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## RESPONSIBILITY TO OTHERS



**Deuteronomy 22:1** *Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother. 2 And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again. 3 In like manner shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost things of thy brothers, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself. 4 thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again.*

### **This section gives the law concerning our responsibility to our fellow man, to our neighbor or brother.**

It refers to any kind of property that might belong to our neighbor. Luke 10 records Christ's application of this law to the Gospel Church, as does Paul in Galatians 6:10.

In Luke 10, Christ had been presenting Himself as the only way to the Father and eternal life. In v. 25, a lawyer stands; being a lawyer, he was exalted by all as an expert in the law of Moses. Swelled with pride and self-importance in the eyes of men, he challenges

Christ.

If this is the same lawyer who stepped forward in **Matthew 22**, there was a group of scribes and Pharisees who were challenging Christ as He preaches that He is the only way to the Father and eternal life. Evidently, this lawyer was chosen to challenge Christ. Regardless of whether or not it was the same lawyer, his goal was to show zeal, to show his superior knowledge, to impress his listeners and to tempt or to test Christ according to the law. Remember that Satan sought to test Christ. However, we see that the Word of God exposed the lawers' false zeal and pride, and he went away shamed.

**Luke 10:25** *And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? 27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. 28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.*

It is absurd to think that Christ told this lawyer that by keeping the law, he could secure eternal life. Throughout Scripture, we are told eternal life is by grace through faith alone in the finished work of Christ alone.

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## TWOFOLD PURPOSE OF THE LAW

**First**, the law makes sin exceedingly sinful, and show man his hopelessness without trust in Christ. **Second**, the law explains the means of sanctification; that is, it teaches us how to be *Holy even as he is holy*. The Spirit of Grace works in us to give us both the desire and the power to fulfill the requirements of the law.

*behold, a certain lawyer stood up*

### Observe

**1) more than a few ministers** and teachers feel they are qualified to teach and to question the Word of God because of their various education degrees. Their self-importance and pride are obvious. Peter tells us that those who wrest the Word of God from its context of all the law and the prophets are to be avoided. They torture the words to make God say things He does not say. Moreover, their proud spirit will be in their speech. **From such turn away.**

We attended a church about 30 minutes from us that called a young man straight out of seminary. The church is made up of homeschoolers, and their children knew more Bible than this man. (He admitted to me that he did not know if he had even read his Bible through one time.)

Many times, he would violate the context of his passages. I would confront him privately about the violation of the meaning of the passage. He was proud of his education, and he would flee to the Greek or Hebrew. He would only say he had not studied it out, and he would get back with me. He never did, so we and two other families had to depart from him.

**2) we have all met men with a zeal** for the law of God, but their zeal evaporated when it came time to put it in action.

I know of a single “young man” who professes to love the Word of God, and professes a great amount of zeal for the Lord. However, when it was time to show some responsibility, he fled in the dark of night from a room a brother had provided for him.

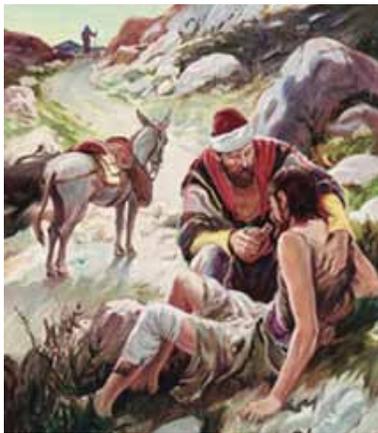
### **3) Beware of those who are overly zealous.**

Maybe like some of you, I grew up in the Dispensational, Arminian Fundamentalist movement, and did not get out of it until few years after the Lord moved us to my own church in 1982. The only pastors I knew

in Indiana were dispensational, antinomian, Arminian Fundamentalist Baptist who were fully committed to the rapture idea.

My daughter was on the volleyball team of the Christian school she attended. They were playing a Christian school in the next town to the east of Crawfordsville Indiana. The church was a typical antinomian Baptist church. Before the girls were allowed into the gym, they had to obey a list of rules, such as no trousers on the girls. I find it sad that though that Fundamental Baptist church which **professed to believe the Bible rejected the law of the Lord, yet they strictly enforced a list of rules they made up. In other words, they replaced the law of the Lord with the law of man.**

Their actions revealed that **their means of sanctification** was not *the law of the Lord*, but laws that were good in their eyes. They were a law unto themselves, and prided themselves in their laws.



*V. 29 But he, the lawyer, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?*

In other words, he heard the gospel of Christ, and knew what was required in order to inherit eternal life, but in his proud self-will and because of his unwillingness to believe the Gospel, he sought *to justify himself* to escape the responsibility of believing the Gospel. He certainly knew he was not being truthful with the Lord, so in order to evade the issue, he said, *Who is my neighbour?*

Over the years, all of us have heard many justifications for rejecting the gospel of faith alone in Christ alone, including the one used by this lawyer in calling attention to his good works.

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**Luke 10:30** *And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and*

looked on him, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Quoting Albert Barnes:

*Ver. 33. A certain Samaritan.*  
The Samaritans were the most inveterate foes of the Jews. They had no dealings with each other. It was this fact which rendered the conduct of this good man so striking, and which was thus set in strong contrast with the conduct of the priest and the Levite.

They would not help their own afflicted and wounded countryman. He, who could not be expected to aid a Jew, overcame all the usual hostility between the people; saw in the wounded man a neighbor, a brother, one who needed aid; and kindly denied himself to show kindness to the stranger.

Matthew 23 tells us that these Jews prided themselves in knowing and following every jot and tittle of the law, even in their tithing. (James 2:2 gives a good insight here.)

Christ's words to this lawyer could not have been more pointed and cutting. Christ struck right at the heart of this proud lawyer who was testing Christ. Yet Christ knowing his heart, told him that he would have ignored the law, and passed by and let a brother Jew die on the roadside.

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**Hebrews 4:12** *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

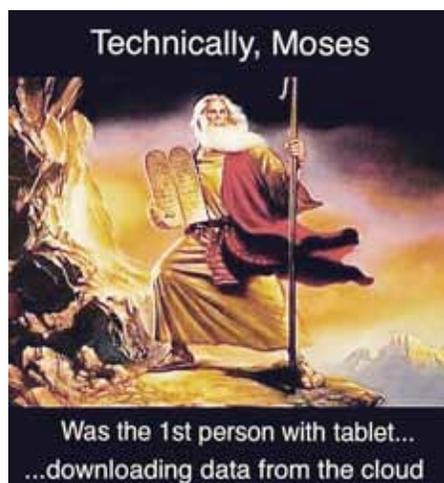
**Let us now look at our text**

**Deuteronomy 22:1** *Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them:*

*thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.*

As normal, God argues from the lesser to the greater. In 22:6, God argues for the importance of the family from a mother bird sitting on her nest in the wild.

In our text, God argues from an ox and an ass. The Old Testament law concerning the ox is used by Paul to show that the law teaches that the laborer is worthy of his hire.



**This law is one easy to identify with,** for it illustrates with an animal of value. We live in a farming community. Our neighbor buys feeder calves, raises them across the road from us, butchers them and sells the meat. In a small way, his life and freedom are tied up in that beef. I read that in the west, cattle rustling has become an organized crime. Theft of those cattle is a threat to the owner's life and freedom. If he loses enough cattle, he will lose his business, and his freedom. He will need to go to work for someone else. (It goes without saying that the un-

godly State claims ownership of everything, even our bodies. They can and do shut down people they consider enemies of the state, confiscating everything and placing their victim in the poor house.)

A mile or so from our house in WV, we met a calf outside of his fence in the narrow, little traveled road. He was crying to get back in to his mother, but could not find the way. We stopped and put him back in, and told the owner when he got home that the fence had let the calf out. He set about to fix the fence.

According to the law here in our text, **it is theft if** we see our neighbor's property unprotected because it has been mislaid or in some other way lost or stolen. It is theft if we do nothing when we know we can do something to help him. Thus, ignoring the problem is identified as the sin of theft.

**Psalms 50:16** *But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldst take my covenant in thy mouth? 17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee. 18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.* (See Romans 1:32)

**Property and freedom are closely tied together.** The neighbor's life is tied up in his property. In this life,

property is closely tied to one's existence, to his calling and to his freedom. Any farmer will tell you that his existence and freedom is tied to his property. Steal his equipment, and he is out of business. This goes for any man who owns his business.

I was an associate pastor in Louisiana for over 7 years. The church had a Christian school. One morning the school principal was following a pickup truck, and a tool box full of very expensive *Snap-On* tools fell out of the truck, probably several thousands of dollars' worth. That man's life was tied up in those tools of his trade, and he certainly should have treated them according to their importance to his life.

Obviously, the school man stopped and picked them up. When he bragged to me about what he picked up, I told him he should tell the authorities or even run an ad in the paper for the owner of the tools. He refused, and said the man could turn the loss in on his insurance. Sure, the man should have taken better care of his tools of his livelihood and the fault was his, but his carelessness did not justify the professed Christian church staff member keeping them.

According to law, the school man stole the tools upon which the man depended for his livelihood.

**Leviticus 6:2** *If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbor in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbor; 3 Or have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein: 4 Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found, 5 Or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his trespass offering.*

If we see our neighbor's property unprotected because it has been mislaid or in some other way lost or stolen and if we do nothing when we know something can be done to help, it is sin.

There are many Biblical laws respecting property because in this life property is closely tied to our existence, to our calling and to our freedom. Where would we be if we were suddenly stripped of all our property, particularly the tools of our trade? Life and property are

very closely linked.

**The law of Deuteronomy 22:1-4** is repeated by Paul in **Galatians 6:10** *As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*

Only God's law can define the *good* that is to be done *unto all men*.

**With the Good Samaritan**, Christ applied the law to real life. Remember the priest and Levite refused to take any responsibility for their injured Jewish brother. Christ's message was especially pointed to this lawyer, for Jews hated the Samaritans, and may have even wished they were removed from the land. The Word of God spoke so plainly to the situation, that the lawyer had to agree.

There was no love between the Jews and the Samaritans, yet the Samaritan was the one who realized his moral responsibility of loving his neighbor as himself, so he helped the injured Jew when those who prided themselves in their obedience to the law ignored the responsibility as required by the law.

**We all know the Golden Rule found in Mat 22:38-40.** Christ said that all of the law and the prophets is contained in that rule. I remember in grade school that they passed out rulers with the Golden Rule printed on the back of them.

The law requires us to give assistance if possible, to a neighbor in need, distress or injury, particularly if he calls for help. A farmer down the road from us has cancer, and was unable to get his crops in. The neighbors got his crops in for him, which is common practice in farming communities.

**Here are some obvious points** from the law in Deuteronomy 22:1-4

**First, we must love our neighbor** which means we must do him no evil, and we must see that our enemies are included in just treatment. Justice is defined by Scripture alone.

**Second, not only must we do him no harm**, but we must not hide ourselves nor withhold our help when the need arises, and we have the opportunity.

Down the road from where our son lives in PA, an Amish barn burned, probably from spontaneous combustion of the hay that was stored. The Amish community gathered and it was amazing how quickly the barn was rebuilt.

**Third, ownership does not cease** when one's property is lost or stolen.

The man who lost his tool box did not lose ownership of it, so the man who picked it up stole it from its owner. Bettie left a \$20 bill in the change return at Walmart. On our way to Columbus for a family reunion, she realized it was missing, so she called Walmart. Someone had found it and turned it in, and Bettie was able to claim it and pick it up when we got back. This shows us that there is still some Christian character left in society, especially in rural areas.

**Fourth, according to Paul's instruction** in Galatians 1:10, we cannot hide ourselves from responsibility to help those in need, particularly those of the *household of faith*.

**Fifth, our neighbor's property** should be as important to us as our own. It is theft if we see our neighbor's property unprotected because it has been mislaid or in some other way lost and we do nothing when we know we can do something to help him.

**Thus, ignoring the problem** when we are capable of doing something is theft.

**Finally, there was no penalty** attached to the laws found in vv. 1-4. The penalty comes from God in the form of anarchy and disorder such as we see today. "It is not my business or it does not affect me, so I will ignore the situation though I have the opportunity to help those in need." Christ soundly condemned that attitude in Luke 10.

There can be no return to the Constitution until there is repentance and return to the Common Law upon which not only our Constitution was built. Western Civilization is collapsing, as we have departed from God's law.

**Psalms 33:13** *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, or we can say Cursed are the nations whose God is not the Lord.*

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## A CANDLE THAT WILL NEVER GO OUT

Two men stood back to back at the stake. As a large crowd watched, a heavy chain was passed around their waists to hold them fast. A fagot was kindled. At the sight of the flame, the older of the two men gave utterance to the noblest and shortest sermon he ever gave in his long life of preaching. "Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man. We shall this day light such a candle by God's grace in England as I trust shall never

be put out."

These lines have become among the most famous lines in English church history. The chain that bound



Latimer and Ridley together on that morning of October 16, 1555, has continued to bind them together in the common mind. Today, it is almost impossible to think of Latimer without also thinking of Ridley. But in these next two issues of the *Mighty Men Herald*, we will try to consider these men as individuals and appreciate more fully the steps by which they arrived to be chained together at the

martyr's stake.

The elder of the two men was Hugh Latimer. He was seventy years old when he was burned alive as a martyr of the Gospel. Latimer's life was already well spent, and "Old Father Latimer," as he was known, had in many ways already lit a candle in England that would never go out.

Hugh Latimer was born in 1485 in Leicestershire. He was the son of a yeoman farmer and was trained to work the land as a boy. Therefore, he always loved gardens and orchards, and even as Bishop of Worcester, he had a love for plants. He was also trained at an early age to use the longbow, and he became an expert archer.

When Latimer was 14 years old, his father sent him to Cambridge University. He excelled in the classics and in the scholastic doctors of the Medieval Church. As true of many schoolmen, Latimer continued his scholastic life after graduation, teaching at Clare Hall at Cambridge. In 1514, at the age of thirty, Hugh Latimer received his degree of Master of Arts. He gained many high academic honors and was also ordained a priest in the church of Rome.

In 1522, the new teachings of Luther began to make their way across the English Channel. Thomas Bilney, a student at Cambridge, smuggled a Greek New Testament into his study room and began to read the Word of God at its source. In opposition to Bilney and the other Reformers, Latimer became the spokesman for the Medieval Church in the debates that arose over the "New Learning." Latimer openly attacked Luther and Melancthon and argued against learning the original languages and translating the Word of God into the common tongue.

One day, Thomas Bilney went to Latimer's study and asked the esteemed teacher if he would be willing to hear his confession. Latimer assumed that the young student would confess his heresies and return as a penitent to the bosom of Rome. But Bilney's "confession" turned out to be his confession of faith in Christ alone and how he had received pardon through the blood of Jesus. The heart of Latimer was pierced by the arrow of divine Truth.

D'Aubigne compares the conversion of Latimer to the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. The zealous persecutor now became the zealous preacher of the Gospel. All the learning, the zeal, and the eloquence that Latimer had used for the Pope he now used for Jesus Christ.

Latimer became a bold and zealous defender of truth. He astonished all of Cambridge when he spoke out openly against the Roman doctrine of purgatory. This sermon was followed up by an attack on the immaculacy of the Virgin Mary. Soon, he began to attack the veneration of relics and the images of the saints. During the Christmas season of 1529 he openly attacked the ceremonial trappings of Christmas, and called on all Christians to reject the man-made traditions and festivals of Rome. Latimer probably would have become a martyr much earlier had not the political turmoil over the marriage and divorce of King Henry VIII distracted the realm from doctrinal matters and brought about the downfall of Papal dominion in England.

By 1531, Latimer was recognized as one of the boldest and most eloquent preachers in the Reformed party. He became a close friend of Thomas Cranmer, who often warned Latimer to temper his zeal with caution.

Anne Boleyn, the young queen of England, was a firm Protestant and loved the simple preaching of the Bible. She had great respect for the bold preaching of Hugh Latimer and asked Henry VIII to make Latimer her chaplain at court. Latimer accepted this position and preached often before the king and queen. On one occasion, when Henry VIII had seized an abbey and used it to stable his horses, Latimer had the audacity to preach a sermon that kings should not multiply horses. He looked right at King Henry VIII and declared, "A prince ought not to prefer his horses above poor men." D'Aubigne recounts that there was dead silence in the room, and nobody dared even to look at the king. After the sermon, Latimer's friends warned him that he might be beheaded for the Tower. A few days later, the king

questioned Latimer about his sermon. Latimer bowed respectfully and said, "Would you have me preach nothing concerning a king in the king's sermon?" Henry VIII liked this boldness, and though he did not agree with Latimer's doctrine, he admired Latimer's courage and he never made a move to arrest him.

When Anne Boleyn fell out of favor, Latimer left London, but he was elevated by Henry VIII to become Bishop of Worcester, where he served for years as a pastor to his flock. During these years, the religious moods of England swayed with the changing wives of the King, but "Old Father Latimer" maintained a consistent loyalty to the simple Gospel he loved and preached.

In 1539, a storm of controversy erupted concerning the hated "Six Articles." These articles made it clear that Henry VIII, while he was separated from the Pope, was not about to embrace Reformed doctrine. The articles affirmed the Real Presence in the Eucharist, enforced the celibacy of priests and monks, granted the privilege of Papist clergy to hold private masses, and retained much of the doctrine of the Roman church.

When the "Six Articles Act" passed the House of Lords, Bishop Latimer renounced his bishopric and resigned his charge. Weaker men like Thomas Cranmer, though they opposed the Six Articles, did not openly oppose them and thus retained their positions. Latimer would not compromise, and he was soon arrested and imprisoned in the Tower of London. He remained there in the Tower eight long years.

In 1547, Henry VIII died and Edward VI was crowned King of England. This coronation was a great victory for the Reformed Party. Hugh Latimer was sixty-two years old at this time, and Edward VI promptly released "Old Father Latimer" from the Tower.

For the next five years, Latimer preached, taught, and wrote. These were years of triumph for the Reformers of England, but "Old Father Latimer" was very prophetic in his warnings that another violent religious storm was on the horizon. The old man would sometimes say, "Smithfield has often groaned for me." Smithfield was the place of public execution.

When Edward VI died in 1553, "Bloody Mary" Tudor came to the throne of England. Immediately, she sought to undo all that the good Edward had done. Stephen Gardiner, the queen's favorite bishop, a devout Romanist and Papist, brought charges against Latimer,

and the old man was summoned to Oxford to answer for his “heresies.”

For many long months, he and other Reformed churchmen like Nicholas Ridley and Thomas Cranmer were summoned to disputation after disputation. Cranmer, always timid, recanted for a time and tried to blend in with the current system. But “Old Father Latimer” would not compromise. Latimer was so sick that he could sometimes hardly stand on his feet during these disputations. His memory was gone, and his sharp skills as an eloquent orator had faded with the years. But Latimer carried his New Testament with him, and did his best to answer all questions in the simple words of Scripture.

On the morning of October 16, 1555, the entire town of Oxford was in the streets. The younger Bishop Ridley appeared first and looked earnestly for Latimer. Finally the old man appeared and Ridley cried out, “Oh, be ye there?” “Yea,” answered Latimer, “as fast as I can follow.” The two men embraced each other fondly and knelt together by the stake. Onlookers tried to hear their words, but their words of sweet fellowship were lost to this world as they prepared for a better. After they were chained to the stake, the burning fagot was lit and applied to the pile. “Old Father Latimer” turned to Ridley to encourage his young friend, “Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man. We shall this day light such a candle by God’s grace in England as I trust shall never be put out.”

In a few short minutes, “Old Father Latimer” was in the presence of his Lord and Master. We shall see in the next issue how Master Ridley did indeed play the man in the harsher ordeal that awaited him.

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## LIARS PROSPER

### **BREAKING: Jordan Peterson resigns from full professorship position at U of Toronto**

Peterson says his white male students are likely going to be unable to find work in their fields despite being highly qualified.

Dr. Jordan Peterson has resigned from his tenured post at the University of Toronto. The reason for the resignation is that “the appalling ideology of diversity, inclusion is demolishing education and business.” ...

His white male students are likely going to be unable to find work in their fields, despite being highly qualified which Peterson wrote is “partly because of Diversity, Inclusivity and Equity mandates.” Peterson, who calls this “DIE” as opposed to the DEI that is commonly seen, said that these dictates, as well as the fact that he is an “academic persona non grata” make it difficult to try and educate students while knowing “their employment prospects to be minimal”. ...

DIE initiatives, he writes, lead to students and researchers alike lying to get grants. “All my craven colleagues must craft DIE statements to obtain a research grant. They all lie (excepting the minority of true believers) and they teach their students to do the same. And they do it constantly, with various rationalizations and justifications, further corrupting what is already a stunningly corrupt enterprise,” he writes.

He takes aim at Canadian academic regulations, gender ideology legislation, and the identitarian ethos as a whole. ...

He calls out colleagues who tolerate this, and anyone else who goes along with these “insane” dictates to get along. For Peterson’s part, he’ll have no more of it.

[https://thepostmillennial.com/breaking-jordan-peterson-resigns-from-full-professorship-position-at-u-of-toronto?utm\\_source=deployer&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=newsletter&utm\\_term=553](https://thepostmillennial.com/breaking-jordan-peterson-resigns-from-full-professorship-position-at-u-of-toronto?utm_source=deployer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_term=553)

### **JUST IN: Justice Roberts Officially Blows Up NPR Mask Report With His Own Statement**

NPR took yet another hit from the Supreme Court on Wednesday when Chief Justice John Roberts confirmed that he never asked Justice Neil Gorsuch, “or any other justices,” to wear masks on the bench. ...

[https://www.dailywire.com/news/just-in-justice-roberts-officially-blows-up-npr-mask-report-with-his-own-statement?utm\\_source=thepostmillennial.com&utm\\_medium=hotwire&utm\\_content=dailywire-righttrail-sidebar](https://www.dailywire.com/news/just-in-justice-roberts-officially-blows-up-npr-mask-report-with-his-own-statement?utm_source=thepostmillennial.com&utm_medium=hotwire&utm_content=dailywire-righttrail-sidebar)

### **Observation**

In Revelation 22:15 we have a declaration from our Lord concerning those who were denied citizenship in the Kingdom of God. They are described in these classifications:

**Revelation 22:15** *For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.*

Liars lie because they love lies and the power they gain over others who do not know the truth, or who ignore the truth.

**1 John 2:3** *And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.*

**1 John 5:18** *We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.*

**My dad used to say, “Figurers don’t lie, but liars figure.”**

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### Breaking Point

## WHY WOKENESS IS A CHRISTIAN HERESY

In 416 BC, during the Peloponnesian War between Athens and Sparta, Athens decided to attack the neutral island of Melos. When the Melians protested they had done Athens no wrong, the Athenians replied, “The strong do what they can; the weak suffer what they must.” The Melians were starved into surrender, their men were killed, and their women and children were sold into slavery.

None of this was unusual in the ancient world. The strong, it was supposed, had every right to dominate the weak. Cruelty, rape, torture, and slaughter were ordinary means of enforcing power. Neither the gods nor the moral codes opposed dominations. Atheist historian Tom Holland, describes his feelings about the Greco-Roman world this way: “It was not just the extremes of callousness that unsettled me, but the complete lack of any sense that the poor or the weak might have the slightest intrinsic value.”

So what changed? As Holland notes, the difference was Christianity.

Christians and Jews believed that all persons were made in the image of God. Thus, every person had intrinsic worth and dignity, no matter their race, ethnicity, gender, or strength. On this basis, oppression of the poor and weak was condemned. Neither might nor

wealth made right. Christianity further emphasized the spiritual and moral equality of all people. Not only do we all share the same humanity, but we all suffer from the same problem (sin) and are in need of the same solution (salvation through Jesus).

Because of these ideas, Christianity is the sole historical source of concepts now taken for granted: human dignity, human equality, and universal human rights. As not only Tom Holland but other prominent atheists such as Jürgen Habermas and Luc Ferry admit, these ideas are at the root of our modern concern for the poor and oppressed.

And this is why it’s accurate to call “wokeness” a Christian heresy.

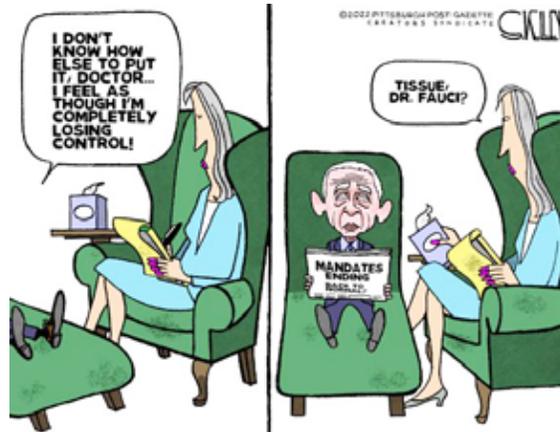
“Heresy” comes from the Greek verb *hairein*, which means to choose. The idea is, heresy is the result of choosing one thing that is true and then running with it until it distorts everything else. “Wokeness,” a way of seeing the world built on critical theory, fastens onto the Christian idea that

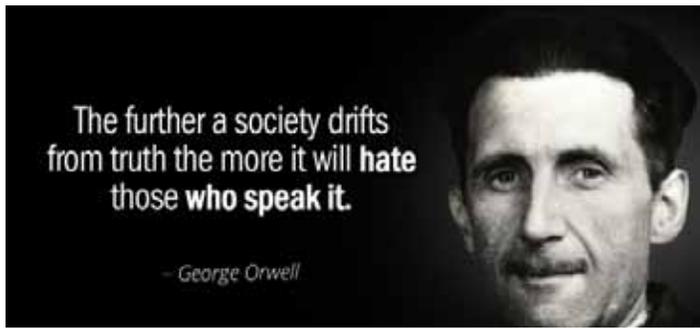
oppression is evil, but makes it the sole significant fact about humanity and society, while rejecting so much else that Christianity teaches — original sin, forgiveness, and salvation.

It should not be difficult to see why various expressions of critical theory and “woke” rhetoric resonates with so many Christians. The appeal is rooted in legitimate biblical concerns about the poor, the marginalized, the oppressed, and the potential misuse of power. However, it fails on many other levels.

First, the anthropology of critical theory misunderstands who we are by assuming that the only relevant fact about us is where we fit within the various categories of oppression. We are the group we belong to, which serves a social role as either oppressor or oppressed. As such, this theory rejects any universals that unite humanity, including the image of God.

Second, the understanding of sin, or what’s wrong with the human condition, is limited to oppression. In this view, oppressors are guilty and the oppressed are innocent. The universality of human guilt before God, that we all are broken and sinful, that we are all in need of forgiveness and redemption is replaced by a moral





reckoning that is dependent on which group we belong to. Human identity, human nature, and human problems are all flattened onto a single spectrum of oppression.

Given its failure to diagnose sin, it's not surprising that critical theories lack an adequate understanding of salvation. At best, a semblance of acceptance is offered to those who accept its worldview, but even then, the guilt of certain groups and the moral superiority of other groups is fixed and perpetual. This also means that forgiveness and reconciliation are effectively ruled out a priori. Even for the oppressed, there is no path for healing; no bearing one another's burdens; no easing the burden of pain by forgiving another.

In the end, wokeness is built on a worldview without salvation and offers an eschatology with no real hope. Though the proclaimed goal is to end oppression, it's what the late sociologist Philip Rieff called a "death-work," dedicated to tearing down things but unable to build, or offer, anything better. Advocates of critical race theory, for example, argue that although race is a cultural construct, racism is an inevitable and irredeemable trait of certain groups and society. They cannot offer a vision of the world in which this sin is defeated or redeemed, much less one in which the guilty are forgiven and restored. The best that can be hoped for is to replace one set of powers with another.

Playing off of legitimate concerns about power and corruption, concerns first introduced to the world by a Christian vision of life and the world, critical theories push these ideas to the point of reframing the Gospel.

The real problems with race and injustice in America need to be addressed. However, any expression of critical theory fails even as an analytical tool for Christians because it is built on a flawed and contrary worldview.

[https://breakpoint.org/why-wokeness-is-a-christian-heresy-2021-year-in-review/?utm\\_content=192640178&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&hss\\_channel=fbp-983273471714695](https://breakpoint.org/why-wokeness-is-a-christian-heresy-2021-year-in-review/?utm_content=192640178&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&hss_channel=fbp-983273471714695)

## A CULTURE OF LIES

By H. Rondel Rumburg

"... and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Rev. 21:8

There is an assigned destiny or "their part" which is assigned to liars. Jesus called this their "portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 24:51). There are a number of fellow travelers with "all liars" and these are "the fearful (or cowardly), and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8). This gives a person some idea of what God thinks of those who lie.

One of the Lord God Almighty's demands for those living in His world is "Thou shalt not bear false witness" (Ex. 20:16). A culture of freedom cannot exist where lying or false witnessing is tolerated, rewarded, or practiced. A government that lies to its citizens is traitorous and ends up being governed by illegitimate rulers and rules. Business transactions become bogus, courts become a travesty to justice, nations are overthrown or become gulags, individuals are reduced to slavery or the objects of persecution, etc. without the truth. The eighth commandment protects a person's property and the ninth protects a person's name. Hell is full of liars for they are faithful followers of their father the devil and the works of their father they practice. Yes, their father was a liar from the beginning and abode not in truth, because there is no truth in him. The devil is the father of lies (John 8:44), and his servants are persevering practitioners of his craft of lying. His servants call evil good and good evil (our congress and senate and other government officials are poster children of this kind of lying propaganda).

One definition of lying described is a voluntary speaking of an untruth with an intent to deceive. Slander is another form of lying whereby a person commits what has been called "tongue murder." Perjury is a serious offense in Scripture (Lev. 19:12; Deut. 17:6-7; 19:16-21), but it is becoming a way of life in America because of the culture of lies. Our freedom of speech rests on telling the truth as well as many other rights.

What does God say about such things? God delivered the answer to this through His prophet Isaiah:

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! ... Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. (Isa. 5:20-21, 23-24).

Our government has been busy from the beginning of the War of Northern Aggression in 1861; they have been busy misrepresenting the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, perverting history, and rigging the system, and covering-up their tyranny; this misrepresentation provided a smokescreen for centralized government and the destruction of the Republic. There was a wholesale misrepresentation of the Republic which was advantageously morphed into a democracy. Some think that a democratic coming together will solve human divisions; this faulty concept has proved itself inept repeatedly. No! only submission to God and His righteous Word will be productive. The following quote gives an overview:

After the American Civil War, public school textbooks began emphasizing the virtues of “democracy.” The process of democracy, not liberty under law, was presented as the process that made the American system work, the source of its greatness. At the same time, however, we have a great deal of historical and contemporary evidence that the democratic process has always been infected with, if not controlled by, blatant lies and fraud. The term “politician” early became synonymous with an opportunistic, self-serving fraud. Mark Twain once said, “... I can never think of Judas Iscariot without losing my temper. To my mind Judas Iscariot was nothing but a low, mean, premature, Congressman.” Far from a refining process, our political system has been a method whereby men of the lowest character are elevated to positions of power. [Mark. R. Rushdoony, *Arise & Build*, January 2021].

J. A. Richardson in *Defense of the South* wrote of

Federal Gen. Sherman’s confession of officially lying and his falsehood was copied into histories taught in schools. Richardson questioned:

Is it improper to ask, in this connection, if Sherman was false to truth, as he confesses, in regard to the destruction of Columbia [SC], may it not be that he was also wanting in fidelity to truth in other statements of his memoirs? What credence is the historian to give his utterances? To lie to an individual is a grave charge. How infinitely more serious is it to lie officially, thus placing the seal of a great government upon falsehood; and hence lying to all the millions yet unborn! An official falsehood is caught upon the wings of the wind and swiftly borne over land and sea to all parts of the world. Truth is slow of foot, but sure of her ground and final triumph. As the days unfold the dark deeds of Northern invasion, the South looms higher and brighter in the sky of right and patriotism. [682, also read Richardson’s entire Chapter 40]



Societies begin or end by the predominance of witnesses and they are destroyed by false witnesses. When the focus is on depraved humanity instead of the Man, Christ Jesus, then the false witnesses will ascend to the throne of the body politic. This world was created for God’s glory, and when men are centered on

themselves, their fallen nature rejects Christ the Truth, and they follow their father the devil, the father of lies. If the truth makes you free (John 8:32) then lies will bring you into bondage. Honesty of speech equals no justice for wrongs! When perjury is in ascension then injustice is the norm. Contempt for truth is contempt for Christ.

Those who receive not the love of the truth to be saved are given over by God to strong delusion that they should believe a lie, that they might be damned who believe not the truth but are pleased by unrighteousness (2 Thess. 2:10-12). Yes, God gives them over to a reprobate mind (Rom. 1:28-32). This is evident in Jeremiah’s words from God to Israel which are equally applicable to this nation, “This is a nation that obeys not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receives correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth” (Jer. 7:28); Jeremiah also said of the assembly

of treacherous men that “bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD” (9:3).

“No lie is of the truth” (1 John 2:21). “Truthfulness in us is derived from, and is patterned after, ‘the truth,’ and ‘no lie is of the truth’ (1 John 2:21). It is because untruth is the contradiction of the nature of God that it is wrong. Truth and untruth are antithetical because God is truth. And this is the reason why truthfulness and untruth do not cohere.” [John Murray, Principles of Conduct, 148]

We began considering the divine end of the culture of lies being the lake of fire. The new heaven and new earth shall not have anything to enter that defiles or works abomination or makes a lie (Rev. 21:27) and there will be no practice of lying there (22:15) for Jesus has sent his angel to testify unto you these things (22:16).

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## CHILDREN OF THE GREATEST GENERATION

The following was sent to me. It is a short history lesson. [Text] are my comments.

Don’t know that this is the greatest generation --but-it is my generation! I was born in the early 1920’s.

- Born in the 1930s and early 40s, we exist as a very special. [I was born in 1941]

- We are the smallest number of children born since the early 1900s. We are the “last ones.”

- We are the last generation, climbing out of the depression, who can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war which rattled the structure of our daily lives for years.

- We are the last to remember ration books for everything from gas to sugar to shoes to stoves.

- We saved tin foil and poured fat into tin cans. [I easily remember mom saving tin foil and bacon grease in tin cans. Bettie remembers her mother doing the same. We still save large pieces of “tin foil.” However, it is no longer “tin,” but aluminum foil—cheaper and gave the aluminum factories a market.]

- We saw cars up on blocks because tires weren’t available.

- We can remember milk being delivered to our house early in the morning and placed in the milk box on the porch. [We had such a box, and Borden Dairy delivered our milk in glass bottles.]

- We are the last to see the gold stars in the front windows of our grieving neighbors whose sons died in the War.

- We saw the ‘boys’ home from the war, build their little houses.

- We are the last generation who spent childhood without television; instead, we imagined what we heard on the radio. [I clearly remember like it was yesterday sitting at the breakfast table with my brother listening to a children’s radio show, “Happy Hank.” [www.old-timeradiodownloads.com](http://www.old-timeradiodownloads.com) has original transcriptions of Happy Hank’s radio show (1945-48). It was sponsored by Cocoa Wheats. Hank introduced several songs that have been popular over the years.]

- As we all like to brag, with no TV, we spent our childhood “playing outside.” [The first TV made it to our very small community in maybe 1946, or 47. Of course, all of us kids had to go see it.]

- We did play outside, and we did play on our own. [I clearly remember that with other kids in community, we went truly “skinny dipping” in a small river. The mud made a wonderful water, or rather mud slide. First, second and third were in one classroom, and there were no discipline problems.]

- There was no little league. [I do not know how we survived. No one had heard of soccer.]

- There was no city playground for kids.

- The lack of television in our early years meant, for most of us, that we had little real understanding of what the world was like.

- On Saturday afternoons, the movies, gave us newsreels of the war sandwiched in between westerns and cartoons. [At the very center of our small community was a public square that had a two story building in the center. On Saturday nights, they would show free movies on the white wall. Everyone went.]

- Telephones were one to a house, often shared (party lines) and hung on the wall. [We knew a call was for us by the number of rings. The switchboard was commonly in a room set aside in someone’s home. The operator had to get out of bed to put through a night time call.]

- Computers were called calculators, they only added and were hand cranked; typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage, and changing the ribbon. [“Typing” classes were available in the schools, but I saw no need to take those “sissy” classes.

*They did not fit into MY plans for the future. At about 55 years old, I put a 5-inch genuine floppy disk in a very early PC DOS computer, and I taught myself to type. I taught a DOS class at about that time at a local computer store.]*

- The internet and GOOGLE were words that did not exist.

- Newspapers and magazines were written for adults and the news was broadcast on our table radio in the evening by Gabriel Heatter.

- We are the last group who had to find out for ourselves.

- As we grew up, the country was exploding with growth.

- The G.I. Bill gave returning veterans the means to get an education and spurred colleges to grow.

- VA loans fanned a housing boom. *[From what I understand, two ex-GIs saw what was coming, and started a building supply business, Lowes. Hence, the ease to get a veterans' discount.]*

- Pent up demand coupled with new installment payment plans put factories to work. *[That easy credit was the start of the financial crisis we now face which must end in the total collapse of not only the US economy, but to the world's economy. China is taking full advantage of the turmoil, and those who love money more than life and "freedom" are selling the US to China.]*

- New highways would bring jobs and mobility. *[Many of us can remember the time when Eisenhower started the interstate system.]*

- The veterans joined civic clubs and became active in politics.

- The radio network expanded from 3 stations to thousands of stations

- Our parents were suddenly free from the confines of the depression and the war, and they threw themselves into exploring opportunities they had never imagined.

- We weren't neglected, but we weren't today's all-consuming family focus.

- They were glad we played by ourselves until the



street lights came on. They were busy discovering the post war world. *[And after the street lights came on in one of the places where we lived, I remember a local girl on our block a few years older tried to kiss me. I hugged a lamp post so she could not. I was maybe 11 at the time, but I since learned better.]*

- We entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where we were welcomed. We enjoyed a luxury; we felt secure in our future. *[I found the trades were very lucrative in the 60s; I wasted my money on Muscle Cars.]*

- Depression poverty was deep rooted. *[Rooted in my parents, and their frugal life style stuck with me, as it did with my wife, Bettie. My dad's fear of debt was drilled into my head, for he was caught in that trap.]*

- Polio was still a crippler. *[My very early minor experience with polio is causing great problems 79 years later. The military noticed my short leg due to polio, but they kept me on active duty. The scoliosis is now getting out of hand, and could soon disable me enough to where we can no longer live alone. My next step may be a spinal cord stimulator to help control the pain.]*

- The Korean War was a dark presage in the early 50s and by mid-decade school children were ducking under desks for Air-Raid training. *[I missed Korea, but vividly remember the "Cold War."]*

- Russia built the Iron Curtain and China became Red China. *[At the Yalta Conference of February 1945, Roosevelt gave a large portion of the world to Stalin who in turn killed tens of thousands of people in his own land. The Bolshevik Revolution turned Russia from a "Christian" nation into a Jewish communist nation, where the war against Christians continues.]*

[https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/J\\_ProtocolsOfZion.html](https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/J_ProtocolsOfZion.html)

- Eisenhower sent the first 'advisers' to Vietnam. *[We had one of those first advisers in our church in Indiana. He went into the Army as a private and came out as a Colonel, and as an expert in gunsmithing that he leaned from a German gunsmith.]*

- Castro set up camp in Cuba and Khrushchev came to power. *[I spent an 8-month tour of duty in Cuba just after the "Missile Crisis."]*

- We are the last generation to experience an interlude

when there were no threats to our homeland.

- We came of age in the 40s and 50s. The war was over and the cold war, terrorism, global warming, and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life with unease. [*Bush's "War on Terrorism" was meant as an endless war to keep the population accustomed to endless useless wars that only consume vast amounts of money and innocent lives. Who can doubt the fingers of the "Military-Industrial Complex" in the useless wars?*]

- Only our generation can remember both a time of great war, [fought with the intent to win] and a time when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty. We have lived through both.

- We grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better, not worse.

- We are the Silent Generation, "The Last Ones." More than 99 % of us are either retired or deceased, and we feel privileged to have "lived in the best of times"! [*The 60s and 70s were the best of times, and will not return. Money became the god of that age, and it has been downhill since as men serve that god with more and more vigor. That god must fail.*]

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Disquieting to say the least

## AMERICA IS A HOSPITAL

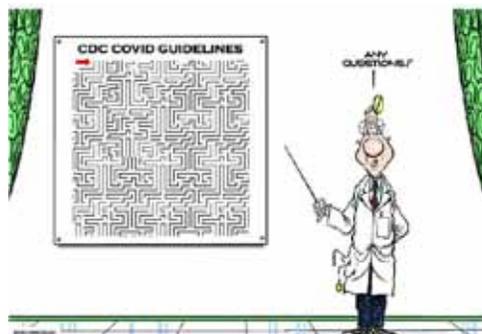
If you want to know why Americans no longer possess the strength and will and character they once had, think about this:

### America is a giant hospital

I've explained that the explosive growth of modern medicine stems, in large part, from a century of Rockefeller medicine:

Thousands of SO-CALLED diseases, each one SUPPOSEDLY the result of a germ. Each germ must be killed (by a drug) or prevented (by a vaccine). ...

The US Census Bureau reports [2]: "There were 22 million workers in the health care industry, one of the largest and fastest-growing sectors in the United States that accounts for 14% of all U.S. workers, according to the Census Bureau's 2019 American Community Survey (ACS)." ...



Roughly 1 out of every 7 workers in the US is employed in the health care industry. ...

I made a list of some of the health-related jobs that were NOT included in the 22 million Census number. Here is what I came up with: ...

You can add ALL those people to the 22 million who work in health care industry. It'll be a big number.

Here's another blockbuster. According to Business Insider [3] [3b], healthcare-related institutions are the largest employers in 23 states (hospital systems (12) plus university systems (11) = 23). I'm including university systems that obviously have huge medical research departments, facilities, and budgets.

My best estimate of the number of drug prescriptions filled in the US every year is 4.2 billion (statista.com) [4]. That's roughly 13 prescriptions per person per year, for the population of 330 million

In a real sense, "COVID" is viewed and experienced as an acquired infection which has spread INSIDE the hospital called America. ...

What's a person going to do? He's going to follow orders. He's been a chronic patient in long-term care since he was in the womb.

Or: "Sure, sure, I understand. By signing these papers, I remove all liability from you folks and I take full responsibility if I fall down and crack my head or croak for any reason, from here on out. Fine. Cancel my JELL-O and potato chips lunch order. I'm checking out of this joint."

<https://blog.nomorefakenews.com/2022/01/17/america-is-a-hospital/>

### Comments

**Our first comment must be this question:** "If such a large percentage of the population is not producing wealth, but consuming wealth, from where is the money coming?" It is coming from the federal government, for the states cannot produce paper money as can the federal government. Remember, as has been documented many times, the hospitals are being paid astounding amounts of money as a result of this current flu season, e.g., Covid.

**Our second comment** is that it seems that everywhere we turn, we hear of a new and unheard disease or illness being promoted, and a new pill introduced to treat symptoms,

e.g., a catchy phrase from not long ago, “The Purple Pill.” “Check with your doctor,” and I am sure many did and do. The power of suggestion is a powerful marketing tool. The suggested symptoms are so loosely defined that just about everyone has more than one symptom. Suggested symptoms are particularly powerful in a faithless population that depends on science for their well-being. (“In science there is hope.” Anthony Fauci’s claims to be and is promoted to be medical science incarnate in the flesh. Look around, and it is amazing to see the many *fearful, and unbelieving* people [sheeple] are following the false god of *science falsely so called*. They follow Fauci’s very unproven and unscientific lies in the most unusual places, e.g., masks in the park, in their private cars, &c.)

**Our third comment is that Rockefeller** medicine has almost cornered the health care system. Health care and welfare were clearly Christian religious functions to be proved by the Christian community. Many hospitals still retain a Christian name that reflects their Christian foundation. We use Mercy Health Hospital. The name still reflects its Catholic foundation. The turning point was probably WWI when the Rockefeller started absorbing America’s health care system from the Christian religious community. It seems that that community willingly gave it over to the secular for-profit community. (*The love of money is the root of all evil.*)

Many of us must thank the Lord for the advances in medical care He has provided through the proper use of science, such as joint replacements, lifesaving procedures with the heart, and more advanced care than we can mention.

**Our fourth comment is that the choice** is ours of whether we will inherit the blessings or curses of God, Deuteronomy 28:

*1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: 2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. ... 45 Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hast hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee: ...*

Whether we believe the law of God or not, neither the

*blessings* nor the *curses* can be avoided.

Only a *double minded man* can say that he believes Psalms 19 and the workings of *the law of the Lord*, yet deny *the law of the Lord* as it is applied in Deuteronomy 28, 29.

Admittedly, inconsistency is part of the curse, and everyone is its victim in one area or another, particularly when it concerns preconceived notions, or “This is what seems right to me.”

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## Pandemic Blessings

### CAUSE FOR REJOICING

Note that the wicked are self-consuming. Their misuse of power is leading to their own destruction.

#### **Report: Fewer students enrolling in college**

American colleges are short roughly 938,000 students compared with fall 2019, according to a National Student Clearinghouse Research Center (NSCRC) report released Thursday. Total undergraduate enrollment in fall 2021 declined by just over 3 percent compared with the year before, and the nation’s 2021 freshman class was 9.2 percent smaller compared with fall 2019, according to the NSCRC. The dip represents the largest two-year decrease for higher education in 50 years.

What changed? Students with spotty internet have had trouble accessing online learning, making learning difficult during the pandemic. Hands-on trade programs at two-year colleges were difficult to translate into online learning, and some students entered the workforce instead. Some experts say the job market is siphoning students away from education, as well. Would-be students are able to work for higher wages with less education because workers are in short supply. NSCRC Executive Director Doug Shapiro says students are questioning the value of college, and the Educational Credit Management Corporation found that interest in a four-year degree fell by 28 percent since May 2020

<https://wng.org/sift/report-fewer-students-enrolling-in-college-1642110695>

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## BIG BROTHER SEES AND KNOWS ALL

### MAN ON THE STREET

Investigators in Italy searching for a mob boss got an unusual assist from Google Maps. Police in Italy spotted a wanted Italian mobster on a Google Street View

image of a street in Galapagar, Spain, leading to the man's arrest on Dec. 17. Gioacchino Gammino escaped from an Italian prison in 2002 and remained at large until police in Italy received a tip that someone looking like Gammino appeared in an image on Street View, Google's project to photograph driving routes across the world. The tip led to an investigation that ultimately led to Gammino's recapture, which was finally reported in January. (World Magazine, 2/12/22)

PARAMOUNT

by Marvin Olasky

Christians were right in 2021 to criticize critical race theory, but in 2022 let's criticize accurately. We often hear that CRT is Marxist, but it's not classic, class-based Marxism. Its fixation on race is a virulent variant.

Here's some backstory. In the 18th century Jean-Jacques Rousseau sneered at the Christian concept of original sin and argued that civilization made humans bad. Rousseau's favorites became known as "noble savages," even though Rousseau himself was more savage than noble: He dispatched all five of his babies to orphanages where most infants died.

Rousseau's belief in original goodness caught on, and the search began for people uncorrupted by church life or capitalism. In the 19th century Karl Marx thought it poppycock to put primitivism on a pedestal. Having no confidence in the rural majority, Marx sought another revolutionary agent and thought he found it in the proletariat, the noble industrial workers of all ethnicities who would respond savagely to savage employers.

Early in the 20th century, Vladimir Lenin knew the Russian proletariat was small and often faithful to the Russian Orthodox Church, so he portrayed the atheistic Communist Party as "the vanguard of revolution." In 1917 he relied on Russian navy sailors to be the noble savages who initially provided the muscle: Later, he killed them. Josef Stalin intensified Leninism, murdering not only his enemies but his friends.

In the 1960s members of the American "New Left" did not like the proletarians they observed: These workers seemed content to own a home and a boat—how boring! The New Left self-appraisal: We're wiser and purer. The new idols: foreign communists like Fidel Castro, an intellectual who went to the jungle and re-made himself into a noble savage.

In the 1970s and 1980s, some radicals idolized an assortment of savages: the Symbionese Liberation Army (kidnappers of Patty Hearst), the Shining Path in South America, and even the Baader-Meinhof Gang. None produced lasting inspiration, but I can commend some of the radicals in one respect: Red or yellow, black or white, all were precious (or plutocratic) in their sight.

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## CREATING A SOCIALISTIC STATE

There are 8 levels of control; read the following recipe:

- 1) Healthcare - Control healthcare and you control the people.
- 2) Poverty - Increase the poverty level as high as possible, poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything for them.
- 3) Debt - Increase the debt to an unsustainable level. That way you are able to increase taxes, and this will produce more poverty.
- 4) Gun Control - Remove the ability to defend themselves from the Government That way you are able to create a police state.
- 5) Welfare - Take control of every aspect (food, housing, income) of their lives because that will make them fully dependent on the government.
- 6) Education - Take control of what people read and listen to and take control of what children learn in school.
- 7) Religion - Remove the belief in God from the Government and schools because the people need to believe in ONLY the government knowing what is best for the people.

8) Class Warfare - Divide the people into the wealthy and the poor. Eliminate the middle class This will cause more discontent and it will be easier to tax the wealthy with the support of the poor

A perfect parallel to the Democrat agenda!!!!

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## UNDERSTANDING CRT

SPIRITUAL INSIGHTS ARE

The “black is beautiful” movement in the late 20th century was helpful in many ways, because some racists had contended that lighter skin is better than darker and hair straighteners are essential tools. Some black children internalized that bias and suffered psychological damage. But the 21st century has brought in a “white is ugly” movement. My wife and I have learned much from living in and traveling to places where whites are the minority, but it’s wrong for a teacher to suggest to a child that he or she is of less value because of skin color.

That type of bigotry is not Marxist, though. Marx emphasized class. The Apostle Paul said in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, and communists can claim that race and ethnicity also don’t matter in their belief system. Since most readers won’t go back to the 1990s, and since my predictions are so often wrong, I’ll semi-sheepishly summarize for 2022 a column I wrote in 1998 headlined, “Scrips vs. Bloods: The philosophical battle of the 21st century is shaping up.”

That was a playful reference to two famous gangs with origins in Los Angeles, the Crips and the Bloods. By “Scrips” I meant those who read Scripture and realize that spiritual understandings—not race, ethnicity, or gender—are paramount. “Bloods” are those who emphasize physical differences like skin color.

Blood emphasis is twisted predestinarian: A specific consciousness goes with membership in a particular group. Young radicals can recycle traditional Marxist values by muttering about oppressed groups: “people of color” substitutes for the working class, “angry white males” for the bourgeoisie, and “homophobes” for other oldtime villains.

CRT can remind us of structural problems such as real estate redlining and bias against charter schools. But CRT also promotes tribalism, which has been a disaster throughout history—Bloods stomp other Bloods. Scrips, though, know God’s transformative power and look to bring in the sheaves, not burn them. Providentially, God turns some Bloods into Scrips.

<https://wng.org/articles/understanding-crt-1640680851>

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## **THERE IS MORE TO LIFE THAN COMPUTERS.**

There is very high pay for skilled trades, and young people are learning that college normally is a waste of time and money

### **Students set sights on skilled trades**

The pandemic may be driving increased interest in technical education.

After losing his job during the pandemic and mowing lawns to make money, Joel Zelaya knew he wanted more education but not another student loan. So at age 39, he took a community college course on facility maintenance, learning the basics of HVAC repair, plumbing, carpentry, and electrical skills. He completed the course in November 2021, and by the first week of December, he had landed a job—and a significant pay raise—as an apartment facility maintenance technician in Kernersville, N.C. ...

More people are seeing the value of technical education, especially during the interruptions of a pandemic, according to Alisha Hyslop, senior director of public policy for the Association for Career and Technical Education. “It has become very apparent, the types of jobs that are essential to keeping our country running,” Hyslop said, giving trucking as an example. “How we get goods from one place to another in our country has been under the spotlight in the last two years like never before.” She also noted, though, that the field has still suffered from the pandemic since it’s harder to move trade classes online.

Interest in technical education has grown consistently for about 20 years, said Timothy Lawrence, executive director emeritus of SkillsUSA and now a consultant with the National Center for Construction Education and Research. He cited television shows about home renovation, cooking, glassmaking, and other careers for changing younger viewers’ perceptions of skilled trades. “They’re actually seeing what that occupation looks like,” Lawrence said. “It’s sort of gained a little bit of celebrity status.”

One of those shows is Dirty Jobs, hosted by Mike Rowe, who founded the mikeroweWORKS Foundation in 2008. The foundation awards scholarships to students going into technical education, requiring prospective recipients to sign a 12-statement pledge affirming the values of gratitude, hard work, responsibility, and avoiding debt. So far, the foundation has awarded nearly \$6 million to technical education students.

Ben Brock enrolled at North Central Kansas Technical College for dual credit courses during his senior year of high school. Kansas law allows the state to reimburse tuition for high-school students taking post-secondary courses in career and technical education.

He started classes in fall 2017 and graduated in spring 2019 with an associate degree in applied science, focusing on agricultural equipment technology. He turned 19 years old the month before graduation.

Several of Brock's classmates went on to work at equipment dealerships. Another started his own mobile agricultural repair business. Brock works on the family farm where he grew up: "Being able to know how engines work and things like that is really nice on the farm."

Some teachers and school officials are finding ways to integrate their Christian faith with technical education. ...

Casey Christopher taught music at a Christian college for years before deciding he wanted to help students learn the trades. In November, he registered Working Faith Institute as a business in Nampa, Idaho. The program is not yet accredited but is working to match prospective students with mentors willing to pass on their knowledge of their field in an apprenticeship model. The school provides three classes in entrepreneurship and economics, workplace success, and Christian worldview. The school's inaugural two students are studying cabinetry and tile installation. "We wanted to go back to the Reformational understanding of the value of good work," he said. "We wanted to restore the dignity of the trades, especially in the Christian community."

<https://wng.org/roundups/skilled-trades-on-the-rise-1642011435>

## VARIOUS

• **Bone-Chilling: Feds Launching 'System' to Collect 'Religious Information' on Unvaccinated Americans**

[https://www.westernjournal.com/bone-chilling-feds-launching-system-collect-religious-information-unvaccinated-americans/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=WJBreaking&utm\\_campaign=breaking&utm\\_content=western-journal&ats\\_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3](https://www.westernjournal.com/bone-chilling-feds-launching-system-collect-religious-information-unvaccinated-americans/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=WJBreaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=western-journal&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3)

• **Government data: COVID infections, deaths soar after vaccination**

[https://www.wnd.com/2022/01/government-data-covid-infections-deaths-soar-vaccination/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=wnd-breaking&utm\\_campaign=breaking&utm\\_content=breaking&ats\\_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3](https://www.wnd.com/2022/01/government-data-covid-infections-deaths-soar-vaccination/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-breaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=breaking&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3)

• **'Unreal' redefined: Teacher claims she was fired for not 'meowing' at student**

'I didn't know cats were considered people'

[https://www.wnd.com/2022/01/unreal-redefined-teacher-claims-fired-not-meowing-student/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=wnd-breaking&utm\\_campaign=breaking&utm\\_content=breaking&ats\\_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3](https://www.wnd.com/2022/01/unreal-redefined-teacher-claims-fired-not-meowing-student/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-breaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=breaking&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3)

• **Russian troops could soon be stationed in Cuba, Moscow warns**

[https://www.wnd.com/2022/01/russian-troops-soon-stationed-cuba-moscow-warns/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=wnd-brief&utm\\_campaign=dailypm&utm\\_content=brief&ats\\_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3](https://www.wnd.com/2022/01/russian-troops-soon-stationed-cuba-moscow-warns/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-brief&utm_campaign=dailypm&utm_content=brief&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3)

## Comment: Enforce the Monroe Doctrine

The Monroe Doctrine was a United States foreign policy position that opposed European colonialism in the Western Hemisphere. It held that any intervention in the political affairs of the Americas by foreign powers was a potentially hostile act against the U.S. The doctrine was central to U.S. foreign policy for much of the 19th and early 20th centuries. ...

• Birch Now, January 18, 2022

Stopping the Greatest Threat to Humanity--the Conspiracy

Video: "Grassroots Fight For Freedom." Also listen to "Freedom is the Cure."

[rumble.com/vslbj8-stopping-the-greatest-threat-to-humanity-the-conspiracy.html?mc\\_cid=2f35360135](https://www.rumble.com/vslbj8-stopping-the-greatest-threat-to-humanity-the-conspiracy.html?mc_cid=2f35360135)

**Comment:** The truth about "conspiracies" will lead to bondage to fear that is not of the Spirit of God. The true "Fight For Freedom" must be from the pulpits of America as Godly pastors preach the entire law-word of God against sin, calling sin by name, and calling for repentance.

*John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

• **FOIA Request Confirms FBI Working With Pfizer to Target Project Veritas**

The FBI and its Deep State controllers are apparently quite concerned about independent journalists who don't toe their propaganda line.

Now, Judicial Watch reports, the FBI is in cahoots with Pfizer, the Big Pharma China Virus vaccine profiteer, to pin something on the outfit. ...

In other words, the FBI confessed it is targeting Project Veritas, and doing so with Pfizer's help.



Big Pharma is pulling in \$65,000 a minute peddling ineffective and potentially dangerous China Virus “vaccines.” ... [FOLLOW THE MONEY]

[https://thenewamerican.com/foia-request-confirms-fbi-working-with-pfizer-to-target-project-veritas/?ct=t\(EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_12\\_2\\_2019\\_15\\_37\\_COPY\\_01\)&mc\\_cid=2bbe8eb11](https://thenewamerican.com/foia-request-confirms-fbi-working-with-pfizer-to-target-project-veritas/?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_12_2_2019_15_37_COPY_01)&mc_cid=2bbe8eb11)

• As COVID Mandates Take Their Toll, Recruiters Authorized to Make Biggest Offer Ever to Attract Potential New Troops [\$50,000.00]

[https://www.westernjournal.com/covid-mandates-take-toll-recruiters-authorized-make-biggest-offer-ever-attract-potential-new-troops/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=WJBreaking&utm\\_campaign=breaking&utm\\_content=western-journal&ats\\_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3](https://www.westernjournal.com/covid-mandates-take-toll-recruiters-authorized-make-biggest-offer-ever-attract-potential-new-troops/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=WJBreaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=western-journal&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3)

• COVID vaccines were designed to fail; that’s how they won authorization

[Nomorefakenews.com](http://nomorefakenews.com)

• [REALITY] Surrogate gives away baby, then finds out stunning complication

“As has been noted multiple times by now-adult children of surrogacy or sperm or egg donation, learning of the circumstances of such a conception often leads to identity crises among these individuals, along with feeling as if they are mere products, bought and sold by adults to fulfill their own desires.” ...

[https://www.wnd.com/2022/01/surrogate-gives-away-baby-finds-stunning-complication/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=wnd-newsletter&utm\\_campaign=dailyam&utm\\_content=newsletter&ats\\_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3](https://www.wnd.com/2022/01/surrogate-gives-away-baby-finds-stunning-complication/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-newsletter&utm_campaign=dailyam&utm_content=newsletter&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3)

• Texas Rabbi Who Survived Islamic Terror Attack Has Life-Saving Advice for Every American Church

[https://www.westernjournal.com/texas-rabbi-survived-islamic-terror-attack-life-saving-advice-every-american-church/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=WJBreaking&utm\\_campaign=breaking&utm\\_content=western-journal&ats\\_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3](https://www.westernjournal.com/texas-rabbi-survived-islamic-terror-attack-life-saving-advice-every-american-church/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=WJBreaking&utm_campaign=breaking&utm_content=western-journal&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3)

The FBI lied and took credit in order to exalt themselves in the public eye, but it was Rabi Charlie Cytron-Walker who brought it to an end. His advice to prepare is good for all congregations, Christian or Jewish. The population is being turned against Christianity, and what happened in the synagogue in Colleyville, Texas could happen anywhere, especially in big cities.

• California’s Diversity Psychosis

A new California law known as AB 979 now forces the more than 600 publicly held corporations headquartered in the state to appoint board members based solely on their race and sexual orientation, whether real or imagined. ...

<https://canadafreepress.com/article/californias-diversity-psychosis>

• If it weren’t so pathetic, it would be uproariously hilarious—Twitter trying to warn online folk that reading about the nation-wide Truckers’ Protest—calling out both the Canadian and U.S. governments for causing supply chain stoppage as something that ... “may be unsafe”.

<https://canadafreepress.com/article/governments-on-the-run-here-come-the-truckers>

• In one small prairie town, two warring visions of America



“Covid-19 cases straining rural clinics, hospitals, staff,” read the front-page headline. Vaccinate to protect yourselves, health officials urged.

But ask around Benson, stroll its three-block business district, and some would tell a different story: The Swift County Monitor-News, the tiny newspaper that’s reported the news here since 1886, is not telling the truth. The vaccine is untested, they say, dangerous. And some will go further: People, they’ll tell you, are being killed by COVID-19 vaccinations.... “Nowhere in the Monitor-News ... will find reports that local people are dying because they’ve been inoculated. ...

His neighbor, Jason Wolter, is a thoughtful, broad-shouldered Lutheran pastor who reads widely and measures his words carefully. He also suspects Democrats are using the coronavirus pandemic as a political tool, doubts President Joe Biden was legitimately elected and is certain that COVID-19 vaccines kill people.

He hasn’t seen the death certificates and hasn’t contacted health authorities, but he’s sure the vaccine deaths occurred: “I just know that I’m doing their funerals.”

He’s also certain that information “will never make it into the newspaper.”

Wolter’s frustration boils over during a late breakfast in a town cafe. Seated with a reporter, he starts talking as if Anfinson is there.

“You’re lying to people,” he says. “You flat-out lie about things.”

[https://www.times-news.com/news/in-one-small-prairie-town-two-warring-visions-of-america/article\\_ff630ff8-1e3c-55d0-8553-91d352514589.html](https://www.times-news.com/news/in-one-small-prairie-town-two-warring-visions-of-america/article_ff630ff8-1e3c-55d0-8553-91d352514589.html)

The publisher, Reed **Anfinson** is left-wing.

- Aggressive New Scheme Exposes Article V Convention Lobby

[https://thenewamerican.com/new-aggressive-scheme-exposes-article-v-convention-lobby/?ct=t\(EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_12\\_2\\_2019\\_15\\_37\\_COPY\\_01\)&mc\\_cid=cb586901ce](https://thenewamerican.com/new-aggressive-scheme-exposes-article-v-convention-lobby/?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_12_2_2019_15_37_COPY_01)&mc_cid=cb586901ce)

If “they” succeed in getting an Article V Convention, our present Constitution will be worthless.

- **Masking Kids: The Left’s Extension of Abortion Culture**

<https://town>

- **AP. California moves to dismantle nation’s largest death row.**

[Newsom’s] goal is to turn the section at San Quentin State prison into a “positive, healing environment.”... “We are starting the process of closing down death row to repurpose and transform the current housing units into something innovative and anchored in rehabilitation,” spokeswoman Vicki Waters told the Associated Press.

- Personal

Very little to mention this month. It’s been so cold that we just haven’t been out and around much.

The big thing for me at this point is the scoliosis. January 31 the pain increased in my back so dramatically that it was making my knees buckle. A couple of years ago we had discussed a spinal cord stimulator, and it is time to check that out again. The VA has provided 5% lidocaine patches, but they can only be worn three at a p time and only 12 hours a day. They give enough relief that I can function in a reasonable manner.

See “CHILDREN OF THE GREATEST GENERATION”

For sermonaudio and youtube

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## RENEWABLE ENERGY MADNESS & BLINDNESS

**John 9:39** *And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.*

When Christ said, *For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind*, He was speaking specifically to the nation of Israel of His day. In Matthew 23:34-39, Christ said that Jerusalem was going to be judged for all of the innocent blood which had been shed upon the earth from Abel unto Zacharias. That judgment was fulfilled in The Great Tribulation recorded in Matthew 24.

Thus, He came not only to redeem His people, (Isa 53:8) but to judge those who rejected Him, **that is, apostate Israel, Jerusalem**, and rejected the One He represented, the Heavenly Father. In other words, Israel was supernaturally blinded to the truth in Christ so they would crucify the Son of God so God could judge them for all the innocent blood that had been shed upon the earth, Acts 2:23.

Israel’s murder of Christ resulted in Israel’s destruction as judgment for her evil ways. **Such blindness is known as Judicial Blindness, a blindness upon a people so they cannot see the logical conclusion of what they are doing, which is destruction.** If the Jews had been able to logically connect Christ’s actions with His words, they would have known what they were doing, 1 Corinthians 2:8.

We know that every Scripture must be considered in the context of its day and the situation being addressed. However, every Scripture has an application for our day. So let us apply Christ’s words of **John 9:39** in the context of our day, and address the astounding blindness to reality we see all around us. That blindness is speedily taking us down the broad road to destruction as individuals and as a nation.

**2 Thessalonians 2:11** *And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

**V. 7** *(For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth [will let], until he be taken out of the way.)* is not a Rapture verse, but we do not have time to go into that discussion now. Our point is that evidently God has sent a strong delusion upon our nation, that they should believe a lie and be damned for rejecting the truth for the last 100-150 years. Though Christians should be able to see what is going on around them, it seems that few can **connect the dots** that are being openly and boldly established by various events that are clearly leading to the judgment and destruction of our nation:

**Psalms 36:9** *For with thee [is] the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.*

### Various Reasons

**How many say with Hezekiah** after he was told by Isaiah that the following generations would be taken captive into Babylon, *Good [is] the word of the LORD*

which thou hast spoken. And he said, [Is it] not [good], if peace and truth be in my days? (2 Kgs 20:19)

**How many are waiting and praying** for a supposed Rapture? **At least 25 years ago**, I had a wedding for man in our church who lost his wife to cancer. He remarried, and one of the guests at the wedding told me that he was glad things are getting so bad because that meant the Rapture would soon take place.

**How many are simply tired of the never-ending and seemingly hopeless battle?** They are tired of the fight because it seems so useless that they just lay their sword down and take it easy. The word of God speaks to them also in **Micah 2:10**, *this is not your rest.* (2:10) We will soon be too old to do anything; we will look back and wish we had done more.

**Every Christian is responsible to do something** to confront the evils of his day, even if it's simply writing a letter to the editor of your local newspaper. No action is too small as we must press on for the victory that we are promised in Christ. **Zach 4:10** tells us not to *despise the day of small things.* **It is the small things that add up to big victories.**

**How many fear** what man may say or do to them, or they love money more than they love the God of responsibility?

**The following article is a result of having to drive through a several hundred acre "solar farm"** now being built on our way to church or on our way to the south side of Cincinnati. It is very distressing to see how much farmland is being taken out of wealth producing crop production and turned into wealth consuming solar farms.

### The Empty Promises

We are being promised that "Renewable Energy" is the dependable, nonpolluting, 24/7 energy source of the future. **Only a fool can believe such an idiotic, off-the-wall statement which is totally void of the reality of life.** Sadly, people will believe what they want to believe regardless of the truth; moreover, if a lie is told often enough, it becomes truth in the mind of the public. There are those who love a lie, and those, even Christians, who love to tell a lie, Revelation 22:15.

### Connect the dots!

**Dot 1:** The Hillsboro Ohio Times-Gazette (1/28/22) listed the number of farm acres being converted to solar farms in our surrounding area alone. The total is 13,457 acres being converted from farm land to solar farms, "Renewable Energy." Admittedly, the income from solar farms may be appealing to the land owner. However, without government taxpayer subsidies, these projects could not exist.

The source of the money in solar and wind is from the Central Government that has over the years proven itself to be against cheap energy. (Only Trump stopped that war, which has resumed with vigor.) The "wealth" generated by these "environmentally friendly" projects comes from the "ratepayer," for the Renewable **but not sustainable energy** must be purchased by the local power company.

Simple logic tells us that the local power company must charge its customers more in order to pay for that energy it must purchase from *renewable* sources. How many years does it take to just pay the installation costs which comes by selling the energy to the power company? From where will the customer get his energy when there is no sun nor wind? Coal, natural gas or nuclear! There must be a continuing source of power when there is no sunshine nor wind. It takes an amazing amount of ignorance, idiocy or stupidity to even think that *renewable energy* can be dependable 24/7 energy. As a Christian, I cannot comprehend the stupidity involved in saying and believing the claims that are being made by the *renewable energy* industry. (Follow the Money!)

**Dot 2: "China is planning to build 43 new coal-fired power plants and 18 new blast furnaces — equivalent to adding about 1.5% to its current annual emissions — according to a new report. The new projects were announced in the first half of this year despite the world's largest polluter pledging to bring its emissions to a peak before 2030, and to make the country carbon neutral by 2060."**

<https://time.com/6090732/china-coal-power-plants-emissions/>

**China was given a "free pass on pollution" until 2030**, while those in charge of our economy work toward total reliance on *renewable energy* by 2025.



**Problem:** Present, batteries to power the very imaginative dream move of electric everything require vast amounts of lithium, known as “White Gold” because of its rarity. (Battery technology is held up to moving everything to electricity.) We have plenty of the lithium ore, but little processing facilities. There are plans to build those multi-billion-dollar facilities. Massive amounts of energy will be required, and *renewable energy* would probably just be enough to keep the lights on. No doubt the very well-financed environmentalist will fight any increase in production in the US all the way to the Supreme Court.

The wicked have exposed their desire to be as God as they fashioned their imaginary world and expect that dream world to become a reality by their fiat word. In short, they have a “Name it and Claim it” religious faith, and our nation is paying a terrible price for their efforts to be as God. We should also be reminded that the politicians purchase their office with lots of money, and by promising to fulfill their imaginary dream world.

#### New name for old names

**Renewable energy is simply a new and deceptive name for the Communist-financed Environmental and Global Warming movements** whose agenda has always been to destroy cheap energy in order to destroy or at least seriously cripple America’s manufacturing capability. Those movements have been identified many times as communist movements which evidently have been combined into the *renewable energy* movement. That impossible dream world receives massive public support and Federal Government financing as they war against our abundant 24/7 cheap natural energy. That abundant natural energy was placed here by God as the New World was settled with the intent of subduing this continent as well as the world for Christ.

This administration lifted the restrictions on the pipeline to transport energy from Russia that will make Europe, Germany particularly, dependent on Russia. That pipeline to Europe will hold Europe hostage and stop all resistance to Russian expansion over Europe with the help of our State Department. As long as I can remember, there have been warnings about the destruc-

tive nature of the State Department. (I read recently that when the documents were unsealed concerning the Kennedy assassination, it was found that the CIA was behind that assassination. Of course, the CIA knew that by sealing the records for 50 years, it makes no difference to anyone, and would pass into oblivion. All those involved are either retired or dead. The research records for this current “vaccine” have also been sealed for 50 years.)

Putting **dot 1** and **dot 2** together, it seems that no one has publicly made the connection between the transfer of cheap American energy production to *renewable energy*, while China builds cheap energy production. The total of **dot 1** and **dot 2** equals the destruction of America’s once great and prosperous economic base.

#### What is going on?

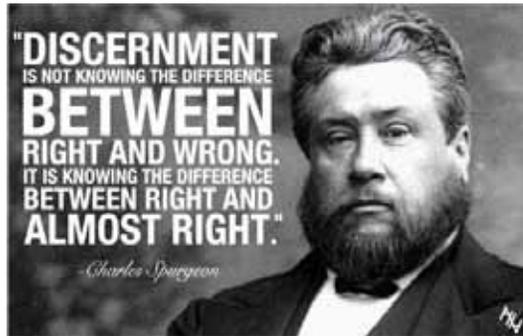
The governments of the world, particularly the US, are forcing the once Christian Western nations to submit to the very oppressive Chinese communist government as the world must turn to China for manufacturing, which has been the goal of the One World Order since the fall of Babylon in Genesis 11. China’s goal is to have the world completely under its control by 2050. The efforts of these

evil men to form their New World Order will continue and worsen until God puts a stop to it.

**Psalms 33:12**, cursed is the nation whose God is **not** the Lord; **Psalms 144:15** miserable are the people whose God is **not** the Lord. **The Western nations have abandoned** the Tri-une God of Scripture, and we as Christians are watching the promise of Deuteronomy 28 being fulfilled.

**Deuteronomy 28:28** pronounces God’s curse upon His covenant people who violate His covenant: *The Lord shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart: and thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.*

**First, madness; second, blindness; third, astonishment; fourth, curse** instead of prosperity; **fifth, oppression**, and **sixth, accumulated wealth** given to the enemy.



(In past Examiners we have dealt with the Covenant as exemplified in the Mayflower Compact. See <https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/topics.html#c>)

**V. 28 is directed** to the covenant people, but it cannot not be restricted to them because it includes all nations that wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord... to observe to do all his commandment..., 28:15. Thus, it includes the heathen as they move against the church.

**Astonishment, madness, blindness, poverty, oppression-captivity, &c.** See Zachariah's message in 12:4 is to the church of all ages, <https://www.biblicalexaminer.org/Com/Zech12.html>

“The Bible teaches that the providential government of God extends over nations and communities of men. Ps. lxvi. 7,... Dan. iv. 35,... Dan. ii. 21,... Dan. iv. 25... Isa. x. 5, 6... v. 7,... v. 15... The Scriptures are full of this doctrine. God uses the nations with the absolute control that a man uses a rod or a staff. They are in his hands, and He employs them to accomplish his purpose. He breaks them in pieces as a potter's vessel, or He exalts them to greatness, according to his good pleasure.”

Charles Hodge, Systematic Theology Vol I, 1873. Eerdman reprint pp. 587-590.

**All nations are subject** to God's blindness as He renders just judgment against the various apostate nations. When God is ready to judge a people, He withholds His grace which would allow people to connect the dots, and not continue to destroy themselves. (**Dot 1+ dot 2** equals the destruction of America.) Unable to connect the dots, the nations “follow their heart” to their own destruction. (Pro 8:36)

**Hosea 13:9** *O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me [is] thine help.*

**The first direct record** we have of Judicial Blindness is with Pharaoh and the nation of Egypt. Pharaoh was blinded (hardened) by God so that God would be just as he destroyed Egypt for its sin against Him and against His people. Judicial Blindness is a God-sent blindness so He can be just as he brings judgment against a nation e.g., 70 A.D. That is, God sent blindness upon Pharaoh that He might bring His judgment against Egypt for its sin against His covenant-people. Blindness was also sent upon Israel so God could judge them according to their wicked ways: they rebelled against His man,



Moses, and absorbed much of Egypt's ungodly culture. All of Israel's Egyptian generation had to die because they were Egyptian slaves at heart.

**Blindness IS NOT limited** to the unsaved; rather, it is in relationship to the law-word of God. The word of God speaks clearly, but people are unable to see it nor the clearly obvious implications of following

the imaginations of their hearts. Accordingly, both professed Christians and pagans can be blinded to cause and effect.

**Psalms 33:12 & 144:15**, cursed and miserable are those nations whose God is not the Lord. The Western nations have abandoned the Tri-une God of Scripture, and we are watching the promises of Deuteronomy 28 being fulfilled. Astonishment, madness, blindness, poverty, oppression, &c

### Points to Ponder

**1) A purpose of blindness** is so the Lord can bring just judgment upon a disobedient people. (2 Thess 2:11, 12)

**Isaiah 29:10** *For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.*

“10. Because Jehovah hath overpowered you with the spirit of slumber. For the purpose of shewing more clearly the source of this blindness, he attributes it to the judgment of God, who determined to punish in this manner the wickedness of the people.” (Calvin)

“Ver. 10. *For the Lord hath poured out upon you a spirit of deep sleep, &c.*] Gave them up to a stupid frame of spirit; to a reprobate mind, a mind void of judgment and sense; to judicial blindness and hardness of heart.” (Gill)

**2) a result of blindness** is that people cannot understand or they ignore obvious logical conclusions of current events.

**3) our Lord warned us** that from His time until the end, we will see blindness increase, so we should not be surprised. (2 Tim 3:13, 2 Thes 2:11)

Conclusion

The curse of God against the apostate nations has brought the promised fulfillment of Deuteronomy

28:28:

**1) Madness.** Increased dependence on non-24/7 *renewable energy* means decreased availability of the energy required for increased manufacturing. In the meantime, China, with US aid and approval, is increasing their energy availability for increased production in the years to come.

**2) Astonishment.** I would think even any man who has not been educated beyond his intelligence could see that wealth producing productive farmland is being replaced with wealth consuming solar and wind farms. Farm products have been our major export commodity, yet *renewable energy* has little or no income producing capabilities.

**Jeremiah 19:8** *And I will make this city desolate, and an hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof.*

**3) Oppression.** Throughout history, God has used pagan, ungodly nations to judge his covenant people who forsook the Covenant. (**Isaiah 10**. The violation of a modern covenant is found in the 400+ year old Mayflower Compact. We are so far departed from that promise made by our fathers that it is impossible to list all the violations of that covenant.)

**4) Poverty.** America is being systematically stripped of its manufacturing and wealth producing capabilities.

**5) Oppression-captivity.** With China alone having the manufacturing capabilities, not only will the US be captive to China but so will all the nations of the world.

### Even Our meds are made in China:

Professor David Jacobsen is an expert on China. He teaches at the Cox School of Business at the Southern Methodist University. According to professor Jacobsen, the United States has given China the control of our pharmaceuticals... (Check your vitamins, "Made in China.")

[https://www.wnd.com/2022/02/meds-made-china-will-cut-off-supply/?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=wnd-brief&utm\\_campaign=dailypm&utm\\_content=brief&ats\\_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3](https://www.wnd.com/2022/02/meds-made-china-will-cut-off-supply/?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=wnd-brief&utm_campaign=dailypm&utm_content=brief&ats_es=76c88699640bf17c199c18ba90162de3)

And while estimates are that over 80 percent of API may come from foreign nations, in the case of many antibiotics and drugs that treat high blood pressure, China is the sole source of API. (That is, active pharmaceutical ingredients.

<https://www.newsweek.com/pharmaceutical-manufacturing-america-china-lethal-mistake-1502008>

What will happen if they cut off the world's drug sup-

ply?

**Psalms 34:16** *The face of the LORD [is] against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.*

If peace is not made with the Lord God through repentance and faith in Christ, even the remembrance of our once great nation will be written out of history.

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### Tamkaru–The Debt Merchants

## DEBT AND WAR

The Assyrians perfected the use of debt to conquer a nation. Before their armies would march into any area, they would send in state controlled debt merchants, called Temkaru.

The following is a Google translated from <https://hu.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamk%C3%A1rum>. The article contains cuneiform characters. Without special support, the wedge marks are replaced by a rectangle, question mark, or other meaningless sign. **The translation is accurate enough to get a good definition of the Tamkar.** Emp added:

**Tamkara** ( Sumerian DAM.GAR 3 or DAM.GARA 3 , akkad tamkāru (m) □□ [1] ) is the name of the Akkadian “trader”. The group of signs used to describe it is known only from the age of the Old Baths, but then it will soon appear in Lagas and Urban , and then it will become widespread from the time of Obabylon . The Tamarians gained great importance during the Old Syrian trade period, when Mesopotamia significantly expanded its sphere of interest westward through the Assyrians to the central regions of Anatolia . It's their own patron Based on the anum list of An = Anum , d dam-gar 3 (“the merchant”) was Enlil .

There is no consensus among assyrologists about the actual meaning and scope of tampering. There is an opinion that this did not mean the trader but

his assistant [2], his creditor or even the “manager” [3]. No commercial document mentions the tamcar, although the names of some Anatolian tamper are now known: Mannum-balum-Aššur, Damiq-pī-Aššur, Ilī-bāni, Innāja, Imdīlum, Ennam-Bēlum, Pūšu-kēn, Kura, Ilšu -Rabbi. According to K. Polányi, the dagger was not a commercial agent for profit, but **a state employee who made his living from the state income received for his activities.**



[4] From the second half of the 1990s onwards, the scope of the tamper's activities was almost clear, in which the coordination of the various trade associations also played a major role, and travel and warehousing were mentioned in connection with their names. **The financier, the banker, is the tamkarum, and his agent is the shamalli. ...**

The classical Tamkars disappeared at the end of the Old Syrian and Old Babylonian ages, but the merchant was still so named as long as the descendants of the Akkadian were spoken in Mesopotamia. In the neo-Babylonian age, a high-ranking government office was called the prisoner tamkarum, or "chief merchant". [10]

[For the etymology of the word, notes and the bibliography, see the web document]

**These debt merchants would offer credit on very easy terms for people to buy luxury items.** Their easy terms they would make it very, very appealing for people to go into debt, maybe to keep up with the Jones, &c. That debt would be incurred, and more and more debt until a people were head over heels in debt and were barely surviving even though outwardly well off, because so much of their money was going to pay off these foreign agents, foreign merchants. The Assyrians understood that a people head over heels in debt are not a free people, and they perfected that method of bondage to the greatest extent. Assyria used debt most efficiently, and then their armies would march in the confidence that the enemy would be easy to overthrow, because they would not be free men. Assyria also used terror by skinning people alive, and made sure their enemies knew their tactics. Thus, the will of the people to resist was neutralized.

The debtors are incapable of defending themselves as well as a debt free people. Thus, God forbade bondage to debt for over six years, with the seventh being the Jubilee which required releasing all debtors.

Up until World War II, we were relatively a debt free people because banks did not provide long term loans in most of the United States. It was short-term five-year loans, and was more or less in terms of the biblical pattern which limits it to six years. As a result, the American character then was a great deal different than it is now. Being relatively debt



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free, Americans were ready to stand and fight and refuse to back down.

Living in Indiana, I was told how the banks sent out their "Tamkars" to convince the farmers to mortgage their land so they could purchase bigger and better equipment. More than a few of those farmers had to turn over their land to the banks. Debt bondage has taken the will to resist tyranny out of the vast majority of people.

**Easy credit for luxury items.** There are loans available with no interest, or even loans where the lender pays you to go into debt to them. (No payments for a year! How foolish to be taken by this offer.) Regardless, those loans are debt bondage, for they must be repaid. Long term loans, some even for 50 years, has changed the fabric of America. We have changed dramatically because we have lost our faith in the Lord and his law, and have gone heavily into debt. Easy credit for luxury items has put many people in serious bondage, living from paycheck to paycheck. There are loans available with no interest, or even loans where the lender pays you to go into debt to them. Regardless, those loans are debt bondage, for they must be repaid. The will to fight decreased as debt has increased. Note our debt to China!

**Proverbs 22:7** *The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower [is] servant to the lender.*

**Has Romans 13:8** *Owe no man any thing been removed from the law of the Lord?*

We must work and save toward redeeming ourselves out of debt servitude.

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