, I addressed myself to the task of supplying the necessities of the situation. It was, of course, impossible to replace the beautiful Richmond outfit...." Did this providence dampen or destroy Anna's happiness? No, for she observed that in spite of "this great loss, my happiness was unalloyed so long as I was privileged to be with my husband and the charming friends I found in Winchester." Three weeks later Anna was surprised with the information that her trunk had been found in "Lost Baggage." She noted that her "good husband ... had not ceased to ... search...." Once the trunk was located it was put on a fast track to Winchester. Victory at last!

Anna settled in and began to enjoy this wonderful episode in her life. She and Thomas worshipped the Lord their God at Kent Street Presbyterian Church under the ministry of Rev. Dr. James R. Graham, whose ministry of God's Word was of especial benefit to both of them. The fellowship with this congregation opened the door to many friendships among people of like faith and practice. Pastor Graham's home was opened to the

Jacksons for meals and later they would move in with them in the manse. A great friendship was established with Fanny Tucker Magill Graham,‡ the pastor's wife and her mother and sister. Thomas had requested board at the Graham home which was granted. Anna spoke of her delight in this family, which must have reminded her of her own father's house. She said, "... we spent as happy a winter as ever falls to the lot of mortals on this earth." Those were impressive words from a refugee.

Winchester was a good fit for the Jacksons. Thomas called it their "war home." Anna said that Winchester was rich in happy homes and pleasant people. This also included her recognition of their refined social skills and elegant hospitality. These folk were extremely kind and appreciative of her husband. Winchester ladies were great in assisting in the war effort whether young or old they were devoted to the relief and comfort of the sick and wounded of the army.

One lady they met adopted Anna, as it were, as her own daughter. "She ... lavished upon me" wrote Anna, "the loving attentions of a mother to a child." Thomas told Anna he hoped she would be favored by aging like her adoptive mother Mrs. Anne Tucker Magill.* Mrs. Magill's personality and disposition was to Thomas' liking. This lady was the mother of Fanny Graham the wife of the minister and the mother of another lady, Mary Tucker Magill.[1] Together they made their stay precious. Anna said of Mrs. Magill that she had a lovely Christian character. One day a week the Graham household including the Jacksons dined with Mrs. Magill. Anna remarked that she would never forget those "delightful reunions."

The time spent with Thomas and the friends she made was relished and considered dear in Anna's memory. For she declared: "The memories of that sojourn in our 'war home' are among the most precious and sacred of my whole life." Another aspect of the time they spent together, which Anna emphasized, was "the longest time with my husband after he entered the army."

The Winchester Christmas would turn out to be one of the best ever in her life. She and Thomas attended worship service together on that cold Christmas Day. [2] They walked to the worship service at Kent Street Presbyterian Church to hear Dr. Graham preach. He had become a close friend. This was their church home away from Lexington, Virginia. Dr. Hunter McGuire,† Jackson's medical officer, opened his home by extending a Christmas invitation that was accepted. His home was a few blocks from headquarters. This invitation to

have Christmas dinner was extended not only to the Jacksons but also to the general's staff. Anna's Christmas day had been more than she could ever have expected. The worship of her precious God and Saviour Jesus Christ with her husband and the mutual celebration was cherished by Anna.

The day after Christmas was busy. The couple was maximizing their time in Winchester. Anna was with him whom her heart desired. Before and after Christmas, General Jackson continued to prepare for a movement against the enemy. Most of his staff seemed unaware of what he was doing. Anna recorded of him that he remembered "the saying of Napoleon, that 'an active winter's campaign is less liable to produce disease than a sedentary life of camp-fires in winter-quarters.'" [3]

General Loring and the rest of his troops that had been put under General Jackson's command had finally arrived in Winchester just before Christmas. Now Jackson had at his disposal all the men that would be under his command at this point in time. The effort that Jackson had been planning would be called the Romney Expedition. The secrecy was typical under General Jackson. The men were to be ready to march without any idea of their destination, this was very Jackson like.

The joyous days with Anna were not going to be as frequent and much of the social time with friends was about to conclude. She declared that "with the exception of the Romney Expedition, there was nothing to mar the perfect enjoyment of those three blessed months."

December 31, signaled the commencement of the expedition as a host of orders originated from district headquarters. The new year of 1862 dawned with a harsh blast of cold weather. Anna's very pleasant days were now to change as if caused by what Jackson's men called "the most miserable winter they would ever endure."

The Scripture says: "One thing thou lackest;" and that one thing for Thomas Jackson at that moment related to keeping Anna safe during his absence in the field.

The Jacksons' were rejoicing that the Lord had allowed them to have such a glorious Christmas together with their new found friends of Winchester.

‡ From H. Rondel Rumburg's "Stonewall" Jackson's Wife and Daughter: Mary Anna Jackson and Julia Jackson Christian, Chapter 33 and Christmas in the Confederacy, Chapter 15.

§ Upon setting up headquarters in Winchester General Jackson was invited by Lieut. Col. Lewis Tilghman Moore, one of the Stonewall Brigade, to use his house. Moore was a member of the

Fourth Virginia Regiment and a former lawyer in Winchester. Moore had received a severe wound at Manassas but had not returned home. His great-granddaughter is the actress Mary Tyler Moore who contributed significantly to the restoration of this home that was used as Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters. The home is now a museum in Winchester. The 4th Regiment of Virginia Infantry was assembled at Winchester, Virginia in July of 1861. Its companies were from the counties of Wythe, Montgomery, Pulaski, Smyth, Grayson and Rockbridge. It became part of the Stonewall Brigade which served under Gen. Jackson. The regiment fought at First Manassas, First Kernstown, and in Jackson's Valley Campaign. It then participated in many battles of the Army of Northern Virginia from the Seven Days' Battles to Cold Harbor. The unit was with Gen. Early in the Shenandoah Valley, and saw action around Appomattox.

† James Robert Graham (1824-1914) was born in Montgomery, NY, on July 26. His father was William Graham and his mother Hannah Houston. Educated at Union College in Schenectady, NY, and Princeton Theological Seminary, Graham was licensed by the Hudson Presbytery on April 18, 1850, and ordained by the Winchester Presbytery in Virginia on October 9, 1851. Graham was married to Fanny Bland Tucker Magill of Winchester on October 3, 1853. He pastored in Tuscarora and Gerrardstown, Virginia (now WV) and then the Kent Street Presbyterian Church of Winchester, Virginia, from 1851-1900. He followed the pastorate of Beverly Tucker Lacy who was to have a prominent place as Gen. Thomas J. Jackson's chaplain and would minister to the Jackson family. Graham was secretary of Winchester Presbytery from 1853 to 1903. He died in Winchester on April 11, 1914. James Robert Graham was also an author having written: A Century of Winchester Presbytery; History of Presbyterian Church in Winchester; The Planting of the Presbyterian Church in Northern Virginia and The Magill Family in Winchester.

‡ Fanny Bland Tucker Magill was the daughter of Alfred Thurston Magill who held the chair of medicine at the University of Virginia. Her mother was Anne Tucker Magill the daughter of Henry St. George Tucker the presiding judge of the Court of Appeals and law professor of the University of Virginia. After the early death of her father much of her life was spent in the home of her grandparents the Tuckers at the University of Virginia and in Richmond. In 1848 Judge Tucker moved to Winchester where they resided until their home was broken up by the Federal armies. Judge Tucker wrote Commentaries of the Laws of Virginia, two volumes published in Winchester, 1836. Fanny married Rev. James Robert Graham on October 3, 1853.

* Mrs. Anne Tucker Magill was a descendent of John Randolph of Roanoke. Her brother was John Randolph Tucker. Her husband was Henry St. George Tucker the presiding judge of the Court of Appeals and law professor of the University of Virginia. She was a long time widowed for her husband died in 1837, at the age of thirty-two. As a widow she and her daughter Mary Tucker Magill lived together. Mary Magill was an author and remained unmarried. Fanny Bland Tucker Magill Graham was the minister's wife. Fanny's husband James Robert Graham was also an author having written: A Century of Winchester Presbytery; History of Presbyterian Church in Winchester; The Planting of the Presbyterian church in Northern Virginia and The Magill Family in Winchester.

[1] Mary Tucker Magill (1830-1899) was born in Jefferson

County, Virginia (now West Virginia). She was the daughter of Alfred Thurston Magill who held the chair of medicine at the University of Virginia. Her mother was Anne Tucker Magill the daughter of Henry St. George Tucker the presiding judge of the Court of Appeals and law professor of the University of Virginia. After the early death of her father much of her life was spent in the home of her grandparents the Tuckers at the University of Virginia and in Richmond. In 1848, Judge Tucker moved to Winchester where they resided until their home was broken up by the Federal armies.

[2] A newspaper article on that Christmas in the Winchester area related, "Yesterday, being Christmas, the usual drills were dispensed with, and the troops given a holiday, which they enjoyed in various ways. A large number visited the churches in Winchester, where religious services were held. Egg nag was in demand, but the article was exceedingly scarce, for the want of the principal ingredient — good liquor, which cannot be had for love or money.... The weather is cold and cloudy, and the troops suffer very much, and there are a number of cases of pneumonia among them, some of which have proved fatal." Richmond Daily Dispatch, December 31, 1861.

† Hunter Holmes McGuire (1835-1900) was born in Winchester, Virginia. He was the son of a physician and followed in his father's footsteps. His medical degrees were earned at Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia and at Medical College of Virginia. By the time he finished his medical training the war began. McGuire enlisted in the Confederate Army and was chosen by General T. J. Jackson to be the brigade surgeon.

[3] Jackson, 218. There were three books that Jackson always had with him in his haversack: the Bible, Webster's Dictionary and Napoleon's Maxims of War. Henry Alexander White noted that Jackson studied Napoleon and obeyed his instructions "perhaps, as closely as were the other two volumes," 129.

[4] Margaret Hills in The English Bible in America said that it was reprinted from the original plates in 1907 by the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, and noted that it was printed in paragraph form with introductions and appendices with notes appearing between chapters or at the foot of the page. Hills described it as an "immense version."



ALL HUMANITY IS UNDER SIEGE

By Chuck Baldwin

One of the more reliable Internet blogs that I read is Bionic Mosquito. I found the entry of July 28 to be in accordance with my own conclusions. I quote:

It is not difficult to imagine that we have entered one more dark history of humanity on a long string of dark histories. I want to say that others have suffered much worse, and they have. We can think of those in the path of Genghis Khan; the early Christians under Rome; medieval Europeans under siege by Vikings, Huns, or Charlemagne; almost anyone in France in the late eighteenth century; Armenians in the Ottoman Empire; those living in between Germany and the Soviet Union in the 1930s and 1940s; Chinese under Mao; Vietnamese under napalm; Arabs under drones.

But I think I am on safe ground to consider that never before in the recorded history of humanity has the entire population of the world been under siege simultaneously and placed in a medical experiment, forced to face the risk of early death regardless of the path chosen. All of humanity; one-hundred percent. More than seven billion people.

One of the paths I have taken at this blog is a significant examination of the many false histories we have been taught, the lies used to justify action, the way evil was described as virtuous. When I began that journey, I was already somewhat skeptical of the narrative; as I worked through that journey, I have come to conclude that everything being described to us about meaningful events in our history is a lie.

The sons of disobedience always lie, because their father always lies. It is in their nature because it is their father's nature. Every major event in my lifetime (and for centuries before this) has been based on a lie or explained away by a lie.

For this reason, I didn't believe for a minute that we faced a plague of medieval proportions (see my earliest thoughts here, here, and here – all from March 2020). I didn't need to have a complete answer of the truth; just that I knew what we were being told was a lie.

There are several important factors I consider regarding which church to attend, and it is a question I – like many of us, I suppose – have had to face in the last year. I am coming to the conclusion that the highest factor on the list might be how that church dealt with the nonsense of the last eighteen months.

Being a pastor, the last paragraph quoted above speaks personally to me.

So, how many churches remained opened during the

entirety of 2020? No one knows for sure, but I surmise the total was less than 5%. And I doubt that I'm very far off.

If my estimate is close to accurate, it would mean that 95% of America's Christians are sitting under pastors that possess zero spiritual discernment, as they eagerly submit to the satanic deception that is known as the Covid narrative. And of the 5% that recognized the deception and had the courage to defy the authorities that were fomenting it, I doubt that any one particular denomination would stand out.

Interestingly enough, it was 5% of pastors and churches in Germany that defied Adolf Hitler, according to historian Erwin Lutzer.

The brave Christian theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who led the Pastor's Emergency League, which became known as The Confessing Church, in opposition to the Nazi regime—and whom Hitler murdered shortly before Germany surrendered—said:

Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.

How is it that all of the evangelism of the past 50+ years has produced such an undiscerning, weak and cowardly Church? Where are the Dietrich Bonhoeffers, the Jonas Clarks, the Martin Luthers, the William Tyndales and the John Wycliffes?

Let the paragraph quoted at the beginning of this column sink in:

But I think I am on safe ground to consider that never before in the recorded history of humanity has the entire population of the world been under siege simultaneously and placed in a medical experiment, forced to face the risk of early death regardless of the path chosen. All of humanity; one-hundred percent. More than seven billion people.

How is it that the world's first global siege can take place, and the vast majority of pastors and Christians not even notice?

A few reasons seem obvious:

1. Over 50 years of a false interpretation of Romans 13 that Christians must always obey civil authority.

Lutzer noted:

Many of our Christian heroes were lawbreakers. Whether it was John Bunyan, who sat in a Bedford jail for his preaching, Richard Wurmbrand, who was beaten for teaching the Bible in Communist Romania, Christians have always insisted that there is a law higher than

that of the state.

2. The elevation of social acceptance now prevalent in most churches.

From the advent of the Church—including the physical life of the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ—the single characteristic most commonly associated with Christians was nonconformity to the world system, which was known to be under the control and dominion of the Evil One. (See Romans 12:2; I Corinthians 3:19; II Corinthians 4:4; Galatians 6:14; Ephesians 5:11; Hebrews 11:7; James 4:4)

Today, pastors crave social and political acceptance. Their churches and ministries are deliberately conformed to worldly characteristics. They not only seek the approval of civic leaders, they glorify them, regardless of their adherence—or lack thereof—to Biblical and constitutional standards.

3. Over 50 years of false Israel-based “rapture” and “tribulation” teaching.

These false prophecy doctrines have created an apathetic and even fatalistic spirit on an unprecedented scale. This kind of preaching and teaching spiritualizes away the practical application of divine principles to the point of making them completely irrelevant. In fact, the word irrelevant seems to best describe the vast majority of evangelical churches today.

4. Old-fashioned cowardice.

Theodore Roosevelt is not one of my favorite presidents, but he might have said it best:

The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living, and the get-rich-quick theory of life.

Thomas Jefferson’s “spirit of resistance” is dead in the average church. Ditto for Patrick Henry’s “holy cause of liberty” and George Washington’s “sacred fire of liberty.”

A man of God who is not willing to risk everything with every sermon he delivers is not really a man of God at all.

I love the way A.W. Tozer said it:

The pastor, when facing his congregation on Sunday morning, dare not think of the effect his sermon may have on his job, his salary, or his future relation to the church. Let him but worry about tomorrow and he becomes a hireling and no true shepherd of the sheep. No man is a good preacher who is not willing to lay his

future on the line every time he expounds the Word. He must let his job and his reputation ride on each and every sermon or he has no right to think that he stands in the prophetic tradition.

The global siege known as the Covid narrative will not go away without mass resistance—especially from the Church. This is a supernatural siege. It requires supernatural resistance.

The god of this world who is pulling the strings of the world’s leaders promoting this deception has no intention of willingly abandoning the siege.

Lockdowns; shutdowns; closures; masks; social distancing; etc., are still in our future. We were told that getting the jab would set us free and return us back to “normal.” Now, they tell us that being vaccinated does nothing to lessen the grip of the “pandemic.” The new “delta” strain requires that even vaccinated people again mask up. In truth, Covid masks are the quintessential symbol of submission to this new medical tyranny.

Regardless, the Walt Disney Company will not be the only company to require all of its employees to take the jab. And New York City will not be the only city to require people eating in restaurants and entering other establishments to take the jab.

By now, the only people who do not know that the Covid vaccinations are dangerous and potentially life-threatening are people who don’t WANT to know. But what everyone needs to know is that the narrative itself is a death sentence for Liberty.

And the blatantly unconstitutional action taken this week by the CDC should be ample evidence that it is nothing more than a political arm of progressive Democrats and should be given NO credibility by any local or State government or by any of the American people.

Bionic Mosquito is right: All humanity is under siege. And it is a supernatural siege.

Can this siege be defeated? You bet it can. But it will take the kind of courage and potential sacrifice that all of history’s great freedom fighters have demonstrated in order to do it.

For Christians, a good start would be getting out of the churches that capitulated to the Covid narrative in 2020, because the second assault is just around the corner, and those pastors and congregations have already proven that they are no friend of Freedom.

Bionic Mosquito is right about that too.

PATRIOTISM'S OR CONSERVATISM'S FAILURE

For some years now, we have been and are being told by highly respected men that “Conservatism” is the hope for America. As “conservatives” place their faith in the false god of “**patriotism–conservatism**,” God’s judgment has only increased.

(**Conservatism**: A political philosophy or attitude that emphasizes respect for traditional institutions and opposes the attempt to achieve social change through legislation or publicly funded programs. **Scripturally**, social change must come through preaching and teaching the law-word of God.)

Below, we shall examine the origin of this false anti-Christian god of “**patriotism–conservatism**” under the general name “**patriotism**.” Those who have followed these mailings for any length of time know that I do not advocate Christian withdrawal from society and social issues. The Christian’s and the church’s rejection of responsibility has called down God’s serious judgment upon us, and it will last until God’s judgment is complete.

As we have pointed out previously from Deuteronomy 26-28, the Lord, according to His promise found in His law, is even now turning the USA over to the pagan nations of the world. Not only is He bringing untold numbers across our southern border, He is flying them into the interior by the plane load, and settling them in specific locations where they can take over the political system, *e.g.*, Detroit. In addition, He is making it extremely profitable for the pagan nations to come against His disobedient people, and they are spoiling this nation as did the nation of old that He brought against His disobedient covenant people. (See the Mayflower Compact.) He is paying them astounding amounts of money, and paying their way to anywhere in the US. He has also sent and is sending strange illnesses and diseases as well as **His spirit of fear**. (Useless masks are a sign of fear. Fear is also being used to enforce the “jab.”) According to God’s word, Christian failure to confront evil at every opportunity has brought God’s judgment upon us. (Our book on *Tongues* develops the invasion of foreigners into the US. This big-money bill the Democrats are working so hard to get through Congress contains a provision for speedy citizenship for the illegals that are flooding the country.)

Deuteronomy 28:45 *Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his com-*

*mandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:
47 Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;*

Patriotism Replaces the Christian Religion

Not counting the Incarnation, there have been several events that changed the course of history. **1)** The destruction of Jerusalem; **2)** the Reformation; **3)** the French Revolution, 1789-1799. The French Revolution changed man’s hope from the Gospel to hope in Political Action. In addition, America’s vision of Christian victory was changed with Lincoln’s invasion of a foreign nation, *i.e.*, the Confederate States of America.

The 2020 election saw great hope in the Patriot–Conservative Movement to bring in a “glorious” kingdom, *e.g.*, QAnon, which turned out to be a False Flag, talk-show hosts, *e.g.*, Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity with his “inspired answers,” &c., but that hope was dashed upon the rock of reality.

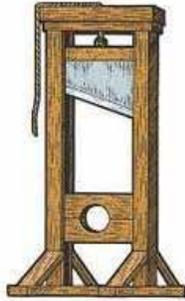
The Birth of the anti-Christian Patriot God

While working on the manuscript tracing the roots and influence of a great amount of modern “Christian thought,” which roots are found in Brethrenism, this writer encountered several references to the French Revolution. The French Revolution seems to have been overlooked in its importance in history; it was clearly a humanist revolution against the Christian Reformation. It prepared the way for the **anti-Christian thought** introduced in the early to mid 1800s; that “thought” resulted in the withdrawal of the Christian influence from society. Moreover, the Revolution is referred to by historians as the turning point for Western Civilization: It turned Western Culture from theistic to humanistic, *i.e.*, God-centered to man-centered.

Like many others, upon obtaining a book, I may not at the time read that book. Such was the case with a book I acquired several years ago - *Robespierre, The Voice of Virtue*. [Otto J. Scott, © 1974, Mason & Lipscomb Publishers, New York. All following page numbers are from Mr. Scott’s book.] Hearing so many references to the French Revolution, I concluded it should be examined. I realize that one book does not an expert make, except, of course, the Bible, but one book can certainly give a general overview of a subject. It was time to check into the Revolution a little, so I turned to Mr. Scott’s book. Mr. Scott follows the life of a key figure in the Revolution, *Robespierre*, from his very small, humble beginning as a young man in 1774, through his

becoming a lawyer in a small town in France, through his rise to power in the Revolution, to finally his death, at age 36, at the hands of the machine of destruction he helped create, the Revolution and the guillotine, July 28, 1794.

The French Revolution was more than simply a revolution against a constitutional monarchy: It was open warfare against Christian culture, holding that religious leaders must be defrocked in order to “create a new world society.” [P. 167. **Sound familiar? That war against godly religious leaders is being waged today, Gates, Rockefeller, big tech tycoons, &c.**] The Revolution could thus be defined as the modern revolution and triumph of humanism and humanist law over Christianity and Christian law. After Robespierre’s death, “The war went on with its revolutionary rhetoric; its talk about Liberty and Equality; its fight against the Christian religion; its worship of efficiency no matter what the human cost.” [P. 233.]



It was the French who introduced and developed the Communism so warmly embraced by Lenin and company. The French Revolution developed the idea that the individual is of no importance in the name of the “People.” “What we learn from the study of the Great Revolution is that it was the source of all the present communists, anarchists, and socialists conceptions,” said Prince Petr Kropotkin in *The Great French Revolution* (New York: Putnam’s Sons, 1909)” [P. 258.] Though the French Church was Roman, the Revolution was obviously against **EVERY vestige of Christianity**. The Revolution was French, but its ideas spread “Across the face of European culture...”

Taking place only a few short years before the early Brethren appeared on the scene, it prepared Europe’s secular and sacred societies to readily and gladly imbibed the Brethren’s, in Dr. Ironside’s words, “distinctive school of Christian thought...” of pietistic withdrawal. Since the introduction and development of that “thought,” Brethren “propaganda has been world-wide, and thousands have accepted their views on many lines who are not openly identified with them...” [*A Historical Sketch of the Brethren Movement*, H.A. Ironside, pp 7, 9, 1985 reprint. Loizeaux Brothers, Neptune, New Jersey.]

There were many influential authors who identified

with the Brethren, and their influence was felt throughout all of Christendom.

In the Revolution, Louis the Sixteenth was guillotined in January, 1793, and buried without a funeral, his Queen, Marie Antoinette, was guillotined in October, 1793, and uncounted tens of thousands of innocent people perished in the name of “the Right’s of Man.” Many extremely important and unique concepts developed in the Revolution, and those concepts influenced every corner of European society, and have since spread world-wide. The Revolution provided a ready audience for the new “distinctive” ideas formulated by the early Brethren, *i.e.*, Pietism rather than Christian activism. The Revolution was encouraged by a liberal church which itself fell victim to the Revolution.

Lincoln’s War of Northern Aggression had the same effect, as it left the Calvinistic South open to hopeless, pietistic withdrawal.

The Revolution broke up the ground to be further cultivated by the liberal church of the early 1800s; the fertile ground was ready for the seeds of Brethrenism’s “propaganda [that] has been world-wide, and thousands have accepted their views on many lines who are not openly identified with them...” The Revolution, followed by the liberal church of the early 1800s, permitted the “distinctive school of Christian thought...” to deeply root and bear much fruit.

THE NEW RELIGION DEVELOPED

The new and unique ideas introduced by the Revolution are still very much with us today. Included among the many ideas newly introduced by the Revolution were:

First, the religion of Patriotism replaced the church and Christianity, *i.e.*, Patriots were seen as the social changing force rather than preachers proclaiming the Biblical, Christian Gospel of Christ; **second, the “Republic,”** France, became the new god, so, therefore, sin and blasphemy was defined as any move against the State; **third, the mark of the true Patriot** was swearing allegiance to the new god, the “Republic’s” Constitution; **fourth,** Left, Right and Center became political terms; **fifth,** “purge” changed from a medical to a political term; **sixth,** poverty was considered proof of one’s sincerity and virtue, and thus “lack of success was not due to inability but to injustice;” **seventh,** charges of secret conspiracies were used to unite people to follow the desires of those making the charges, *e.g.*, conspirators were the source of all the nation’s ills; **eighth,**

the “Rights of Man” were exalted above everything, and multitudes of innocent people died in the name of “the People;” **ninth**, equality was equated with liberty; “spontaneous,” nation-wide demonstrations sprung forth at key times in key places to further the Revolution’s goals, *e.g.*, to destroy people, ideas and Christianity; **tenth**, propaganda was used to change social ideas, *i.e.*, words were seen as weapons of warfare, so truth was ignored; **eleventh**, innumerable pamphlets and journalists mysteriously appeared, speaking in a united voice to mold public opinion, and truth was unknown from fiction; **twelfth**, the mandatory tithing was outlawed; **thirteenth**, the duty of the State was to support the poor at the expense of the rich; **fourteenth**, every vestige of Christianity was abolished, churches destroyed, priests killed, metric system imposed and the calendar changed; **fifteenth**, the Revolution was seen as the means to bring the people to Paradise, so the Revolution had to be spread world-wide for world-wide Paradise to arrive [“...the rest of the world would soon topple its monarchs and nobility, defrock its religious leaders, and create a new world society.”]; **sixteenth**, the Government was only interested in controlling “Political crime,” and finally, **seventeenth**, for our mention here, children over five were considered State property. [pp 76, 92, 107-110, 114, 117, 124, 125, 131, 135, 140, 147, 148, 161, 163, 167, 168, 186, 188, 194, 200, 213, 215, 216, 224, 227, 233, 258.]

Note that the metric system was part of the war against God. Though the Revolution was in the late 1700s, it describes almost perfectly what is taking place today.

Obviously, a great many fled the horrible situation in France, taking with them the news and the influence of the Revolution. Accordingly, European society and the early Brethren were greatly influenced by what had happened just a few short years previously to their arrival upon the scene. The early 1800s were pregnant with the concepts of the Revolution, and the Revolution brought forth ideal conditions for militant, world-changing Biblical Christianity to be replaced by powerless, mystical Christianity having no social responsibility. The natural man, whether Christian or non-Christian, gladly flees from responsibility, and welcomes any excuse to ease his conscience for his lack of responsibility. Christian men of great character and abilities, later known as Brethren, came upon the scene, ripe with the ideas from the Revolution, and they were able to not only promote but to justify the change from Christian victory to Christian defeat *i.e.*, Pietism. How they felt, what they believed, the way they reacted to surrounding events

and the public’s general attitude at the time of their arrivals must all be considered in the light of the times: They, as are men of all ages, were *children of their time*.

Patriotism–Conservatism

What we want to point out is that the Revolution introduced a new religion, *i.e.*, **PATRIOTISM**. In Mr. Scott’s words, “Catholic rituals had vanished in the wake of clergy and the new religion was **Patriotism**.” [P. 114, emp. added.] Though not condoning Romanism, note what took place in this revolution against what was known in France as Christianity: The religion of Christianity was replaced with the religion of “Patriotism,” *i.e.*, **PATRIOTISM–CONSERVATISM**. Accompanying the Patriot–Conservative religion’s replacement of Christianity was the rise of all that Christianity stands against: sexual perversion of all sorts, open occultism, gambling, orgies, séances, Black Masses, prostitution, pornography, and claims of advancing “liberty while extending sensual slavery.” [P. 92.] Thus, one can follow the conservative patriot religion while living an ungodly lifestyle.

With exceptional evangelistic fervor, Robespierre charged that conspiracies were being formulated against him, against the Revolution’s cause and leaders, and against the “Republic” of “the People.” His charges stirred the general population to both support and join the new religion, *viz.*, “Patriotism.” Knowing the power of the fear of secret conspiracies, the leaders of the Revolution blamed all the nation’s ills upon conspiracies: conspiracies against the “Republic,” conspiracies against the “Constitution” and conspiracies against the leaders of the Revolution. The fear they nurtured enabled them to retain and strengthen their power in the “People’s” revolution. “Patriots appeared strangely prosperous,” [p. 135] and seemingly had more than sufficient funds to print their messages as long as the messages corresponded to what seemed to be a predetermined agenda. Their funds could, and did, just as mysteriously and quickly disappear.

Robespierre had become a power. His methods were both subtle and exciting. His charges of conspiracy evoked the uneasiness of his audience because they knew that hundreds of thousands of dispossessed emigres had very real grievances... Robespierre brought these fears into the open and rode the emotions they aroused. [P. 125.]

A call went out from Paris for patriotic volunteers to help the armed forces resist enemies without and within, to eliminate aristocratic leaders inside the armed forces, and

to promote patriots in the Army and Navy. These exhortations combined lures of opportunity with the appeals of patriotism... [p. 148.]

Robespierre expounded on the perils of patriots and proposed the creation of a *sans-culotte* army to be paid for by the rich and armed by new munitions factories. Such a revolutionary army of patriots, said the speaker, would purge the [nation's, *ed.*] ministries and the military of traitors, and arrest all aristocrats and "blasphemers against the Republic." That opened a very large door, whose yawning recesses were partly obscured, for the moment... [p. 186.]

A new Constitution was formed, promising Liberty and Equality for all. The mark, accordingly, of a true patriot was swearing allegiance to the Constitution of the new "Republic." Church leaders were not exempt from having to pledge their primary loyalties to the new Constitution; a very few leaders took the pledge, but far more fled the country. The ones who did not flee and did not pledge their loyalties to the Constitution were arrested:

When the priests arrived Maillard and his men, sabers ready, went out and met the carriages. They began to chop and stab, slash and cut as soon as the priests descended from their vehicles. [P. 163. Date: September 2, 1792.]

There were, therefore, some very basic premises established by the French Revolution for its new religion. A few of the more obvious doctrines it developed were:

First, zeal was required. The zeal and fervor of those involved in Patriotism–Conservatism and its tenets could be described by no other term than by religious zeal. Patriots were out to convert everyone around them to their way of thinking as they took their messages everywhere. Moreover, they were totally unafraid of offending others as they took the offensive in the name of the Republic and Constitution. Though anti-Christian, they clearly understood and applied Matthew 28:19, 20, and in their anti-Christian faith, they fully expected to conquer the world: "The revolutionary leaders believed England was on the brink of overthrow and that the rest of the world would soon topple its monarchs and nobility, defrock its religious leaders, and create a new world society." [P. 167. Take note of what is needed for the *new world society*: topple both the civil and religious leaders. Consider what would happen if a majority of Christians would apply Matthew 28:19, 20 with the faith that the gospel could conquer the world.]

Second, primary allegiance had to be to the Republic's Constitution, and anyone who would not swear to

uphold that Constitution was not a true patriot. Some of the patriots lived good, moral lives, but morality was not required of a good patriot. A patriot's actions may have been morally reprehensible: Though many patriots enjoyed killing non-patriots and parading their dismembered bodies through the streets of Paris, as long as they supported and defended the Republic's Constitution, they were pure in the eyes of their religion. The nation had been officially Christian, though Roman, so no doubt some of the patriots revered the Word of God, but Patriotism's rallying point was to study and defend the Republic's Constitution. The Humanist religion considers killing the unborn and revolution to overthrow godly law and order, among many other things, part of their religious duties.

Third, leaders had to speak in a united voice. According to the patriots, secret conspiracies were the cause of all the Republic's ills. People gladly united and supported the patriots who laid the nation's ills on something other than individual sin, *e.g.*, the environment, &c, is the reason irresponsible and lazy men cannot succeed in society. Therefore, it was possible for moral degenerates to be members in good standing in the Revolution's new religion, Patriotism.

Zechariah 7:14, along with a multitude of other passages, expose conspiratorial theories for what they are: a smoke screen to hide the real problem. The plans of conspirators have nothing to do with the destruction of people and nations any more than did the plans made in far distant Babylon have to do with the destruction of Jerusalem which the customs mentioned in Zechariah 7:3-6 commemorated: Sin laid *the pleasant land desolate*. As was the French Revolution encouraged by a liberal church, so is every revolution a result of unbiblical Christianity. The blame cannot be placed elsewhere.

Fourth, a good conservative, patriotic citizen willingly united to defend the Republic and its Constitution. Under Patriotism, private armies were formed to protect the Republic and its Constitution. It only followed, accordingly, that the new religion of Patriotism gave sin and blasphemy new meanings: Sin was the transgression of the Constitution as both public servants, *e.g.*, Louis the Sixteenth, and private citizens were held accountable to the Constitution. Blasphemy was defined by Patriotism as actions and words against the Republic. Blasphemy today is defined as actions and words against the State, and will bring the full wrath of the State against the blasphemer.

Note the militancy Patriotism had against God. The

immoral sinner could be justified in the Revolution through patriotic action protecting the Republic's Constitution. Many patriot leaders in the Revolution were immoral beyond description, yet they were exalted in the eyes of the people because they loved the Republic and the Constitution. The patriot's standing in society was no longer determined by his attitude and actions as compared to God and His Word, but by his attitude and actions toward the Republic and the Constitution. **The replacement of Christianity in society by the Revolution's new religion could not be clearer than at this point.**

Fifth, perversions and immorality may have been discouraged, but they did not exclude one from the Revolution's new religion. Patriotism's replacement of Christianity permitted the rise in sexual perversion of all descriptions, occultic practices, gambling, prostitution, pornography, &c. In other words, the Patriots promised liberty while actually producing slavery: Society became slave to the fallen nature of its citizens.

Clearly, the Patriots' offer of freedom had to be a lie, for true freedom is found only in the Biblical Religion, *i.e.*, genuine, life-changing, world-changing, Christianity, John 8:32 *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.* The patriots' goal was not to develop *the truth* and to direct their followers to *the truth*; rather, their goal was to make everyone know about conspiracies and to conform to the Constitution.

Though there are many doctrines we could develop from the Revolution's Patriotism religion, we will only mention one more as we urge the reader to study the effects of the Revolution for himself. We saved the Revolution's most telling new doctrine for last.

Sixth, patriots were confident that Patriotism would change society and obtain paradise on earth, which is the theme of "conservative" talk radio shows. The Revolution outlawed the church, and in doing so, the many church supported agencies collapsed. There are two crucial points here:

I. The religion of man sees the Word of God as powerless—and it may well have been in the hands of the French Romanist—so it replaced "godly religious action" with "Patriotic action" as the force of social change. The Revolution's religion replaced the preaching of the gospel, *the whole counsel of God*, with **Patriotic-Conservative** action; it saw no hope of changing nations for good; it saw no need to change them for God according to Matthew 28:19, 20. Therefore,

Patriotism united around Patriotic causes as it studied the Republic's Constitution and how to hold others accountable to that document. Maybe the Word of God was mentioned or even used, but, ostensibly, its use was little more than symbolic. The focus of all attention, activity, speaking and study was the Constitution and how to defend the Republic.

We should note here that the Revolution's Patriotic hope was indisputably a direct result of the powerless Christianity offered by the church of that day. The Roman religion offered, no doubt, little more than a ritualistic religion. It offered no hope for Godly social change through the proper application of the Word of God. Ezekiel 34, though speaking primarily of the religious leaders of Christ's day, would apply extremely well to the Roman Church of the Revolution - as well as to most "Bible Believing Evangelical" churches of our day. The Church, offering only a hopeless, powerless, ritualistic and pietistic Christian faith, not only prepared the way for the new religion, but it drove the "flock," hungering for freedom and social change, to Patriotism and the Republic's Constitution to satisfy its hunger. Thus, the Church, offering no hope of Godly social change through the proper preaching and application of the Word of God, brought about the bloody French Revolution.

Even the ungodly clearly understand the change in Christian faith, U.S. News & World Report, Dec 19, 1994. The excellent article, The Christmas Covenant, pp 62-71, places the destructive change at Darby's door, p 66, rather than at the French Revolution's door. The Religious climate of the American Revolution was significantly different. Was it not motivated by a Godly religious zeal, a Biblical faith to conquer the world for Christ, and claim North America for the Kingdom? Therefore, what we see today may be more in line with the French Revolution than with the American Revolution

II. The Revolution saw the Christian religion, though Roman, as a threat to its goal to create "a new world society." Therefore, it silenced the Christian religion with death or with Patriotism as preachers proclaimed Patriotism rather than the Christian gospel to solve the nation's ills.

The vast portion of modern so-called Christian thought was formulated in the atmosphere of this newly developed religion of man. The seeds of the "distinctive school of Christian thought" planted in the field prepared by the Revolution's new religion resulted in a

hopeless Christianity, as the average, modern Christian individual or church sees no hope that evangelization and application of God's Word can change society. If one desires to see society change, he is, therefore, left with no choice but to abandon the Biblical Christianity that turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6) and take up the religion formulated in the French Revolution, Patriotism. We commonly hear preachers and Christians proclaiming the gospel of Patriotism rather than the world-changing Christian gospel of Christ.

Accordingly, one of the only two weapons against the "new world society" was effectively silenced by the Revolution, viz, faith:

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

Faith: The confidence that the gospel message of the Lord Jesus Christ and His applied law-word will change the world was replaced by the message of Patriotism. Can we deny that Patriotism offers another means of salvation for our nation? Can we deny that the Lord has allowed this *trial of our faith*? (1 Pe 1:7) Do we really believe that the Word of God and Holy Spirit conviction and conversion and the proper application of His law-word into society are the only hope for our families, communities, nations and for the world? How are we doing in this session of *the trial of our faith*?

Are we Patriots or men of godly faith, Christians? The question must be answered according to the Word of God: Do we see the means of social change for good through preaching, teaching and applying the Word of God or through conservative, political, patriotic action, and maybe even force of arms?

Unquestionably, Godly, conservative, political action is commendable and sorely needed, but where does our hope lie?

THE GREAT , GODLESS GLOBALIST RESET

By David Fiorazo

If you haven't heard about the Great Reset by now, you will. Some of the world's most powerful and liberal elites are planning and advancing a radical transformation of every aspect of our lives, both business and personal. As if we needed more bad news in 2020, this is one of our worst nightmarish conspiracy theories

coming true.

According to CBN News correspondent, Dale Hurd reports:

"The Great Reset was unveiled at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, where many of the world's most powerful people go to offer solutions to the world's problems. They have said that the coronavirus pandemic is a historic opportunity to change the way the world operates."



Change is right. And they're not kidding!

People generally don't scrutinize political campaign slogans because they always sound pretty good, about something people want. Who wouldn't to support Hope and Change?

Who wouldn't want to Make America Great Again? [Can't happen apart from 2 Chron 7:14]

But why on earth would the Biden Harris campaign and The World Economic Forum share the exact same slogan? What the heck does "Build Back Better" mean? The Washington Examiner calls it a "Trojan Horse." Some say it's a dog whistle for the Green New Deal. Others warn it comes from Communism.

Senior Editor for The New American, Alex Newman says The World Economic Forum is using the slogan "Build Back Better" to push the Great Reset and "reinvent capitalism," and promote contact tracing, an end to private property, privacy, and even humanity! Newman writes:

"Over the last century, well over 100 million people were slaughtered by their own communist and socialist overlords as those regimes fiendishly sought to centralize control over all property and resources in the hands of the elites. In the Western world, some of the most powerful individuals of the last century have been working toward that goal on a global scale, too."

In his latest article, Newman called this "a declaration of war" on our constitutional republic, and "a clear and present danger to the life, liberty, and property of almost every person on the planet."

English Journalist and Breitbart contributor James Delingpole says the phrase, "build back better" has been

“used by Justin Trudeau, by the Pope, by the Prince of Wales, by leaders around the world.” So why the slogan for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris?

According to Delingpole it’s all part of globalist planning and programming. He stated:

“You’d be amazed by how many world leaders are on board with this globalist plan. Even people that claim to be conservatives; This is worse than Naziism. This is worse than communism. And this is worse than fascism. These guys are planning on taking over the whole world.”

If the power elites and the World Economic Forum get their way, what some people are calling a conspiracy theory will be our new way of life. We will have so-called “green energy” but higher taxes and more regulation. Private property will be abolished - but we’ll be happy about it. That’s what they tell us anyway.

Energy will be rationed, expensive, and travel will be restricted. Surveillance by the State will be the norm and our privacy will be virtually nonexistent. The globalists and their minions are feverishly working to force upon us a new world order.

We know from experience that the left will use any crisis, real or imagined, for their progressive ends. That includes a Plannedemic. The COVID-19 battering ram has been used to crush our economy and many of our freedoms. For what? Promises of peace and safety. How’s that working out for you now?

Speaking to world leaders in 2019 at the annual United Nations meeting in New York City, President Trump drew a line in the sand when he said the future doesn’t belong to globalists. He took it a step further when he added that, “the future belongs to sovereign and independent nations;”

Their move.

Referring to the cabal thrust upon America by a conglomerate government and Democrat media complex, author Terry James calls it “the great coronavirus imposition.” He writes:

“To the keen observer—and I believe even by the obtuse who are willingly ignorant—it has become obvious that the whole thing has been to bring down a president who opposes the internationalist ring of wickedness in high places—the globalists-elite who are determined to bring on a changed world order.”

We have witnessed some drastic measures to advance the socialist agenda including an attack on religious

freedoms. How far are they willing to go? Just because Klaus Schwab and company tell us the world is now entering the ‘Fourth Industrial Revolution’ does not mean that it is true. We do not have to accept their ‘new normal’ or give in to their fearmongering.

Sadly, while we were sleeping, globalism has advanced and many things have changed forever due to COVID-19, but remember our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the devil who comes to kill, steal, and destroy. God has allowed this intrusion in our lives for His purposes. Maybe it’s a wake-up call.

Their ultimate agenda to rule the world will eventually fail. It profits nothing to gain everything but lose your soul (Mark 8:36) in the process. Though threats against Christians and the church will increase, always remember this is temporary; He is eternal. Hold the line and stay strong in the Lord our God!

In the end, the wicked will be judged and evil will be vanquished. We are living in the most prophetic times in world history and are much closer to the return of Christ.

<https://freedomproject.com/blog/2020/12/10/the-great-godless-globalist-reset>

EATING IN THE 50’S

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

Taco? Never saw one till I was 15.

All chips were plain.

Oil was for lubricating; fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Chickens didn’t have fingers in those days.

None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible!

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognized food.

‘Kabob’ was not even a word... never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal and stewed.

Surprisingly Muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks or were round with a hole in the middle, in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they

would have become a laughing stock.

There were three things that we never ever had on/at our table in the fifties . . . elbows, hats and cell phones! . . .and there was always two choices for each meal... “Take it” or “Leave it.”

WE HAD A GREAT LIFE...Thanks to Our Parents....
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VARIOUS

* **Report: Thousands treated at hospitals after taking abortion pills**

Industry ‘advising’ women experiencing complications to claim they are miscarrying

https://www.wnd.com/2021/11/report-thousands-treated-hospitals-taking-abortion-pills/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-breaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=breaking&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3

* *“Americans can always be trusted to do the right thing, once all other possibilities have been exhausted.”*—Attributed to **Winston Churchill**

* **Proverbs 31 woman:** In addition to Charles’ undisguised fondness for having a young woman to share his bed there were sound reasons of another sort for this hasty new marriage. He needed a mother to care for his numerous children by Hildigard and Himiltrude, and a queen to take charge of the many functions which had been fulfilled primarily by Bertrada. The royal court was an extension, on a vast scale, of the traditional Germanic household. The queen, as mistress of the house, supervised supplies of food and clothing, was responsible for honesty and good morals among the household servants, and in general saw to the smooth running of the whole complicated apparatus of court life. She directed the work of the chamberlain and treasurer so that, for example, it was she who decided what gifts were to be given to members of the household and to foreign ambassadors. Charles relied on his queens to relieve him of all concern with domestic affairs in the court, so that he might devote his entire attention to the business of state. He liked also to assign to his wives greater responsibility for the administration of the royal estates than had been the case under the previous (Merovingian) dynasty.

(Richard Winston, *Charlemagne, From the Hammer to the Cross*, pp. 163, 164. The Bobbs-Merill Company Inc. Indianapolis-New York. 1954.)

* **Parents warned** they may soon need a ‘license’ to raise their own children

‘Might still sound fringy, but it’s an old social engineering dream that dies hard’

https://www.wnd.com/2021/11/parents-warned-may-soon-need-license-raise-children/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-breaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=breaking&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3

China found that their restriction on children was leading to losing their military and industrial strength. They changed their “child birth” policies.

* **“No More Private Bank Deposits”** – Biden’s Radical Currency Nominee Wants All Bank Accounts To Be Controlled By The Fed

Biden’s Marxist currency nominee Saule Omarova said that all private bank accounts should be taken over and controlled by the Federal Reserve.

https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2021/11/no-private-bank-deposits-biden-currency-nominee-wants-bank-accounts-controlled-fed/?ff_source=Email&ff_medium=the-gateway-pundit&ff_campaign=dailypm&ff_content=daily

* **Salvation Army goes “woke.”**

<https://generaldispatch.whatfinger.com/instant-regret-charity-salvation-army-gets-woke-donors-pull-money-immediately-the-quartering/>

* **The Jab of death:** Mandates Must End Now: the vaccines are killing people but researchers are petrified with their own results, and crossing Big Pharma...

<https://generaldispatch.whatfinger.com/mandates-must-end-now-the-vaccines-are-killing-people-but-researchers-are-petrified-with-their-own-results-and-crossing-big-pharma/>

* **Finally! Medical Proof the Covid Jab is “Murder”**

American Heart Association Journal Publishes Data that UK Medical Doctor Claims are “Proof” that COVID-19 Vaccines are “Murder”

<https://canadafreepress.com/article/american-heart-association-journal-publishes-data-that-uk-medical-doctor-claims-are-proof-that-covid-19-vaccines-are-murder>

* **The best thing** about the future is that it comes only one day at a time. Abraham Lincoln

* **It is my confident hope** that my subjects many never cease to cherish their noble inheritance in the English Bible which is the first of national treasures. Its spiritual significance is the most valuable thing the world affords. King George V

* **Schools Use Laptops to Spy on Students**

Schools across the United States reportedly handed out laptops to pupils for distance learning during the COVID-19 pandemic—and then spied on them with the very same electronic devices, according to a...report from the Guardian.

According to recently released research from the Center for Democracy and Technology, 86 percent of teachers polled said their schools provided electronic learning devices—such as tablets, laptops and Chromebooks—for students to use at home....

Many of those devices, however, were reportedly being used to monitor students—even going as far as

to “[comb] through private chats, emails and documents.”...

The research noted that more than 80 percent of teachers surveyed admitted that their schools used such surveillance software on those student devices.

One anonymous administrator told the Center for Democracy and Technology that many teachers believe that spying on kids for the greater good will have only positive impacts on the students being surveilled.

(Copied)

The all-powerful State passing out “free” laptops! We should know there is something nefarious going on.

* On the radio recently, we heard about the multiplied billions of dollars the banks are spending to send out credit card invitations. The economic “slow down” motivated people to pay off their credit cards, and to quit using them. As a result, the *moths*, i.e., banks, are swarming, for they are losing vast sums of money that they normally strip from the borrower with their 19% to 25% interest charge on overdue cards. The moth consumes wealth as does rust consume metal, and neither leaves anything behind of any value. The moth and rust in Scripture refers to turning wealth into nothing. (Job 13:28, Matthew 6:20, &c.) In other words, the *moths* are restless as they are not being fed as much as they are used to having at their disposal. **Their message? Please let us rob you and keep our salaries high.**

THE DISCIPLINED MIND

We were dealing last week with the fact of the disciplined mind and from the Church Fathers, the Post Nicene fathers, there’s an interesting exchange of discussion in some of the conferences with the abbot, Cyrenius. Now, the young man is saying he finds it very hard to concentrate. He’s placed himself under the discipline and teaching of Cyrenius, but he says, I try to concentrate on things and my mind wanders off in a hundred and one directions. How is it possible ever to discipline the mind to do all these things that are being asked of us?

And Abbott Cyrenius gives us this answer which I think is very, very much to the point. He says that the mind in accordance with its nature, it can never remain idle. But unless provision is made where it may exercise its motions and have what will continually occupy it, it must by its own fickleness wander about and stray over all kinds of things until accustomed by law, practice

and daily use in which you say you have toiled without result. It tries and learns what food for the memory it ought to prepare, toward which it may bring back its unwearied flight and acquire strength for remaining. And thus, may succeed in driving away the hostile suggestion of the enemy by which it is distracted, and in persisting in that state and condition which it yearns for.

I think that’s very much to the point, because as the abbot said, the mind can never remain idle. And that’s why you’re having the problem. You’re trying to think about what you should be studying, but your mind drifts off here and there. The mind is always active in this. But it is undisciplined. The mind requires discipline and prospers under it. (RJR)

CHRISTMAS QUOTE FROM A CONFEDERATE CHAPLAIN

“Thursday, December 25th, 1862: Christmas day! this is the day, some say, on which Christ was born; I do not know as to that, but I have tried to think about Christ today more than usually; this morning I read, as appropriate to the occasion, the 1st and 2nd Chapter of Luke; carried around a subscription paper to the officers present for the purpose of raising contributions for the relief of the bereaved and suffering of Fredericksburg; \$117.50 was subscribed; would have been glad to have services today, but a great many of the officers and men were absent and we have no place suitable for a meeting; I hope a chapel will be built one of these times ... read and spoke from John 17; Sergeant Jackson, whom I baptized a few weeks ago, seems quite zealous and bids fair to be useful; I called upon him to pray last night and he did so readily and very well; the good Lord make him useful as well as faithful; the day passed away in a very quiet manner with no riots or disturbances in camp.”

Chaplain William Edward Wiatt
26th Virginia Infantry

PERSONAL

* **November was a very busy month** for us. We were able to go to Alabama to see Bettie’s oldest daughter and her family, which was a 9-day trip. When we returned, I had hernia surgery on the 24th and had to spend Thanksgiving Day on the couch. The surgery did not go well, and a hematoma developed at the surgery site. Being quite concerned about the hematoma and the large amount of swelling, we went to the ER on the

27th. The doctor looked and said it was really nothing abnormal, but he did a CAT scan in order to keep track of what was going on. Then on December 1 the hematoma released massive amounts of blood at the surgery site, so back to the ER. I knew my surgeon was going on vacation, but he assured me his partner could take care of whatever might arise. His partner was on duty, so he cleaned up the blood, and looked me over in the ER. He scheduled me back for December 3 in his office, where he again cleaned the site, put bandages on it, and sent me home. The blood was very dark red, showing that it was a hematoma that was bleeding out. I did not know that I had a choice as to how the surgery would be done. One surgeon cuts his patient open and sews the area closed. The other surgeon does it arthroscopically and inserts a mesh screen. The hernia surgery I had many years ago was arthroscopic, and it healed quickly. I assumed this surgery would be likewise, but it wasn't. Sadly, we are getting to know the 12-minute drive to the ER all too well.

In addition, my wife Bettie may be looking at a hip replacement.

A verse in which every Christian should find great comfort is Job 23:10 *But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.*

* **On the brighter side of things:** A man in Iowa who has been on our hardcopy mailing list for several years, and has use the hardcopy for their Bible study over the years, contacted me about a very good friend to whom he had been passing the Examiner along for several years. The man has the gift of giving as Paul in Romans 12:8. I have known several men over the years who had or have that gift. We look at these gifted men, and wonder why we can't accumulate wealth like they do? It seems everything they touch turns to gold. The men I have known personally have invested and do invest in the Lords work in a massive way, which is the reason God has given them that gift. The man on my mailing list was asked by his friend where he could invest some money that he had made in his dealings and the Examiner was recommended. Here is an excerpt from his letter to me:

"PS-- By the way I am living now in the Philippines and your website is not accessible outside the USA. I don't know if it's on purpose but it would be very nice if it could be sharable here in the Philippines. There are a lot of people that would read it. I just wanted to let you know in case you didn't know about it." I answered him back and told him that over the 40 or so years we

have published, I have never heard about our site being blocked.

Here is the answer I received back "There IS a chance that the Philippines government is blocking you. There's a very short list (less than 50 websites) that are simply not available here. Or maybe it's just some random reason. I talked to a friend in Germany and he can access your website. It's probably not worth spending the time and effort to fix it here. Maybe for now can you just add me to your email list? I didn't know you had a digital copy since Dean ... always shared the paper copies with me. I can then let you know if anyone else wants to be added as well.

God Bless you again and know there are at least a few people out there that very much value your work. I would imagine it's more than a few."

* **I had no thought of doing the following** until a man in our church suggested I post the personal notes and letters I received from R.J. Rushdoony over the years. I would send the latest Examiner to him with a gift, and he would answer back on the thank you letter for the gift. The thank you letters alone that he wrote are well worth the read. They can be found on my **Facebook page**. I found it easy and encouraging to speak with him. He always had time to talk if he was in the office. He was certainly an unusual man whom God raised up for his time.

GOD ALWAYS PROVIDES

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the great English preacher, told of an incident about his grandfather, who had a large family and a very small income. But he loved his Lord and would not have given up his preaching of the Gospel for anything. He looked for his reward not on earth but in Heaven.

The grandfather had a little farm and one cow which furnished milk for his many children.

One day the cow died suddenly. Grandmother said, "James, how will God provide for the dear children now? What shall we do for milk?"

"Mother," replied Grandfather, "God has promised to supply all our needs. I believe that He can send us fifty cows if He pleases!"

On that very day a group of Christian men were meeting in London. They were a committee for the distribution of money to poor ministers. Grandfather had never asked that committee for any money. Rather, he pre-

sented all of his petitions (or told all of his needs) to the Lord.

After the committee had distributed the money to various needy ministers, there were five pounds left over. They considered what to do with this balance.

“Well,” said one, “there is a Mr. Spurgeon down in Essex who is a poor minister. He could use five pounds.”

“Oh,” said another, “don’t send him just five pounds. I know him, and he is a worthy man. I will add five pounds to the amount!”

“No,” said another, “don’t send him just ten pounds. I will give another five pounds if somebody will put a fourth five pounds with it!” So twenty pounds were sent to Mr. Spurgeon. (That was a lot of money back in those days.)

The next morning a letter came to Grandfather. When he opened it and saw twenty pounds, he exclaimed, “Now, Mother, can’t you trust God about an old cow?”

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“DOLLARIZING THE WORLD.” A SLAVE SYSTEM.

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As I sit here writing this article the U.S. stock market maintains its record run higher as the easy money continues to pour into it courtesy of the central bank. The Federal Reserve, which is the sole driving force behind the stock market’s record run, is not only buying record amounts of treasuries and mortgage-backed securities—but they are also buying stocks as well.

Moreover, the Federal Reserve is involved in an even bigger scheme, MUCH BIGGER.

The Federal Reserve is funneling U.S. dollars to other central banks around the world who are in turn buying assets WITH DOLLARS.

The Federal Reserve is engaged in a mechanism which is effectively “dollarizing the world” in what is turning out to be a very successful attempt at creating runaway inflation.

But what is this really about? It’s about CONTROL.

Today here in America there is no free market, instead what we do have is a completely managed market being governed by a central bank, much like you would see in any communist nation. The stock market today has no real price discovery mechanism behind it whatsoever, and things which should matter to the market

like valuations, forward guidance, and price to earnings ratios have now become irrelevant.

This managed market mechanism has also stripped any resemblance of a free market economy right out from under the citizenry. Moreover, the Federal Reserve’s scheme of “dollarization” is deliberately rearing its ugly head in the form of runaway inflation . . . AND NONE OF THIS IS BY ACCIDENT.

The current environment is being deliberately engineered to occur, so to allow for more control—and much more control is coming.

The goal of ANY government IS NOT to benefit the people, but to benefit itself.

What is occurring here in America is by no means an accident, it is an intentional attempt to create legions of people who are slaves to the system, and therefore dependent on the government for their survival.

The end result—MORE CONTROL.

Moving forward you can expect even more dramatic steps to be taken to exert more control on the populace. The frightening thing is this; more people will not only accept being controlled but will call for even more control.

FREE thought, FREE action, and FREE movement are quickly disappearing and are being replaced by radical conformity and forced submission. Any discussion which does not fit into the mainstream propaganda narrative is met with fierce opposition and even censorship.

“Organized Slavery” to the current slave system is not only running rampant, but it is being done so purposely. A major component of all this is the deliberate environment of rising inflation and the prospect of another kind of control—PRICE CONTROLS.

Price controls would fit very nicely into the current slave agenda, and therefore make more people dependent on “the government.”

Moving forward you should “expect the unexpected.”

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INHERITING THE EARTH

(Proverbs 2:20-22)

Good morning, friends. Solomon declares, in Proverbs 2:20-22, that the purpose of wisdom is “that thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous. For the upright shall dwell in the land,

and the perfect shall remain in it. But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.”

This is a familiar declaration of Scripture: it is repeated in the Sermon on the Mount: “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth” (Matt. 5:5). What does it mean? How do the Lord’s people inherit the earth?

According to Scripture, they inherit the earth in a double sense. *First* of all, it is the Lord’s people, who walk in faithfulness to Him, who alone truly enjoy the earth. The man who is at war with God is a driven man who races through life without living it, and laps up this world without tasting it. His days are haunted by the shadow of his conscience and by the wrath of God, and his days are feverish with a quest for life in things rather than in the Lord. He talks about enjoying life, but the actuality is that life rather frightens him. In the words of Moses, they “grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in the darkness” (Deut. 28:29). “The sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth” (Lev. 26:36).

The land which the Lord’s people inherited was Canaan, and when they walked in faithfulness to the Lord, they possessed the land and reaped its riches in quietness and confidence. Even this fallen world is good and wonderful in all its ways, but too many people are too driven by their evil consciences to be able to enjoy either life or the world. They live in the vacuum of their own tainted hearts, in the emptiness of their lives, in the loneliness of their selfish souls.

A million people can pass near them, but they cannot reach out and touch one of them with love and kinship. If they marry, nearness means, not love and wealth of life, but suffering and punishment as it exposes their emptiness and threatens their selfishness.

But the righteous find strength and joy even in trouble and sorrow. Life for them is progressively richer. The simple things of life, eating and drinking, walking and talking, sleep and work, all alike have a richness. Men, women, and children are met and received with a de-

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light in sharing life’s common grace. Of them it is said, “ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid” (Lev. 26:6). For the blessed meek, the tamed of God, inherit not only the earth, but in quietness and in confidence they possess their own souls.

But there is a second meaning to this text that points to its fullness. The land of inheritance of which Solomon spoke was, of course, Canaan, the Promised Land. But Canaan was not the fullness of the promise, but only a foreshadowing, a type of it. The true Promised Land of the chosen people of God is the eternal Kingdom of God.

Both life and the world as we know them represent only a shadow of the glorious reality which is to be ours in Christ. As Paul expressed it, “This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality” (1 Cor. 15:53). Our life in that Promised Land is a physical life in a resurrected body; it is a life of perfection and of unending joy. It is a life of work, with the curse removed from all labor and the fullness of satisfaction added to it. It is life in Christ and in the presence

of God the Father.

This, then, is the purpose of wisdom to guide us not only in relation to this world, but in relation to the world to come, to make us meek, tamed of spirit, that we might inherit that great Promised Land, the eternal city of God.

Heaven and earth have a great destiny: recreation into the eternal perfection of His Kingdom. And this great inheritance is laid up in store for us who walk by faith in Jesus Christ.

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