

Death Penalty Prevents Future Acts of Violence: The Biblical Reason Why

The Tale of Two Schools was instructive this week. In Parkland, FL, 17 are dead but the murderer still lives. In St. Mary's County Maryland, two are dead, one is the murderer along with his former girlfriend, while another student was injured in the leg and has been released from the hospital.

In Maryland, if the murderer had lived, he would have never faced the death penalty; while Florida still executes murderers.

What is the significant difference between these two shootings? In Maryland, you had a good guy with a gun that took out the perpetrator within one minute of the first bullet fired. He prevented mass murder. In Florida, you had four deputy sheriffs who were armed but for undisclosed reasons would not enter the building to fire at the murderers inside the school. You could say they were preserving the school as a gun free zone; or more accurately, an open shooting gallery for murderers.

The main lesson learned here is that a good man with a gun prevents murder, and that gun free zones are only safe for murderers. But given yesterday's rally in Washington, D.C., I don't think this lesson was learned.

Video of the sermon

One big lie that we are being told about yesterday's D.C. rally is that it was entirely student initiated, student planned, and student led. However, the truth was leaked in a YouTube video this week, revealing that the real organization

leading the rally is the anti-gun Giffords Foundation. The audio is of a Tuesday evening pre-rally meeting and features Broward County school teacher Debbie Miller coaching students on every aspect of the march they are supposedly leading. She even reminds them to "have your talking points ready."
thenewamerican.com

Every detail of this supposed student-led rally was carefully scripted by the Giffords Foundation as Debbie Miller reveals. Even every media contact with those students from Marjory Stoneman High School had to be handled and approved by the Giffords Foundation. It was clear the students were not to talk to any media outside of a strictly controlled process whereby the Gifford talking points are the only thing to be regurgitated. It is clear then that the students were not in charge, the students were not leading, planning, or organizing anything about the rally. These unsuspecting and unknowledgeable students who are the victims of a tragic illusion, became a battering ram for those tyrants who aim at the same goal every tyrant has: disarm the people before enslaving and/or killing them. Before you can tyrannize you must disarm. Just ask, Stalin, Mao or Hitler, because it successfully worked for each of them.

We must not forget that gun control does not mean gun elimination, but rather the consolidation of dangerous weapons in the hands of the most dangerous organization in all of human history – human civil government. Gun-grabbers refuse to be consistent: they grab from civilians, but they refuse to completely disarm the police and armaments of the military. Remember, the one who has all the guns will always become tyrannical.

A gun is a tool – nothing more, nothing less. When you take away guns, murderers will use any other tool to commit murder. What our benighted society refuses to face is that guns are not the problem, the problem is our evil hearts as men. Scripture states in Ecclesiastes 8:11, "Because the sentence

against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.”

In 22 states and the District of Columbia there is no death penalty, so the murderer never faces true justice for the crimes he/she has committed. Pew research study in 2015 found a declining support for the death penalty in our country, while over half surveyed still support it for those convicted of murder, an increasing number are opposed.

Implement the wisdom of God’s Word and it would make sense not only to have the death penalty, but also not to allow a lengthy drawn-out appeals process; which in Florida, for example, leaves 346 murderers on death row for an average of more than ten years, some over twenty years! The Scripture is true, “Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.”

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Good News Wouldn't Exist Without Bad News

We have fake news, fake science, and fake events. There is only one source that you can be certain will give you the absolute truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth –

that is the Bible, God's Holy Word.

The great deceiver, Satan himself, is described as the father of lies. One of his best deceptions is not to tell you a lie directly, but rather to obscure, hide or erase the truth. Yes, we are certainly told many lies today, but we should also ask the question, *what are we not being told?*

When we examine the spiritual landscape in America today, there is one truth clearly proclaimed in the Word of God that has, for all intents and purposes, been erased. What is that truth? The reality of God's judgment that will result in souls being cast into hell for all eternity. Pastor John MacArthur wrote an article in 2014 which he entitled "The Disappearance of Hell":

"According to recent polls, some 81 percent of adult Americans believe in heaven, and fully 80 percent expect to go there when they die. By comparison, about 61 percent believe in hell, but less than 1 percent think it's likely they will go there. In other words, a slight majority of Americans still believe hell exists, but genuine fear of hell is almost nonexistent.

Even the most conservative evangelicals don't seem to take hell very seriously anymore. For decades, many evangelicals have downplayed inconvenient biblical truths, neglecting any theme that seems to require somber reflection. Doctrines such as human depravity, divine wrath, the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and the reality of eternal judgment have disappeared from the evangelical message."

Yet when we carefully study what Jesus taught, He taught more about hell than any other prophet in the Bible. The Good News is only good because of the reality of eternal punishment in hell. Without that bad news there is no Good News.

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Can We Trust The Government To Define Your Mental Health?

Abortionists Need A Mental Evaluation, Not Gun Owners

Consider this, if you were to evaluate someone who you knew had already murdered thousands of people, qualifying them with the appellation of mass murderer, and you also knew he had a schedule to commit more murders, would you think the federal, state, and local governments in our land would say such a person is not mentally well? Should they not be permitted to wander free in society to continue their murder spree? You would think so. But what is the reality?

After 60 million murders, the abortionists in our land not only walk free, but the government pays them to commit these mass murders. It is beyond outrageous, and the hypocrisy of our government with their crocodile tears for dead students in the shooting galleries – which they have created – is beyond the pale. It is quite clear that their agenda is to simply disarm the populace in order to enslave us. Don't trust anyone who demands any violations of our Second Amendment, they are not a friend of liberty!

When we think of battles being fought in our land, we usually think of the weapons that are visible and tangible. But the

unseen weapons, those not often thought of, are actually far more important in the battle for our country.

Video of the sermon

One of the most powerful of those weapons is prayer. There is a great prayer movement in South Carolina focused on ending abortion. Many of these folks are involved with 40 Days for Life. South Carolina also has a strong Legislative Prayer Caucus, a caucus whose members are state legislators committed to advancing policies and initiatives that promote religious freedom, America's christian heritage, and prayer. There are 40 representatives and 20 senators that compose the Legislative Prayer Caucus, and it appears their prayers – along with the prayers of the citizens of South Carolina – are making an impact:

“South Carolina lawmakers moved forward with a bill [last month] to ban all abortions in the state.

The bill, nicknamed the ‘Personhood Act,’ would require the state to recognize and grant legal protections to every human life, beginning at the moment of conception. It includes exceptions for medical emergencies when the mother’s life is in jeopardy, as well as in vitro fertilization.

The bill passed a state Senate committee Tuesday in a 12-9 vote after a lengthy debate. It now moves to the full state Senate for consideration.

State Lt. Gov. Kevin Bryant sponsored the bill while he was a state senator, and Gov. Henry McMaster said he will sign the legislation if it reaches his desk, according to the report.

Approximately 6,000 unborn babies are aborted in South Carolina every year, the report states.

State Sen. Richard Cash, R-Anderson, said they hope the bill will overturn Roe v. Wade and end abortion in the U.S.

[By the way they don't need to overturn Roe v. Wade, it is not law as courts do not make law, it simply needs to be ignored by law abiding Sheriffs who round up and imprison the murders committing abortions in their county.]

'We are trying to challenge the Supreme Court on their fundamental error that a human being is not a person,' Cash said. 'A human being is a person.'" (www.lifenews.com)

There was a rather heated debate in the Senate Committee:

"Some doctors have [voiced concerns](#) the measure does not include any exceptions for situations when the life of the mother is in danger, warning it could create a 'nightmare scenario' in which doctors have to choose between saving the mother or 'murdering' the embryo.

[I guess the murder of 6000 babies each year is not a nightmare in the twisted minds of these who love murder.]

Cash argued no one would prosecute doctors if they take medical actions to save the mother's life that result in the unintentional death of a child.

He additionally defended the prospective law's abortion restrictions in cases of rape or incest, including when the victim is a child.

'If a child is raped, yes, that is a horrible act,' Cash said when pressed by a colleague. 'Two wrongs don't make a right. You cannot erase the rape by killing the child. The child is an innocent person.'" (www.postandcourier.com)

To that I fully agree and would add what Pastor John MacArther said, "No human being then, is ever conceived outside God's will or ever conceived apart from God's image." Or Dr. Ben Carson who said, "As a surgeon I have operated on infants pre-birth. I can assure you that they are very much alive."

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Christian Persecution And Getting Ready For Battle

We had the experience of going 24 hours without power this weekend. It reminded me of how dependent we are on the supply of electricity as well as how much we take it for granted. No lights, no hot water, in fact, no water at all, no appliances, washer, dryer, dishwasher, no heat! All that we take for granted was suddenly not available. This particular storm came without much warning (we were told there would be no snow or ice), so I was surprised by the intensity of the wind which brought down power lines. The old Boy Scout motto is cogent, 'Be prepared.'

We face a battlefield in our country these days; a battle for the soul of our nation. Will we repent and turn back to the One True God as Sovereign Ruler of our land, and therefore His Law and His Will as the supreme good in our country? Or will we continue down the path of pagan deconstruction of all things good, righteous, just and holy?

Around the world the church of Jesus Christ faces intensifying spiritual warfare:

Morning Star News reported that after Christians in Southern India this year distributed 170 Gideon Bibles, Hindu

extremists issued harsh threats to them before snatching their car keys and stealing the remaining Bibles from their car and setting those Bibles on fire in the Singutam village. On January 21st one Hindu issued an ominous warning on video to Christians. *"You are useless people, you will give a Bible to whoever you want. How dare you, you shameless idiots. From now on if any of you distribute Bibles we will attack you brutally. How dare you promote Christianity."*

Video of the sermon

What we as Christians need to do is be prepared for this battle. As the history of warfare repeatedly demonstrates careful advance preparation is the key to victory. It is helpful to look at those who have succeeded in battle before us, those whose careful preparation laid the foundation for victory. In Joshua we find just such a model. The last two weeks we studied the crossing of the Jordan River and now we see what top priority on the other side was.

Joshua 5:1-9 "And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that the Lord had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel."

Notice the fear and trepidation of the pagans in face of the Army of the Lord seeing the mighty power of God. One of the things we must never forget is the reality that, if God is before us, it doesn't matter who is against us. Yes, we face powerful enemies, both in the visible realm the forces of wickedness, atheism, idolatrous belief systems and so on, but even more notably the invisible powers, the host of evil, Satan and his minions arrayed against us. If we were to make those enemies, their power, their prominence, and

cunning our focus we would cower in fear and shrink from the battle field. But we should not fear; indeed, our enemies here on earth and even in the invisible realm, were they to perceive the way things actually are, they would tremble in fear and trepidation just like the king and inhabitants of Jericho and all other cities in the Promised Land did. Those people heard the reality of what God did in drying up the Jordan at flood stage allowing all Israel to cross over. No doubt they thought they were safe from war with Israel if the flood stage remained – usually a month or more. But now they saw that the God of Israel could do miraculous things against which they had no defense.

The challenge we face in our day is that Satan has masterfully orchestrated a denial of miracles. People have adopted the materialistic world view that says miracles are not possible and that God, if He exists at all, cannot perform miracles.

For example, many people follow the philosopher David Hume who wrote in his *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, “*A miracle is a violation of the laws of nature; and as a firm and unalterable experience has established these laws, the proof against a miracle, from the very nature of the fact, is as entire as any argument from experience as can be imagined ...*”

Notice his premise, “firm unalterable experience has established these laws.” The Laws of the Universe are not established by God – he claimed – but by human beings based upon their own observations and their own experience. So, it is entirely a man centered worldview, believing that man is the measure of all things and man’s experience is all that is needed to establish truth. But what if something happened when man is not present, that cannot be taken into evidence when establishing these manmade laws? And what about all that happened before man came into existence? So, the evolutionist believing the universe to be billions of years old admits that

man has been part of this a fraction of that time span. This means that Hume is very short-sighted in his worldview. Hume goes on to speculate, *“it is a miracle that a dead man should come to life; because that has never been observed, in any age or country. There must, therefore, be a uniform experience against every miraculous event, otherwise the event would not merit that appellation.”* He outright denies the 500 eyewitness testimonies of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This view of the world is out of touch with reality. There is a God in heaven who has all power, who established all the Laws of the Universe, they are His Law and He is free to make alterations on the spot; to stop the Jordan river from flowing its normal course, to bring down the walls of Jericho, to even make the sun stand still in the sky, to raise His Son from the dead. We don't even need to look for natural explanations of these miracles. Many have expended ink and sweat to explain the Jordan stopped up by an earthquake, or perhaps the pole shift was underway on the day the sun stopped – or in other words, the earth's rotation had a hiccup causing a delay in the sunset. Not that all these might be explanations of how the miracle took place, but they miss the point, the point that God is Sovereign over all His creation.

The amazing thing to me is the arrogance of our modern society. The ancients who we often despise as backward or ignorant were much more in touch with the reality that there is a supernatural realm and that miracles can and do happen. Jericho believed, the Amorites believed as well as the Canaanites, it is only the foolish moderns who refuse to believe.

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School Shootings: Are Today's Secular Schools The Cause?

The evidence is in – Gun Free Zones do not work. The criminal knows that gun free zones assures him a safe working environment; he need not fear that anyone will fire back at him. A gun free zone is also another name for a soft target, and murderers are cowards, they always seek soft targets. For example, the movie theatre mass murderer in Aurora, Colorado drove past many other movie theaters to find the one that was a gun free zone. After all, who wouldn't want a safe working environment?

Now the curious thing to me is the discussion following the Parkland, Florida mass murder – no one is highlighting the fact that the murderer was a graduate from that same high school. So, the murderer was a product of that high school.

Now let's turn back the hands of time. 60 years ago in America, were there mass murders in any high schools? Consider a parallel idea for a moment to help understand this. Hypothetically, what if there was a factory that produced widgets? 60 years ago, the factory producing those widgets operated smoothly and the widgets it produced did what they were designed to do and society was blessed by the factory through the products produced.

Video of the sermon

But something changed, and sixty years later that same factory

was now producing defective widgets, some of which turned out to be murderously defective and went about destroying other widgets before they completed their journey down that production line. The factory has become a menace to society. Wouldn't a rational question be, what happened to that widget factory? What changed in that plant which once was a blessing to society and today produces defective widgets? Wouldn't we want to find an industrial engineer who could investigate what has changed and what can be done to correct the problem? Wouldn't it make sense to investigate the factory rather than say the problem is the weapon used by the widget to destroy other widgets? I don't hear this sort of rational discourse today after shootings like the Parkland massacre.

So then, compare our schools from 60 years ago with the schools we have today. What has happened in those 60 years, since 1958?

Consider the Supreme Court decision known as Engel v. Vitale in 1962 that prohibited public prayer to the One True God in government run schools. Then in 1963 they opined in Abington v. Schempp to prohibit Bible reading in those same institutions. Then in 1980 the court claimed that it was unconstitutional to have the posting of the Ten Commandments in these schools in the case Stone v. Graham. It is also revealing to read an opinion written by the godless Judge Paul Stevens. He says,

"Posting of religious texts on the wall serves no ... educational function. If the posted copies of the Ten Commandments are to have any effect at all, it will be to induce the children to read, meditate upon, perhaps to venerate and obey the Commandments ... This is not a permissible state objective..."

The Ten Commandments of course includes the sixth commandment – "Thou shalt not murder." Stevens claimed it was not permissible to teach the Commandment "Thou shalt not murder"

in the schools.

So take the Bible away, take prayer away, as well as the Ten Commandments, take them completely out of the educational establishment and what has replaced it? Moral relativism. The school refuses to teach that there is any standard of right and wrong and they encourage the student to choose his own standard for himself.

Compound this with the teaching of evolution in every subject area possible, and you have communicated to the student that he is nothing more than the compilation of endless mistakes and mutations over millions of years, that he is just a highly developed animal and that the only law which exists in the universe is that the strong should kill the weak to further the evolution of mankind via the survival of the fittest.

And now for the coup de grace... abortion. Teach all children that murder is a sacred and honored right in the hands of any pregnant woman. It is so sacred the state government will pay for the murder to take place. It is so sacred that the school will hide the murder from the grandparents of the child in the womb to be murdered, so sacred that they will make everything quite easy for a pregnant mom to murder her unborn child.

Given this condition, I am amazed that we don't have more Parkland massacres in our day. Everything inside the "widget factory" is designed to produce murderers. It is tragic that 17 people made in the image of God were murdered at Parkland. But what about the 60 million murdered in the womb in our land, with nearly all of the women who murdered their own children being products of the government-run school system?

Again, the reality no one seems willing to talk about is the fact that the "widget factory" is very effective at producing mass murderers. We are told that due to the opinions of 5 wicked tyrants in black robes that conditions inside the "widget factory" can never be changed.

This means schools will continue to endlessly produce mass murderers. If that is the case, then I would say it is well past time to destroy how public schools are ran before they produce more death. They have become a menace to society. Never should we disarm the citizens in this land who must protect themselves daily against the murderous products of our state-run school systems.

The Word of God teaches us that the education of the next generation is the most critical work to be accomplished in a society. It is so critical that God gives very specific directions for who is to do this work as well as how it is to be done.

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China, The Vatican And A New World Order

Truth is stranger than fiction. We have been told that Communism died when the last brick was pulled down from the Berlin Wall; but what if the chameleon was just changing colors, developing a new cloak, and deceiving its intended victims of its sinister plans for complete world domination? When we study the Old and New Testament prophecies regarding the development of the world just before the Second Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, we find a clearly laid out description

of a One World Government which has a universal totalitarian control of all the world.

It's described in Revelation 13 as having such unparalleled economic control that no one can buy or sell without the "Mark of the Beast". Revelation also details that it will not only encompass the commercial realm but establish a one world religion as well.

For years, many have wondered how in the world a system would develop that encompasses all aspects of life on earth, and how in the world would disparate powers on earth could ever coalesce into the sort of totalitarian unity described? Now there are many questions still unanswered, but some very clear developments are revealing the shape of what President HW Bush infamously called "The New World Order."

Video of the sermon

In the first week of February this year, *"the Vatican announced that Pope Francis plans to replace two Chinese bishops loyal to Rome with seven excommunicated men chosen by Beijing [ie. the Communist Chinese government]. Two of those seven men are [alleged](#) to have girlfriends and fathered children. Most importantly, all seven men put their loyalty to China's communist government before their faith in God.*

China has long demanded that the Vatican accept only Chinese government-appointed bishops and give them full authority to rule a Chinese diocese. But Francis's predecessors in the Catholic Church have long believed, as Pope Benedict XVI said, 'the authority of the Pope to appoint bishops is given to the church by its founder Jesus Christ. It is not the property of the Pope, neither can the Pope give it to others.'

Yet in Pope Francis the atheist Chinese Communist government found a willing partner eager to give in to their demands. Pope Francis seems to have no problem subordinating

his authority to a repressive communist government.”

China’s President Xi Jinping is no friend to religious freedom. Since he came into power, he made it clear that religious groups, “must adhere to the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), and support the socialist system and socialism with Chinese characteristics.” In other words, the Chinese government would tolerate any religion only if it puts the Chinese government before God... He demanded that they [CPCA members] act as *“unyielding Marxist atheists, consolidate their faith, and bear in mind the Party’s tenets.”*

To show that he meant what he said, “Chinese authorities tore down many churches in China in 2015 and arrested lawyers and activists who defended some of the underground churches. As recently as January 2018, Chinese People’s Armed Police used excavators and dynamite to destroy the Golden Lampstand Church in the city of Linfen, Shanxi province.” (thefederalist.com)

If that were not enough, consider the astonishing statement coming out of the Vatican. *“The chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences has heaped high and unexpected praise on China, insisting that the atheistic communist regime has created the best model for living out Catholic social teaching today.*

After visiting Beijing for the first time some months ago, Argentinean Bishop Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo reportedly returned to the Vatican full of enthusiasm for the Asian country, and this week he told a journalist that “at this moment, the Chinese are the ones implementing Catholic social teaching best.”

The Chinese *“look for the common good and subordinate other things to the general welfare,”* Bishop Sánchez insisted in a Spanish-language interview with the Vatican Insider...

With forced abortions, slave labor, the rampant persecution of Christians, severely limited freedoms, and a church demolition

campaign under China's one-party system, it is hard to imagine how anyone—let alone a high ranking Catholic prelate—could put forward China as an example of Catholic social teaching done right.” (Rumormillnews.com)

One commentator stated “Growing evidence signals that the Vatican, the Chinese Communist Party, the British Empire, and the Pentagon are negotiating the creation of a world government.” (Benjaminfulfor.net)

Could the Satanic kingdom of the Antichrist be emerging in our day? While we cannot be absolutely certain, one thing we clearly see in the Word of God is Satan will make war upon the true saints of the Most High God. The kingdom of the Antichrist, The New World Order, will persecute true Christians at an appalling level on an unprecedented scale. That fact alone will cause many to hesitate in following Christ and as Paul points out in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 resulting in a great falling away from the Christian faith.

How shall we prepare for potential persecution, and how can we be ready if The New World Order is upon us? We need to prepare because the reality Scripture teaches us is that we ought always to be ready to face persecution. This is not unlike what Israel under the leadership of Joshua faced. As soon as they crossed over Jordan they would be on the battlefield; their enemies were powerful and numerous, the obstacles were substantial, what they needed now more than anything else was confidence in the Lord God who commanded them to cross over.

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Liberty Or Tyranny, Which Do You Choose?

The times call us to choose sides. You may remember as a kid playing a pickup game of baseball, everyone would have to choose which side they were on before the game could begin.

But there are much more significant lines drawn and sides chosen in life. At the time of our founding, many were unaware that the desire to declare independence and separate from Great Britain was nowhere near a universal desire. In fact, before the War for Independence began, no more than 3% of the colonists wanted independence. After the war began that number increased to 33%, and during the war it continued to increase. So at the beginning, only 1/3 wanted independence, 1/3 were against independence (the Tories), and 1/3 had not yet decided.

Pennington, New Jersey was one of those decidedly Tory regions. In fact, most New Jersians were Tories. But certain events turned the tide around Christmas of 1776.

Video of the sermon

The first church I pastored was just up the Delaware River from where Washington famously crossed the ice-chocked waters and successfully attacked the Hessians at Trenton on Christmas night. Before that battle, while the Continental Army was on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware, George Washington began receiving reports of atrocities committed by the Red Coats in central New Jersey. He wrote the Governor of New Jersey on March 3, 1777 about those atrocities:

“Robert Combes, a tavern keeper in Pennington, can inform you, of a Rape committed on the Wife and Daughter of one John Christopher, by the Enemy while they lay there; One Philip Parmer’s daughter of that Neighborhood, was also ravished by 6 Soldiers; Thomas Keynes’s daughter was treated in the same Manner.”

These atrocities turned the tide in New Jersey. Many undecided and Tories became Patriots. They saw the evil that the Red Coats represented and they could not stand on middle ground, they chose the side of the Patriots. They joined militias or the Continental Army and were part of that ultimate victory that won America’s Independence. By the way, these atrocities were the reason that our Bill of Rights contains the Third Amendment – amended in 1791-which reads in part “No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house...”

In times of war one cannot remain neutral for long, one must join one side or the other. In fact, if you are in the war zone neither side will allow you to remain neutral, they will force you to choose one or the other.

Today the war for true liberty is raging in our land. Many American’s falsely believe they can stand on neutral ground. That is not possible. If one is not engaged in the fight for liberty, then one has joined the side of tyranny.

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American Education: Then And Now

On my Friday morning radio show (www.1180wfyl.com) I had an interesting conversation with a Constitutional Attorney. He asserted that once the Supreme Court has ruled on an issue then it is final, it is essentially settled law. For example, I was speaking about the issue of marriage and the fact that the Supreme Court has no power, and indeed no authority to change the definition of marriage. God defines it, they cannot redefine it. They do not even have any jurisdiction over marriage whatsoever even if they were able to redefine it. Why? Because We The People are the ones who created the Federal Government. We created it, it is our creature and we therefore define the limits of its powers and we never gave it power to even deal with the issue of marriage at all. I asked the good attorney to consider the implications of the theory that the Supreme Court has the final say, and that once it has spoken there is no further recourse.

In Nazi Germany, everything done was done according to laws that were duly passed by the legislature and approved by the judiciary. That's right, Nazi judges said everything they did was all perfectly legal. What they did not account for is the fact that man is not sovereign, man is not the source of law; they did not account for the fact that there is a Divine Standard, what our Founders called the "Laws of Nature and Nature's God." Any manmade statute is only valid in so far as it fully complies with this eternal, fixed, unchanging Divine Standard – God's Law.

Video of the sermon

So, when World War II was over, the Nazi officials had to face the music at the Nuremberg trials. At the trials they tried to

use the argument that everything they did was according to law and that they could not be held accountable, for after all, they were just obeying lawful orders. But on Oct 16, 1946 they were held accountable. Ten prominent members of the political and military leadership of [Nazi Germany](#) were hung by the neck until dead. [Hermann Göring](#) was also scheduled to be hanged on that day, but committed suicide using a potassium cyanide capsule the night before. [Martin Bormann](#) was also sentenced to death *in absentia*, but he had already committed suicide while attempting to escape Berlin on May 2nd the previous year.

There is an eternal, everlasting, unchanging standard of justice and it is given to us by the Ruler of the Universe who created all things including all the laws of the Universe – both physical and moral laws.

So that was my morning radio show; then segue to a conversation later that same day with officials in local government regarding a situation at the local community college. That institution, which by the way 2/3rds of its funding comes from taxpayers, demands diversity courses be taken by every student. These courses are thinly veiled propaganda for the LBGTQ community, that is, the homosexual agenda. Therefore every student must be indoctrinated with the pro-homosexual mindset or else they cannot graduate. The local officials basically told us that the citizens of our county have no choice in the matter. The decision to demand this diversity requirement, and a gun-to-the-head of the taxpayers, forcing them to pay for these courses, comes from the State Board of Education. The fact that every institution of higher education has to be accredited in the state and must comply with these diversity requirements is astonishing!

Contrast this with a list of rules for teachers, posted by a New York City principal in 1872, that included:

Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and scuttle of coal for the day's sessions. Men teachers may take one evening each

week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly. After ten hours in school, the teachers should spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barbershop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intentions, integrity and honesty.

What has happened in 145 years?

America has become the land of the pagan and the home of the insane. For truly when you reject the Laws of Nature and Nature's God, you don't become wise – the Scripture says you become a fool. When you reject and deny the Laws of the Universe, the Laws of Nature and Nature's God you are no longer in touch with reality; you could be certified as insane.

Truly, when you turn away from the fear of the Lord you do not become educated no matter how many letters follow your name, you become woefully ignorant, ignorant of the most important fact of all – that God is Sovereign and brooks no fools.

What these two conversations on Friday reminded me of was that we have a very large task ahead of us as disciples of Jesus Christ. Our Land has been overrun by pagans and lunatics. It is not the time to retreat, to give up the fight as we hear from some quarters. No, not in the slightest bit. It is instead, time to prepare ourselves to cross over the Jordan; it is time to enter the land and conquer it for the One who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the One who has been given all authority in heaven and all authority on earth: Jesus Christ our Savior. Did you know that He owns these united States? They belong to Him. He will discipline them when they reject Him. It is folly to oppose Christ Jesus because His will will be done, His Kingdom will come and every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. He is Master, He is Ruler, He is King, no nation can defy Him

and survive.

We are in the same situation that Joshua and the children of Israel faced looking Westward over the Jordan River. The Jordan was at flood stage, so crossing it would take a miracle. The cities on the other side were extremely formidable. The task was huge; in fact, realistically you could say it was impossible. But our God loves the word impossible. As the angel Gabriel said to Mary in Luke 1:37, "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

God commanded Joshua to lead the children of Israel across the Jordan (an impossibility) and into the Promised Land (impossible) to take possession of it (impossible). The impossible would be made possible by the mighty hand of God. And the promises to Joshua are parallel to the promises Jesus made to us. Jesus commanded us "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." That 'all nations' of course includes these united States. So, let's get to work and cross over the Jordan.

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A Nation Divided Against Itself Will Not Stand

Jesus clearly stated in Matthew 12:25, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand." We are seeing that illustrated this week with the disclosing of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) memo. It reveals the criminal activities of the previous administration in collusion with Hillary in the election of 2016.

The DNC paid for liars to develop a fake dossier that supposedly proved collusion between candidate Trump and the Russians. This fake dossier was then used with the DOJ, FBI and NSA to illegally spy on candidate Trump and all his campaign staff with the full knowledge of Hillary and unwavering backing of Obama. What has been done in weaponizing the DOJ, FBI and NSA in a political campaign is criminal. And there is a long list of criminals involved in these nefarious deeds.

Even the accusation that the Russians hacked into the DNC computers and leaked files to Wikileaks has also proven false. Instead it was their own man, Seth Rich, who had easy access to DNC files, downloaded them and then gave them to Wikileaks. You see how he was rewarded by those upset with his deeds: another corpse to the stack.

But sadly the criminal behavior did not end on November 8, 2016. In fact, it was ramped up to prevent the President elect from ever taking his oath of office on January 20th, 2017. At the FBI it was called "an insurance policy" – insuring that Trump would never take office.

Now a year later this FISA memo reveals all the criminality that came together as an attempted palace coup in which the

duly elected President of the United States would not take office at all. It failed, but it didn't end there. Once inaugurated, President Trump's administration has been continually sabotaged by those same criminal Deep State operatives in many Departments and at many levels of his administration. It is a civil war within Washington, D.C. Two groups fighting for control over the government, one duly elected, the other criminal, and complicate in many crimes that are an attempted palace coup.

We the people lose out in this civil war – the enemies of the people continue to loot and pillage the public treasury and encourage more criminals to cross the porous borders. We pray that our Lord would bring this war to an end and that rightful government may be restored as well as the criminals all brought to justice.

“Reports are that a four-page memo in the House Intelligence Committee details unthinkable FISA abuses in the deep state bureaucracy.

Nearly every Member of Congress who has seen this report has been remarkably shocked. As [Fox News](#) reports:

‘It is so alarming the American people have to see this,’ Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan said.

Florida Rep. Matt Gaetz said, ‘I believe the consequence of its release will be major changes in people currently working at the FBI and the Department of Justice’

‘You think about, ‘is this happening in America or is this the KGB?’ That’s how alarming it is,’ Pennsylvania Rep. Scott Perry said.” [sclj.org](#)

Republican Representative Paul Gosar from the great state of Arizona is now suggesting that the Obama administration had indeed weaponized the executive branch in pursuit of partisan political purposes. He added, “there are some heads that need

to go to jail and not come out for quite some time.”

“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.” And this applies to the people of God who are advancing the Kingdom of our Lord as well.

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Roe v. Wade Is Not Law

There was a day when this sweet land of liberty honored God’s Holy Law and anyone who dishonored it was not respected. There have been many turning points for our land, points when we turned away from following God’s Holy Law. One of the worst was January 22, 1973 a date that will live in infamy. On that date, the United States Supreme Court rejected God’s Holy Law regarding the murder of the weakest and most vulnerable human beings, infants in the womb of their mother.

We need to get the language right, we need to understand what actually happened that day forty-five years ago. They did **not** make it legal for our nation to murder human beings by what they call an “abortion.” They did **not** make it legal for a woman to hire a contract killer to murder the baby in her womb. Why? because you cannot make something legal which is a violation of God’s Law.

Murder is murder, it was always illegal, it is always illegal

and forevermore it shall remain illegal no matter what label you paste upon it. The Word of God, the Law of God is fixed, it is settled in heaven forever. Abortion is murder and it cannot be legalized.

Video of the sermon

What took place that cold January morning in 1973, was our nation rebelled against and rejected the fixed unchanging Law of God. And it did so without a second thought to the consequences. And so the floodgates of death and destruction were opened. Today one human life will be destroyed every 20 seconds in the wombs of American mothers. Nearly 3,000 innocent people will be murdered in America each day. When added up, that's around one million Americans a year.

Over the past 45 years, nearly 60 million have been murdered without mercy in these United States. These individuals have had no trial, no legal representation, and no opportunity to defend themselves. Yet, they have been executed in a most cruel, inhumane way.

Let the weight of that hit you: Nearly 60 million lives...gone. Just think of a catastrophic disaster where the entire populations of California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington are wiped out. Gone! Abortion is the American Holocaust.

But that is only one of the consequences of rebellion against God's Holy Law. Turn to Psalm 2:2, for this pointedly describes our nation.

"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."

In other words let us declare that in our Land the Holy Law of

God is null and void. So we now permit murder. How does God respond to such folly?

Psalm 2:4-5

“He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.”

God is laughing at America, He has been laughing at us for 45 years, laughing at the stupendous folly of thinking you could throw off God’s Holy Law, and that your rebellion would bring you blessing. God laughs at puny human’s wearing black robes, acting like and believing themselves to be gods; what miscreants, what moral and mental pigmies, what abject blind fools to think they can ultimately get away with such evil.

God has an answer to this folly. He speaks to His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in Psalm 2:8,

“Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.”

What is the end of any nation such as ours who rebels against God’s Holy Law? Utter destruction. Described here in the vivid picture of the interaction of an iron rod when it is brought down with force upon a clay pot – dashed to pieces, irrevocably crushed to dust. Destruction is inevitable unless we repent.

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Federal Land Grab Failure: Victory For The Constitution

When a people lose their moral compass – their fixed standards of right and wrong – a terrible plague descends upon that land. The Word of God is the source of the righteous standards of truth and justice.

It is heartening when Truth and Justice win out. Such was the case this past Monday in a stunning verdict delivered by U.S. District Judge Gloria M. Navarro in the case against Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy and his two sons, Ryan and Ammon. You may recall they were charged with multiple felonies related to the 2014 armed standoff between Bundy supporters and federal agents. Those were the agents who had seized and killed some of his cattle and were rounding up the rest of his herd when patriots from around the country came to his aid. I spoke this week with one of those patriots who went to Bunkerville, Nevada in defense of the God-given rights of the Bundy family.

Video of the sermon

What the judge did Monday was end the more than four years of persecution of the Bundy's from the likes of federal bureaucrats and prosecutors – as well as politicians, such as former Nevada Senator Harry Reid – and their media allies. The prosecution, *“failed in two previous attempts to convict Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy and his two sons, Ryan and Ammon... And Judge Navarro had cited multiple egregious abuses by federal authorities in her declaration of a mistrial on*

December 20. However, in that ruling she had left open the possibility of another retrial, which is what the prosecutors were arguing in favor of. Her latest ruling dismissed the charges 'with prejudice,' meaning the government may not retry the case. Judge Navarro's decision, which she read to a courtroom packed with Bundy family members and supporters, was a forceful smack-down to the federal government, using words not often heard in judicial rulings.

'The government's conduct in this case was indeed outrageous,' the judge stated. 'There has been flagrant misconduct, substantial prejudice and no lesser remedy is sufficient.' She also used words such as 'especially egregious,' 'grossly shocking,' and 'reckless disregard,' in her stinging rebuke of the federal government's misconduct. The judge found prosecutors had engaged in a 'deliberate attempt to mislead' and had made multiple misrepresentations – both to the defense and to the court – regarding exculpatory 'Brady evidence' they are required to produce for the defense. Instead, they had repeatedly concealed and/or denied the existence of the evidence."

You can understand the Judge's outrage when you see the evidence they lied about, flatly stating that they did not have any. For example, they claimed no evidence existed that Federal snipers were in place targeting unarmed civilians, women, and children; that there was no government authorized kill list on which the Bundy's were prominent targets. What is clear is that the entire operation was conducted in the most egregious manner with no care taken for the life or property of citizens being persecuted by the federal government. They lied, and they lied, and they lied again.

After the ruling outside the courthouse in reference to his two years in prison, the senior Bundy said, "I've been a political prisoner for right at 700 days today, I come in this courtroom an innocent man and I'm going to leave as an innocent man. My defense is a 15-second defense. I raised my

cattle only on Clark County, Nevada, land and I have no contract with the federal government. This court has no jurisdiction and authority over this matter. And I have put up with the court in America as a political prisoner for two years." www.thenewamerican.com

The truth that the media will not tell us is that Cliven Bundy was willing to pay the State of Nevada, but not the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), stating the BLM did not have jurisdiction over the land his family had used since the late 1800's. And he is absolutely right, just read Article I Section 8 of our Constitution.

We the people can see the enormous evil that results from the Federal land grab, what happens when those who take an oath to the Constitution engage in violating that oath. But we praise God when Truth and Justice prevail.

What this case illustrates is the fundamental problem in America today – a rejection of God's Law as the standard for personal self-government. The result is that people in office don't take their oaths seriously, people have no qualms about lying and paying no attention whatsoever to the limits God has placed upon human action by His Holy Law. The solution is back to the Bible.

The great statesman Daniel Webster, wrote, *"If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible our country will go on prospering and to prosper, but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury our glory in profound obscurity."*

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The New Deal Was A Raw Deal

One of the most frequent commands of Scripture is the command, "Fear not." By my count it occurs 190 times. Fear of anything but the Fear of God is disobedience to God.

It is instructive to see how the enemy of our souls cultivates fear in our hearts. For example, on January 11th, 1944, the 32nd President gave a State of the Union speech in which he said:

"As our nation has grown in size and stature, however—as our industrial economy expanded—these political rights [secured by the Bill of Rights] proved inadequate to assure us equality... We have come to a clear realization of the fact that true individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence... We have accepted, so to speak, a second Bill of Rights under which a new basis of security and prosperity can be established for all... Among these are:

- *The right to a useful and remunerative job*
- *The right to [earn enough](#) to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation;*
- *The [right of every family to a decent home](#);*
- *The [right to adequate medical care](#) and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health;*
- *The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of [old age, sickness, accident, and unemployment](#);*
- *The [right to a good education](#).*

All of these rights spell security."

So he promised that he would create government programs that would dispel the fears of old age, sickness, and accidents. What are those fears? Financial want, inadequate medical care and lack of employment. This is the same President whose first inaugural address included the sentence,

“So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself...” He proposed that civil government itself was the answer to our greatest fears.

Video of the sermon

When you examine his policies, you will find he was a socialist to the core and his New Deal wasn't anything new at all; it was what the old standard tyrannical governments throughout the centuries have offered – legalized plunder. With the support of the majority they would steal from those who have, to redistribute that wealth to those who the government favors. As many have discovered as of very late, that New Deal was a Raw Deal for America. It has left us 100 trillion dollars in debt, a debt that will be paid by our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, perhaps endless generations. It is a policy that has made Americans debt slaves.

With justice I think we might call FDR the great manipulator; he used fear and economic distress to sell the American people into debt slavery.

What has been the result? Has fear been eliminated? Today more people fear the civil government than ever before. They know for example, the IRS, without any evidence of wrong doing on your part, can steal your bank account, your paycheck, and your car without you ever having stood trial before a jury of your peers and been pronounced guilty. Businesses know that they can be ruined in an instant by a completely unaccountable gang of wicked bureaucrats at the EPA whenever they choose to concoct a new set of standards everyone must abide by.

We have been sold down the river by a set of tyrants far more wicked and evil than King George III ever dreamed of being. All of this has been done using fear as a tool to manipulate us into debt slavery.

Now fear is a powerful emotion. But it is rooted in our perception of what is real. We call someone who has irrational fears, delusional. They believe something to be true that is actually false. By not seeing the truth, they react with fear to something which is not there. There is however another type of irrational fear that is less recognized, it is a fear based upon a partial grasp of reality.

Let me give you an example. 2 Kings 6:14-18 is a scene where the king of Syria wanted to arrest and likely kill God's prophet Elisha.

"Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?"

The servant of Elisha saw the trouble they were in, surrounded by a powerful army on all sides. No option for escape, certain arrest and probably death awaited not only Elisha but his servant as well. But was this a realistic evaluation of the situation? You might say of course it was, and his fears were rational. But look at how Elisha answers his servant.

"And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them."

Now we might respond, what are you talking about Elisha? Can't you see the reality of the army from that great super power Syria arrayed against you?

"And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his

eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.”

And that blind army could do nothing to Elisha nor his servant.

Yes, fear is a natural response to threatening circumstances, but it is rooted in our perception of what is real. To believe something to be true that is actually false is delusional. By not seeing the truth, they react with irrational fear. A far greater problem is a fear based upon only a partial apprehension of reality.

When we leave God out of the picture, we have an unrealistic fear. And this is what FDR preyed upon – if you leave God out of the equation, if you turn aside from His Holy Law as it addresses each of the fears FDR manipulated, then of course you will turn and bow down to the idol FDR was erecting; the Socialist State which promises to provide for you from womb to tomb. What we see today is that the New Deal was a Raw Deal, manipulating our fears it has sold us into debt slavery.

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Raising An Army Against Evil

In the long war between good and evil which began in the Garden of Eden, there have been many ups and downs, advances and retreats. We have seen in our day a significant advance of evil in our land. But the battle is not over. For example, eleven days ago on December 20th, President Trump signed a significant Executive Order that didn't receive much attention in the press (no surprise there). The order declared,

"a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States posed by serious human rights abuse and corruption around the world.

Video of the sermon

The order blocks the property and interests in property of persons listed in the Annex to the order. It also blocks the property and interests in property of any foreign person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General:

- 1. to be responsible for or complicit in, or to have directly or indirectly engaged in, serious human rights abuse;*
 - 2. to be a current or former government official, or a person acting for or on behalf of such an official, who is responsible for or complicit in, or has directly or indirectly engaged in:*
 - (a) corruption, including the misappropriation of state assets, the expropriation of private assets for personal gain, corruption related to government contracts or the extraction of natural resources, or bribery;"*
- [Whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov)

Let's see, could that include Hillary Clinton in the Uranium

One deal, selling 20% of America's Uranium to Russia for an estimated 100 million dollars? Or, how about Senator Harry Reid with the deal concocted with the Chinese to steal the Bundy's land in Nevada for a solar farm? The list of those whose assets may be frozen is long and I think rather encouraging. It is the next phase in draining the swamp.

The battle for righteousness has a long history and continually requires a rising generation who will take up the mantle and continue that battle. In our day we are in dire need of warriors in this battle; those who are not intimidated by the enemy of our souls, those who will not be thrown off course by the persecution that inevitably comes against the warrior, those who will fight the good fight to the very end.

To raise that army, we need powerful role models which we can follow, those whose lives were tested in the fires of adversity, those who did not shirk on the battle field, those whose faith grew stronger as they fought the good fight.

This morning we begin anew in the Year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 2018 (Maranatha, even so come Lord Jesus). Our study is a man who meets all those qualifications – the Old Testament hero Joshua. This is a man who fought the good fight in his day and has a great deal to teach us today about the fight which lies before us for truth, righteousness and justice.

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The “Evaluated” Life

This Friday I attended the Funeral of a true America has hero and patriot, John Baptist Kotmair, Jr., 83, of Westminster, Maryland. He passed from this world to the next on December 13, 2017. At the service I was reminded of Ecclesiastes 7:2, “It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart.”

A funeral is a valuable reminder that one day we too will depart this world. It is a time to reflect not only on the life of a loved one, but also a time to think about our own departure from this world. It is a time to examine what we are living for, to ask ourselves serious questions that at other times are too easily brushed aside.

Many American patriots will remember John Kotmair’s unremitting efforts on their behalf. Most patriots will remember him as one of the strongest voices of the tax honesty movement, fearlessly striving to educate the public about the limited application of the federal income tax. He and his wife Nancy took to the road for two and a half years, visiting patriots and recruiting for the Patriot Network and then for the National Patriot Association. In addition to founding Save-A-Patriot Fellowship, he was founder and fiduciary of Liberty Works Radio Network Fellowship.

Video of the sermon

John’s passion was to educate the public about the Christian heritage and legacy of a Constitutionally limited government left for Americans by the founders of our nation. He fervently desired that government at all levels be held to the

confines of the Constitution. He was no fair-weather patriot, but rather, as his hero, Samuel Adams, he desired to be a grand incendiary in the great cause of Liberty, understanding that it takes a, "tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men," to prevail.

To that end, he was identified as an enemy of the Department of Justice and the Internal Revenue Service, and they attacked him and the Fellowship without cause numerous times. In 1981, using a stacked jury, they convicted him of "failure to file" and sentenced him to two years in federal prison. In 1993, they raided the Fellowship and attempted to shut its doors and put him in prison once again. God, the Author of Liberty caused those attempts to come to naught; John and the members of the Fellowship prevailed.

After the raid, Mr. Kotmair and numerous Fellowship members set up Liberty Works Radio Network to inform Americans of their God-given heritage.

Despising Liberty and all those who exercise their rights secured by the First-Amendment, the Department of Justice sued in federal court to shut down Save-A-Patriot Fellowship, an action which –without the benefit of any trial on the facts – culminated in a permanent injunction in 2008 against Mr. Kotmair and some of the First-Amendment activities of the Fellowship. However, due to the faithfulness and dedication of fellow patriots, the Liberty Works Radio Network Fellowship and the Save-A-Patriot Fellowship are still active. John has left a legacy.

When we evaluate our own lives one of the most important questions we can ask is based on what Jesus commanded in Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." The evaluated life is the life worth living. The evaluated life asks am I seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness?

*Give of your best to the Master;
Give of the strength of your youth.
Throw your soul's fresh, glowing ardour
Into the battle for truth.
Jesus has set the example,
Dauntless was He, young and brave.
Give Him your loyal devotion;
Give Him the best that you have.*

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Alabama Election Fraud: Roy Moore Was Forsaken

It is one thing to be well, but far more significant to end well. Perhaps this is why Solomon, inspired by God, wrote, "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof." Ecclesiastes 7:8.

Finishing well is no mean feat. There are a multitude of diversions, temptations, endless detours to keep us from the finish line. Jesus taught us, "he that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matthew 10:22). Not he who starts well, or even he who runs the fastest, or put in the most entertaining performance, no, simply, "he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

So we must ask ourselves, as a disciple, am I in it for the long haul? Am I determined to cross the finish line? Will I endure to the end no matter what? In our series on the heroes of the Epistle to Philemon we have seen two heroes already who, in suffering for their faith, are great examples to us. Last week we met Aristarchus, who was willing to suffer for Christ, and then of course Onesimus who was ultimately martyred for following Christ.

Because we are in the spiritual battle field, the one thing we must never forget is the strategy of our enemy. Once we are in Christ he cannot take us to hell, but he wants to defeat us, to immobilize us, to cause us to give up the fight. We can learn how not to run the race, from the New Testament anti-hero, Demas.

Video of the sermon

Demas was a disciple who started well, but ended tragically. When Paul was imprisoned a second time at Rome just before his martyrdom, Demas forsook him (2 Timothy 4:9-10). At the end of the record, Demas was a spiritual washout.

Although we don't know all the details, many scholars believe that Demas forsook Paul because he clearly saw the persecution to come as Nero enacted his Satanic policy against the church. Demas flinched. He worried what it would cost him to associate any longer with the Apostle Paul.

I see a similar response in the treatment of Chief Justice Roy Moore, by many who initially supported him. When the vile left came after him with lies and slander of the worst sort, many forsook him. It is hard to determine at this point the extent of the election fraud in Alabama's special election, but what does appear is that many voters abandoned him as well. Why did they do so? I believe Paul's explanation fits well in this day, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world." We must not let that become our epitaph, but gladly

stand for the truth of God's Law in the midst of a culture awash in lies.

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Should You Be Free To Choose Who You Work For?

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in this season, we know that he came into this world to die on the cross. The shadow of the cross is seen even in the manger of Bethlehem. He came to die as our substitutionary atonement, to pay the full penalty for our sins.

Now when Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, do you recall how he made that declaration? Matthew 16:24 "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." He didn't invite you to relax in a lazy boy recliner. He didn't say come follow me to the spa for a day of ease in the lap of luxury. He invited disciples to take up the cross, an instrument of torture and death. He never promised His disciples an easy road. So we should not be surprised when we encounter suffering on the road as we follow Christ. This is increasingly true in America.

Jack Phillips, the Christian baker, has experienced this

because he simply refused to use his artistic skills for the celebration of a sodomite unmarriage ceremony. His case was heard before the Supreme Court this past Tuesday.

Video of the sermon

My friend Peter LaBarbera wrote, “the ADF lawyers for Jack Phillips are arguing that he should not be compelled to back the pro-gay-‘marriage’ cake due to his ‘artistic’ freedom. But what about non-artists—say, a woman who rents chairs for events, or bed-and-breakfast owners who don’t want to rent to homosexuals on their ‘honeymoon’? Do they LOSE their right to dissent from homosexuality-celebrating culture because they are not ‘artists’?” I agree.

What we see now is the destruction of freedom. Isn’t the Freedom of Contract an essential, God-given right? Shouldn’t you be free to choose who you will work for and who you will not? Unless you are a slave you cannot be compelled to work for someone you choose not to work for.

In Stuart White’s book, Freedom of Association and the Right to Exclude, White states, “Call it freedom of association, the right of association or the right of exclusion. It boils down to the same thing: it is a fundamental human right to decide who one deals with, works with, lives with or otherwise interacts with, provided the dances are voluntary. Waltzing into a cake shop is pretty voluntary. It’s high time the right of association asserted itself in American jurisprudence...”

The paganization of America was on full display this Tuesday at the U.S. Supreme Court. Consider what has happened regarding persecution of those who hold to the Biblical, moral standards.

First, the sodomites told us that they only wanted to be left alone. They proclaimed, “You do your thing we’ll do ours, just ignore us. You leave us alone and we will leave you alone.

This was a lie, they had no intention of leaving our God-given rights undisturbed. This lie however was easily sold in America as keep your nose out of other people's bedrooms.

The next stage was, "You must accept us as we are. You must not say what we do is sinful abomination, it must be called a lifestyle choice."

Next it was, "You must declare our abomination legally protected activity for which no one can be prosecuted."

Then came the so-called hate crimes – a legal demand that no words be used to in any way criticize or denigrate that abomination.

And now we have the legal demand that you must celebrate their perversity with them – and if you do not, legal punishments will follow. Punishments such as being driven out of business, required to take indoctrination/re-education courses, or ruinous fines imposed upon you. You are not permitted to choose not celebrate this abomination. By the way, Jack Phillips and his employees were forced into indoctrination classes by the government of Colorado.

How did they accomplish this destruction of morality in America so quickly? They told us in their manifesto, After the Ball. "At least at the outset," say Kirk and Madsen, "we seek desensitization and nothing more. You can forget about trying up front to persuade folks that homosexuality is a good thing. But if you can get them to think that it is just another thing – meriting no more than a shrug of the shoulders – then your battle for legal and social rights is virtually won."
www.thenewamerican.com

Far too many American's who call themselves Christians have backed away from all of this because they don't want to be attacked and vilified for upholding God's Holy Standard of morality. They adopted the sodomite's language, rejecting what the Bible calls this abomination. They seem to lack the

courage necessary, or perhaps they didn't really hear what Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." But those who stand with God's Holy Standard earn a great eternal reward.

We have examples in our day, a Jack Philips and a Chief Justice Roy Moore – willing to stand for what is right regardless of the cost to themselves. Biblically we have a multitude of examples as well.

We must never forget what Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount...

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matthew 5:10-12)

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**America vs. Sodom And
Gomorrah: What's The**

Difference?

In recent days we have seen a parade of women coming forward to tell of the abuse done to them by powerful men. In the Senate we have Al Franken, with multiple women saying his last name would be complete only by adding "stein" to it. Then there is former Vice President Biden along with former President George H.W. Bush; in media, figures such as television host Matt Lauer as well as host Charlie Rose. In Hollywood the list is very long beginning with Harvey Weinstein, Kevin Spacey, and other. What is happening?

We need to see that this is the fruit of the revolution that swept America in the 1960's which some have called the sexual revolution. I think there is a better term for it that I will share in a moment. The two leading figures in this revolution are both now dead. The female leader, Betty Friedan, died eleven years ago in 2006; and the male pied piper died this year, Hugh Hefner. Consider the message they preached: Hefner told men that the good life was living for bodily pleasures, that fornication and adultery were not sins, but rather the natural way a healthy man lived. He use persuasion through his publication and by living out this belief, becoming wealthy in the process. What many don't know is that early on he began promoting sodomy as well. If life is all about bodily pleasures, then who cares how that happens? We could sum up his philosophy as "Sodom and Gomorrah." Hefner promised that if you followed his Sodom and Gomorrah philosophy your life would be happy, happy, happy.

Video of the sermon

The female pied piper had a similar message for women – the women's liberation movement was about empowerment. I think a good summary of her philosophy was that women should have sex before marriage, and a career after marriage. She advocated

adultery – a woman disregarding God’s law to get what she wanted. It was fine, according to Friedan’s philosophy for a woman, to sleep her way to the top. Isn’t that essentially selling your body for fame and fortune, a form of harlotry, albeit not just for money but also for fame? Wouldn’t it be appropriate to see that Friedan was teaching women to become harlots? You might call her philosophy ‘mother-of-harlots.’ Friedan promised that if you followed her mother-of-harlots philosophy as a woman, your life would be happy, happy, happy.

Consider how the Sodom-and-Gomorrah philosophy interacts with the mother-of-harlots philosophy. Harvey Weinstein expects the women in Hollywood to submit to his sexual abuse to advance their careers. Meryl Streep called him ‘god’ at the 2012 Golden Globes because he had such power to make or break anyone’s career in Hollywood. Now why did the women submit so readily? Because they followed the mother-of-harlots philosophy that doing anything to advance their career was worth doing; and after all, there is nothing wrong with fornication or adultery. The mother-of-harlots taught them that this glamorous life and career would make them happy, happy, happy.

Well if that’s the case, why all this complaining now? Is it the case that not everyone is happy, happy, happy?

One Academy Award nominated screenwriter wrote, “Gwyneth Paltrow says now is the time to put an end to these attacks on women. But where was she years ago when Harvey got “handsy” with her? Looking the other way while earning millions and garnering Oscars. Meryl Streep claimed she was clueless about Weinstein’s repulsive antics. Time to award *her* her greatest Oscar yet – for playing someone deaf, dumb, and blind while living as a troglodyte in the Gobi desert.” pjmedia.com

What this current outbreak indicates is that the Sodom-and-Gomorrah philosophy and the mother-of-harlots philosophy have run headlong into a solid brick wall.

That brick wall is called reality. The reality of the Laws of the Universe established by the Creator of all things. You cannot violate God's Law and not face the consequences. As a of mine friend says, you don't really break God's Law, you break yourself on God's Law. Fornication and adultery have consequences, consequences that are beyond the rampant outbreak of sexually transmitted diseases. A soul is broken by these sins. 1 Corinthians 6:18 states, "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."

What we see in the evidence of all the scandals, the firings, the crashing reputations and careers is that the Sodom-and-Gomorrah and the mother-of-harlots philosophies are lies. They do not bring about the good life, the blessed life, and those who follow them destroy themselves. And what needs to be recognized at this juncture is that a society that accepts and follows these philosophies is a civilization on the road to destruction.

But there is an exit ramp on the highway to hell, the road sign reads "Repent" – have a complete, through and through rejection of the Sodom-and-Gomorrah and the mother-of-harlots philosophies. Repentance involves sorrow for sin, confession of it as an evil we repudiate, and a rebuilding in our minds and hearts of the truth of God's Holy Law. God's grace gives a second opportunity both for individuals and for a whole society. In fact, the Bible is replete with encouraging accounts of those who repented and turned around. Their world was transformed and their lives restored. It is high time for America to Repent.

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Socialism In America: Where It Began And Failed

What we often do not hear regarding the history of Thanksgiving is the other side of the story. The Pilgrims faced dire problems due to certain decisions that they made. For example, during their first winter in Plymouth, half of them died, and famine was the norm for the first two years:

"1621 was a famine year.

In his History of Plymouth Plantation, the governor of the colony, William Bradford, reported that the colonists went hungry for years because they refused to work in the field. They preferred instead to steal food. He says the colony was riddled with 'corruption,' and with 'confusion and discontent.' The crops were small because 'much was stolen both by night and day, before it became scarce eatable.'

In the harvest feasts of 1621 and 1622, 'all had their hungry bellies filled,' but only briefly. The prevailing condition during those years was not the abundance the usual story claims, it was famine and death.

But in subsequent years something changes. The harvest of 1623 was different. Suddenly, 'instead of famine now God gave them plenty,' Bradford wrote, 'and the face of things was changed, to the rejoicing of the hearts of many, for which they blessed God.' Thereafter, he wrote, 'any general want or famine hath not been amongst them since to this day.' In fact, in 1624, so much food was produced that the colonists were able to begin

exporting corn.

Video of the sermon

What happened? After the poor harvest of 1622, writes Bradford, 'they began to think how they might raise as much corn as they could, and obtain a better crop.' They began to question their form of economic organization.

Until this time they had required that 'all profits & benefits that are got by trade, traffic, trucking, working, fishing, or any other means' were to be placed in the common stock of the colony, and that, 'all such persons as are of this colony, are to have their meat, drink, apparel, and all provisions out of the common stock.' A person was to put into the common stock all he could, and take only what he needed.

It sounds like 'from each according to his ability, to each according to his need.' They were practicing an early form of socialism, and that is why the Pilgrims were starving. Bradford writes that 'young men that were most able and fit for labor and service' complained about being forced to 'spend their time and strength to work for other men's wives and children.' Also, 'the strong, or man of parts, had no more in division of victuals and clothes, than he that was weak.' So the young and strong refused to work and the total amount of food produced was never adequate.

To rectify this situation, in 1623 Bradford abolished socialism. He gave each household a parcel of land and told them they could keep what they produced, or trade it away as they saw fit. In other words, he replaced socialism with a free market, and that was the end of the famines.

Many early groups of colonists set up socialist states, all with the same terrible results. At Jamestown, out of every shipload of settlers that arrived, less than half would survive their first twelve months in America. Most of the work

was being done by only one-fifth of the men, the other four-fifths choosing to be parasites. In the winter of 1609–10, called "The Starving Time," the population fell from five-hundred to sixty. But when the Jamestown colony was converted to a free market, the results were every bit as dramatic as those at Plymouth."Mises.org

So, the first socialist experiments in America were abject failures. The question then is, why are we following those paths of failure rather than the road of success? The mistake they made was a misinterpretation of Scripture. We read of the early church in Acts 2:44-45, "And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need."

Many have concluded that the early church was practicing a form of socialism where no one owned anything individually but held all things in common. But look at what the text itself actually says, "sold their possessions and goods." These were things they actually owned. And further investigation shows that these sales of goods and possessions were completely voluntary. Look at Acts 5:3-4, "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whilst it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God." So the property sold belonged to Ananias, he had the power to keep the property or once he sold it to keep the proceeds for himself and his wife. His sin was in lying about how much he was giving, not the fact that he did not give the whole proceeds of the sale of that land. Socialism was not being practiced by the early church, rather it was voluntary generosity was on full display.

The problem with socialism is that it is a violation of God's Law, the eighth commandment: Thou shalt not steal. Property is

a God-given right. One element of that right is the right to keep the fruits of your own labor. This is another reason why slavery, unless it is voluntary or due to bankruptcy, is against God's Law. Slavery is stealing the fruits of another man's labor, a violation of the eighth commandment.

As we have been studying Philemon, the Apostle Paul's epistle to his disciple Philemon, we have seen the clear arguments against slavery clearly established. Paul was telling Philemon that he ought to emancipate his slave Onesimus, which history tells us he did in response to this epistle.

We find that both Philemon and Onesimus went on to do great things for the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. They are heroes of the Christian Faith, heroes we do well to emulate.

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Judge Roy Moore is Right: God Is Above The Constitution

This has been a week of vicious attacks on Judge Roy Moore. The slander and lies that have been told about him are beyond the pale. Many elements of the tales that have been told have already fallen apart: The year book with a forged signature. The one who claimed she was called on the phone in her bedroom, when her own mother says her daughter never had a

bedroom phone. The one who claimed that she couldn't get out of the car because of child door locks, an invention that came seven years after the alleged incident took place. The non-existent parking lot behind a restaurant. The mall manager stated that the claim Roy Moore was banned from the Gadsen Mall is false, and we could go on with many other details that reveal that there are a whole lot of lies being told in these coordinated attacks.

Many people are asking questions about the timing of these attacks: just four weeks before the special election and the alleged incidents nearly 40 years ago. What is also suspicious is the immediate response of what appears to be the swamp creatures of Washington, D.C. They are calling for Roy Moore to immediately quit the campaign because of allegations for which there is no proof. There is no evidence that any of these things took place. There were no eyewitnesses, just the word of a woman who claims certain things took place 40 years ago.

Now if the Senate and House actually held their own members to this standard we would hear of the immediate expulsion of Senator Franken. Instead of immediate expulsion, the Senate leadership has decided to have the Senate Ethics Committee "investigate" the charge of sexual harassment against him. But what is there to investigate? The photo (taken by [Al's brother](#)) proves beyond a shadow of a doubt he molested a sleeping woman.

Video of the sermon

Or what about Robert Menendez? Why hasn't there been a Senate Ethics Committee investigation of him, since the feds had enough evidence to indict him? Among the things the feds said Menendez did was attend sex parties with underage prostitutes. That's [actual evidence](#) of sexual criminality – while that produced by Moore's accusers is empty, unproven, and

unprovable. The jury in the Menendez trial hung. But if, as McConnell et. al. claim, the Senate has a higher standard for its members, there's more than enough evidence to kick Menendez out. And Congress should [release the names](#) of the 260 Senators, Representatives and staffers on whose behalf sexual harassment claims totaling \$15 million have been paid out over the last 20 years. Why are McConnell and Ryan *covering up for sexual predators*?

It is clear this really isn't about the allegations being made at all against Judge Roy Moore, they have no solid evidence. Outrageous allegations demand outstanding evidence and there is none of that here. What we see is a political assassination by means of the media. What is really taking place is a last-ditch attempt by the creatures in the swamp, establishment Democrats and establishment Republicans that want to prevent Roy Moore from taking a seat in the Senate. His adherence to the Bible and the Constitution is something the swamp creatures cannot stand.

They will stop at nothing to accomplish their goal. They object to the fact that Roy Moore believes that there is a Creator God, the God of the Bible, our rights come from Him and the sole purpose of civil government is to secure God-given rights. Juan, one of the talking heads on Fox expressed his dismay at the thought of Roy Moore in the Senate this way, "Why, he believes that God is above the Constitution!" Well, yes of course he believes that, because it is absolutely true. Not only is God above the Constitution, His Law, the Bible, is also above the Constitution. Our Founders recognized that and said so in the Declaration of Independence. When they spoke of "the Laws of Nature and Nature's God," (the rational underlying everything in the Declaration and everything in the Constitution) they were referring to the Bible. "The Bible is the rock upon which this Constitutional Republic was founded." Indeed, it is the Word of God which brings true Freedom to those who choose to obey its commandments, statutes and

testimonies. Just as the train is free to fulfill its designer's purpose when it stays on the tracks, so is mankind free when we obey God's Holy Law in everything. It is a false claim that would tell us that freedom is disobeying God's Law. Just as the train which derails destroys not only itself but everything around it and the people on board, so violating God's Law brings disaster, death, and endless grief. I believe most of the swamp creatures have been elected and sent to Washington because so many American's believe the lie that freedom comes from violating God's Law. The truth is that it is not freedom but bondage, bondage to sin. Rather true freedom comes from obeying God's Law from the heart; joyfully, willingly, and filled with a love for our Savior who gave us the great gift of salvation.

Now the Founders of our country were not perfect men, for there are no perfect men this side of heaven. Many will criticize the decisions they made in Philadelphia, for example, the decision to let slavery expire over the course of twenty years which followed the Constitutional Convention. There were people in that day who justified slavery and claimed that the Bible supported it. In our series on Philemon we return to this morning, we see that the Bible clearly does not support slavery. In fact, the power of slavery (which is a human creation that spans the globe and has existed in nearly every culture on earth) was broken by the gospel of Jesus Christ. Not instantaneously by a bloody revolution, war or uprising, but rather by the gentle grace filled means of conversion, repentance and sanctification of those who come to faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The very heart of the Gospel message is freedom; freedom from enslavement to sin, freedom from the works of the devil, freedom to be all that our Creator God designed us to be from the very foundation of the world. The apostle Paul in Galatians 5:1 exhorts us to, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free."

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Is Infant Baptism a Biblical Mandate?

One of the amazing outcomes of the Reformation is that the Word of God was read by people in their own language for the very first time. Martin Luther translated the Bible into German. John Wycliff, William Tyndale, and Miles Coverdale translated the Bible into English with their lives at stake. So committed was the Holy Roman Empire in preventing the spread of the Word of God to the people, that they persuaded Kings to hunt down and kill Bible translators.

Wycliff, though hunted, was not caught before his death. He was tried posthumously, his body dug up and burned, and his ashes spread upon the river.

“Tyndale’s translations were condemned in England, where his work was banned and copies burned. Catholic officials, prominently [Thomas More](#), charged that he had purposely mistranslated the ancient texts in order to promote [anti-clericalism](#) and [heretical](#) views... challenging key doctrines of the Roman Church. Betrayed to church officials in 1536, he was defrocked in an elaborate public ceremony and turned over to the civil authorities to be strangled to death and burned at the stake. His last words are said to have been, ‘Lord! Open the King of England’s eyes.’”[wikipedia.org/wiki/tyndale_bible](https://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tyndale_bible)

Video of the sermon

Miles Coverdale was also hounded by the Holy Roman Empire in an attempt to take his life. He was often on the run – at least three times he fled England for safer ground in the Netherlands. It was costly then to follow Christ, to bring God's Word to the people as it is becoming costly again today.

But when the word of God was brought to Europe in the Reformation, it meant difficult changes to restore the original design Christ had for His church. In my sermon last week, I spoke of the five themes of the Reformation: Sola Scriptura, scripture alone. Sola Fide, faith alone, Sola Gratia, grace alone. Solus Christus, Christ alone. Soli Deo Gloria, glory to God alone.

Beginning with Scripture alone meant looking at everything, including assumed ideas and long-standing traditions to see what the Word of God truly said. One of those difficult areas was baptism. As practiced throughout the Middle Ages, baptism was performed on infants with the teaching that such infants were thereby becoming part of the church, their original sin being cleansed away, and that they had begun to live a Christian life. Now that Christ had made the down payment by His death on the cross, they had to make weekly installment payments: confession, penance, mass, and so on. Those weekly installments, in theory, would pay for their sins after their baptism as an infant. Unpaid sins would have to be paid for after this life in purgatory. Salvation was a combination deal; Christ's work on the cross, plus good works, confession, penance, mass, etc. Note that once this theory caught on, thinking people concluded that it was best to be baptized, not as an infant, but on one's own death bed. For if baptism cleansed all the sins that went before, then were you to be baptized at death, you would have no sins left to pay for and would enter directly into heaven rather than purgatory. Thus was born the so-called sacrament of last rites. But what do we find when we open the scriptures regarding the Christian ordinance of baptism? Watch below:

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Does America Need A Revolution Or A Reformation?

The godless communists in America recently declared that November 4, in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ, 2017, was the beginning of the communist takeover of these United States. Despite spending millions of dollars and taking out a full-page ad in the New York Times, their communist revolution on November 4th appears to be a dud. But that is not to say they no longer pose a danger to our country.

A new book just released by Edward Klein, former editor in chief of the New York Times Magazine, is entitled, *All Out War: The Plot To Destroy Trump*.

It details two exclusive FBI reports that prove the existence of "the Deep State" working against the Trump agenda, warn of ISIS ties to the anti-Trump "resistance," and highlight the danger of domestic terrorism from the anti-Trump radicals.

In the book itself, Klein states, "'There is clearly overwhelming evidence that there are growing ties between U.S. radicals and the Islamic State, as well as several [ISIS] offshoots and splinter groups,' stated the FBI field report, which was delivered to Acting Director Andrew McCabe on July

11, 2017.

Video of the sermon

The FBI report on efforts by Islamic terrorists to recruit followers among violent U.S. groups like Antifa corroborates President Trump's controversial claim, following last summer's deadly protests in Charlottesville, Virginia, that left-wing anarchist groups are just as dangerous as right-wing white supremacists.

A secret FBI investigation of the violent 'resistance' movement on college campuses against President Trump has led to the discovery of collusion between American anarchists and foreign terrorists in the Islamic State and Al Qaeda."
investmentwatchblog.com

These are dangerous times.

What the United States needs today is not some violent revolution as Antifa is attempting to pull off on the streets of our major cities. What is needed is a thoroughgoing Reformation restoring the foundations upon which our country was built. Many people do not realize that the roots of the War for Independence and the formation of our Christian Constitutional Republic go right back to October 31st, 1517.

Noted historian Page Smith wrote in his book *Never Before In History*, "The birth of America is one of the most pronounced examples in all of history that ideas have consequences. Here is the record that certain ideas about religious freedom, freedom of conscience and right government, hammered out on the anvil of European and especially British history, set in motion human forces; habits of worship, convictions of polity, voluntary associations, declarations of renunciations and independence, and yes, armies who would deny themselves and their families, to offer the ultimate sacrifice, if necessary. The American Revolution might thus be said to have started, in

a sense, when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door at Wittenberg. It received a substantial part of its theological and philosophical underpinnings from John Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion and much of its social theory from the Puritan Revolution of 1640-1660, and perhaps less obviously, from the Glorious Revolution of 1689. Put another way, the American Revolution is inconceivable in the absence of the context of ideas which have constituted Christianity. The leaders of the Revolution in every colony were imbued with the precepts of the Reformed faith."

Our Country was built on the message of the Reformation, it grew to greatness and blessings while following that same message and it can only be restored by a return to that same message.

What is the message of the Reformation that needs to be restored in our land today? There are five statements all in latin, **Sola Scriptura: Sola Fide: Sola Gratia: Solus Christus: Soli Deo Gloria:** Let's examine each one in turn.

1. **Sola Scriptura:** Scripture alone. God's word is final authority for the Christian, it is the finally authority for truth. (2 Timothy 3:15-17). "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

- Doctrine, – that is what is true, what we believe
- For reproof, that which is false, that which we do not believe
- For correction, how we ought not to act, how we ought not to live our lives
- For instruction in righteousness: how we ought to live our lives walking in loving obedience to the commands of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

No edict by the Church has the same force as the Word of God. Where tradition, teaching or our experience and the Bible differ, Scripture is supreme, it is the ultimate truth.

At his trial at the Diet of Worms, after days of questioning Luther concluded, "Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. Here I stand, I can do no other, May God help me. Amen."

Having refused to recant his teaching and the 25 writings he was examined for, (including the 95 Theses), Luther was condemned.

Private conferences were held to determine Luther's fate, but he was not arrested at Worms. Through negotiations by his prince, [Frederick III](#), Luther had been given a letter of safe conduct to and from the hearing. After his dismissal he departed for his home in [Wittenberg](#). However, fearing for Luther's safety, Frederick III sent men to a fake highway attack and abduct Luther, hiding him away at [Wartburg](#) Castle. (Some believe the thick heavy walls of that castle were inspiration for the lyrics of "A Mighty Fortress").

It was there at Wartburg Castle in hiding from the enemies who sought to kill him, that Luther began the greatest work of his life – translating the Bible into the language of the German people. It had never been done before, and it was the work that did more to transform the souls of men and women, transform the homes and the churches and the civil government as well. Clarence Macartney, upon visiting the Castle wrote, "I saw the chamber of Luther, with the bed in which he slept, his wash basin, and his desk—a notable desk, too, for on that desk Luther translated the New Testament into German. On one

of the walls of the room there is a place bare of plaster. It is the spot where Luther hurled his inkstand at the devil, whose fearful apparition he had seen. This may be but legend. But there is no doubting the fact that by his translation of the New Testament into the language of the people Luther did hurl an inkstand of considerable weight at the devil and all his works." And the devil was not pleased, so he employed his minions in an attempt to destroy Luther.

The Edict of Worms was a decree issued on 26 May 1521 by [Emperor Charles V](#), declaring:

"For this reason we forbid anyone from this time forward to dare, either by words or by deeds, to receive, defend, sustain, or favour the said Martin Luther. On the contrary, we want him to be apprehended and punished as a notorious heretic, as he deserves, to be brought personally before us, or to be securely guarded until those who have captured him inform us, whereupon we will order the appropriate manner of proceeding against the said Luther. Those who will help in his capture will be rewarded generously for their good work."

What upset the Prince and the Pope was that Luther had challenged the authority of the Church by maintaining that all doctrines and [dogmata](#) of the Church not found in Scripture should be discarded ([sola scriptura](#)).

We must never forget that the Word of God is invincible.

Although Martin escaped from arrest and execution because civil magistrates were willing to protect him from the Holy Roman Empire, others went to the burning stake for following the truth of God's Word.

Because of rising public support for Luther among the German people and the protection of certain German princes, the Edict of Worms was never enforced in Germany. However, in the Low Countries (comprising modern-day [Belgium](#), [Luxembourg](#), and the [Netherlands](#)), the Edict was initially enforced against

Luther's most active supporters... Arrests were made among the Augustinians in Antwerp. Two monks, [Johann Esch and Heinrich Voes](#), refused to recant; on 1 July 1523, they were [burned at the stake](#) in Brussels.

We are in a time and place where commitment to the Word of God is the foundation that we must build upon to restore our land.

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The Spark that Lit The Reformation: Celebrating 500 Years

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. It was the best for those who loved and profited from deep seated corruption, from those who rejoiced in evil and engaged in fraud, for those whom greed was a lifestyle and for whom deception was as wide and as deep as the Pacific Ocean. It was the best of times for the purveyors of all types of immorality. Indeed, the Imperial City, the Capital of the Empire was the most corrupt city in the civilized world. First time visitors to the Imperial City were often shocked at the corruption both high and low. The city was one where lawlessness abounded under the cover of officially approved lawlessness; that is, so-called legalized lawlessness.

So, it was the worst of times for those who loved truth, those who eschewed deception, for those who sought to follow the path of righteousness and justice. The corruption was so extensive it was hard to avoid being tainted by it. It was the worst of times for those who rejoiced in righteousness, holiness and honesty.

In other words, it was a day very much like our day, it was the best of times as it was the worst of times. But God was preparing a man for such a time as that.

Video of the sermon

His father was a miner and had high ambitions for his son, he wanted him to train in the law and become an attorney. The amiable young man was inclined to go that way, but God had a different plan. During law school one afternoon, Martin was caught outside in a tremendous thunder storm. Lightning struck twice very close to him, putting him in fear for his life. In this transformative moment, he made a commitment not to continue law school, but to go to a monastery.

But even there he felt the great weight of his own sins bearing him down. As a monk he sought every discipline that could relieve him of this growing burden of guilt. He practiced extreme depravation, long fasts, deprivation of warm clothing, sleeplessness, and every devotional practice that presented itself. He piled penance on penance. He worked, studied, pleaded, wept, agonized, driving himself to somehow save his own soul. All to no avail, he felt guilty and hopeless. And he did this for ten long excruciating years before God revealed the truth that changed his life and indeed changed the world.

In the monastery at Erfurt, and then at Wittenberg, he slavishly worked to achieve eternal life and got nowhere. Martin Luther was utterly frustrated by the impossibility of pleasing a Holy God.

Luther was a living example of monastic piety, much as Saul of Tarsus was an example of Pharisaic piety, yet it got him no closer to God. If anything, Luther felt he was even more distant and it led to severe depression.

Martin's superior and weary confessor, Fr. Johannes von Staupitz heard him one night rolling in his cell, crying out: "Oh my sin, my sin, my sin, my sin!" Staupitz tried to comfort him, urging him to seek truth from the Scriptures, to find hope from the writings of Paul. So Luther poured over his Latin Vulgate translation of the Epistles of Paul hoping for light, hoping for truth, hoping for hope.

During this time, Martin was assigned to represent his monastic order in Rome. This involved a long arduous trip in winter over the Alps on foot. It would be equivalent to walking from Washington, D.C. to Denver, Colorado. He had very high expectations for this trip to Rome, for he had been taught that Rome offered a multitude of spiritual advantages. There were, in Rome, many opportunities for obtaining valuable indulgences – pardons for your sins.

When he arrived, he ran, like a crazy saint, through all the churches and crypts and catacombs with an unquestioning faith in the legendary traditions about the relics and miracles of martyrs.

The most famous incident of Luther's stay in Rome occurred as he climbed the Sancta Scala. It was one of the most important shrines in all of Rome. It was a staircase and it was believed to be the very staircase Christ ascended and descended in His appearance before Pilate.

Just how did this massive marble staircase wind up 1,428 miles away from where it was first installed? In Luther's day, it was believed to have been magically transported from Jerusalem to Rome by the angels.

The Sancta Scala was enclosed in a small chapel just outside

the church of St. John the Lateran. Pilgrims came from everywhere to climb the staircase on their knees and to kiss the steps and to pray an "Our Father." Each step gained for the faithful pilgrim an indulgence of 9 years...that is, it removed nine years from a person's stay in purgatory. There were certain steps that had crosses carved into them and each of those counted double. If a person climbed the whole staircase they procured for themselves or someone they loved a plenary indulgence, which meant a complete release from all of the temporal punishment of sin to be suffered in Purgatory. So what did Martin do when he arrived in Rome? He climbed those steps, all twenty-eight steps on his knees, kissing each step as he went and saying the necessary "Our Father" not for himself but for the benefit of his deceased grandfather.

When he got to the top and turned and looked back down Luther himself said to himself, "Who can know if these things are so?"

But what deeply troubled Martin and shook him to the very core of his being was the terrible corruption, the rampant immorality, and the ceaseless greed of the clergy in Rome. He was shocked by the unbelief, levity and immorality of the clergy. Money and luxurious living seemed to have replaced apostolic poverty and self-denial. He saw nothing but worldly splendor at the court of Pope Julius II., who had just returned from the bloody siege of a town conducted by him in person. He heard of the fearful crimes of Pope Alexander VI. and his family, which were hardly known of in Germany, but freely spoken of as undoubted facts in the fresh remembrance of all Romans. He received the impression that "Rome, once the holiest city, was now the worst." The very people who millions were counting on for forgiveness of their sins were the most wicked and greedy people he had ever encountered. Martin began to wonder about the indulgences granted from Rome, were they really valid?

One of the sites he visited in Rome was the building of St.

Peter's Dome. This magnificent structure was being funded by means of the proceeds from papal indulgences sold to the credulous believers throughout the Holy Roman Empire.

Six years after his visit to St. Peter's Dome the battle began which ended with an irrevocable separation from Rome and the birth of the Reformation.

Sometime after returning from Rome as he poured over the Epistle of Paul to the Romans Luther's dark cell was flooded with divine light. For when Luther read and pondered Romans 1:16-17, the Spirit of God gave him a "breakthrough." God revealed the truth of His word to that suffering monk, and the truth set him free. He wrote:

"Though I lived as a monk without reproach, I felt that I was a sinner before God...I did not love, yes, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners...Thus I raged with a fierce and troubled conscience. Nevertheless, I beat importunately upon Paul at that place...desiring to know what St. Paul wanted.

At last, by the mercy of God, meditating day and night, I gave heed to the context of the words, namely, 'In it the righteousness of God is revealed, as it is written, "He who through faith is righteous shall live."' There I began to understand that the righteousness of God is that by which the righteous lives by a gift of God, namely by faith...it is the righteousness of God revealed by the gospel, that is, the passive righteousness with which merciful God justifies us by faith...Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates...And I extolled my sweetest word with a love as great as the hatred with which I had before hated the word 'righteousness of God.' Thus that place in Paul was for me truly the gate to paradise."

Hear again the Word of God: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the

Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.” (Rom. 1:16-17)

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Sheriff Sentenced For Obeying His Oath Of Office

One of the few sheriffs in America who believe in standing up to defend our Southern border is Sheriff Joe Arpaio. I had the privilege of meeting him several years ago when he was honored by the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association. But since that time, he was savagely attacked by the Obama crime syndicate. In his county he instructed his deputies, when they pulled someone over for a traffic violation, to ascertain if they were in our country illegally.

In other words, he instructed them to follow the law: the immigration laws of the United States. For upholding his oath of office, the crime syndicate went after him with a vengeance. Ultimately an Obama-appointed judge commanded him to essentially disobey his oath of office and turn a blind eye to illegals in his county.

Now we need to ask, what is the rule of law in our land? Is it the edict handed down by some lawyer in a black robe? Are we

under the rule of men? Or are we under the rule of law? Our Founders designed a form of government where no one was above the law, including judges. Well, that same Obama-appointed judge then slapped a contempt of court against Sheriff Arpaio for which there would be time spent in jail, probably six months or more. Contempt of Court for obeying his oath of office to obey the U.S. Constitution. That judge should have been impeached. November 2016 came and changed the lay of the land. And on August 25th of 2017, President Trump pardoned Sheriff Joe Arpaio. But this past Thursday,

“A federal judge ... shot down former sheriff Joe Arpaio’s bid to sweep his ... record clean... He had been found guilty of criminal contempt of a federal court order after a five-day bench trial earlier this year... After the pardon, the 85-year-old Arpaio petitioned the court to clear his record and prevent the ruling from being used in future litigation.

The case raised the novel question of how far a presidential pardon actually reaches.

In her ruling, U.S. District Judge Susan R. Bolton said the pardon only freed Arpaio from possible punishment.

“The power to pardon is an executive prerogative of mercy, not of judicial recordkeeping,” Bolton wrote in the decision. ‘To vacate all rulings in this case would run afoul of this important distinction. The Court found Defendant guilty of criminal contempt.’” www.thewashingtonpost.com

The judge believes that a pardon doesn’t actually forgive the person accused. Contrast that Obama appointee with how God deals with our sins.

What does Justice look like? Should punishment be meted out only for purposes of deterring other criminals? Is there any value in retribution or restitution?

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Are Natural Disasters The Judgement Of God?

The California wildfires have taken more than 31 lives and are now the deadliest fires in the history of that State. There are 10,000 fire fighters now in the field. “Santa Rosa lost 2,834 homes and approximately 400,000 square feet of commercial space, and Mayor Chris Coursey expects the numbers to grow.

The tales of this week are growing increasingly tragic. As the Redwood Valley fire swept through Mendocino County, the Shepherd family hurried to escape, first by car and then by foot when the vehicles caught fire. Kai Shepherd, a 14-year-old who loved the San Francisco Giants and wrestling, did not make it out alive, his aunt Mindi Ramos said.

“The firestorm washed over them,” Ramos said.

His sister, Kressa, was so badly burned her legs were amputated below the knee at a Sacramento hospital where her mother, Sara, was also being treated. Jon Shepherd, Kai’s father, remains at a burn center in San Francisco, Ramos said. The family’s Redwood Valley home on West Road is gone.

Video of the sermon

In Sonoma County, sheriff crews and cadaver dogs began combing through rubble and charred remains, targeted searches of missing persons. The grim task of identifying the dead could take weeks or months, officials said. Some bodies already located "were nothing more than ash and bones," Sonoma County Sheriff Rob Giordano said. One identification was made through an ID number on a prosthetic hip replacement.

Sonoma officials received 1,000 reports of missing persons, some duplicates, and by Thursday afternoon 603 people had been located, leaving 400 missing.

Pilot Todd Hudson, who has been flying missions... is still wrapping his head around what the fires are doing to the area where he was born and raised.

"One of these fires would be mind-boggling, and there's multiple fires," he said. "It's jaw-dropping."

I think we should consider if any of this could be the judgement of God. We must ask a question prior: has California earned a deserved judgment?

Well, let's first look at history. California was the first state in the union to directly attack and undermine God's holy institution of marriage. Back when Ronald Reagan was Governor, he signed the no-fault divorce statute unleashing a title wave of divorces, not only in California, but in all other 49 states that followed its lead. Another great devastation California delivered to the world was the production and widespread distribution of pornography. The multibillion dollar industry was centered in the San Fernando Valley. We could also speak of the redefinition of marriage and the promotion of sodomy, and now, the insanity of transgender people demanding special privileges.

Consider a piece of legislation that Governor Brown signed this month. The piece of paper says that if you mis-gender someone in California it is a \$1000 dollar fine. The

definition of mis-gendering is someone who is mentally mixed up enough that they think they're not the biological gender in which they were born. So, if you use the wrong pronoun in reference to them, it is now a crime in California. For example, if a man is so benighted to think he is not a man, but instead a woman, and wants everyone around him to participate in his delusion, they must participate or they pay a fine of \$1000. So, instead of helping people who are possessed by a form of insanity deal with their problem, we must participate in their insanity or we will pay a \$1000 fine in California. It's no wonder they refer to the man that signed that bill as Governor moon beam. He is out of his mind, dwelling in the land of lunatics.

However, before we jump to conclusions we ought to remember what Jesus said when people asked him about a disaster that occurred nearby.

Luke 13:1-5 says, "There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Jesus does not deny that those who suffered these disasters were suffering the judgment of God. Rather Jesus warns us to examine ourselves to see if we are worthy of similar judgement. So, this is a clear take away from not only the California wildfires, but also the Mexican earthquakes, the ferocious hurricane season and all the other disasters around the world. It should cause us to examine ourselves, repent of our sins and turn to the Lord.

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The Antidote To ANTIFA

A fascinating group of leaders emerged in the time of King David. We are told in 1 Chronicles 12:32 "And of the children of Issachar, *which were men* that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do;"

Today, as disciples of Jesus Christ, we need to possess these same two qualities of the Sons' of Issachar: we need to understand our times and know what we ought to do.

Recently, as you well know, a mass murder took place in Las Vegas. The propagandists would have us believe that it was a lone wolf who killed all 58 and injured more than 500 concert goers. But there are too many facts that do not add up.

One fact being a video of an interview by a European news outlet of a concert goer who tells how 45 minutes before the shooting began, concertgoers were warned by a strange couple of the extreme violence and death to come. Their words to the front rows were, "you are all going to die tonight." Security came and removed them from the venue. But what did they know 45 minutes ahead of time?

The Lone Wolf narrative has also been undermined by eyewitness who heard rounds expended from multiple places. One taxi

driver parked at the entrance to the Mandalay Bay recorded 5 minutes of the barrage. In the recording you can clearly hear very close range as well as far off reports that were not echoes.

A cell phone video by a concert goer on the ground shows a man in a yellow vest pulling out a gun shooting into the crowd.

Mike Adams asks a series of telling questions which punch large holes in the official narrative. He writes, "In summary of all this, we're told that a flabby 64-year-old senior citizen accountant with a gambling problem managed to expertly lay down highly effective fields of fire, killing 58 and wounding 500+ people by firing off thousands of .223 rounds well outside their effective range, all while producing merely *dozens* of pieces of expended brass that were magically cooled before they hit the carpet of his hotel room.

This was accomplished, we're told, by one man firing 10 rifles... wait, no, **27 rifles** all by himself, without any military training whatsoever. This same man set up a James Bond spy camera in the hotel hallway to monitor police in an attempt to defend himself against the inevitable police assault, then he just changed his mind and shot himself the moment the cops showed up... all for no apparent reason.

Oh, and one more thing: This same guy who meticulously planned the hotel room, the rifles hidden in the luggage, the huge collection of 100-round magazines, the window hammer smashing routine, the concert calendar dates, the monotonous lugging of ammunition to his room...

So wait, millionaire gambling man who has no military training, no familiarity with automatic weapons, no James Bond super spy training, no political affiliations and nothing in the world to complain about just got tired of living in a \$400,000 home ...and flying around his private Cessna? Instead of that rather well-off life, he wants to run a suicide

mission, set up spy cameras in the hallway, shoot a bunch of innocent people he's never met and then shoot himself in the head while going down in history as a man ...who will burn in Hell forever? Oh yeah, and before he does all that, he wires \$100,000 to his girlfriend in the Philippines?

Something doesn't add up here. I don't know if it's the missing brass, the missing carpet burns, the wildly fluctuating rifle count, the staged police photos, the suicide story, the totally laughable ballistics miracles of .223 rounds or the magically disappearing evidence of all the rifle rounds that hit pavement but then seemed to be whisked away by law enforcement. But something smells fishy about all this."
(www.naturalnews.com)

The official narrative is highly suspicious. But one piece of interesting information from the FBI hostage rescue team is that they found a lot of Antifa literature in his room. In understanding our times, we need to understand that Antifa is nothing less than godless communism in its more violent manifestation. Listen to their own words, taken from a new ebook published by World Net Daily:

"[T]he process of continuous social revolution has no limits. Average citizens may say they are opposed to "racism" but... that word is being continuously redefined so that almost everyone who is not actually Antifa is a "racist," and therefore a target. Words such as "[ableism](#)," "[heteronormativity](#)," or "[transphobia](#)" would have drawn confused stares from the vast majority of the population even a few years ago. Today, they are seen as grounds to get someone fired from his or her job or attack him or her in the street."

The Author of the World Net Daily ebook continues, "As 'Anti-fascism' quite explicitly defines itself as anti-liberal (in the classical sense of liberalism), repudiates the right to free speech and takes upon itself the responsibility to

enforce though violence a remarkably narrow definition of what people can and cannot say, it is of course quintessentially totalitarian.

“By definition, Antifa *must* have enemies that can be dehumanized as evil and dangerous; otherwise they lose their entire reason for existence.”

Indeed, many European-Americans are starting to understand the demands for “[equality](#)” were *never* about [equality](#). The goalposts will always be moved; the demands for more concessions and [redistribution](#) of wealth always increased. No matter how much conservatives (and whites in general) give, the [Establishment Left](#), following in the train of its Antifa vanguard, will always demand more.

What we see now as sons of Issachar is an emerging American Cultural Marxist anarcho-tyranny. (www.vdare.com)

We can see this hateful mindset in the firing this week by CBS of their network’s legal executive who wrote in a social media that she is “not even sympathetic” to victims of Sunday’s Las Vegas shooting, given that most country music fans are Republican. Hayley Geftman-Gold wrote, “I’m actually not even sympathetic bc country music fans often are Republican gun toters.”

One thing is clear: the godless communists hate their opponents and want them dead. So that all fits with an unusual series of statements made by leftist leaders about two months ago. Leftists such as Al Gore, and former deputy director of the CIA, and former deputy director of the FBI, as well as Michael Moore and other Democrats have all said on national TV that a violent revolution is coming to America in Oct 2017. How did they know that precisely 100 years after the leftist in our country and Britain financed and directed the violent overthrow of the Russian government, there would be a violent attempted overthrow of the United States government? How did

they know?

Antifa now says they are prepared to begin killing people in mass in a race war. What October 1st in Las Vegas tells us is that the attempted revolution has actually begun.

Yet last Sunday as 58 were murdered, that same day 1600 babies murdered, and the next day 1600 were also murdered and the next and the next as well. So, since that scene of bloodshed in Las Vegas, 11,200 babies were murdered all across this land.

The Sons of Issachar “had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do.” And the most important thing we need to understand is what this mass murder reveals about mankind. Jeremiah 17:9 tells us, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”

The second thing which made the Sons of Issachar outstanding in their day was that they knew what the people of God should do. What should the people of God do in these dangerous times?

“Yet for love’s sake I rather beseech *thee*, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ,” Philemon 9. The Love of Christ transforms us from the inside out.

Antifa is an organization filled with hatred for other human beings. Violent hatred as demonstrated repeatedly throughout the election season and then in Berkeley and other so-called protests. (And very clearly at Charlottesville where they came prepared to violently attack those all who were not Antifa.) Now if the story we are being told is accurate, one of the mass murderers of Las Vegas was Antifa.

Think of the horrific evil that was displayed by the mass murderers. They coolly and methodically plotted mass murder as if it were a video game. Months in advance renting a hotel suite with windows overlooking a coming country music concert.

Coordinating who knows how many separate murderers from the air and on the ground. Carting in, over five days, an enormous arsenal with the semi-automatic assault rifles modified to fire fully automatic.

They succeeded in murdering 58 people they did not know and against whom they had no specific grievance. How did these evil beasts come to treat fellow humans as vermin? And what does this say about our country?

The conscience of these mass murderers was completely dead. Their souls were dead, they were moral nihilist, they were and are human monsters. That is what happens when the love of Christ is rejected.

The hatred the world has for Christ followers should not surprise us. Antifa hates Christians, Antifa wants to kill Christians. Jesus told us in John 15:18 "If the world hates you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you." Contrast that with the agape love demonstrated by the people being murdered"

"At the Las Vegas concert, men died protecting women, using their bodies as shields and standing up in the middle of gunfire to direct the women to safety. The [New York Post reports](#) that one woman [said](#) she "was running away and a couple of guys said, 'Hey, come stand behind us,' and boom, they went down." Heather Melton has [described](#) how she felt her husband, Sonny, being shot in the back, fatally, as he [shielded her from the rain of bullets.](#)" (www.vdare.com)

The way Christ loved us is the way we learn to love one another, that is the whole message of Philemon.

1 John 3:16 states, "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren."

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NFL’s Double Indiscretion: Plunder The Taxpayer, Then Kneel In Disrespect

Our Lord and Savior said, “if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.” Mark 3:24-25

The divisions in our land are increasingly palpable. Consider last Sunday’s NFL line up. Someone has counted the number of players that took the knee in disrespect for our National Anthem. Every NFL game that day had some demonstration by players, some in which whole teams refused to be on the field for the National Anthem; claiming somehow Francis Scott Key and the poem he wrote were racist! That can only mean that their ignorance of the English language is so great they cannot read the words or make any sense of what those words mean.

I guess that is why they earn multimillion dollar salaries chasing around a pig’s intestine full of air. And by the way, if they claim they have earned their salaries legitimately, they lie and do not tell the truth. In fact, the entire NFL has its nose fully engorged in the public pork trough. Since “1999... taxpayers at all levels of government have foot the

bill for football stadiums to the tune of an estimated \$1 billion every year.” This constitutes a “massive redistribution of taxes from working people to the gridiron’s spoiled 1-percenters... Sports economists have concluded repeatedly that the effects of stadium subsidies on employment and economic activity are negligible—or even negative... 83 percent of the economists surveyed agreed that ‘Providing state and local subsidies to build stadiums for professional sports teams is likely to cost the relevant taxpayers more than any local economic benefits that are generated.’”

www.vdare.com

Video of the sermon

So while the NFL is engaged in legalized plunder, it turns and spits on the people and the country that has made them enormously wealthy. Now before America shows these thieves the back door, we should insist on reparations. All the legalized plunder the NFL as stolen from America should be taken from these thieves. [Click here for a spreadsheet with details.](#) For starters, the Ravens here in Baltimore stole \$203 million to build the stadium. That doesn’t even begin to consider the very real costs to the public for running the stadium on game days, nor does that even begin to include the value of land grants and tax breaks that all levels of civil government has given to the Ravens. Perhaps we should freeze all the assets of the players and owners till they pay us back in full.

The great divide in America we are told by the purported narrative, is all rooted in the issue of slavery which goes right back to the earliest days of our country. And the slavery issue has been brought up in the campaign of our good friend Chief Justice Roy Moore. His victory this Tuesday stunned the Establishment Republicans in Washington, resulting in some announcing they would not run for reelection and some in the House calling for the retirement of the Senate President.

One of the numerous attacks from the leftist media (an apparent tautology in our day, for to say leftist is nearly the same as saying media) against Chief Justice Roy Moore is that his defense of God's Law given to us in the Bible meant he supported slavery. The Judge gave the Washington Post propagandist a brief answer that was good, but we need to delve into the matter further. What does the Word of God actually say about slavery? Does the Bible support slavery? Turn to Philemon, for there it is where we find that not only does the Bible condemn slavery, we also find that it does not promote ending slavery by violent revolution nor by bloodshed through warfare.

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The Man Who Saved The World Nuclear War

This week Congress has the opportunity in the Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill to end the Federal funding of Planned Parenthood. We pray they act before it is too late. It is undeniable that God's judgment hangs over our land for the atrocious sin of abortion. Many Americans were not aware that God spared us a devastating judgment just 10 years and 8 months after Roe v. Wade.

Video of the sermon

A crisis reveals the character that a man has built over the course of his lifetime. Each little step builds upon the previous step, his thought life, his decisions, and his affections all form his character. When the moment of crisis arrives, it is too late to build those things into his life – the crisis will reveal what he has made of his soul.

Such a crisis took place 34 years ago last Tuesday. On the night of September 26, 1983, the military officer on duty at the Soviet Union's early warning center received repeated urgent messages that indicated a nuclear war had begun. His *"computers warned that the United States had fired five nuclear missiles at his country.*

'The machine indicated the information was of the highest certainty,' he later recalled. 'On the wall big red letters burnt the word: START. That meant the missile had definitely been fired.' And the clock was ticking before they came to their designated targets obliterating millions upon millions of people.

The Soviet government's policy in the event of a US nuclear attack was to launch an immediate and all-out retaliatory strike in accordance with the principle of Mutually Assured Destruction." One phone call and that would have happened.

The officer had just minutes to decide whether to assess the attack as genuine and inform the Kremlin that the United States was starting World War III – or tell his commanders that the Soviet Union's early warning system was faulty.

Imagine the pressure he was under. His career would certainly be effected – what would come of telling his superiors that the system they built and trusted was at fault, telling them to trust his instincts rather than the super computers. They had no reason not to trust their computers, and why should they trust him?

Stanislav Petrov, a lieutenant colonel in the Soviet Air

Defense Forces in that crisis made the right decision. *"Guessing that a genuine American attack would have involved hundreds of missiles, he put the alarm down to a computer malfunction.*

Lt Col Petrov was vindicated when an internal investigation following the incident concluded that Soviet satellites had mistaken sunlight reflected on clouds for rocket engines.

Although Petrov was feted by his colleagues and initially praised by superiors for his actions, he was not rewarded.

He later complained that he was scolded by superiors for failing to complete a routine paperwork during the incident and had been scapegoated by generals embarrassed by the failure of their early warning system.

He took early retirement from the armed forces the following year."

It is interesting that no one outside the USSR knew about this incident until the Iron Curtain came down.

"The incident was only made public in 1998 with the publication of the memoirs of General Yury Vontintsev, Mr Petrov's superior at the time.

In the 2014 documentary [The Man Who Saved the World](#), Mr Petrov said: 'All that happened didn't matter to me – it was my job. I was simply doing my job, and I was the right person at the right time, that's all.'" Indeed he was. The man whose, ["decision to ignore warnings is credited with averting nuclear armageddon"](#) died this past May 19 at age 77. We only learned of his death this past week because, "Karl Schumacher, a German film maker who first publicized the story in the West, ...tried to get in touch to wish him happy birthday" this September 7th. Petrov's son, Dmitry, informed him of his father's death.

Stanislav Petrov, the 'man who saved the world' made the right decision when the crisis came. Note that he was not rewarded for doing so; indeed he paid a price for doing the right thing, but he never regretted that decision. And God spared our land a judgment which in 10 years and 8 months of abortion it had earned. We are now at 44 years and 8 months and we should remember that God's judgment has not altered, indeed His cup of wrath is much fuller than it was in 1983. It is high time to repent of our sins.

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Miracle Of The U.S. Constitution And the 2nd Amendment

Monday was a special day in the history of our land – it was Constitution Day, the day we celebrate and give thanks to God for the miracle in Philadelphia. I use the word miracle carefully, it was used by both George Washington and James Madison in their correspondence describing the results of the Constitutional Convention. Having gone through that difficult experience in the stifling heat of Philadelphia in the summer of 1787, they knew from the start that the prospects for a good outcome were slim. They saw the apparently intractable differences of the States which the delegates represented.

They understood that those differences would not easily be resolved. One State, Rhode Island, refused to send any delegates at all to the Convention. From the start, things did not go well.

On Thursday June 28th when things looked particularly impossible, the venerable aged statesman Benjamin Franklin arose to speak. Addressing George Washington, he said:

“Mr. President:

*The small progress we have made after 4 or five weeks close attendance & continual reasonings with each other – our different sentiments on almost every question, several of the last producing as many noes as ayes, is methinks a melancholy proof of the imperfection of the Human Understanding. We indeed seem to **feel** our own want of political wisdom, since we have been running about in search of it. We have gone back to ancient history for models of government, and examined the different forms of those Republics which having been formed with the seeds of their own dissolution now no longer exist. And we have viewed Modern States all round Europe, but find none of their Constitutions suitable to our circumstances.*

In this situation of this Assembly groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when to us, how has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of lights to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the contest with G. Britain, when we were sensible of danger we had daily prayer in this room for the Divine Protection. – Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a Superintending providence in our favor. To that kind providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now

forgotten that powerful friend? Or do we imagine that we no longer need His assistance.

*I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth – that **God** governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that “except the Lord build they labor in vain that build it.” I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall be become a reproach and a bye word down to future age. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing Governments by Human Wisdom, and leave it to chance, war, and conquest.*

I therefore beg leave to move – that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the Clergy of this City be requested to officiate in that service.”

Many of the delegates later testified that this call to prayer changed the whole direction and tenor of the convention. Even though they agreed they had no money to do what Franklin suggested, the individual delegates began to pray for God’s intervention, and He answered those prayers. That is why so many declared what took place that summer, what concluded on September 17th, as a miracle. God intervened, prayers were answered, the impasses broken through, the necessary compromises achieved, and the results brought the blessings of liberty to their posterity now going on 230 years. This is quite remarkable.

Today the Constitution of the United States is the oldest and

most successful national constitution in the world. It took a miracle; it was an answer to prayer. And for these reasons and many more, today we specifically give God thanks, praise and adoration for the miracle He did on our behalf in Philadelphia. We must never take it for granted.

And it was Daniel Webster who exhorted us:

“Hold on, my friends, to the Constitution and to the Republic for which it stands. Miracles do not cluster and what has happened once in 6,000 years, may not happen again. Hold on to the Constitution, for if the American Constitution should fail, there will be anarchy throughout the world.”

You know as well as I do that we are in dire straits today because the U.S. Constitution, though it is the Supreme Law of the Land, is not understood by a majority of citizens, but what is even more tragic is that it is not known or obeyed by the majority of those who swear an oath to uphold it.

The New York Times recently published an interview with retiring Federal Judge on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Posner admitted, “I pay little attention to legal rules, statutes, constitutional provisions.” When confronted with a case with some form of legal obstacle in the way he said he would look to circumvent whatever prevented him from reaching his desired result, “When you have a Supreme Court case or something similar, they’re often extremely easy to get around,” said Posner. When judges make law instead of applying Constitutional law already made, they do not defend us from tyrants, but rather become tyrants themselves.

I had an interesting encounter with law enforcement last Friday evening at the County Fair. We had gone to the fair, primarily, to see what our girls had won in the competitions they entered. At the gate after buying tickets, an officer from the Sheriff’s department called me aside. I was wearing Second Amendment gear, but with an empty holster. He asked me

if I was Law enforcement of Federal, State or Local jurisdictions. I replied that I was not. He asked me if I was carrying a firearm, to which I replied that I was not. I proceeded to show him my empty holster and explain to him why I did so. The Maryland State Constitution in its Militia provisions, as well as the U.S. Constitution in its five statements regarding the Militia and the Second Amendment to our Constitution, are all sworn to be upheld and followed exactly as they were designed to operate by our Founders by every office holder in Maryland. If those oaths made before Almighty God were adhered to by the Governor, by the Judges, the Legislature, and even the Sheriff, my empty holster would be filled. How can the police carry weapons when they derive their power from the people, if the people cannot carry firearms? My empty holster is a protest against a civil government who will not obey their oath of office and for that violation they shall have to give an account on judgment day to Almighty God. The officer said he agreed with me, but before I went on to enjoy the fair, I paused to thank him for his service to our community.

Now that may seem rather odd. Thanking a man who has sworn an oath before Almighty God to do a certain set of things he is not doing. I wasn't thanking him for what he was not doing, but thanking him for those things he was doing for the good of our community. If that seems odd, let's look at how this played out in Scripture. We know what Paul is going to do in the epistle to Philemon. Philemon was a slave owner and one of his slaves, Onesimus had not only run away but apparently stolen from his master. Onesimus had encountered the Apostle Paul in Rome where Paul was under house arrest. Through the preaching and teaching of the Apostle, Onesimus had come to faith in Jesus Christ. After beginning to disciple Onesimus, Paul sent him back to his master Philemon with this Epistle. In this epistle Paul is going to ask Philemon not to do to Onesimus what he had under Roman law the power to do – punish him severely. We know in some instances in accordance to Roman

Law that punishment for a runaway was punishment unto death. Rather, Paul is going to make an astonishing request, that Philemon emancipate Onesimus and send him back to discipleship under Paul and ministry with Paul in spreading the Gospel in Rome. Paul is going to gently rebuke Philemon and graciously ask him for a very large favor. Before he does that, look at what he says. Philemon 4-5, *“I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers.”*

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Irma And Natural Disasters: God’s Wake-Up Call?

America is reeling from ongoing disasters. Hurricane Harry was the most expensive storm thus far in American history. With the current estimate topping 190 billion, more than the cost of Hurricane Katrina and Sandy combined. The devastation is so large it is hard to grasp. By current estimates, 70% of home damage costs in the track of the storm will not be covered by insurance. This means the recovery from the devastation will be long-lasting.

Video of the sermon

And now Irma, a hurricane that already battered the Caribbean making it the costliest storm in the history of that region,

has come ashore to Florida. As it heads inland, the damages will soar. And we should not forget the wildfires torching 100s of thousands of acres in the West, Northwest, and Midwest. It appears that 2017 will break all records for disasters in these united States. Consider the history of Hurricane costs in the U.S. In the 1960s, 1 billion; in the 70s, 7 billion; in the 80s, 25 billion; and in the 90s, 67 billion; but then in the 2000s, 444 billion before we add in Harvey, pushing it to over 600 billion, and who knows how much Irma will add to this total? Even adjusted for inflation the increase is sobering. What is going on here? There are only three options to consider, each based on a differing worldview. The first, "A Worldview of Disasters, The Sovereignty of Nature," view claims that pure chance is in control. This view is what we hear when people refer to mother nature. It appears she is arbitrary, so it is hard to do anything but prepare for the worst. "The Sovereignty of Man" view is a belief that man is ultimately in control of nature, his actions control and ultimately determine what happens here on earth. Human beings in this view are ultimately in the drivers' seat. Thus, we have the claim of anthropogenic climate change. You have probably heard the leftist connecting these storms with man-made climate change. One of the more bizarre was in a promo for her latest propaganda piece actress Jennifer Lawrence:

"In an interview with Channel 4, a British public service television network, [she] blamed the recent hurricanes on Donald Trump's voters, because they don't believe in man-made climate change. During the lengthy interview on her new movie Mother!, the conversation turned political about halfway through... She then insinuated that the hurricanes were 'Mother Nature's rage and wrath' at America for Trump.

'You know you're watching these hurricanes now, and it's really hard especially while promoting this movie, not to feel mother nature's rage and wrath,' she stated."www.lifenews.com

So she has conflated the worldviews of Sovereignty of Nature with the Sovereignty of Man, displaying her irrational thinking. Which one is sovereign, man or nature? She cannot think logically about this as she vents her own rage and wrath against Trump and the American voters. But let's consider another worldview, the Biblical Worldview.

The Sovereignty of God means that God is ultimately in control. Joel 2:12-13, "Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil." The NKJV translates, "And He relents from doing harm." If God is sovereign, wouldn't terrific storms also be under His sovereign control?

Rev. Richard Owen Roberts in his Treatise on The Solemn Assembly states:

"Consider the situation at the time of the Solemn Assembly called by the Prophet Joel. The people, as was common, were guilty of flagrant sin which had not been confessed and put away. God visited them with a remedial judgment – a plague of locusts of such proportion that nothing like it had happened before... a fierce drought had afflicted the land... The fields were ruined and the land itself mourned, the vinedressers wailed, and the beasts groaned while the herds of cattle wandered aimlessly because there was no pasture for them... The Prophet issued orders: 'Gird yourselves with sackcloth, and lament, O priests... Come, spend the night in sackcloth... Consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly; gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the House of the Lord your God and cry out to the Lord... Blow a trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble... Return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, weeping and mourning; and rend your heart and not your garments. Let the priests say, 'Spare Thy

people, O Lord, and do not make Thine inheritance a reproach, a byword among the nations...' Then the Lord will be zealous for His land, and will have pity on His people.'

[In] response to the corporate repentance of the people through the use of the divinely ordained means of the Solemn Assembly, the land rejoiced and was made glad... So great was the blessing bestowed by the God who delights in a broken and contrite people that He made up to them the years that were lost to the mighty army of locusts. The people had plenty and were satisfied and praised the name of the Lord who had dealt wondrously with them. They knew that God was in their midst, that He only was God, and that there was none other! ...

Not only were Solemn Assemblies a very common aspect in the revivals of the Bible, but they were a very important part of the life of believers in America during all its early years [the historical record yields a vast number printed sermons from the colonial and founding eras.]

Our Fathers believed God was offended by sin. They themselves were deeply troubled both by the existence of personal sin in their own lives and by the presence of unconfessed corporate sins in the churches and in the nation. They regarded natural calamities as manifestations of the displeasure of God Almighty against sin and allowed such events as earthquakes, fires, volcanoes, epidemics, floods, and droughts to prompt them to special seeking of God's face in fasting, prayer, and corporate repentance. They also sought the Lord in Solemn Assemblies in connection with wars, murders, rapes, etc., believing such outbursts of wickedness to be directly related to the general decline of moral and spiritual life in the churches." (R.O. Roberts, *The Solemn Assembly*, 1989)

Are disasters judgments from God? Quite clearly throughout the Scriptures, disasters are often judgements of God for the sins of the people. Consider the greatest disaster ever to befall the earth, the Deluge of the whole earth. Genesis 6:11-13,

“The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.” Genesis 7:19-23 records, “And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.”

So clearly God does use disasters to punish evildoers for the sins they refuse to repent of.

Now we must note that not all suffering, not all disasters are directly due to the sins of those who may suffer the consequences of the disaster. For example, consider righteous saint Job. He suffered multiple calamitous disasters in his life, but none of them were due to his sins. He examined himself and could find no sin that was the cause of his suffering. So there is not always a direct line drawn. And there certainly is collateral damage from others' sins.

Imagine we are all standing in a pond up to our noses in water. If one person throws a stone – as in a sin – when that stone hits the surface of the water there, is a wave moving out from that impact. Everyone who didn't throw a stone is going to be suffering from the action of the one who did throw the stone. Those closest to the impact will take more water up

the nose than those furthest from it. The sin of one affects us all even though it may be indirect.

So, when disasters strike at minimum we are receiving a wake-up call from the Lord: a call to examine ourselves, to examine the sins of the nation, and in humility repent of all sin. Could it be that God is using these disasters to wake up our nation? To lead us to repentance and revival, to return to Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength?

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Bernie Sanders' Religion vs. Christianity

There is a new ice-cream from Ben and Jerry's called, Bernie's Yearning.

The entire top of this pint is covered with a thick disc of solid chocolate. Underneath is plain mint ice cream.

The chocolate disc – we are told – on the outside wrap of the pint, represents the huge majority of economic gains that gone to the top one-percent since the end of the recession. Beneath it, the rest of us.

Video of the sermon

Eating instructions:

1 *Take back of spoon and whack huge chocolate disc into lots of pieces.*

2 *Let the ice cream soften up a bit, mix the pieces around—and there you have it, Bernie’s Yearning.*

3 *Dig in, and share it with your fellow Americans!*

[What is the picture?] breaking up real income inequality.

www.fastcompany.com

Whack the rich and mix into the rest – i.e.. redistribute wealth, steal from the rich and give to the poor.

So, what does Bernie yearn for with a truly religious zeal? Larger more intrusive, more dictatorial civil government. He hopes for more socialist medicine, more control of everyone and everything so that civil government can be the savior of mankind. Sanders is a devotee of the religion called Marxism and the civil government is his savior.

Not only that, but perhaps you remember what Sanders did back in June 2017:

“During [a confirmation hearing for Russell Vought](#), President Trump’s nominee for deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget, Sanders expressed his indignation at an article Vought had written in January 2016 about [a controversy that erupted at Vought’s alma mater, Wheaton College](#)... Sanders, in a blatant violation of Article VI of the U.S. Constitution, was [applying a religious test for an office of public trust](#).

Specifically, Sanders doesn’t think Christians are fit to serve in government because [in his own words] they’re bigots. Basic Christian theology, in Sanders’s view, ‘is indefensible, it is hateful, it is Islamophobic, and it is an insult to over a billion Muslims throughout the world.’

Sanders conflated Vought’s thoroughly commonplace understanding of Christian theology with racism and bigotry...The Left, itself a kind of secular religion, does not really think it’s okay to be religious—to hold strong

convictions about eternal salvation or the divinity of Jesus Christ. Progressives believe this is disturbing and un-American. The irony is that the opposite is true, as John Adams put it: 'Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.'

Understand, too, that the progressives who now run the Democratic Party will turn a blind eye to the exclusivity claims of Muslims and other religious groups they think they need in their political coalition. But they will not suffer Christians." thefederalist.com

Sanders is not alone. These so-called Progressives hate the Gospel of Jesus Christ and those who adhere to Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. They believe that Christians stand in their way, the path of establishing salvation they believe they will usher in here on earth. They understand that Christians have absolute loyalty to Jesus Christ and the Word of God and they will not bow to the Marxist regime that denies that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Are you an American Slave?

The Federal Reserve, Charlie Gard, and Socialized Medicine

Alice in Wonderland, Through the Looking Glass is not just a children's story. It presented a place where nothing was as it seemed to be. I think it to be an apt parable of where we are today. We are through the looking glass in America. We are told ad-naseum that we are the freest country on earth – yet that is no longer true. We are told that slavery is one of those very great evils of our past and that we must now expunge all memory of that era by destroying all the Confederate monuments that are still standing today, as well as any monument to anyone who held slaves at any time. Why must we do this? Because, we are told, slavery is such a great evil that every trace of it must be eradicated even if it requires the use of violence.

But is that all true? Are we the freest nation on earth? Was slavery eradicated back there on December 6th in the year of our Lord 1865? Consider the language of that Amendment to the Constitution called the 13th; “Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime...” So, if there is an exception then it hasn't ended. What ended that day was the institution of private slavery, where some individual owned another individual as property. That exception clause in the 13th Amendment quite clearly established that the civil government in America claimed that it alone could be the slave master. And what a slave master it has become.

Video of the sermon

“The United States has the world's highest incarceration rate and hosts more prison inmates than all other developed nations combined. This trend of '[mass incarceration](#)' began in the 1970's following '[the War on Drugs](#)' with incarcerations

increasing rapidly from the 1980's to 1990's...while the majority of incarcerated Americans are White, African Americans are disproportionately incarcerated as compared to what percentage of the population they make up...In October 2013, the incarceration rate of the United States of America was the highest in the world, at 716 per 100,000 of the national population. While the United States represents about 4.4 percent of the world's population, it houses around 22 percent of the world's prisoners.

There are about 320 million American citizens. According to a collection of 2005 – 2014 data as presented on prisonpolicy.org, the American criminal justice system holds more than 2.3 million people in 1,719 state prisons, 102 federal prisons, 942 juvenile correctional facilities, 3,283 local jails, and 79 Indian Country jails as well as in military prisons, immigration detention facilities, civil commitment centers, and prisons in the U.S. territories.”

Factmyth.com

Perversely, “Corporations have lobbied for a broader and broader definition of ‘crime’ in the last 150 years. As a result, there are more (mostly dark-skinned) people performing mandatory, essentially unpaid, hard labor in America today than there were in [1830](#)... The United States has [the largest incarcerated population in the world](#). No other society in history has imprisoned more of its own citizens...The vast majority – [86 percent](#) – of prisoners have been locked up for non-violent, victimless crimes, many of them drug-related...

[And the Corporations that profit enormously from this slave labor are household names] **Wal-Mart** – Although their company policy clearly states that ‘forced or prison labor will not be tolerated by Wal-Mart,’... Wal-Mart [purchases its produce from prison farms](#), where laborers are often subjected to long hours in the blazing heat without adequate food or water.” returntonow.net

But you say, “Not to worry, I am a law abiding citizen, I will

never be put in a cage by the civil government.” But does that mean you are not a slave?

Consider the disaster that befell our country in the year of our Lord 1913 – the creation of the Federal Reserve. It is no more Federal than the Federal Express. It is a privately held banking interest for the profit of its owners. When it was created it was given the sole power to create currency for our country. If you print money backed by nothing, you go to jail. When they print money backed by nothing they get to loan that money – which costs them nothing – to the American people at interest, which means we have to pay them with our labor and material wealth for something that is essentially worth nothing.

And we cannot escape the Biblical principle of Proverbs 22:7, *“The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.”* Now that word servant translates the Hebrew word *‘ebbed*, is also translated [manservant](#), [bondman](#) or slave.

So we could translate “the borrower is slave to the lender.” Indeed, as Jesus reveals this truth in his parable of the Unforgiving Servant in Matthew 18:24-25: *“And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.”* In the ancient world, slavery was often in the result of financial insolvency.

Consider the wicked slavery President Woodrow Wilson sold us into on that cold morning two days before Christmas. It was his Christmas present, it wasn't for the American people but private bankers. The America people were sold into debt slavery that very day for a debt that we did not owe.

To understand it, consider just the people in this sanctuary as a country unto ourselves. What if a decision was made to give Harry the sole and exclusive power of printing currency –

the currency we all must use in every financial transaction. He prints the currency at our expense and then he loans it to us. So at the beginning of the year we each line up and ask Harry for a loan of \$100. He very magnanimously offers us the terms of just 1% per year payable on December 31st. We agree to this because we are forced to use his currency alone for all financial transactions. We buy and sell with each other for 12 months and then comes December 31st. Let's just say to simplify the illustration, we all wind up with the exact same amount of money at year's end. We line up to pay Harry. What are we obliged to pay him? \$101. But we each only have \$100. We cannot borrow from each other for we are all indebted to him. We cannot print our own money or we go to jail. What are we to do? He alone can print currency, there is no other source. We must borrow the dollar from him that we owe him. But we still need currency to do business, so we need to borrow \$100 for the next year, but we only get \$99 because the interest ate up that other dollar. You see now what happened in 1913, America in its entirety was sold into debt slavery. We can never pay back the debt which we owe to the Federal Reserve – they are our masters. This is why I can literally guarantee you that Congress will raise the debt ceiling – they have to be able to pay the thieves at the Federal Reserve.

Consider the definition of slavery in Webster's 1828 Dictionary: "slavery is the obligation to labor for the benefit of the master, without the contract of consent of the servant." Did any of us consent to have the Federal Reserve as our master? I know I did not.

But you might say, "So what, I can live my life and my pay check still buys groceries, so I'm not concerned, I don't consider myself a slave." Very well.

Consider the terms of chattel slavery – the master owned the body of the slave and could dispose of that slave any way he chose, including taking the life of his slave. And everyone is taught to say, "Things might be bad, but at least we don't

have that in America, after all we are the freest country on earth." But then came March 25, in the year of our Lord 2010. Obama Care was passed.

"Buried deep within Obamacare is a provision that takes away health care from you and your doctors, by taking away payment for critical health care that may be needed to save your life. It is called The [Independent Payment Advisory Board \(IPAB\)](#). [More truthfully called death panels]

The [board](#) will be independent of you, your doctors, your hospitals, [Medicare](#), [Congress](#), the judiciary, the democratic process, ultimately even the Constitution itself...[IPAB](#) is to be composed of 15 unelected bureaucrats appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. But the [board](#) and its powers are so dangerous that even President Obama never made any appointments.

Starting next year, if [Medicare](#) spending is projected to grow faster than the rate of economic growth per capita plus 1 percentage point, [IPAB](#) is empowered to make a proposal that will cut [Medicare](#) spending at least to the targeted growth rate. [IPAB](#) will be proposing such [Medicare](#) cuts every year starting next...

"Burke Balch, director of the Powell Center, said Obamacare 'authorizes Washington bureaucrats to create one uniform, national standard of care that is designed to limit what private citizens are allowed to spend to save their own lives.'

'We are convinced most Americans do not believe that the government should limit the right of Americans to use their own money for health care necessary to save their lives. Yet, that is exactly what Obamacare does,' he said." [wnd.com](#)

But you say, "No problem, no one will suffer with this plan in place." But consider what just happened last month to our East

on the other side of the pond.

Charlie Gard's fight for life touched the world.

The tot had a disease called [mitochondrial DNA depletion syndrome](#). Doctors at Great Ormond Street Hospital had said Charlie should be allowed to die in dignity, and applied for permission to have his ventilator switched off.

But his parents fought determinedly against this decision – [raising more than £1.3 million](#) to pay for pioneering treatment in the US.

What happened in the legal battle?

April 11 – Charlie's distraught parents were [told by a judge at the High Court](#) that his life support machine will be turned off – ruling that it would be cruel to try and extend Charlie's life further.

May 25 – The couple begged senior Court of Appeal judges but they upheld the High Court ruling.

May 31 – The tot was given a last minute reprieve when [Britain's Supreme Court agreed to review the case](#), but they then ruled that Charlie's life support must be switched off.

June 27 – The European Court of Human Rights ruled that they would not intervene – which meant his life-support was expected to be stopped on Friday June 30.

June 30 – After a heart-wrenching plea from Chris and Connie, [Great Ormond Street agreed to grant them more time](#) with little Charlie to say goodbye.

July 10 – The case returned to the High Court when the family asked for permission to take the terminally ill tot to the States for a "miracle" treatment. More than [490,000 people signed a petition calling for him to be allowed to travel](#).

July 17 – A US doctor flew into the UK to meet with British medics. Dr. Michio Hirano believes he can help Charlie.

July 19 – [The US Congress gave Charlie US citizenship](#) after Dr. Michio Hirano, 56, was unable to convince British consultants that his experimental treatment offers a lifeline.

July 22 – Great Ormond Street call cops after [staff receive death threats](#) over the case.

July 24 – Chris Gard and Connie Yates withdraw their application to take their son to America for treatment after admitting damage done to the 11-month-old's muscle and tissue is "irreversible" – and he will not live to see his first birthday.

July 25 – Great Ormond Street Hospital tells Charlie Gard's parents their [son's ventilator won't fit through their front door](#) after they launch a court bid to take their son home to die.

July 26 – Following a deeply emotional day in the courtroom, a [judge gave Charlie's parents until 12.00pm on July 27 to reach an agreement with GOSH](#) on his end-of-life care – failing which he will be transported to a hospice for his final days.

July 27 – The 12.00pm deadline for an agreement [over Charlie's end-of-life care passed](#), with it unclear if a compromise over treatment had been reached.

Eventually, the judge Mr. Justice Francis approved a plan which would see the tot "inevitably" die shortly after being moved to a hospice.

July 28 – Charlie's mum Connie revealed that he had lost his battle with his illness, and [had died a week before his first birthday](#). In a statement the pair said: "Our beautiful little boy has gone, we are so proud of you Charlie." [Thesun.co.uk](http://thesun.co.uk)

"The hospital refused to give Charlie back to his parents. The

matter ended up in the courts, and, finally, in the last several hours, the European Court of 'Human Rights' ruled that the parents should be barred from taking their son to the United States for treatment. According to the 'human rights' court, it is Charlie's human right that he expire in his hospital bed in London. The parents are not allowed to try and save his life. It is 'in his best interest' to simply die, they ruled.

In Europe, 'Death with dignity' supersedes all other rights. In Europe, a mother may kill her baby but she is not allowed to keep him alive...The doctors may be the final authority on what kinds of medical measures they personally should take, but they are not the final authority over life itself. It is one thing for them to say, 'I will not do this treatment.' It's quite another for them to say, 'You are not allowed to have this treatment done by anyone. You must die.' The former is reasonable. The latter is euthanasia. This baby [was] euthanized. By barbarians...This is what happens with socialized medicine. If the State runs the health care system, ultimately they will be the ones who decide whose life is worth saving and whose is not. That's not just a byproduct of socialized medicine – it's the point [of socialized medicine].” Theblaze.com

In 1947 Britain adopted socialized medicine – Obama Care by another name. Charlie Gard is the future of slavery in America.

If you are not permitted with your own money to save your own life by medical treatments that are available, then are you free? If you don't own your own body then who does? What Charlie Gard has shown us is that the State, that is human civil government, claimed to own his body. His parents were not free to make such simple decisions as to take their son for treatment at another facility in another country that would help him live. Parental rights have expired in Britain and are dying in America. The Medical Industrial Complex has

endured a takeover by Big Brother, the civil government in America – and the shadow of Charlie Gard shows us clearly the end game of that take over.

Euthanasia by civil government makes logical sense. We know that the promises politicians in Washington have made regarding Social Security payouts, Medicare and Medicaid payments are unsustainable. They have made more than 100 Trillion dollar promises they cannot keep. What now appears on the horizon is that solution provided in Obama Care – simply kill the problem. Eliminate what they call the “useless eaters” so you don’t have to pay them Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare. And then pass more death taxes to steal their retirement savings and investments as well.

When a civil government rejects God’s Law, as ours effectively has, look out my friends for neither your life, your liberty, nor your property are safe from the thieves. We have descended into a Kleptocracy – a government of the thieves and by the thieves and above all for the thieves.

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MLK Jr., Margaret Sanger, And The Cure For Violence

The sad human condition was on full display in Charlottesville

last Saturday. It appears many who came to the rally and counter protest were prepared to engage in violent behavior. What we are told is that it is all about statues commemorating a tragic era of our history.

"All across the southern United States, sometimes in the dead of night, [statues are falling](#). In the days since the violent clashes in Charlottesville, Virginia, last weekend, over the fate of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, activists in Durham, North Carolina, have used ropes to tear down a statue of a Confederate soldier outside the city's former courthouse; authorities in Baltimore moved in the early hours to take down the city's Confederate monuments; and the mayor of Birmingham, Alabama, where state law prohibits the removal of a Confederate monument from a city park, [ordered](#) it covered up with plastic." [Yahoo.com](#)

Video of the sermon

Supposedly these statues represent racism and the oppression of blacks in our country. But the ignorance of the protestors, journalists and politicians is stunning. The statues of Robert E. Lee, they claim, are racist – but they obviously don't know his history. Lee emancipated slaves that came into his family by inheritance while the General he surrendered to at Appomattox, Ulysses S. Grant, had purchased a slave, and his wife inherited slaves that served his family during the war. Grant did emancipate the slave he purchased but not the slaves he inherited. So, the Southern General freed slaves while the Northern General's family had slaves during the war. Then why aren't they tearing down all the statues of Ulysses S. Grant? Ignorance of the mob, the press, and the academic institutions in our land has no end.

Consider the person who has done the *most* harm to blacks in our country; there is a prominent bust of this woman which still stands today in our National Portrait Gallery.

[“The museum has the Margaret Sanger bust in their ‘Struggle for Justice’ exhibit, which is supposed to honor those of the past who were ‘champions of justice.’ A sign beneath the sculpture says that Sanger was “profoundly affected by the physical and mental toll exacted on women by frequent childbirth, miscarriage and self-induced abortion.”](#)

A group of black pastors wrote the Smithsonian a letter explaining that Sanger was far from a champion for their race because of her strong ties to the eugenics movement. The black pastors, along with other pro-life advocates rallied outside the Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery to demand the removal of the statue.

They say Sanger supported eugenics to rid the nation of those she deemed ‘defective’ and ‘feeble-minded’ by stopping the growth of their populations, particularly blacks and other minorities.

Officials at the Smithsonian have rejected the request, defending the inclusion of Sanger in their exhibit, describing her as someone who *“fought to achieve civil rights for disenfranchised or marginalized groups.”*

But the pastors say they will not be dissuaded, saying *“Margaret Sanger was a racist who wanted to end the black population through birth control and abortion.”*

With leftist protests demanding the removal of Confederate monuments across the country, where is the media and academia outcry against the bust of the Planned Parenthood founder?^[1]

This was not the first time the demand was made of the taxpayer-funded Smithsonian. Back in 2015, *“25 House Republicans campaigned to have [the] bust ...removed from the Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery, where it has been included in an exhibit featuring American civil rights leaders, called ‘The Struggle for Justice,’ with Ted Cruz’s*

office issuing a press release [explaining](#) that she didn't belong there for a number of reasons, the most damning of which is that as part of her 'inhumane life's work' she 'advocated for the extermination of African-Americans.'" It's not the first time Sanger has faced this accusation. During this past primary season, Ben Carson proclaimed that Sanger "believed that people like me should be eliminated" –later clarifying, [per PolitiFact](#), that he was "talking about the black race"—and in 2011, Herman Cain [alleged](#) that Sanger's original goal for Planned Parenthood was to "help kill black babies before they came into the world." That might sound outlandish until you read what she actually said.

Sanger infamously wrote in her book *Woman, Morality, and Birth Control*, "We should hire three or four colored ministers, preferably with social-service backgrounds, and with engaging personalities. The most successful educational approach to the Negro is through a religious appeal. We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members." (pg.12)

Could it be that she found just such a minister in Martin Luther King Jr.? "In 1966, Martin Luther King Jr. made clear that he agreed that Sanger's life's work was anything but inhumane. In 1966, when King received Planned Parenthood's Margaret Sanger Award in Human Rights, he praised her contributions to the black community. 'There is a striking kinship between our movement and Margaret Sanger's early efforts,' [he said](#). '...Margaret Sanger had to commit what was then called a crime in order to enrich humanity, and today we honor her courage and vision.'" [Time.com](#)

Unless I'm mistaken, King is saying he was fully on board with Sanger's eugenics agenda including her "Negro Project."

Sanger wrote of the "cultivation of the better racial elements in our society, and the gradual suppression, elimination and

eventual extirpation of defective stocks— those human weeds which threaten the blooming of the finest flowers of American civilization,” [Apostle of Birth Control Sees Cause Gaining Here](#), The New York Times, 1923-04-08, p. XII. She also wrote that *“The most merciful thing that the large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it.”* Chapter 5, [“The Wickedness of Creating Large Families.”](#)

“A coalition of black pastors, which is led by prominent Bishop E. W. Jackson, [sent a letter](#) back in 2015 to Kim Sajet, director of the National Portrait Gallery. The letter read:

“Perhaps the Gallery is unaware that Ms. Sanger supported black eugenics, a racist attitude toward black and other minority babies; an elitist attitude toward those she regarded as “the feeble minded;” of her speaking at rallies of Ku Klux Klan women; and communications with Hitler sympathizers. Also, the notorious “Negro Project” which sought to limit, if not eliminate, black births, was her brainchild. Despite these well-documented facts of history, her bust sits proudly in your gallery as a hero of justice. The obvious incongruity is staggering!...

Like Hitler, Sanger advocated eugenics – the extermination of people she deemed “undesirables.” Finding that the American people rejected that idea, she then switched to birth control as a way of controlling the population growth of black people and others,” [DC Clothesline](#).

Margaret Sanger was a racist who founded Planned Parenthood for the purpose of black genocide. The “Nero Project” was her idea to eliminate the black population. Sanger has been wildly successful. More blacks are aborted in New York than born, according to the New York Dept. of Health. According to the CDC black women, although only 11% of the female population in America, have 36% of the abortions. More than 18 million black babies have been murdered in their own mother’s wombs. If those people were alive today the black population, in our

land would be more than double what it currently is. Sanger's Planned Parenthood has suppressed the black vote more effectively than poll taxes, literacy tests, voter ID requirements, and the Ku Klux Klan combined.

Sanger's portraits and busts are revered in many places. Awards are given bearing her name. Gatherings are held yearly honoring her. Attended by many so-called leaders, politicians and prominent people.

But Sanger is not alone in creating this black genocide, former Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first black Justice on the Supreme Court, was radically pro-abortion, not only voting for Roe v. Wade, but even demanding public funding for what amounts to more black genocide. Now our airport in Maryland is named after him, and his statue still stands directly in front of the legislative buildings in our State's Capital.

In the dead of night this past Monday, the Governor of Maryland had the statue of Supreme Court Justice Roger B. Taney removed from where he sat for 145 years because he authored the Dred Scott opinion. Yet they let stand the man responsible for the murder of 60 million babies, 18 million of which were black babies. There it is today, a statute of a black man who conducted black genocide. And no one is calling for it to be torn down. We are being deceived. What is taking place is using the stalking horse of racism to bring about a communist revolution by violent means. When we examine the roots of violence it is quite clear; man's fallen condition tends to produce violence. Romans 3:23 sates, *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"*

Jesus Himself identified the parentage of unbelievers when they expressed their violent desire to kill him in John 8:42-45. *"Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not*

understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not."

Violence lies and murder are all from the devil – these are the works of the devil. And we see that in Charlottesville, many came intending to inflict pain, intending to act violently. The President was right to place blame for the violence on both sides.

Jesus clearly stated that the children follow their father. John 10:10, *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."*

The cure for violence in our land comes from the word of God which shows us the path of redemption. The heart of man is desperately wicked only Jesus Christ can transform that hatred into love and that violence into kindness.

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Fake News, Fake Justice And How to Know What's Real

Perhaps 2017 will go down as the year when the phrase 'Fake News' became part of the American vocabulary. We have all been exposed to a great deal of this toxic substance – Fake News. Just last week, one of the chief purveyors of Fake News shamelessly admitted on air the reason why he does so:

“Brian Williams, the man who was suspended from MSNBC for making up fake news reports, stated on a Wednesday night broadcast that he considers it his job to fear-monger on topics such as North Korea. After the networks spent all day suggesting that Trump’s rhetoric is more dangerous than North Korean threats he stated:

‘Our job tonight actually is to scare people to death on this subject so the talk isn’t as free as it is about a preemptive or a surgical military strike.’ Williams bizarrely claimed during a discussion about North Korea’s saber rattling and President Trump’s response.” [InfoWars](#)

Video of the sermon

A term that is not popular, but ought to, is 'Fake Science.' We have seen Fake Science exposed in the global warming scam from scientists' emails at East Anglia University in England. They admit that they changed all the numbers regarding the earth's temperature to reach their stated aim, which was to convince the world of a catastrophic crisis caused by man's activities. It was all a fraud, and it was so thoroughly exposed that they had to change their mantra from global warming to climate change. That is only one of a multitude of examples that can be cited of 'Fake Science.'

But there is an even more important term I'd like to see

introduced into our vocabulary, 'Fake Justice.' Just like Fake News and Fake Science, Fake Justice presents itself as being true justice when it is far from it; in fact, it is quite often the exact opposite of true justice.

There has been a long campaign to eradicate the standard of God's Word as the standard of justice. It has been claimed that the Bible is inadequate, the standards it espouses are antiquated, the restrictions it put forward are not good for people. So, many have bought the lies that we are seeing, the confusion and conflict over the issue of what constitutes justice.

For quite some time now, the leftists, Marxists, or what they like to call themselves, "progressives," have claimed the high moral ground. (*By the way, progress towards what?*) They claim they have the corner on the market when it comes to defining justice. Justice for them means abolishing private property, destroying God's Holy institution of marriage, eradicating God's design for the family, and finally establishing an all-powerful, all-knowing, all-controlling civil government with totalitarian, dictatorial control over the lives of all citizens who suffer under their iron heel. Hillary was their champion; which is why they are so enraged after November's election.

But there has also been backlash against their totalitarian vision. Back in 2009, a blogger invented the phrase "Social Justice Warrior." It quickly caught on as a [provocative](#) term for an individual promoting [socially progressive](#) views including [feminism](#), [civil rights](#), [multiculturalism](#), and [identity politics](#). The accusation of being an Social Justice Warrior now carries implications of pursuing personal validation rather than any deep-seated conviction, and being engaged in disingenuous social justice arguments or [activism](#) to raise personal reputation, also known as [virtue signaling](#). So, the term changed from a primarily positive term to an overwhelmingly negative one.

This development captures the larger issue that we are in a society today where there is a great divide between large segments of the populous. There is no longer a cohesive agreement about what constitutes justice. What is apparent is that many people have bought into the big lie about justice. The lie is, simply put, that man determines what is and is not just. So the rift in our land reflects that belief, for if man determines justice, what if men don't agree? What if there is no consensus? What then? Do we take a vote and the majority determines what is just? If that were the measure, then the Nuremberg trials – where the war crimes of the Nazi's were judged as violative of justice – were wrong. How could anyone claim what the majority of Germans voted for was unjust? The majority elected Hitler, so wasn't he carrying out the will of the majority? Too bad for you if you were of the minority in Germany and didn't escape before they sent you to a death camp.

This is what happens when the lie that justice is man-made is believed. It is what our Founders warned about. What happens when a vote is taken between three wolves and one lamb, about who will be on the menu for lunch? The minority gets skewered and roasted over the fire. That is not justice. The only fair standard of justice must be above and beyond the manipulations of any mere human being, and furthermore, it must be a standard that is in compliance with the laws of the universe and must be given to mankind in a form that he can understand and apply.

The progressives are violently upset that their champion didn't win and not shy about sowing violence in our land. I pray that our President and those in his administration would return to the standard our founders followed, God's Word which is the only absolute, transcendent, true standard of justice that exists in the universe.

Part of the problem in our land has been that Christians and Churches have abandoned the public discussion and public

teaching of what truly constitutes justice. What has happened in America during the last century could be described as the privatization of the Christian faith. Which means, "I have my faith in God, and my own personal relationship with Jesus Christ which is very important to me privately but has no bearing on the rest of life. It is not reflected in what I do in society, on what I will fight for in the public arena, or what I will oppose in the civil body politic, or fight for in the major institutions of society. As nature abhors a vacuum, so it is in society. As Christians exited the market place of ideas, choosing their privatized Christianity, that vacuum was quickly filled with Social Justice Warriors and other contenders for the public's attention. The result is what we see today in a sharply divided America. Is this what God wants of His people here in America? As Paul closes his epistle to Titus, he has this final exhortation before the closing salutations.

Titus 3:14 "And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful."

So this is Paul's command for Titus to instruct the brothers and sisters in Christ there on the isle of Crete – to learn to maintain good works.

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What Lawyers Are Practicing Today (Hint: It's NOT Law)

This week I witnessed an astonishing statement of tyranny in our land. That testimony was given by Jared DeMarinis, the Director of Candidacy and Campaign Finance for the Maryland State Board of Elections. He is one of the highest authorities on so-called election law in Maryland. He is responsible for the implementation of electoral policy as well as the interpretation of state candidacy and campaign finance laws.

Vide of the sermon

His testimony, essentially, was that the First Amendment is dead when it comes to any form of political speech – as the State Board of Elections define political speech.

So if you email five friends with your opinion regarding a candidate or sitting politician, the State Board of Elections claims that you must attach a tag line to that message which they approve of. In essence, they own and control that speech. A candidate emails a message to his circle of friends – “I pray you have a great day” – and even though you may ask, *What is political about that?*, they claim to own that as well. Make a post on social media regarding any political issue, and again, they claim to own and control that speech.

What are political issues? Abortion, the definition of marriage, what constitutes justice in society, what taxing powers are legitimate, and on and on the list goes. Wait a minute, doesn't the Word of God address each and every one of these issues? So, a tyrannical, out-of-control institution called Maryland State Board of Elections claims to own and control any expression of God's Word on issues which it deems political. If you were to tweet Leviticus 18:22, without even quoting the verse which states that sodomy is an abomination,

it sounds like they would own that too; now that sodomy is a political issue. Satan has made them political issues, but they are moral issues above all. By the way, most important political issues were and are moral issues. It is a tragedy of enormous importance that we-the-people have allowed our servants, the civil government, to attack and strip away our God-given right to freedom of speech.

Now this particular civil servant is a lawyer. Not just any lawyer; Mr. DeMarinis was adjunct professor of law at American University-Washington School of Law, where he taught a class on political and election law. So as a law professor one would expect that he had actually studied the law, the supreme law of the land; and therefore, he would have at least a semblance of understanding of the First Amendment. But it appeared to me that he was blissfully unaware of the First Amendment and the five God-given rights it protects. He was also obviously completely unconcerned about his own violation of his oath of office which he swore to Almighty God. But God will hold him accountable and there will be a reward of eternal damnation should he not repent of his egregious sin. I pray for his soul as it appears that he is a lawyer on the highway to hell. He certainly is not alone among those who practice law. There isn't a shortage of lawyer jokes in our land, largely because many Americans are well aware of the destructive damage lawyers have done to our Constitutional Republic. It might lead one to ask a question parallel to what Christ's disciples asked of Him. They asked, *Can a rich man be saved?* We might ask in our day, *Can a lawyer be saved?* The answer to both questions is the same. Yes. We know of at least one lawyer recorded in Scripture that was saved.

Titus 3:13 "Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them."

Zenas was a Christian and a lawyer. It is also clear that he was a devoted disciple of Jesus Christ.

Jesus had some very sharp words for lawyers in His day.

Luke 11:46 "And He said, "Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers."

So, Jesus labels the lawyers of his day hypocrites; loading burdens on others that they will not lift themselves. Kind of like Congress requiring everyone to be in Obamacare, but giving themselves special subsidies to pay for their participation. I understand President Trump is working on changing that, but draining the swamp means making all the swamp creatures homeless, and they don't tend to like that prospect.

Luke 11:52 "Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."

Here in verse 52 it is even worse. Not only were they refusing salvation, they were turning away and even hindering everyone they possibly could from traveling the narrow road that leads to eternal life. They themselves choose the road of damnation, and they wanted everyone damned with them. Does any of this criticism of the lawyers of Jesus' day ring true today?

Consider what Paul teaches us in Galatians 3:24: *"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith."* So, if the purpose of the law is to teach us, it teaches us about our sinful violations of God's Holy Law, and teaches us that God who governs the Universe is perfectly just and that His justice cannot sleep forever. It will teach us that a day of reckoning is coming for all mankind, and that God's justice demands a retribution for sin. That retribution is eternal hell to all sinners. That's what law is supposed to teach everyone in a society. Then the Gospel comes along as the Good News, that God in His abundant mercy has sent His Son to be our Savior, to pay the

full penalty for our sins, to take the hell we deserved and complete that payment on the cross.

But, notice what happens when you take away the teaching purpose of the Law. The Gospel, instead of being the tremendous astonishing Good News that we can be saved from the eternal damnation we so justly deserved, it becomes Jesus wants to be your friend – will you check “like” on Facebook, or send Him a friend request? The Gospel is not truly the Gospel without the instructive power of the Law.

What has happened in our land to the Law? It began more than a century ago with the first Dean of Harvard Law School, Christopher Columbus Langdell. Langdell rejected the Biblical absolutes, and rejected the fact that God’s moral law is as fixed in the universe as fixed as the law of gravity. He began training whole generations of lawyers to promote the lie that Law evolves. That’s where it began. It has led to the current insanity where they claim they have redefined God’s Holy institution of marriage. When you reject God’s Law, then you are left to your own insanity, calling Law what is not Law, and pretending the Laws of the universe are completely different than they actually are. That’s insanity. So, Law schools today do not teach law. Lawyers today do not know what law is or where it comes from. They are taught the folly that people have a right to sodomy. But that begs the question, where do rights come from? Rights come from God and therefore you never have a right to do what is wrong, what is a violation of God’s Law. Therefore, you have no right to steal, no right to murder, no right to commit adultery, and no right to sodomy. These are not rights, they are wrongs. And a proper justice system punishes those who violate the God given rights of others and those who violate God’s Law in that limited realm where civil government is given the power of the sword by God.

Consider the evil done by the Supreme Court in 1973. By telling women they have permission to hire a contract killer

to murder the baby God has created in their own wombs, the Supreme Court has led tens of millions of women to become accomplices to murder. The Supreme Court's precedent has taught them that murdering their babies is a good thing, that they can not only get away with murder, but that it is such a good thing that the civil government will – at gun point – take money from other citizens in the land, forcing those citizens to pay for hiring the contract killer to conduct the murder. So instead of Law teaching people what sin is, and the terrible consequences of sin – eternal damnation – the lawyers in black teach the opposite and send millions to hell.

It is the same thing regarding divorce, sodomy, and redefining marriage – the Supremes teach that God's Law is no longer valid, and that you can violate God's Law freely without any fear of punishment in this life or eternal punishment in the lake of fire. The "law schools," the lawyers and the courts in our land, are doing the exact same thing Jesus identified in His day:

Luke 11:52 "Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. [promoting instead ignorance, idiocy and insanity] You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."

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The Courts Fear Of The Bible

On the radio show I participate in on Friday mornings, my fellow commentators and I were answering the question, "What were the worst Supreme Court decisions of all time?" Now that is a difficult question because there are so many bad decisions to choose from – Dred Scott, Roe, v. Wade, Obergefell and there are multiple hundreds of others. As I only had time to comment on three decisions I was not able to include Abington v. Schempp where the Supremes handed down their opinion that said Bible reading in the government run schools was henceforth and forever banned.

Video of the sermon

The law suit which led to this decision was an attack upon the Law of the State of Pennsylvania which required that ten Bible verses were to be read aloud each day. The readings were without interpretation, comment or questions asked. Furthermore any student could request to be excused from that reading. So it was voluntary. Oddly the Shempp girl whose parents filed the law suit, never asked to be excused from the reading of God's Word and instead she even volunteered on several occasions to read the Scripture passages for her class.

The result of the Abington v. Schempp opinion is that the schools have sadly complied as if the Supreme Court makes law – which they do not. Any opinion they render is their opinion, they have no enforcement power whatsoever, and the other two branches as well as the other three levels of civil government are under no obligation to obey the edicts of these Supremes.

By the way, if they were banning all religion from government run schools, which is what they claim the the three decisions on Prayer and Bible reading cases of 1963 accomplished, then there is something strange going on. While the Bible is

forbidden, the Koran is not. In fact it is being taught and children are being indoctrinated in Islam all over our country.

Public Broadcasting Service with our tax dollars has actually developed a whole curriculum for government schools that indoctrinates students in Islam. The Christian Action Network sent a letter demanding DOE "cease its Islamic education program for the nation's public schools," CAN states that students and teachers are being encouraged to promote Islamic beliefs through the LearningMedia website, a site operated by the Public Broadcasting Service that provides free learning materials to students and teachers. PBS is supported by taxpayers. "Much of this so-called educational material is nothing more than indoctrinating students into Islamic religious beliefs, duties and actions," said Martin Mawyer, president of CAN. ...A review of the LearningMedia website by The Blaze found at least [six lengthy lesson plans](#) focused on teaching students about various aspects of Islam, including "The Five Pillars of Islam," "The Haj: Journey to Mecca" and "Salat: Prayer in Muslim Life." A similar search for lesson plans covering Christianity... uncovered zero results, ...on the LearningMedia website.

In "Salat: Prayer in Muslim Life," students are tasked with watching videos and reading articles about Muslims' prayer life, including learning about Islamic prayer movements and postures. One question asks students after watching detailed instructions about Islamic prayer, "How do you think it feels to know that millions of other people are praying with you, just like you, everyday?" Another task instructs teachers, "Encourage students to make connections between their own traditions and salat especially in regard to community building and shared traditions." In "The Five Pillars of Islam," students are taught about foundational Islamic beliefs and told to construct a poster on the "five pillars." Teachers are instructed to have students meet with Muslim leaders in

the community. "If possible, have your students meet with Muslims in your community to learn about their religious practices and views," states the lesson plan. "Interview Muslims who have participated in Hajj, and talk to Muslims during the month of Ramadan to learn about fasting and almsgiving. Contact religious leaders or scholars to learn more about prayer and belief."^[1]

It appears that while the Bible has been outlawed, the Koran is taking its place. Why would any culture choose the Koran over the Bible? Because the moral demands of the Koran are quite easily met while the demands of God's Word go very deep and into every crevice of our lives. To put it simply the good Mohammedan emulates Mohamed while the good Christian emulates Jesus Christ. Consider what Mohamed actually did – he committed murder, massacring a whole village of Jews, committed adultery and pedophilia, His his youngest victim just age nine. Mohamed practiced and advocated torture and lived off the practice of stealing and pillaging caravans in the desert. He showed no mercy to the villages and town he attacked. We could go for sometime discussing the atrocities he committed. And therefore it should surprise no one that those who seek to emulate him do many of the same things even today.

But not so with Jesus, not only did He never commit any such heinous atrocities, He clearly called all men to the highest moral standards, the standards of God's Holy Law given to us in the Bible. Even the most self-righteous men of His day were enraged by His statements for He implied that they were not as righteous as they claimed to be.

When we look into the Bible we find the highest moral standards which exist – but that makes perfect sense as these are the commands of the One True God.

The mischief of the Supremes knows no bounds. "In the case, Edwards v. Aguillard (1987), judges ruled that a Louisiana Law

which required public schools to teach evolution and Creationism side by side VIOLATED the Constitution's prohibition on the "establishment of religion".

So, because Creation has to do with GOD, though it is a FACT, it cannot be taught to your children. An empty theory by an atheist, on the other hand, is PREFERRED by the Government to be taught to your children as "fact"...America's first Schoolmaster, Noah Webster, said that "Education is USELESS without the Holy BIBLE. The Bible was America's BASIC textbook in ALL fields. God's Word, contained in the Bible, has furnished ALL necessary rules to direct our conduct."^[2]

We are told in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." So we understand that there is no part of the Bible that is extraneous, secondary or to be set aside. Each and every word in the Word of God is profitable.

Wisdom comes from the Fear of the Lord and that comes from reading and studying God's Word. A Supreme Court that does not fear God is a ship of fools. It is no wonder then that they consistently make such awful decisions.

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Footnotes:

^[1] [Christian group department of education indoctrinating kids into Islamic beliefs/](#)

[\[2\] Immoral institutions public schools persecuting sullyng and alienating christians/](#)

Does The World Need More Facebook?

Mark Zuckerberg CEO of Facebook is not happy with the outcome of the election and he isn't shy about telling everyone. Nor is he happy with the role his social media monster played in distributing information that helped Donald Trump become President. He stated last month in Chicago at a gathering of Facebook enthusiasts, that he wanted to change the entire mission of Facebook to bring people closer together. Implying that had Facebook done the job it is now poised to do, Trump would not be our President. But what is really eyeopening to me is that he "wants Facebook groups to play an important role that ... churches and Little League teams used to perform."^[1] So the church should be replaced by Facebook? In his speech he said, "Americans are in need of something to unify their lives. It's so striking that for decades, membership in all kinds of groups has declined as much as one-quarter... That's a lot of of people who now need to find a sense of purpose and support somewhere else...We started a project to see if we could get better at suggesting groups that will be meaningful to you. We started building artificial intelligence to do this. And it works. In the first 6 months, we helped 50% more people join meaningful communities.' His ultimate goal is to convince 1 billion users to join Facebook communities. 'If we can do this, it will not only turn around the whole decline in community membership we've seen for decades, it will start to strengthen our social fabric and bring the world closer

together.”^[2]

Video of the sermon

Wow, so using their artificial intelligence software to data mine everything that is known about you, from your everyday purchases, from your patterns of where you drive, where you shop, what you wear, who you talk to, who you text ad infinitum, they will engineer a social group just for you. Facebook will choose your friends out of their 2 billion members world wide so you can be close to people you have never met face to face. Do you think there is something suspicious about their agenda, let alone their methods of data mining your entire life?

We already know there are many stories about Facebook’s censorship of the side of the political spectrum that its company heads disagree with.^[3] Maybe their new motto should be ‘Friends don’t let friends vote for Trump. Won’t you be my friend?’

Now Zuckerberg is on to something, there is a collapse taking place in America of solid relationships as people abandon church, as marriages and families break apart, as people choose to isolate and insulate themselves from deep friendships. Robert Putnam researched this trend for 25 year and then published his groundbreaking book based on that data “Bowling Alone.” Putnam showed “how we have become increasingly disconnected from family, friends, neighbors, and our civic structures– and how we may reconnect.

Putnam warns that our stock of social capital – the very fabric of our connections with each other, has plummeted, impoverishing our lives and communities.

Putnam draws on evidence including nearly 500,000 interviews over the last quarter century to show that we sign fewer

petitions, belong to fewer organizations that meet, know our neighbors less, meet with friends less frequently, and even socialize with our families less often. We're even bowling alone. More Americans are bowling than ever before, but they are not bowling in leagues. Putnam shows how changes in work, family structure, age, suburban life, television, computers, women's roles and other factors have contributed to this decline. He detailed Trends over the last 25 years – Attending Club Meetings- 58% drop, Family dinners – 43% drop, Having friends over – 35% drop”[\[4\]](#)

Other researchers have added to this body of data. One writes, “Probably the most surprising finding is that people with good networks actually live longer.⁴⁸ All the mechanisms are not fully understood, but the link between networks and longevity appears to be caused by both behavioral and biological changes. For example, it has been widely observed that frequent attendance at religious services reduces mortality, partly due to behavioral changes—the tendency to make more social contacts, to improve health practices (stop smoking, reduce alcohol consumption), and to stay married—but also due to the meaning to life religion gives.⁴⁹ Lisa Berkman, M.D., now chair of the Department of Health and Social Behavior at the Harvard School of Public Health, mapped the social networks, lifestyles, and health behaviors of seven thousand residents of Alameda County, California, following them over nine years.⁵⁰ She discovered that isolated people were three times more likely to die during the nine years than the well-connected.”[\[5\]](#)

So that leads me to ask the question, What about the effect of social media, such as Facebook on social capital? There are some conflicting studies but one noted researcher, James Coleman got it right. “Social capital flourishes when people are following the ‘rules’ of society. People that live their life this way feel that there are norms in society which they

can follow. Coleman says that when people live in this way and benefit from this type of social capital, individuals in the society are able to rest assured that their belongings and family will be safe.”^[6]

There is how it all ties together, a society will only function so long as there are an agreed set of Laws that almost everyone will follow, say like, Thou shalt not murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, lie, or covet what belongs to your neighbor. If the vast majority believe these are what is right and good, and then most often follow them, then “individuals in the society are able to rest assured that their belongings and family will be safe.” I was reading about the long term work of a missionary in a south American country. When they began their ministry of the gospel to that people they noticed that everyone brought their wealth with them on buses and trains. Their wealth was usually animals, chickens, goats or what have you. Why? Because their property was not safe if left at home. It was only safe if they took it with them. Decades later, when the a growing percentage of the population had come to Christ and were growing as disciples of Jesus Christ, he noted that fewer and fewer people brought their wealth with them on public transportation. Why? The gospel had transformed the culture. The commands thou shalt not covet thy neighbors chickens and goats as well as thou shalt not steal were being obeyed. People who were not even Christians had noted that things had changed. Or in James Coleman words. “Social capital flourishes when people are following the ‘rules’ of society. People that live their life this way feel that there are norms in society which they can follow. When people live in this way and benefit from this type of social capital, individuals in the society are able to rest assured that their belongings and family will be safe.”

Facebook can’t accomplish this task – only the church of Jesus Christ can as it makes disciples who walk in obedience to all

Christ has commanded us to do.

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Lawlessness In The Corridors

Of Congress, Chamber Of The Supreme Court, And On All Levels

What happens when the law makers themselves become law breakers? Or what happens when those who are charged with enforcing the law also become law breakers themselves? In an police incident in our State's Capital this past Christmas, a man was arrested by the police and \$1500 cash was taken from him by the police but never returned. Just last month it appears that because a lawsuit was looming that city finally cut him a check for that amount but the incident is another very troubling example of civil asset forfeiture. That "involves a dispute between [law enforcement](#) and *property* such as a pile of cash or a house or a boat, such that the thing is suspected of being involved in a crime. To get back the seized property, owners must prove it was not involved in criminal activity."^[1] In other words you are not charged with a crime, you money is and it is guilty until proven innocent – a costly and statistically losing battle for the person who has been civil asset forfeited by the police. I am glad Annapolis finally did the right thing, but that is rare in the civil asset forfeiture world. By the way the city still can't account for what happened to the \$1500. Was it get pocketed? The officer said he put it in his hat, but after that no one knows what became of it. And by the way he has since retired, and faced no repercussions for his actions.

Video of the sermon

What about lawlessness on the Federal level? We know that for more than a decade the immigration laws which clearly spell out the enforcement the executive branch is charged to conduct – have not only been ignored, with little enforcement taking

place, but in fact the previous administration made active moves to encourage more illegal immigration into our country. The effect has been to tell the world we have open borders, anyone who wants to can walk right in. Our immigration laws mean nothing. And now when we have the Executive branch trying to enforce the immigration laws on the books, Federal courts have repeatedly blocked the enforcement from going into effect.

We also know “There is a federal law that forbids the Internal Revenue Service from unfairly targeting private groups or individuals on the basis of their politics. Lois Lerner, an IRS director, did just that but faced no legal consequences.

Perhaps Ms. Lerner’s exemption emboldened New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof to invite IRS employees via social media to unlawfully leak Donald Trump’s tax returns. Later, someone leaked Mr. Trump’s 2005 tax return to MSNBC.

There are statutes that prevent federal intelligence and investigatory agencies from leaking classified documents. No matter... The leakers apparently feel that prosecutors and the courts do not mind if someone’s privacy is illegally violated, as long as it is the privacy of someone they all loathe, like Mr. Trump.

The logic seems also to be that we need only follow the laws that we like – and assume that law enforcement must make the necessary adjustments.”^[2]

What is the cumulative effect of these trends?

With selective enforcement and government officials who are clearly above the law, what does that lead people to conclude? That law in America is arbitrary, politically protected individuals and groups are exempt, you never know when you will be robbed by the police or falsely imprisoned. Does not this begin to sound very much like a description of the

communist USSR, where the civil government rather than protecting and defending your God given rights became the primary violator of your God given rights?

Are we as a nation descending into lawlessness or has lawlessness already been enthroned as the ruler of these united States?

Consider that our Founders clearly stated their understanding of what law is which they styled, "The Laws of Nature and Nature's God." And we have previously shown from this pulpit that this phrase clearly referred to the Bible. So they believed God's Law given to us in the Bible is the Supreme Law of the Universe and any human statute must comply with that Supreme Law to be valid law.

Then think what has happened since that time, at first slow steady descent, but in the past fifty years a precipitous free fall in rejecting God's Law as supreme has taken place. So what has become of that Supreme Law in the eyes of the legal scribblers of our land? It has been rejected entirely.

For me the most telling scene was in 2003 on a hot August morning in Montgomery Alabama where I saw the workers inside the Judicial building moving the Ten Commandments, a monument to lawful government from the center of the rotunda. In the crowd there was a rumor circulating that they were going to put it on a trailer and haul it away. Some of us went around to the loading dock to see if this is was so. It was not, instead they parked the Ten Commandments in a closet and locked the door. What a fitting image of what has happened to the rule of law in our land. The Law of the Creator taken out of a public building devoted supposedly to the rule of law, and locked away in a closet. That reminds us of the very first of the Ten Commandments, Exodus 20:3 "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." The god whom a society chooses to worship will be the god that determines its "laws." So having dethroned the rightful ruler, the Creator God Himself, what

has been put up instead? Lawlessness. We see government lawlessness where the ruling class has a different set of standards and laws for them than for the rest of the peons. And we see where those so called rules are selective enforced against the politically unfavored. Where a police man can steal \$1500 from a motorist and face no consequences for it. Where we have seen leftist mobs viciously assault citizens while the police stand by and let the violence go on. By dethroning the Supreme Law of the Universe what has replaced it? Lawlessness. Lawlessness in the corridors of Congress, lawlessness in the chamber of the Supreme Court, lawlessness throughout civil government on all levels. But it isn't confined there, were to God that it was, we have lawlessness breaking the peace of our society, from gangs not only in the cities but now frequently in the suburbs, to leftist mobs violently attacking anyone who disagrees with them. What will it take to restore this land of liberty?

Turn to Titus 3:9 Paul inspired by the Holy Spirit gives instructions to his disciple Titus.

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CNN Is Part Of A World Awash In Lies. What Can You Believe In?

Lies, lies and more lies that is what we have discovered CNN is pedaling on its pro-ported news broadcasts. And it is not just that they have abandoned all the canons of journalistic ethics. It used to be that no self respecting reporter who served in any capacity would turn in a story unless there were two credible sources they were relying upon. It is of note that this standard was rooted in the Biblical Law that required a minimum of two witnesses in a capital case for a conviction to be reached. What we see at CNN and many other news outlets today is a wholesale rejection of that Biblical standard.

The evidence now is that the entire Trump – Russia collusion narrative was made up merely to boost ratings and that they all knew they were lying. Now many people are saying, so what, what harm has been done? A great deal of harm as this false narrative has pushed two super powers toward launching a deadly new war. And there is so much more damage that has been done by their continuing fake news.

Another example of their bias was revealed in a Harvard Study showing that CNN's coverage of President Trump is 93% negative. Is this objective journalism?^[1]

“While CNN president Jeff Zucker [says](#) that viewers trust his network “more than ever,” now there's even less reason to do so. In the wake of CNN's recent scandal, in which it was caught knowingly peddling fake news, it now has done it again,

presenting on air a fake *National Enquirer* cover as real...

CNN is, however, supposedly taking the matter seriously, referring it the network's standards and practices department.

Observers may wonder if this department had previously been in mothballs – or what kind of standards it suggests – given the recent CNN journalistic fraud exposed by investigative organization Project Veritas (PV). First a CNN producer, John Bonifield, was caught on hidden camera [admitting](#) that the Russia-Donald Trump narrative is “mostly [expletive deleted] right now” and that “we don't have any big giant proof” Next to make an appearance was CNN political commentator, former Obama administration official and avowed communist Van Jones. He confessed to an undercover PV reporter that the “Russia thing is just a big fat nothing burger” and that the network was just covering it to make money for “ratings.” Then there was “Jimmy Carr, associate producer for CNN's *New Day*, admitting that CNN has a left-leaning bias and hates President Trump. He also says that American voters are ‘stupid as [expletive deleted].’ Furthermore the video shows that CNN practices selective editing to promote a false narrative.”

Needless to say, these revelations have [hurt CNN's ratings](#) and further damaged its credibility. Yet an important factor is underemphasized: If CNN knew the Russia story was a hoax – something [others] have been reporting for a long time – other leftist media (virtually all the media), such as the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *USA Today* and *Chicago Tribune*, also must have known.

Yet they all had been exploiting the story, apparently as guilty as CNN.

This is no small matter. The Trump-Russia-collusion lie convinced millions of Americans that the election had been “stolen” from their candidate, contributing to the intense anger that sparked rioting, vandalism, attacks on Trump

supporters and the June 14 attempted assassination of 10 percent of Republican congressmen by Bernie Sanders supporter James Hodgkinson. It has literally torn the country apart.

So while the *New York Post* cleverly [dubbed](#) CNN “THE MOST BUSTED NAME IN NEWS,” a play on the network’s slogan, the only thing distinguishing CNN from the rest of the establishment media is that it got caught red-handed peddling Red propaganda.”^[2]

And the problem goes much deeper than the fake journalists that are everywhere. What about all the fake science that is paraded before the public? What about the so called global warming caused by man’s activities on earth? “The leaking of over 1,000 emails, computer code sets, and other documents from the University of East Anglia Climatic Research Unit (CRU) back in November of 2009. The leaks revealed a network of corruption and fraud on the part of climate scientists. Such was the depths of the scandal that the event came to be known as “[Climategate](#).”

Much (but still not enough) has been written in detail about Climategate. The gist of it, however, is that climate scientists had been cooking their data in order to support their preconceived conclusions. They had been guilty of practicing fake science in order to show both that global warming was a crisis and that anthropogenic (“man-made”) global warming was occurring.

“Global warming” was now tainted because of its association with Climategate.”^[3] So what did the fake science promoters do? They changed the label to Climate Change. Duh, the weather changes all the time, the honest climatologists, if you can find one, will show you the history of ice ages, and warming periods throughout the history of mankind. No news in the fact that Climate Changes. When you scratch the surface of this lie, you discover it is really about the governments of the

world coming together in a one world government that has far reaching control and regulation of every human activity on the planet. You could call it fascism on steroids.

Other fake science is taught in every class room in America – evolution. The notion that nothing produced something and that rocks evolved into human beings, non life producing living beings.

Consider what is still presented in ‘science’ text books Ernst Haeckel’s popular quote: “Ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny” with Haeckel’s fraudulent pictures that are supposed to prove the point that human’s growing in their mother’s wombs replay the entire evolutionary history of humanity as they move towards the day of their birth. By the way, this is the reason many say it is perfectly justifiable to kill that baby when it is in the so called fish stage, because it is not yet a human being. But turns out the Haeckel’s drawing were a fraud, that he manufactured “pictures to prove what he wished were true, though he knew and admitted that it was not...The claim that “ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny” is false... it does not fit the fossil record and is inconsistent with any logic. Complex organisms cannot develop by accident any more than the words on this page could accidentally be formed from random arrangements of letters. But because “evolution” is presented to students and to the public as indisputable fact, supported by many who have believed the propaganda, recapitulation theory remains a tool for education, a visually appealing bit of manufactured evidence, and a paleontological mythology.”^[4] Haeckel’s “theory” simply does not meet that facts. Yet it is daily presented as science to millions of gullible students who trust their teachers to tell them the truth.

In a world awash in lies there is a trustworthy source—Titus 3:8 “This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good

and profitable unto men.”

The Word of God is faithful in every way – the word faithful here translates the Greek word “pistos” which means trusty, faithful – 1st of persons who show themselves faithful in the transaction of business, the execution of commands, or the discharge of official duties – 2nd one who kept his plighted faith, worthy of trust- 3rd that can be relied on.” The God whom we worship is all of that and more.

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Liberty Produces A God-Fearing People

This Tuesday we celebrate the 241st anniversary of our

Declaration of Independence. The most important phrase in the entire document speaks to the foundation for our lawful form of government, the very reason why we could legitimately secede from Great Britain; that phrase, often misunderstood today is "The Laws of Nature and of Nature's God." Our Founders were paraphrasing William Blackstone's writing in his *Commentaries on the Laws of England* in which he stated that there are three kinds of law, The Law of Nature, the Law of Revelation and Municipal Law. By the way all our Founders read Blackstone, and he was the authority in all courts of our land for the first 150 years. First, the Law of Nature Blackstone describes "as man depends absolutely upon his maker for everything, it is necessary that he should in all points conform to his maker's will.

Video of the sermon

This will of his maker is called the law of nature. .. when he created man, and endued him with freewill to conduct himself in all parts of life, he laid down certain immutable laws of human nature, whereby that freewill is in some degree regulated and restrained, and gave him also the faculty of reason to discover the purport of those laws."

The Second is Revealed Law which Blackstone describes as "The doctrines thus delivered we call the revealed or divine law, and they are to be found only in the holy scriptures."

Then Municipal Law, that which man puts on paper, is only valid if it complies with the Laws of Nature and the Revealed Law. "This law of nature, being coeval with mankind and dictated by God himself, is of course superior in obligation to any other. It is binding over all the globe, in all countries, and at all times: no human laws are of any validity, if contrary to this;"^[1]

The Founder's argument in the Declaration of Independence is

that King George's municipal laws violate the Law of Nature and the Law of Revelation (which they style as the Laws of Nature's God) and because of a long train of abuses and usurpations in which the King has refused to repent of his sins against God's Law, he is unfit to be the ruler of the 13 Colonies. Furthermore, that an additional God given right is that civil government is by consent of the governed and when a people's God given rights are abused by civil government rather than secured and protected, the people have a God given right to secede from that abuse of power.

So the entire foundation of the American form of government rested solidly upon the Word of God alone. At one time all American's understood this truth, today very few hold this understanding. And the moral free fall we see engulfing our land is a result of rejecting our Founder's clear understanding that God's Law is the Supreme Law of the Universe.

Contrast our land with a country that was first evangelized in the year 1830. A number of natives came to faith in Christ and the work was expanded from the larger settlements to outlying islands.

Quoting their own history, In "1839 In this year the Rev. Williams [the founding missionary] and the Rev. Harris were killed by the natives on the Island of Eromaga and their bodies were eaten by the benighted heathens. The bones of these valued men were brought by the Missionary ship to [Apia](#) and interred under the porch of the church."^[2] But the Gospel of Jesus Christ was not hindered and today nearly the entire population of Samoa profess faith in Jesus Christ. Just one month ago they did something very astonishing. They proclaimed that they are a Christian nation. "In early June, the Samoan Parliament passed a bill amending the constitution to transform the country from a secular to a [Christian state](#). The objective of the amendment was "to insert in the Constitution

that Samoa is a Christian nation to declare the dominance of Christianity in Samoa.”

“Samoa already had a reference to Christianity in the preamble to its [Constitution](#), which declared that the Samoan government should conduct itself “within the limits prescribed by God’s commandments,” and that Samoan society is “based on Christian principles.” This kind of wording is common in the preambles of constitutions among Pacific Island states (the exception being Fiji). However, a preamble to a constitution is generally seen as a broad symbolic national statement, one of historical or cultural significance, rather than a legislative tool. What Samoa has done is shift references to Christianity into the body of the constitution, giving the text far more potential to be used in legal processes.

Previously Article 1 of the Samoan Constitution had declared that “Samoa is founded on God,” ... However, upon these changes Article 1 will now read “Samoa is a Christian nation founded of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,” a specifically Christian conception of God, with no room for interpretation by other religious groups, or by the government and judiciary.”^[3] Not a single member of Parliament opposed this change to their constitution. It is fascinating to see what the Prime Minister said of this change. “Every time we say that Samoa is founded on God because it is in within our Constitution, God must’ve had a good laugh and thought that we have been fooling him,” said Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sa’ilele Malielegaoi. “And it has been more than 50 years since we have been fooling God, because this is not in the body of our Constitution.”^[4]

Early this year “In parliamentary debates, one member of parliament expressed [their] perspective by [stating](#), ‘If we make laws and bills, we need to make decisions that will reflect that we are a Christian country, so if other countries push us to make laws such as to allow same sex marriage, then

we have to say no because that will not show that we are a Christian country. That will never happen in Samoa.'”^[5] Wow I am impressed! A Country today that recognizes God’s Law is the Supreme Law of the Universe and seeks to implement that clearly incorporating it into their constitution. We pray on this the 241 anniversary celebration that America would repent of its sins and a revival would restore our Founder’s understanding that God’s Law is the Supreme Law of the universe and that a just society must comply with God’s Law. We see the power of the Word of God to transform lives, murders and cannibals became Christians who honor God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in their national constitution. How does that transformation take place not only for individuals but whole societies? Turn to Titus 3:5-6 “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;” It is the power of the Holy Spirit poured out in abundance that does this miraculous transforming work, turning murderous cannibals to God honoring Christians.

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Salvation By Government, Skin Color, Or God?

It is instructive to see what the Word of God states regarding how we treat others who are different from ourselves, different in any regard. We are command to treat all without partiality.

“A coalition of advocacy groups will march in Annapolis on Sunday to call on Anne Arundel County Executive Steve Schuh and Annapolis Mayor Michael Pantelides to support a state of emergency declaration on race relations in the county.

Video of the sermon

The group – led by organizations such as the Caucus of African-American Leaders and Anne Arundel Indivisible Coalition – are supporting a push led by county councilman Pete Smith, D-Severn, to declare the state of emergency in light of recent events in and near the county.

In May, a black Bowie State University student was stabbed to death allegedly by a white man from Severna Park. Investigators have not ruled out the possibility of prosecuting the case as a hate crime as the suspect, Sean C. Urbanski, 22, allegedly belonged a Facebook group called "Alt Reich: Nation."

The same month, a noose were found hanging facing a courtyard at Crofton Middle School. Two men have been charged with committing and conspiring to commit a hate crime in the case...

Pantelides [Annapolis Mayor] said he is "sad to see that (race relations are) moving backwards instead of forwards," but doesn't believe the issues raised warrant a state of emergency declaration in Annapolis.

"I don't think we're at an emergency state in the city of Annapolis," he said.

He added that he has some questions about the act itself, as he understands the declaration of a "state of emergency" can only apply to certain instances, such as a severe weather event or a need to quarantine an area."^[1]

There is also a demand from these same groups essentially that affirmative action quotas be established regarding the judges in our county. Which means that judges would be selected by the amount of Melanin present in their skin. Let me explain.

"Human skin color ranges in variety from the [darkest brown](#) to [the lightest](#) hues. An individual's [skin pigmentation](#) is the result of [genetics](#), being the product of both of the individual's [biological parents'](#) genetic makeup... skin pigmentation in human beings [developed] primarily to regulate the amount of [ultraviolet radiation](#) penetrating the skin, controlling its biochemical effects.

The actual skin color of different humans is affected by many substances, although the single most important substance is

the pigment [melanin](#). Melanin is produced within the skin in cells called [melanocytes](#) and it is the main determinant of the skin color of [darker-skinned](#) humans. The skin color of people with [light skin](#) is determined mainly by the bluish-white connective tissue under the [dermis](#) and by the [hemoglobin](#) circulating in the veins of the dermis....There is a direct correlation between the geographic distribution of UV radiation (UVR) and the distribution of indigenous skin pigmentation around the world. Areas that receive higher amounts of UVR, generally located closer to the equator, tend to have darker-skinned populations. Areas that are far from the tropics and closer to the poles have lower intensity of UVR, which is reflected in lighter-skinned populations. Researchers suggest that human populations ... have changed from dark-skinned to light-skinned and vice versa as they migrated to different UV zones.”^[2] So skin color isn't even a permanent characteristic of an ethnic people group, it can vary if they migrate to a region that differs in the amount of UV radiation received.

To paraphrase a civil rights leader, should we judge people by the melanin content of their skin or by the content of their character? It is quite odd today that the movement which that civil rights leader began has been hijacked by those who call for the exact opposite of what he advocated. Today they demand we judge people by the melanin content of their skin. That we establish quotas based on melanin content, that judges are selected based on melanin content. I think it appropriate to ask, isn't that racist? Isn't any time we judge based on externals violating God's commands?

In Acts 10:34 we read, “Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:”

And in Romans 2:11 we are told, “For there is no respect of persons with God.”

Then in James 2:1 we are commanded, “My brethren, have not the

faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.” Then we are warned in verse 4 that if we judge based on externals, “Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?” Quite clearly Scripture condemns racism and all other forms of judging based upon externals. To do so, as James states, is to become Judges with evil in our hearts.

Drawing back the lens here for a wide angle view, what appears to be happening as a result of losing the White House, is the left is using every deceptive tactic in an attempt to retake America for their socialist agenda. The race game is but one illustration, in that game you will always see the bottom line is this, that civil government is the answer to ending the hate, ending the racism. It is presented as if somehow civil government has a magic wand it can wave over the hearts of men and transform their souls from hatred of their fellow man to loving their neighbor as themselves. So the mayor of Annapolis is supposed to declare a state of emergency and that will end the racism in the hearts of people in the city? Maybe I am missing something here, but I agree with the mayor who is puzzled over the whole idea that a state of emergency would accomplish anything regarding the transformation of men’s hearts. And why call for a state of emergency? Why not call for a day, a week or maybe even a month of prayer and fasting? Why not a humble repentance before Almighty God, a sincere confession and repentance of all our sins, pleading with Him for His mercy?

But why a State of Emergency, what is it about a State of emergency that motivates them? In Maryland Code, when the Governor declares a State of Emergency, it states that if he finds it necessary in order to protect the public health, welfare or safety, may: Suspend the effect of any statute or rule or regulation of any agency or of the State or a political subdivision. Direct and compel the evacuation of people from their homes... Authorize the use of private

property... may require that each able-bodied individual in the State between 18 and 50 years old ...immediately register for work..." In other words he can send anyone he chooses to a work camp for up to 6 months. The code goes on to say, "The General Assembly recognizes the Governor's broad authority in the exercise of the police power of the State to provide adequate control over persons and conditions during impending or actual public emergencies."^[3] So with a State of Emergency the government assumes completely tyrannical and dictatorial powers. It can freely violate your property rights and your liberty, it is granted power to suspend all laws.

Now our Maryland Constitution Declaration of Rights actually denies such powers to the State Government in Article 44. "That the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, and of this State, apply as well in time of war, as in time of peace; and any departure therefrom, or violation thereof, under the plea of necessity, or any other plea, is subversive of good Government, and tends to anarchy and despotism."

This was a wise declaration in our State Constitution. It identifies those who call for such suspension of the Constitution, are actually anarchists and despots. So put this together with the march taking place in Annapolis today. The people in that march today, by calling for a state of emergency are calling for a despotic government which violates our Constitution and empowers the Governor, (if it were a State wide declaration of emergency) to suspend any and all laws, to compel people to evacuate their homes, for the government to steal anyones private property, to force any able-bodied person to go into a work camp, or might we say concentration camp, for a period of up to six months. By the way all the Governor would have to do is let you off for one day, and then rearrest you for another six months as long as the so called emergency lasts.

I don't know about you, but I would always choose to live

under our existing Constitution which states in Declaration of Rights Article 44. "That the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, and of this State, apply as well in time of war, as in time of peace; and any departure therefrom, or violation thereof, under the plea of necessity, or any other plea, is subversive of good Government, and tends to anarchy and despotism." Now I don't know if all of these marchers in Annapolis today understand what they are actually calling for, but one thing is clear, they believe civil government is the solution to the problem. In other words they believe civil government is the Savior.

And they are surely not alone in our land. The debate raging in D.C. over health care and the attempt to repeal and replace Obama care is but another illustration. The cries are for the civil government to save us. We can't live without it, people will die if it is repealed. That is odd, for nearly 6000 years of human history there has been no civil government health care system. You would think from the hand wringing that such historical facts are not true, that mankind would have died off without government run health care. Instead after 6000 years beginning with just two humans, Adam and Eve, there are more of us than ever, 8 billion by all counts. What we must remember in all this deceptive smoke is that the socialists will use every problem, every crisis to move us towards totalitarian dictatorship. Why? Because they believe civil government is our Savior. Yet the pages of history are replete with the terrible deeds of totalitarian government. Whenever unchecked power rests in the hands of any human actors, the results are horrific, the civil government once docile becomes a raging monster devouring all before it. Is civil government our Savior?

Turn to Titus 3:3-5 where the Word of God spells out the True Savior of mankind.

"For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice

and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;”

Think of the socialist offer of salvation by civil government.

What if every human were to have all the food they need, all the shelter, clothing, transportation they want, and all the health care funding for every medical need? If all 8 billion were to be thus provided for, mankind’s most basic and most essential need of all would not be met. We were made to worship God, to enjoy fellowship with Him but our sins stand in the way of all that it means to be a fulfilled human being. When you understand the true condition of mankind then you can view the depths of despair. For if there was no answer for our condition, there would be no hope in a hopeless life and only a absolutely black eternity in hell facing us. But God in His mercy stepped into our hopeless condition to save us. And we are saved by God’s incredible Mercy.

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Declaration of Independence: Our Rights Come From God

There is a Creator God and He determines right and wrong, good and evil... not man. This is the most important foundational principle of law and justice. If this principle is not understood as absolute, undeniable truth, one could conclude that every principle in our founding charter, *The Declaration of Independence* is a lie. If there is any shadow of a doubt about the fact that the God of the Bible is our Creator and He alone, totally independent of the will of man, determines right and wrong, good and evil; then I would ask that you review the first two lectures. Until you thoroughly understand this concept and are in full agreement with this fact; then and only then, will the rest of this lecture series make any sense.

Video of the sermon

While every word in our Founding Charter is important perhaps the second most important principle of freedom to understand is that *Our Rights come from God – Not Government, therefore they are not subject to the Repeal or Restrictions of Human Laws*. The Declaration of Independence states, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.” If the proper role of government is

to secure our unalienable rights, it is essential that we have an accurate understanding of that term at the time it was written.

Alienable according to Webster's 1828 Dictionary means, "That may be... transferred to another..."[1] Therefore if the American Founders wanted to indicate that their rights could have been transferred to their elected representatives to be regulated and controlled, they would have used that term. However, they chose to describe our rights as unalienable, that which cannot be transferred to another. John Adams, a member of the committee that drafted the Declaration, made this understanding indisputable when he explained, "I say RIGHTS, for such they have, undoubtedly, antecedent to all earthly government, – Rights, that cannot be repealed or restrained by human laws – Rights, derived from the great Legislator of the universe." [2] Note that Adams said, "...rights that **cannot** be repealed or restrained by human laws..."

The Virginia Constitution, a document with which Thomas Jefferson the chief author of the Declaration had intimate knowledge, reinforces this understanding when it states in ARTICLE 1 and Section 1, "A DECLARATION OF RIGHTS made by the good people of Virginia in the exercise of their sovereign powers, [3] which rights do pertain to them and their posterity, as the basis and foundation of government. That all men are by nature equally free and have certain inherent rights, of which, when they enter into a state of society, they cannot, by any compact, deprive or divest their posterity; namely, the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety." [4] That is "all men... have... rights... they cannot, by any [agreement be] deprived [of]..." Again notice the phrase that our rights, "**cannot, by any compact, [be] deprive[d] or divest[ed]...**"

The Virginia Constitution removes all doubt that the rights we have in a state of nature are what the Declaration of

Independence calls unalienable rights and further clarifies them by stating that these rights belong to everyone and their descendants. That is to say that everyone on the earth has what our Declaration of Independence calls unalienable rights, whether one is an American or not, because our rights come from our Creator, not government. All people all over the world are born with unalienable rights and no one has a right to take them away or regulate or control them. However this does not mean that all governments equally protect these God-given rights or even recognize them.

Absolute Rights

At this point some may ask: "Why is it so important that we understand that we have rights that cannot be restrained or repealed by man-made laws?" After all as the modern pragmatists claim, "Shouldn't we be reasonable and understand that for the good of the whole we should expect that our government officials must be able to place certain reasonable restrictions on our rights by requiring a qualifying license or permit or completely denying them by law?" While today many seem to feel this way, let me see if I can explain why our Founders were very much opposed to this idea. At the heart of their reasoning were their Biblical roots.

God commands, "Hate evil, love good; Establish justice in the gate..." (Amos 5:15)[5] The gate is the seat of civil authority... like our courthouse or statehouse. Justice is doing that which is right according to the Creator. As we have stated before God commanded, "You shall not murder" (Exodus 20:13) therefore we have a right to life. God said, "You shall not steal" (Exodus 20:15) and "You shall not covet" (Exodus 20:17) therefore we have a right to property. Then He directed that you shall not man steal or kidnap therefore we have a right to liberty (Exodus 21:16). Our unalienable rights come from the negative law of the Ten Commandments and they cannot be alienated because they are part of the unchanging character of God (Malachi 3:6a). (Not only do we have an obligation not

to violate the rights of our fellow man, we have a responsibility to protect them as was pointed out last week.

Who are we to claim that the word of the Creator of the universe is not valid and that we have the right to rule in His place? We will either be ruled by the Bible or by the will of the strong. We will stand up for Biblical justice or we will be ruled by the arbitrary will of our fellow man. Just because we delegated our God-given authority to fulfill our obligations to our representatives in government that in no way relieves us of our obligations. They are our civil servants and if they are acting outside of our authority it is up to us to rein them in; God will hold us accountable. The Virginia Constitution states the people are the sovereigns and have the ultimate responsibility to ensure our civil servants don't exceed the legitimate authority we have delegated them.

RIGHTS

Many within the modern church teach that we should be willing to give up our rights for the common good, but this is not what the Bible teaches. Psalm 82:3,4 proclaims, "Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." How can the Christian establish justice in government, if they refuse to get involved in the political process?

Referring to rulers, Proverbs 31:5 states, "lest they drink and forget what the law decrees, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights." Proverbs 31:8-9 further states, "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." If government is our collective rightful use of force to protect our life, liberty and property, why do we let government act contrary to these goals? Why do Christians allow this to occur?"

Isaiah 10:1-4 NIV, "Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless." Jeremiah 5:26-29 "Among my people are wicked men who lie in wait like men who snare birds and like those who set traps to catch men. Like cages full of birds, their houses are full of deceit; they have become rich and powerful and have grown fat and sleek. Their evil deeds have no limit; they do not plead the case of the fatherless to win it, they do not defend the rights of the poor. Should I not punish them for this?" declares the LORD. "Should I not avenge myself on such a nation as this?" If "We the People" are the sovereigns as the Virginia Constitution claims, aren't we ultimately responsible for what we allow our civil servants to do?

Lamentations 3:34-36 states, "To crush underfoot all prisoners in the land, to deny a man his rights before the Most High, to deprive a man of justice— would not the Lord see such things?" Does God give us the option to not get involved in the political arena when we see our so-called civil servants using the force of law to desecrate the rights of others? Doesn't a man have a right to the fruit of his labor? Isn't it theft to use force to take from a man what he has earned and give it to someone else? Isn't it a violation of the law of liberty to interfere with the actions of others until they have in some way violated the equal rights of others?

Does not Godly love require us to look out for the rights of others? In the New Testament, we find Jesus consumed with zeal for his Father's house and showing love and compassion for those being robbed as he drove the culprits away. In the Book of Matthew chapter 21:12,13, "Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you

have made it a 'den of thieves.'" Are our local, state, and federal officials little more than "a den of thieves" depriving those who earned from enjoying the fruits of their labor and redistributing their wealth to ensure their own reelection? Where is the indignation of the average Christian in regards to the so-called legalized plunder in government?

Jesus broke the existing civil code when He drove out the legal robbers. Read the account. The Jewish leaders were upset because the moneychangers were sanctioned by the temple authorities and asked by what authority Jesus drove out the swindlers. Therefore, you can have complete confidence that the idea of God-ordained rights is very much in line with Biblical teaching. Every citizen has a right to the produce of their own labor. They have a right not to be interfered with until they have violated the rights of others or God's moral law. This was validated when God wrote in stone, "You shall not steal." (Exodus 20:15) On the other hand the only rights you may have according to the secularist, progressive, or statist, are what is granted by the state. The statist philosophy of all power or authority originating in the state would make Christ out to be a sinner. It is time for the Christians to stand in the gate, the seat of civil authority, and promote Godly justice. The Word of the Lord in Isaiah 1:17 states, "...Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor, Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow."

THE PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES

Though not immediately apparent to most people, the principle of "Unalienable Rights" is arguably the second most important concept of freedom that sets America apart from all other nations on the face of the earth. This precept of unalienable rights is so unique and precious to freedom-loving citizens everywhere that if rightly understood and applied, it prevents those in government from infringing on the individual's right to control their own life, liberty, and property. This is why so many from around the world have flocked to our shores, to

obtain as Simeon Howard so aptly resounded in last weeks lecture, "... liberty to pursue his own happiness."

As history has proven, the free enterprise system, based on the principle of unalienable rights as practiced in early American history, is the most productive supplier of human needs and economic justice mankind has ever known. This God ordained economic system of men keeping the fruits of their labor and controlling their life and property has produced the greatest economic prosperity for the greatest number of people.

The free enterprise system is based on blessing your fellow man and only rewards you based on how much you have blessed others. For example, let's say you sell a cup of coffee to someone and you make a little money. The coffee you sold obviously blessed the customer more than the money you charged or they would not have made the trade. If you sell 5 cups of coffee you make a little more. If you sell 500 cups of coffee you make more still. If you sell 50,000 cups of coffee you make a good deal more. The more you sell the more people you bless and the more you are blessed. Why should anybody be upset if you are blessing others and why shouldn't you be blessed based on how much you bless others? This is the free enterprise system in action. The free enterprise system only requires a willingness for people to work, an idea that will help others, the ability to put this idea into action, and the freedom to do so. The type of freedom needed for the free enterprise system to work is the freedom guaranteed by government as envisioned by our Founders.

This principle of government to protect the right of the individual to participate in the free enterprise system was summed up in what our Founders called a republican form of government. Therefore when Jefferson proclaimed, "The true foundation of republican government is the equal right of every citizen in his person and property, and in their management,"[6] the statist or mercantile old world and the

modern politician must have thought he was crazy.

This statist or so-called progressive concept, "that it takes a village" is a failed system that has never worked because it is based on theft. The only people whom statism really works for are the ones in charge, because they live off the so-called legalized plunder of others. Under this system there is simply no incentive to work because a great deal of everything you produce is taken from you and given to others. Few people choose to work unless there is some motivation, a material incentive outside of the work itself. The desire for material reward is by far the most powerful and sustaining reason for work. In spite of our best efforts through the free enterprise system most of us will never accumulate vast wealth, nevertheless the free enterprise system, based on the philosophy of unalienable rights, is the most honest and just system mankind has ever experienced. This free enterprise system also makes it possible for some of us to enjoy the true luxuries of life and experience prosperity previously unknown to the common man. More important than that, however, it enables all the rest of us to raise our standard of living far in excess of what is possible under any other system and it is the reason why in less than 160 years America sprang up from a hostile wilderness to become the envy of the statist old world.

THE CHOICE IS OURS.

Will we work to restore our Republic to secure our unalienable rights or will we allow ourselves to degenerate into a democracy where the ever-changing will of the majority rules; where the majority constantly votes for the politician that will give them the most out of the public treasury; where the needs of the many are funded by the ability and hard work of the few. God has always called this theft. It becomes a never-ending cycle of tax and spend until all is owned and controlled by those in government, leading to totalitarianism. Government regulation is the statist pathway to totalitarian

control. It destroys freedom and brings about economic chaos, oppression, and it destroys prosperity.

Let us not acquiesce to necessity being the plea for every infringement of human liberty – that appears to be the slogan of most politicians today. Many are sick and tired of hearing from the modern political pundits that the idea of “Unalienable Rights” is impractical in our modern society. This was the creed of the statist old world that our Forefathers rejected so many years ago. The free enterprise system based on the principle of unalienable rights works. As James Madison proclaimed, “Government is instituted to protect property of every sort... This being the end of government, that alone is not a just government... nor is property secure under it, where the property which a man has in his personal safety and personal liberty is violated by arbitrary seizure of one class of citizens for the service of the rest.”[7] If those who work are allowed to keep the fruit of their labor and dispense the surplus as they see fit, then they will work harder and longer. They will invest, they will invent, and they will produce more than you have ever dreamed possible. And there will be more for everyone including those that must live off the generosity of others.

The choice before us is clear. We, as individuals and churches, will either defend the American principle of *Our Rights come from God – Not Government, Therefore they are not subject to the Repeal or Restrictions of Human Laws*, or our current government-regulated and controlled economic system will finally destroy the economy of the most prosperous nation the world has ever known.

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The Intolerance Of The "Tolerance" Mob

Monday night at the Anne Arundel County Council meeting in the state of Maryland was a truly revealing experience. The issue of racism was the big agenda item of the evening. The purveyors of "tolerance" were in full force demanding an end to racism, insisting that the county council must end hate. End hate? Wow, that seems like a pretty tall order. How would the seven councilman on the platform go about changing the

hearts of all 600,000 souls in this county? Perhaps, I thought, these citizens are calling for a spiritual revival, beginning with repentance for a multitude of sins. After all a true revival would actually change people's hearts, turn them from hating others to loving their neighbor as themselves just as Jesus Christ commanded. Is that what they were asking for?

Video of the sermon

The other clear message of the "tolerance" crowd was that they demanded the first amendment rights be respected in the proceedings of the Council meeting. Now all of this was before Joe got up to speak. When he did, he correctly pointed out that the young man murdered had graduated from a Christian High School and that the murderer graduated from a public high school in the same county. He also stated that the Ten Commandments were never allowed to be seen in the murderer's public High School, let alone to be taught. And he added that if we wanted to really deal with the problem we would return to teaching the Bible in the public schools. Now during Joe's entire two minutes, venomous statements were were hurled at him by the very same people who were calling for the end of hatred. It was from that same crowd that someone yell for Joe to shut up. What about the supposed love for the First Amendment they were calling for moments earlier? Not on display if your statements don't line up with the leftist God hating agenda. In stead you will be shouted down by loud mouth bigots who demonstrate they lack any civility or self government let alone love for their neighbors.

Then I began to share the quotes from Charles Darwin I shared with you last week, that clearly display the direct connection between Darwinian Evolution and racism. The very same people who said they wanted to end racism did not want to hear those words. I was repeatedly interrupted by angry shouting and hateful invective by those who just minutes before demanded an end to hatred and a preservation of the First Amendment right

to freedom of speech. They had no regard for my two minutes of free speech. This matches a pattern we've seen repeatedly demonstrated around the country.

In the past several years we have seen the publication of "The Silencing: How the Left Is Killing Free Speech" by Kirsten Powers and "End of Discussion: How the Left's Outrage Industry Shuts Down Debate, Manipulates Voters, and Makes America Less Free (and Fun)" by Mary Katharine Ham and Guy Benson. And now Kimberley Strassel has written a book called "The Intimidation Game: How the Left Is Silencing Free Speech."

Understandably all this is rather puzzling, they say they want free speech, but oppose it whenever they don't like it. But perhaps last month Congresswoman Val Demings, Democrat from Florida cleared it all up for us.

In a Facebook interchange with Stephen Mercer, *The Daily Wire* reported that when Stephen Mercer "asked Demings if they ever found her stolen handgun and suggested that she be more responsible with her *own* firearms before talking about gun control for *others*, Demings offered a peculiar reply: Teach me how to be PERFECT Stephen because obviously YOU are. My First Amendment Right is DIFFERENT from yours. You are wasting your time."

The Daily Wire reached out to Demings via Twitter, Facebook, and her Washington D.C. office. While we were never able to speak with Demings herself, we did speak with her communications director, Caroline Rowland.

When asked if Demings could speak about the remarks she made on Facebook, Rowland simply stated: "No, she will have no comment on that. Thank you," before quickly hanging up the phone."

One commentator looking back at the UC Berkeley riots said, "The incredible thing is we are witnessing the reality of the left in action. Beyond the rhetoric and the sloganeering, the

radical left is really about fascism, censorship and the end of free speech. They will not tolerate other points of view, and they will do whatever it takes to ensure that all recalcitrants such as Milo will not be given a hearing...The secular leftists are so proud of calling themselves "progressives" but the ugly truth is this: there is nothing progressive about this mob – and a mob is what they are. They are regressive: they want to take us back to the censorship, conformity, and uniformity of past fascist tyrannies.

They have no regard for all that they constantly shout about: tolerance, diversity, acceptance, love and freedom. They are every bit the fascists that they claim to reject and despise...I am reminded of a quip Bill Buckley made many decades ago about the left: "Liberals claim to want to give a hearing to other views, but then are shocked and offended to discover that there are other views." Or as Mark Steyn put it more recently: "The Left does not want to win the debate, it wants to shut down the debate."^[1]

That sounds exactly like what we experienced on Monday night. But where does that lead a society when these totalitarian forces are allowed unchecked power? Well, the French Revolution comes to mind as well as the Russian Revolution, as well as Hitler's rise to power. In other words the exact opposite of what is proclaimed is what will be achieved. That appears to me that this is the current trajectory of our country unless there is a dramatic shift in direction. Unless there is repentance and revival.

There is a path open to true liberty under law, the type of freedom our country was founded upon. It is a liberty that as our Founders clearly stated can only be achieved by a populous that is composed of true disciples of Jesus Christ, whose own self government demonstrates that they can be trusted not to abuse their fellow citizens but rather will stand for and defend the God given rights of their neighbors because they

obey the command of our Lord Jesus, "Love your neighbor's as your self."

As we saw last, the true disciple is not proud, he does not forget what he was before he came to faith in Christ. Titus 3:3 "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another."

In that verse we saw the downward spiral – fools in their thinking, adopting an unbiblical world view leads directly to acting in disobedience to God's Law Word. This in turn results in opening their minds to all sorts of deceptions which the enemy of their souls is all too ready to supply. In that deceived state they then become subjects of slavery to sin. As they grow deeper into that lifestyle, or we should say death style of sin, they live lives filled with malice, envy and hatred.

Now if the majority of a country are characterized by this description of a downward moral spiral there is little hope for liberty to ever be achieved. However there is a caveat, it is the very first word of Titus 3 verse 4 – 'But.' All of the above is true, it is without question the reality which we face in this fallen world. But that is not the end of the story. Genesis 3, even as it records the fall of mankind into sin, also declares the 'But' that is the promise of the redemption which God will Himself accomplish.

⁴But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

⁵Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us. This is what our land needs, a true repentance leading to revival that turns hearts from hatred to loving one's neighbor as one's self.

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Murder Incorporated – Taking Stock Of The Culture Of Death

There is an untold side of the tragic murder of Richard Wilbur Collins III by Sean Christopher Urbanski. In 2012 Richard graduated from Annapolis Area Christian School where he was taught to view all of life through the lens of God’s Holy Word. He was taught that God created the Universe and everything in it including himself. He was taught that the highest purpose of human life is to glorify God by obeying His Commandments and serving God in this world. He was taught to obey the Ten Commandments, things like “Thou shalt not murder,” as well as that murder is the unjust taking of a human life. He was taught that to murder someone that is made in the Image of God, as all human beings are, is such a heinous crime that the murderer forfeits his right to live and that a just society therefore would execute all murderers.

In fact Richard was living out what he was clearly taught; he signed up to serve His country as Second Lt. in the Army and was about to embark upon a career that would selflessly serve

many other people. He was living out the lessons he had been taught that the good life is lived for the Glory of God and the service of fellow men who are made in the image of God.

Let me contrast that with the education received by Sean Christopher Urbanski. He attended and graduated from Severna Park High School. There, as in all public schools evolution is inculcated. It teaches that there is no Creator God, that everything in the universe came into existence by chance and mistake and is wholly without purpose or meaning of any kind. He was taught that mankind, including himself, is nothing more than a long compilation of mistakes, mutations and chance occurrences. We should not be surprised then if Sean concluded that life is meaningless, without any purpose at all. Or if there is a purpose, then it must be to further the process of evolution, a process in which the strong are to destroy the weak. Survival of the fittest has some rather dastardly consequences as we see in the murder committed by a secular humanist of a Christian young man.

Evolution also is the basis of racism which many assert played a role in the motivation for this murder. Many people don't know that the full title Charles Darwin's first book is, "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life." And his second book, *The Descent of Man*, is even more blatantly racist. "Racism is intrinsic to an evolutionary worldview. Man, through evolution, deviated into variant races. This is the teaching of Darwin. It is how Social Darwinists (those who take Darwin's ideas and apply them socially) justified many racist views in their day. Darwin argued that the civilized Caucasian race was clearly the most evolved. In *The Descent of Man*, Darwin said:

'At some future period, not very distant as measured by centuries, the civilised races of man will almost certainly exterminate, and replace, the savage races throughout the world. [what does Darwin mean by savage races?] At the same

time the anthropomorphous apes, as Professor Schaaffhausen has remarked, will no doubt be exterminated. The break between man and his nearest allies will then be wider, for it will intervene between man in a more civilized state, as we may hope, even than the Caucasian, and some ape as low as a baboon, instead of as now between the negro or Australian and the gorilla.’”^[1]

This is why Margret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood called blacks, human weeds, implying the Darwinian idea that they should be exterminated.

So where did Sean learn racism? In his classes on evolution at the local public High School his parents sent him to and funded by the payment of their property taxes.

Further Sean was indoctrinated there in a belief system of moral relativism, believing that there are no absolutes, nothing right or wrong, good or evil and that it is up to the autonomous individual to set themselves up as God and become the determiner of right and wrong, good and evil, at least for themselves.

Furthermore, Sean was never taught the Ten Commandments, which contains the Commandment “Thou shalt not murder.” In fact the Supreme Court absolutely prohibited any appearance of the Ten Commandments in public schools, and Anne Arundel County Public Schools gladly complied. When they outlawed the Ten Commandments the Court gave the following reasoning, “Posting of religious texts on the wall serves no such educational function. If the posted copies of the Ten Commandments are to have any effect at all, it will be to induce the schoolchildren to read, meditate upon, perhaps to venerate and obey, the Commandments.”^[2]

So they tell us we cannot teach “Thou Shalt not murder” in public schools because we don’t want children to obey the Ten Commandments.

Now consider the culture of death which surrounded Sean from the moment of his conception in his mother's womb. His mother could at any point in his newly formed life have murdered him with not only the sanction of the State of Maryland, but the State offers to actually pick up the bill and pay for the murder. His mother far from being shamed for murdering her son, would be praised, lauded as a brave women who lives a self determined life without allowing anyone's opinions to have any effect on the decisions she makes over her own body. This of course ignores the fact that Sean was not part of her body at all, from the moment of conception he was a separate human being made in the image of God. Well, Sean survived those nine very dangerous months in spite of the fact that he was living at that time in the most dangerous residence in America, his mother's womb. As he came into this world and grew he probably became aware of the fact that he was an abortion survivor, he may have learned that 60 million of his fellow human beings in America were not so blessed to be survivors, they were victims. They were murdered in their mother's wombs with the full sanctioning by the civil government and the offer to even pay the full price for that murder. He may have been aware that less than half a mile from his High School such a murder center was in full operation at 650 Ritchie Highway – it is highly probable he knew some young women who went there to murder their own babies. (Subsequently by God's grace we have seen that killing center shut down).

So if Sean imbibed evolution, believed moral relativism, grew up in a culture of death, where murder has been approved by the civil government and society for more that 40 years, what would you expect him to conclude? Would it be any surprise if he concluded murder is permissible? And also to conclude you can even get away with murder? After all the State of Maryland, in violation of the Laws of Nature and Nature's God, has outlawed execution of murderers. Yes you may live in prison for a number of years but ultimately you will not pay the price you ought to pay, forfeiting your own life. He will

pay however when he departs this world to meet his Judge and Maker the Lord Jesus Christ.

Considering the makeup of all public schools today, we should ask ourselves why are there not more Sean Christopher Urbanski's prowling the streets of our land?

The parents of Richard Wilbur Collins III made the difficult and expensive decision to send him to a Christian school so that he would be taught the right way to live. In essence they had to pay twice for their son's education, because the public system demanded they pay for the public schools which teach immorality, vice and murder and pay for a truly good education at a Christian private school. Would our society be better off if there were more Richard Wilbur Collins III or if there were more Sean Christopher Urbanski's? Wouldn't we be better off if the institution that produced a Sean Christopher Urbanski was defunded? Wouldn't it be a good thing if parents were free not to pay twice for their children's education, so more parents could afford to send their children to schools that teach the Ten Commandments?

One other sad aspect of this tragic murder is that it was completely unnecessary. If the officials in Maryland's government obeyed their oath to the Constitution of the United States, which includes the Second Amendment, the murder by knife would have been very unlikely. Maryland's government will not allow citizens to carry firearms, a concealed carry permit in Maryland is virtually impossible to obtain. When the wicked carry weapons of deadly force, but the righteous are disarmed we have these tragic results. Consider the most deadly city in America, Chicago, it has the strictest gun control laws. Why are there more murders in Chicago with all those gun control laws? Because criminals don't obey those laws. The Urbanski's of the world will use deadly force whenever they chose to. That is why our Second Amendment was designed so that every law abiding citizen has the ability to protect themselves. If Richard or his friends were carrying a

firearms I doubt a Urbanski would have risked his own life to attempt to murder someone he hated.

Consider the other aspect that Richard Wilbur Collins III was already a sworn officer in the U.S. Army. He raised his hand and swore an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic. But the domestic enemies in the State capital and Washington, D.C. have prevented him from carrying a firearm. So we expected him to protect our country from terrorist and rouge governments around the world as a Second Lt. in the Army but we will not allow him to carry a firearm to protect himself. Is there something hypocritical here? This disarmament is unconscionable. And the elected officials who violate their oath will be held accountable on Judgment Day.

The sad tragedy of this murder is that the public school system and the civil government brought it to pass – perhaps we should call them Murder Incorporated.

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Footnotes:

^[1] Charles Darwin, “Mental Powers of Man and the Lower Animals.” cited at <https://answersingenesis.org/racism/darwin-hero-against-racism/>

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By Whose Authority Are Public Colleges “Creating An Engaged And Inclusive Society”?

By Whose Authority? That is one of those critical questions that seems to never be asked in our day. It not only needs to be asked, I want to show you that is our duty and obligation as Christians to be asking this question rooted in a Christian world view.

Video of the sermon

I had an interesting experience this week in a conversation with a College President. It happens to be a publicly funded College, so our tax dollars are taken to pay their salaries, so it is appropriate that they should be held accountable to we the people who pay the bills. The question was why they have made a obligation that every student must fulfill a diversity requirement – a course they must take that will in my terms indoctrinate them in the mantra of diversity. Now we have spoken about the whole issue of diversity before from this pulpit. And historically we know that the diversity agenda is actually part of the plan of cultural Marxism, the path to a Marxist revolution that is the slower march through all the institutions of a society rather than a violent, bloody revolution such as the 1917 Russian revolution. In particular we know the diversity agenda is a pro-sodomite, pro-abortion movement with the design of destroying the God ordained institution of the family which is a foundational goal that must be accomplished in any type of Marxist revolution.

Now in this conversation with the College President they were polite, they listened but countered every attempt to allow true diversity in the student body. Would it not be truly

upholding diversity to allow students to choose not to take a course on diversity? But the revealing statement is made when queried about the purpose – to “creating an engaged and inclusive society.” So they are freely admitting the goal of the College is not about education, it is about changing society, creating one that by their definition is inclusive. But they are revealing their hand that they don’t like things they way they have been in America and Western Civilization for millennia. And historically we know that America and Western Civilization for nearly two millennia have been specifically Christian. So what they want to accomplish is jettisoning Christian Civilization for something they call more inclusive. But this is actually polytheism, a belief in a multitude of gods, with many conflicting truth claims. Inclusivism is a code word for relativism, where there are no absolute truth claims allowed. You break this down in the minds of the college student by indoctrinating them in diversity, labeling them pejorative names, using the power of peer pressure to bring them into conformity. You can believe whatever you want, except to believe what the Bible clearly proclaims in every area of life. This is the reason Rome persecuted Christian, because they claimed there is only One True God. What they want today is also an aggressively anti-Christian society and they are seeking to indoctrinate students at the College to that specific end. By the way, Ken Ham reports in his book *Already Gone* that they are very successful, 80% of all students raised in Christian homes, attending church regularly by their sophomore year in college have completely abandoned the Christian faith.

Now as questions were asked and positions were revealed, the one question I valued the most was this, “By what authority?” By what authority has the College established their goal of creating a more inclusive society? By whose authority are they imposing the diversity requirement? Did they survey the people paying the bills, the taxpayers and determine that the majority of those people were demanding the College adopt this

goal? Or as a public institution did they inquire of the elected representatives of the people to determine this new goal for their institution? Or did they simply sit down and determine for themselves this new goal? The answer to this question kept coming back to one supposed higher authority which the College claimed it answers to, the The Middle States Commission on Higher Education, which oversees accreditation for all non-profit, higher-education institutions in the Mid-Atlantic region, and it "requires that all general education curricula offer 'sufficient scope to draw students into new areas of intellectual experience, expanding their cultural and global awareness and cultural sensitivity, and preparing them to make well-reasoned judgments outside as well as within their academic field (Middle States, 7).'"

Well this begs the question upon whose authority is the The Middle States Commission on Higher Education established? Their own website declares, "The Commission is a voluntary, non-governmental, membership association." But that would mean they established themselves as their own authority which Colleges voluntarily submitted to. So they give this further defense. The Middle States "Commission on Higher Education is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education to conduct accreditation." So they are claiming that the U.S. Department of Education grants them, or recognizes that they are an authority. And where does the U.S. Department of Education obtain its authority? Supposedly from the U.S. Constitution, but you can read that all day long and you will find not grant of power from We the People to the Federal Government to have anything to do with education in our land. If we didn't grant them such a power, they do not have it. This was clearly understood in previous generations, in fact President Ronald Reagan ran with the promise to end the U.S. Department of Education because it was unconstitutional. Sadly it didn't happen. But the point is that U.S. Department of Education has no authority to do anything at all, let alone choose and approve of organizations which will determine the

accreditation standards for Colleges in America.

We didn't get that far in the conversation with the College President as time ran out and they had to go on to their next meeting. But the point needs to be made all across this land, academic standards promoting anti-Christian animas are being installed in lower as well as higher education by institutions that have no legal authority to do so, based on the false premise that the U.S. Department of Education is lawful and legitimate.

By whose authority is a vitally important question not just in education but in every area of life. We are daily confronted with those who would command our obedience or twist our thinking to their world view, claiming that they are the authority. Quite often, as in the field of education, it is a self proclaimed authority without any valid backing whatsoever. As Christians, how are we to understand this issue, how are we to determine what is legitimate authority and how are we to interact with those who truly represent actual authorities? Turn to Titus 3:1

The Authority Question? – Titus 3:1 reads “Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,”

This was not new, but a truth they needed to be reminded of it. So it would appear that Paul while he was on the island of Crete had taught them these principles. It has been noted by historians of the First Century, that Crete was a notoriously unruly place. The people seemed to have a bent towards rebellion against all forms of authority. Perhaps they were of the same mindset of today's anarchists, holding the belief that all civil government is bad, that people are better off without it. That by the way, is not a Biblical understanding of civil government. It is God ordained, but forcefully restricted by God's Law to just two areas of life. And within those boundaries is not include the education of anyone on any

subject. So even if our U.S. Constitution did grant power to the Federal Government to do something in the realm of education, it would be an illegal move to do so, for it would violate the supreme Law of the Universe, God's Law. So Paul commands Titus to put them in remembrance of what he had already taught them regarding submission and obedience to authority. But as we experienced with the College President, we need to ask the source question, by Whose Authority? So where does the authority question lead us to? Is there an ultimate source, a fountain head, a primary source of authority? Yes there is, since the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the forty days between the resurrection and the ascension (by the way, this Thursday, May 25th is Ascension Day in the church calendar) Jesus taught His disciples many things. One of which is He taught ...

Who is the source of all authority on earth? – Matthew 28:18 “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” Now most Christians have no problem thinking of the first, Jesus has all authority in heaven, after all that is His throne. But all authority on earth? Doesn't that mean that there can be no human authority here on earth except it is a derived authority, an authority delegated by Jesus Christ Himself? And wouldn't this mean that all such holders of a grant of power from Jesus Christ are ultimately accountable to Jesus Christ and He can withdraw that grant of power any time He chooses, or any time the delegate over steps his grant of authority, anytime he would act in violation of the Law Word of God? So presidents, kings, even dictators have only derived authority, and should they over step the God ordained boundaries, should they ever act in violation rather than in submission to the Law Word of God, they lose the very position they claim gives them the authority to command other human beings.

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Outlawing Repentance At The Supreme Court

The very first command of the Gospel as proclaimed by Jesus Christ in Mark 1:15 is 'Repent.' Repentance involves a clear recognition first that God's Law is righteous, holy and true; second that as a sinner we have violated God's Law and are therefore worthy of eternal damnation; thirdly that Christ Jesus came and offered Himself as the perfect, sinless substitute, dying on the cross to pay for our sins; fourth that by believing and receiving Him as your Substitute and turning in mind, soul and body from your sins you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. It all begins and ends with repentance. Or as one pastor has stated, "Genuine repentance pleads with the Lord to forgive and deliver from the burden of sin and the fear of judgment and hell. It is the attitude of the publican who, fearful of even looking toward heaven, smote his breast and cried, "God, be merciful to me, the sinner!" ([Luke 18:13](#)). Repentance is not merely behavior reform. But because true repentance involves a change of heart and purpose, it inevitably *results* in a change of behavior."^[1]

Video of the sermon

So if Satan and his minions were plotting on the best way to keep people off the path of salvation they could make no more strategic attack than to outlaw repentance. And now the judges wearing black robes in that marble mausoleum have done

essentially that very thing regarding one particular sin. On April 24th this year they “declined to hear a challenge to an Appeals Court ruling that upheld a [California law](#) banning pro-heterosexual change therapy for minors. This is the fourth time that the highest court has turned back a legal challenge to such a law.

The 2012 [California law](#), SB 1172, the first of its kind in the nation, prohibits “mental health provider[s] ... from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts” with patients under 18 years old”...Lead plaintiff Donald Welch, an ordained minister and licensed family therapist, oversees counseling at Skyline Wesleyan Church, an evangelical Christian church in the San Diego area that believes sexuality belongs only in a marriage between a man and a woman. ... Welch, along with ... others, sued the state claiming the law is unconstitutional.

Their claim that the California law violates their First Amendment right to freely exercise their religion was rejected last October by the liberal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.”^[2] That refusal meant that counseling a person who has unwanted same sex attractions is now a crime in that State.

“Similarly, the Supreme Court declined to hear [two challenges to a New Jersey ban](#) on pro-heterosexual therapy for minors, patterned after the California law. Four other states – Oregon, Illinois, Vermont and New Mexico – have enacted the minor therapy bans, ... The District of Columbia and [various other cities](#) have also enacted similar legal prohibitions... in a previous Liberty Counsel challenge to the California SB 1172 law, pro-family attorney [Mat Staver](#), said, ‘Under this law, a young boy sexually molested by the likes of a Jerry Sandusky who develops an identity crisis, emotional stress, and who begins to experience unwanted same-sex attractions, will be further hurt by a law that deprives him and his family the option of receiving counsel that aligns with his religious and moral beliefs.’”^[3]

When a culture not only promotes sodomy, but then prevents those affected with and by that terrible plague from finding the gift of repentance, I believe that culture is ripe for God's judgment.

So the damage done by the tragic abuse of a child is further compounded by refusing him the help he could be given if he wants the gift of repentance. I pray that these wicked decisions by black robed tyrants will not stand in our land. That the people themselves will repent of allowing the acceptance of the sin of sodomy and now outlawing repentance. Without repentance for an individual there is no hope of salvation, without repentance for our nation there only awaits us a fearful judgment from the righteous and faithful judge of the universe our Lord Jesus Christ.

And Christ has given all that is necessary for salvation.

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Footnotes:

^[1] [What is biblical repentance](#)

^[2] [Supreme court allows ban of sexual orientation change therapy for kids](#)

^[3] Ibid.

Modern “Diversity” Is A Big Fat Lie

May 14, 2017

The current shibboleth that is widely touted and accepted without question today is the claim that diversity is a value to be embraced by all. In fact diversity in many quarters is being forced upon hapless students in the educational institutions of our land. But upon closer examination it is not true diversity that is being advocated. Wouldn't true diversity allow all view points to be expressed and even taught from the podium?

Video of the Sermon

For example consider the one way “diversity” present in modern so-called education. A diversity which would promote the sodomite agenda yet exclude any teaching of God's Law Word on marriage, family or human sexuality. God's Law Word is rejected from any curriculum as being too narrow. But is that diversity, to exclude one truth claim because it is judged by modern pagans as too narrow? This is no diversity by even a modern definition of that term. Rather it is a craftily designed form of propaganda which sets a trap against any who would criticize this mantra of diversity. It would claim that the only truth to be taught is that there is no absolute truth. Therefore any teaching which makes absolute truth claims, such as God's Law Word, must be excluded as opposing diversity. But this is self contradictory. If only one view point can be allowed to be taught, that is uniformitarianism not diversity.

If they really believed in diversity they would allow the teaching of all view points even that of God's Law Word. True diversity would not exclude the whole realm of teaching which

asserts that there is absolute truth.

What largely passes for education in our day, both in lower as well as higher education, in nothing less than pure indoctrination in political correctness.

One college professor, who is a self professed atheist, liberal, socialist sees the hypocrisy in this and has stated that "that elite private colleges are religious institutions.. What does it mean to say that these institutions are religious schools? First, that they possess a dogma, unwritten but understood by all: a set of "correct" opinions and beliefs, or at best, a narrow range within which disagreement is permitted. There is a right way to think and a right way to talk, and also a right set of things to think and talk about. Secularism is taken for granted. Environmentalism is a sacred cause. Issues of identity—principally the holy trinity of race, gender, and sexuality—occupy the center of concern. The presiding presence is Michel Foucault, with his theories of power, discourse, and the social construction of the self, who plays the same role on the left as Marx once did. The fundamental questions that a college education ought to raise—questions of individual and collective virtue, of what it means to be a good person and a good community—are understood to have been settled. The assumption, on elite college campuses, is that we are already in full possession of the moral truth.

This is a religious attitude. It is certainly not a scholarly or intellectual attitude...I haven't heard too many people talk about creating safe spaces for Christians, or preventing micro-aggressions against conservatives, or banning hate speech against athletes, or disinviting socialists. What I have heard, frequently, for as long as I have been involved in academia, are open expressions of contempt or prejudice or hostility against those suspect groups or members of those groups. If you are a white man, you are routinely regarded as guilty until proven innocent, the worst possible construction

is put upon your words, and anything you say on a sensitive issue is received with suspicion at best...Progressive faculty and students at selective private colleges will often say that they want to dismantle the hierarchies of power that persist in society at large. Their actions often suggest that in fact they would like to invert them. All groups are equal, but some are more equal than others...Not coincidentally, lower-income whites belong disproportionately to precisely those groups whom it is acceptable and even desirable, in the religion of the colleges, to demonize: conservatives, Christians, people from red states...The test of your commitment to free speech as a general principle is whether you are willing to tolerate the speech of others, especially those with whom you most disagree. If you are using your speech to try to silence speech, you are not in favor of free speech. You are only in favor of yourself...True diversity means true disagreement...[he closes by asking what colleges what to be] Do they want to be socialization machines for the upper-middle class, ideological enforcers of progressive dogma? Or do they want to be educational institutions in the only sense that really matters: places of free, frank, and fearless inquiry?"^[1]

Clearly what has come to pass as higher education in America is profoundly ill, perhaps taken with a cancer that is fatal. But there is a true education that is non-elitist, one available to all who choose to take it, in one sense it costs nothing at all, but in another it costs everything, your whole self, soul, mind and body.

When we turn to the Word of God we find that there is true education conducted everyday, and not just within the walls of some ivy covered academic institution, it is going on in every place in this world.

It is the Education of Grace. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly,

righteously, and godly, in this present world;" Titus 2:11-12.

Here is an interesting picture, the Grace of God which brings salvation has a teaching ability which it is continually engaged in. The Greek word is Paidegogon, at tutor, an instructor. It is the root of our English word Pedagogy – a method of teaching or training. In the original it has the implication of making a disciple, a student who isn't merely focused on regurgitating a set of facts they have memorized but rather a life that is transformed by what is learned such that the disciple becomes like their master our Lord Jesus Christ. So God's Grace is at work in the world today teaching two negative lessons and three positive lessons.

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Footnote:

^[1] <https://theamericanscholar.org/on-political-correctness/#>

Bursting the Government Messiah Myth

Ever since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, people have been seeking salvation by every means other than by the One True God. One of the modern forms of idolatry is statism, the worship of human civil government as god. Some aspects of this idolatry is the propaganda that civil government cares for all your needs. In fact the lie is promoted that government can

provide for not only all your needs but even for all your wants as well.

Video of the sermon

Consider the current wrestling with the health care question. Think of the history of health care. It began with Christians ministering to the sick and needy; did you know that all hospitals were originally places that ministered the Christian calling of hospitality – that is why they are called hospitals. They were places built by Christians to minister to the physical needs of others.

The history of insurance was the same. Christians saw a need and they designed a voluntary system to fulfill it. The first life insurance company was formed by an English Bishop, William Talbot and laymen Sir Thomas Allen. They saw the terrible situation into which widows and orphans fell when the family bread winner died. Obeying the Scriptural commands to care for the widows and orphans they organized the Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance Office. Everyone subscribing would make an annual contribution to the shoe box – when a death occurred, funds were dispersed from that box.

Depending on the remaining funds at years end, the amount of the next years contributions were determined. Health insurance followed a similar path. These were all voluntary private societies. But when civil government put its nose in the tent flap the whole picture changed dramatically. They began to proclaim, FDR being the first, that you had a right to health care. A right is very different from the original idea of someone voluntarily ministering to your physical needs.

“Fueled by academic studies and theories, politicians began to taste the success of being viewed as ‘social redeemers.’ [replacing the ministry of the saints to people’s physical needs] No longer were lawmakers elected to be the grown ups in the room who balanced the books and defended the Constitution.

Politicians recognized that they could gain great esteem and effectual power by using government as the agency to give out benefits while paying for them with other people's money. In this mindset, the redistribution of wealth ceased to be taxation without representation. It became a noble enterprise, with politicians taking the credit, especially in the arena of health care."

The problem with insuring everyone's health with affordable premiums is what about those who choose to live in ways that are destructive of good health – for example think of the violations of God's seven commandment – sexual immorality is known to bring many deadly diseases to those who commit these sins. We could speak of the other health effects of illicit drug use, indulgence in alcohol as well as many other choices made by individuals. To make everyone pay the same means those who make bad choices and even sinful choices force others to pay for the consequences of their sins. That is what universal health care accomplishes, lashing the wallet of the righteous to the sinners, making the righteous pay for the sins of the sinners, while the sinners get away with transferring the burden of the consequences of their sin to those who chose not to sin.

"In the arena of health care coverage... lawmakers, lifestyle activists, the media and industry litigators are just waiting to pounce upon anyone who suggests that an indiscriminate lifestyle can be held accountable in any fashion. We have now reached the point where not only do we believe we have the right to live as we choose but we have the right to demand that others accept the cost of the consequences of our unhealthy behaviors. Irresponsibility is now considered the acceptable standard. What insurance company, even a nationalized insurance plan, can ever keep pace with the consequential costs of a population locked in the adolescence of irresponsible behaviors? All Congress can do is throw more money and debt at the problem and eventually ration care. But

this does nothing to create a healthier base of customers to insure. Nor does it do anything to restore a higher standard of personal responsibility For over 100 years the political class has been trying to posture itself as the redemptive agency that could balance this health care equation. Politicians have tried to convince us that government is big enough to solve this problem. They have tried with Medicare, Medicaid and Obamacare. Their assumption has always been that government and government alone was big enough to meet the need and provide and regulate both insurance and health care. [that government is our Savior]

It is time to state the most obvious reality. No government agency is big enough to deal with the vast scope of health care, especially in a nation of 318 million people...We cannot cower before false compassion that refuses to answer for over 50 years of failed public policy and a \$20+ trillion national debt...Even the most hardcore experiment in socialism failed in about seventy years. The Soviet Union fell because the idea of socialism does not work. Even a totalitarian state that obliterated the notion of private property altogether did not have the capacity to control the choices of millions of people longing to be free...The 100-year history of attempts to nationalize health care in America should tell us the same. The federal government was not designed to be America's doctor, insurance provider, health care regulator and paymaster...Thomas Jefferson said in his First Inaugural Address in 1801 'Sometimes it is said that man can not be trusted with the government of himself. Can he, then, be trusted with the government of others?'"[1] It all comes down to the issue of self government, if people will not be self governed according to the law of God, no other government can come along to save them. Civil government cannot save the fornicator, adulterer, or sodomite who is infected with an STD.

Salvation does not come from Human Civil Government – Titus 2:11 “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath

appeared to all men,”

♠ The march of history is the account of governments again and again promising salvation for mankind if they will but surrender their liberties – we hear that promise today, if the American people will only give up more of their wealth, the government can solve all of their problems. That is a lie. Government cannot save us.

♠ God alone is the source of salvation

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Footnotes:

[1] <http://aproundtable.org/pdfs/theyjustcantdoit.pdf>

Christianity Is The Only Hope For Liberty In Our Land

What an encouraging few days I had in Cincinnati at the Midwest Homeschool convention. Three thousand Homeschool families preregistered, nine hundred walk in the first day – by most reports the largest homeschool convention in the country. They were all gathered to hear an enormous array of speakers and choose curriculum from over three hundred vendors. Parents who are committed to raising their children in a God honoring fashion in the nurture and admonition of the Lord are a great encouragement. It was refreshing to see children of all ages with their families and lots and lots of

babies, as well as women great with child.

Video of the sermon

While the pagans are murdering most of their babies (a million per year) homeschoolers are having more and more. I view homeschooling as one of the few bright lights on the horizon for our nation. Children growing in a Biblical understanding of all areas of life now that is a blessing.

While at the conference I had the privilege of teaching the Biblical view of law and government, presenting the fact that the Holy Scriptures were without a doubt the foundation of our Constitutional Republic. In one session I pointed out the critical importance of the Sacred Oath taken by every office holder. One parent asked if it is possible to see our country restored by means of reformation of civil government alone? I shared that what was needed was a whole sale repentance and revival, a complete turning back to the Word of God in all areas of life; family life, church life as well as civil government, only then could our country be restored.

The advantage we have in one sense, is that God has planted in the heart of every man a hunger for liberty – people naturally abhor tyranny. Webster's 1828 defines Liberty as

"2. Natural *liberty* consists in the power of acting as one thinks fit, without any restraint or control, except from the laws of nature."

So liberty provided it does not violate God's Holy Law is the natural state of all men at birth. This is what our founder's referred to when they stated "all men are created equal." Well, when were we created equal? At the moment of our conception which is why our founders would never have condoned abortion because it is the violation of another human being's God given right to life. When a right to life is denied some human beings it is a short step to deny others their God given

right to property and God given right to liberty.

Those who study these matters say that there is an uptick world wide in slavery. "The 2016 Global Slavery Index estimates that 45.8 million people are subject to some form of modern slavery in the world today. This is a significant jump from even the previous year. The Index presents a ranking of 167 countries based on the proportion of the population that is estimated to be in modern slavery."^[1] Human trafficking is a large and growing problem world wide, as people are enslaved and then transported across borders.

A significant factor in the increasing prevalence of modern slavery is that certain belief systems which are rapidly gaining adherents actually encourage slavery.

Consider Hinduism in its orthodox form. It claims that human beings born into this world are not all equal. In their caste system, the caste you are born into is due to your karma in a previous life. You must do well in that caste, then die and be reincarnated into a higher cast in your next life. No one is allowed to escape from the caste they were born into. Now if you were born into the highest caste, the Brahmin, that's very nice for you. But if you were born an untouchable you are there because you deserve it, you must suffer. Anyone who seeks to help you as an untouchable according to this belief, is actually hurting you not helping you. You must be a good untouchable (the only occupation open to you is garbage collector) to work off your Karma so that in your next reincarnation you can come back as a higher caste, or maybe even as the ultimate, a holy cow.

In Mohammedanism, slavery is also a integral piece of the whole. As Islam conquers a people it gives them only three choices; convert to Islam, be killed or become a slave of a Mohammedan. The very first war we fought as a country after the War for Independence was to stop the Barbary Pirates (Mohammedans in North Africa) from capturing and enslaving

Americans on board American vessels, whether sailors or passengers. There were some very tragic stories of American's sold into slavery by the Mohammedans in the closing years of the 18th century.

Many have have been told that slavery was conquered world wide in the 19th century but the evidence is that it is not so. The reality is that slavery is alive and well and growing across the planet. What does the Bible say about this issue?

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Footnotes:

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The Quest Of Tech Billionaires For Immortality The Ultimate Human Evolution

It is instructive to see what someone does who achieves great wealth and great power. What do they focus on personally, what do they use their resources to accomplish, what is most important to them? In a Newsweek article titled,

"SILICON VALLEY IS TRYING TO MAKE HUMANS IMMORTAL

"Peter Thiel, the billionaire co-founder of PayPal, plans to live to be 120. Compared with some other tech billionaires, he

doesn't seem particularly ambitious. Dmitry Itskov, the "godfather" of the Russian Internet, says his goal is to live to 10,000; Larry Ellison, co-founder of Oracle, finds the notion of accepting mortality "incomprehensible," and Sergey Brin, co-founder of Google, hopes to someday "cure death."

[Yet] ... the human quest for immortality is both ancient and littered with catastrophic failures. Around 200 B.C., the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang, accidentally killed himself trying to live forever; he poisoned himself by eating supposedly mortality-preventing mercury pills.

Centuries later, the search for eternal life wasn't much safer: In 1492, Pope Innocent VIII died after blood transfusions from three healthy boys whose youth he believed he could absorb. A little closer to modern times, in 1868 America, Kentucky politician Leonard Jones ran for the U.S. presidency on the platform that he'd achieved immortality through prayer and fasting—and could give his secrets for cheating death to the public. Later that year, Jones died of pneumonia.”[1] These tech gurus are putting their money into research in the quest for immortality – to the tune of multiple millions of dollars.

Science has become the new religion. Technology has become the place to look for a Savior and we are told that we are moving forward toward what they call the Singularity which will be the technological equivalent of the Rapture.

The belief is that man can become immortal, what believers speak of as the next leap of human evolution. In his book *The Immortalization Commission*, writes, "Just as the Bolshevik God-builders imagined a deified humanity, so a number of twentieth-century theologians, mostly American, imagined God emerging from within the human world." In this narrative, according to Gray, the likes of Kurzweil see God as the end-point of evolution and instead of a God that creates humans,

humans are God in the making... the Russian God-Builders... believed that death could be defeated using the powers of science... H.G. Wells believed that "an intelligent few – scientists, engineers, aviators, commissars – could seize control of evolution and lead the species to a better future...eventually, humans would become like gods." Thus, the new religion was conceived.

"The God-builders believed a true revolutionary must aim to deify humanity, an enterprise that includes the abolition of death." As history shows us, the Bolsheviks would try to, often in a brutal fashion, implement this idea."Unnumbered humans had to die, so that a new humanity could be free of death."

On one end some claim they can cheat aging with a low tech approach, a low-calorie diet is, while the other end of the spectrum is uploading one's mind into a super-computer, or migrating into outer space.

Science has certainly given humans an ability to manipulate the natural world in a way that no other animal is capable of; however, it has not given us the power to redesign and tailor the laws of the universe according to our desires.

If any of this is actually successful the big question is who would be given the privilege of eternal life? Would this be a luxury afforded only to the elites of our society? If history is any indication, the answer to that question is a resounding yes, but what effect would that have on the already egregious divide between the so-called social classes? Would we end up with a ruling class of immortals, lording over a lower class of slaves? "

Actually we don't have to wonder where this will lead; people are extending their lives today with organ transplants. The issue is who donates the organs, and do they do so voluntarily?

A new documentary is called, "Harvested Alive: Ten Years of Investigation." "The crime is appalling and beggars belief—prisoners of conscience in China are being cut up for their organs while still alive in a massive state-run operation." The fresher the organs the higher price they fetch, that's why prisoners are harvested alive.

Filmmakers who move past disbelief to action—interviews with researchers, eyewitnesses, doctors, and straight-talking politicians—have ... produced compelling documentaries on organ harvesting in China. Inside detention centers and labor camps, prisoners are subjected to regular blood and cornea tests, the purpose of which to allow the regime to facilitate a national organ harvesting system where prisoners are harvested alive to provide organs on demand with precise specificity of blood type etc., according to researchers of organ harvesting.

The slaughter of Falun Gong practitioners and members of the underground church for their organs remains very much in action today, researchers say."[2]

The odd thing about this quest for immortality is that it is pursued without any certainty of victory over death all the while turning away from the only human being who has truly obtained immortality and has shown the path for anyone else to also enjoy that same immortality.

We saw the the Epistle of Titus began with "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"

In the Hope of Eternal Life – Titus 1:2

While the world invests billions in the quest for immorality

There is one and only one Man who has achieved it – Acts 1:1-3
"The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given

commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:"

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1: Newsweek "SILICON VALLEY IS TRYING TO MAKE HUMANS IMMORTAL—AND FINDING SOME SUCCESS BY BETSY ISAACSON ON 3/5/15 AT 6:47 AM

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Sanctuary Cities or Goldilocks and The Three Bears

This past Monday I had the privilege of testifying before the County Council regarding the move to make Maryland a sanctuary State – a place where those who have illegally broken into our country are protected from enforcement of the U.S. immigration laws. The repeated refrain of those who advocated for the law breakers is that we must be a welcoming community. In my testimony I used the analogy of someone breaking into my house.

Video Of The Sermon

Afterwards, I thought a better analogy would be Goldilocks and the Three Bears. You remember the story. Mamma bear prepares breakfast – three steaming hot bowls of porridge. Because it was too hot to eat right away, the three bears went out for a walk in the forest.

While they were gone, Goldilocks comes to their house hungry. She sees that no one is home so she breaks the little window beside the front door, reaches in and unlocks the door and enters the home. That's breaking and entering (my embellishment on the original story).

Goldilocks sees the food on the table and now she is very, very hungry. Papa's porridge is too hot, Mamma's too cold, but baby bear's is just right, so she consumes the whole bowl. That is stealing from the three bears. Then she sits in all three bear's chairs and breaks baby bear's chair to smithereens. That's destruction of property and vandalism. Then being tired she goes up stairs and trying each bed, settles down for a nap on baby bear's bed.

The three bears come home to find that a criminal has broken into their home stolen their food, destroyed their furniture and is now sleeping in baby bear's bed. They respond with a powerful roar as only a bear can roar, which awakens, startles and terrifies Goldilocks.

Now there is two ways this bed time story could end. In one Goldilocks sits up in baby bear's bed, wipes some porridge from her chin with baby bear's pillow and proceeds to castigate the three bears for not being more welcoming of strangers. She wags her finger at them, she scolding them scornfully; why they are morally deficient, they have no compassion for the tired, the poor and the hungry. They have all this wealth and are very selfish to keep it all to themselves. If they were good, upright and moral people they would gladly give it all away. In fact, she continues, she has a mind to go to those who make laws in this forest and demand

they pass legislation which will force the three bears to do exactly that.

Now you remember how the original story ends. The three bears roar with a powerful roar as only a bear can roar, which awakens, startles and terrifies Goldilocks. She leaps out of bed, runs down the stair case, and out the open front door and off into the forest never to come back to the home of the three bears ever again, never to break in, steal, destroy and abuse the property of the three bears.

And we know the moral of this children's story; a moral by the way it appears three years olds do better at comprehending than many adults today. The moral is, even if you are in need, even if you are very, very hungry, it doesn't justify breaking and entering someone's home, it doesn't make stealing their food permissible nor destroying and abusing their property acceptable. If you do such wicked things those whose property rights you have violated by breaking and entering, those from whom you have stolen, those whose property you have vandalized and destroyed will rightly be very angry with you. They will terrify you with their roaring against you. And deeply frightened you will flee from them never to return, never to violate their property rights ever again. So children learn from the sins of Goldilocks that they must not steal from others, and must never violate other people's property rights.

But it seems this simple lesson, clearly understood by children is lost on adults whose brains have been besotted with the lie of socialism. They some how believe it is a good thing, if Goldilocks is hungry, to break into an country where they do not belong, to steal food from those people, to destroy their property, and sleep in their beds. Here in Maryland alone, our State government, by gun point takes two billion dollars annually from the hard working citizen tax payers and gives it over as free bees to the illegals who have broken into our country; free education, free health care, free food stamps, free housing, free transportation. In

reality none of it is free, the government has nothing of its own to give anyone, instead the government has become the transfer agent for stolen goods. In the socialist rewrite of the story, the government follows Goldilocks after she breaks in and steals, it is there when the three bears wake up Goldilocks and at gun point the government stops the three bears from terrifying Goldilocks and stops them from driving her out of their house. This is not a pleasant bed time story, and it does not have a happy ending. And this is what the attempt to make Maryland a Sanctuary State actually does.

One of the astonishing things about the testimony Monday night of those defending Goldilocks' crimes of breaking and entering, of theft and property destruction, not to even mention rape and murder, is that the defenders were claiming the high moral ground. They threw out challenges like "What would Jesus do?" As if that was a slam dunk that settled the argument once and for all. They were implying that of course Jesus would be on the side of sanctuary cities and sanctuary States, that Jesus would fully endorse the actions of a government which materially supports and fully participates in the crimes committed by illegals entering our country. This is an astonishing claim! Where did it come from? I have heard it stated before; it is claimed that God's law in the Bible provides for and even commands God's people to create sanctuary cities.

That come from Numbers 35:15 "These six cities shall be a refuge, both for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them:" (most readers stop right there as say, see it says their will be cities of refuge for the non-citizen in Israel in which they are safe from removal; but look at what the rest of the verse says) "that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither."

If you read the whole context of chapter 35 you will see the legal structure God established for the Hebrew Republic and it does not protect illegals in the way that it is claimed by

today's sanctuary cities. Rather this law applied to everyone, citizen of Israel or not. If anyone killed another human being, he had to flee to one of the six cities of refuge. The rest of the chapter spells out what would happen at that city of refuge. A trial would be held, evidence presented, witness testify and finally the jury deliberates and comes back with a verdict. If it was a verdict of guilty, guilty of intentionally and purposefully taking a human life with malice aforethought, in other words murder, the condemned would then be executed by stoning, the witnesses who testified that it was murder would be the one's who cast the first stone. But what if the verdict came back not guilty of murder but guilty of manslaughter – "the unlawful killing of a man without malice, express or implied?"[1] What then?

The whole chapter Numbers 35 commands that the one guilty of manslaughter would be confined to remain within the boundary walls of that city of refuge for the remainder of the life of the current High Priest. If he set foot outside the walls of the city of refuge any time before the death of the High Priest, then he would be liable to be executed by the avenger of blood. So basically the man slayer was under city arrest. He could go anywhere within the city, do business there but could not leave. So these cities of refuge had nothing to do with harboring illegal aliens in Israel. That idea is a complete misinterpretation and misapplication of the Word of God. The Scripture tells us that in the Hebrew Republic the stranger or sojourner was completely subject to the laws of the land. And when you study the Word of God carefully you will find that God set certain restrictions against certain nations.

For example in Deuteronomy 23:3 "An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the Lord for ever:" So these two nationalities were restricted from citizen for ten generations. If a generation is 40 years

that means that prohibition would stand for 400 years. Consider that in contrast to a temporary ban on travel from certain countries. The rest of the chapter gives the reasons why.

Clearly someone is being deceived about what the Word of God actually says. Those who accept this false teaching are responsible themselves for falling into the trap, but the greater guilt rests upon those who perpetuate these lies – the false pulpits in our land today. Turn to Titus 2:7 where Paul deals with the Problem Pastors of his day and offers a clear solution.

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[1] Webster’s 1828

Can A Peter Pan Generation Preserve Liberty?

The 40th President of these United States, famously stated, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”[1]

Video of the sermon

Training up the next generation has encountered a serious problem.

Psychologist Dan Kiley has identified what he calls the Peter Pan syndrome – A serious social-psychological phenomenon is besetting American males: hundreds of thousands of boys are refusing to become men. Though they have reached adult age, they are unable to face adult feelings and responsibilities.

“An adult male, chronologically and physically, who still wants to live the carefree life he had as an adolescent... They ascribe to the Peter Pan code as defined by J.M.Barrie, “I don’t want ever to be a man. I want always to be a little boy and to have fun.”... No worries, no concerns, no stress. Getting ahead career-wise is not an objective nor is the idea of a mortgage, a car lease, or any type of relationship commitment...Responsibility is a bad word to them and denotes the dreaded territory known as adulthood. They live to have fun.”[2]

Just a year ago the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statics released a study entitled, “America’s Young Adults at 29: Labor Market Activity, Education and Partner Status: Results from a Longitudinal Survey”

Highlights from the longitudinal survey data:

–By 29 years of age, 34 percent of women had received a bachelor’s degree, compared with 26 percent of men. Seventy-two percent of women had attended college compared with 63 percent of men.

–At the time of their 29th birthday, 40 percent of young adults were married, 20 percent were cohabiting, and 40 percent were single.

–Men who were single at age 29 were employed 70 percent of the weeks from ages 18 to 28, compared with 83 percent for those who were married and 76 percent for those who were

cohabiting. The percentage of weeks employed did not vary substantially by partner status for women.[3]

So marriage makes a significant difference but the reality is that marriage formation is declining in our land. So what are the trends among young men, what do they do with all their spare time?

Two trends are clear. The first is revealed that in spite of the fact that the economy continues in seemingly endless doldrums, there is one sector which continues to do very well.

International video game revenue is estimated to be \$81.5B in 2014. This is more than double the revenue of the international film industry in 2013. The United States portion of that is (\$23.5B).[4]

The second trend is more troublesome. "According to the research approximately 64 percent, or two thirds, of U.S. men admit to viewing porn at least monthly, with the number of Christian men nearly equaling the national average. When divided by age "eight out of ten (79%) men between the ages of 18 and 30 view pornography at least monthly"[5]

Johannes Jacobse commented on this in his article last month, "Pornography is an affliction for young men. And it's been mainstreamed. It comes from the depths of hell to destroy their characters before they can grow into a healthy sense of who they are.

I am old enough to remember the sexual revolution and its dubious promises that once moral restraints on sexual behavior were removed, a new golden era would dawn in which everyone would live happily, carefree and satisfied.

It didn't turn out that way. Today I deal with the destruction that revolution caused and try to bring healing to men damaged by it.

I mentor young men, and I see how the mainstreaming of pornography has hijacked their journey from adolescence to adulthood.”[6]

The future of our Republic, of liberty under law, of a working economy, of the church in America and indeed all the blessings of this life are hanging in the balance. Is the future leadership of our land whittling away the most formative and crucial years of their lives with video games and pornography? How should we approach the task of preparing the next generation? The answer is in Titus 2:6.

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[6]- Source: [Minneapolis Star and Tribune](#) February 12, 2017.
By Fr. Johannes L. Jacobse

A Biblical Answer for “A Day Without Woman”

Perhaps you heard about the Women’s strike that was called for

on the 8th of March dubbed a Day Without A Woman. The stated purpose was to “act together for equity, justice and the human rights of women and all gender-oppressed people, through a one-day demonstration of economic solidarity” by “taking the day off, from paid and unpaid labor, avoiding shopping for one day (with exceptions for small, women- and minority-owned businesses).” The goal was a full strike of all paid working women in the U.S. as well as women striking from the unpaid labor they do for their families. (I guess that was supposed to mean no meals for the family, no taxi service for their own children, no clothing care, and no house work of any kind at all). Hum, is that the sort of thing a loving wife and mother would actually do? Additionally they urged that women not make any purchases except from women- and minority-owned business on that day.

Video of the sermon

Now for the organizers the purpose was more insidious. “Tithi Bhatta-charya, a member of the strike’s organizing committee [stated]...“We do not want a world where women become C.E.O.s, we want a world where there are no C.E.O.s, and wealth is redistributed equally.” So this was really a strike with the aim of imposing Marxism on America. I wonder how many women who participated knew that this was what they were supporting?

On that day Several teachers at the White House rally, on strike from the local charter school DC Prep, said they had thought carefully before de-ciding to take the day off. Their concerns included how it might affect the workload of other teachers, or how working parents would secure child care for the day should enough teachers request leave that the school would have to close.

In the end, the teachers said they believed it was important to demonstrate to their students the importance of taking a stand on issues like health-care access and gender equality.

“These issues are specific to their lives,” said fifth-grade teacher Tanai Hall. “All of us thought about what the impact would be of not showing them that we care about their rights.” (ie. they are really not about teaching reading, writing and arithmetic, they are all about indoctrinating these students with their own political agenda)[1]

Several school districts across the country closed due to the number of staff and teachers walking off the job. Which means they were paid for going on strike. Curious because that is nothing like a real strike, where the strikers are unpaid by the employer whom they are striking against. So here was a strike where the employer – the tax payer – was forced to pay for this strike.

One person said on the Facebook’s page for Prince George County, VA. “This is absolutely infuriating and uncalled for. Who gets punished here? The students. ... And never mind the fact that you’ve inconvenienced parents who now have to scramble for daycare at the last possible minute.”[2]

Looking for the results of March 8th? several schools in were forced to close for the day in North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland after over-whelming staff walk outs. And, as CNN reports, those closures left many working parents struggling to arrange for last-minute childcare. But the Washingtonian reported, many D.C. restaurants stayed open on IWD 2017. In New York City event organizers were arrested for blocking traffic. That seems nonsensical. If you want to gain support for your cause why inconvenience everyone else in the city?

When I looked for any data regarding the economic impact of this strike, there is none, zilch, none available at all. And it largely appears the strike had little effect except for the schools that were closed.

Even the New York Times confessed “attendance was only a fraction of what it was at the march in January, ... and the

impact on business Wednesday seemed limited.[3] Are they actually implying that the strike was a failure?

Examining the overall impact, it would appear to have failed.

One commentator in her article Why day without woman strike failed noted, Edith Stein, a philosopher once wrote, “The nation . . . doesn’t need what women have. It needs what women are,”[4] So what is the answer to all the women’s marches and the women’s strike this month? Turn back to the Biblical understanding of the design of our Creator in Titus 2:3-5. Now let me forewarn you, this is shocking material for our feminized country. What we need to understand is that the feminist Marxist agenda is about overturning culture and indeed an entire civilization – it is actually a war on Christian civilization. And it is not good for women, not good for men and not good for children. But what we need to know above all is that God’s Word has the power to restore our sanity and renew our land.

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[1] [Paradox day without women](#)

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Marriage Is No Business Of The State

In the battle for God's Holy Institution of Marriage as of late there has not been a lot of encouraging news. The problem confronting us however has roots going back more than 100 years. The nose of the camel came into the tent with miscegenation laws which largely began after the War between the States. What this meant is that civil government claimed it had a rightful jurisdiction over what marriages would be legitimate and what would not.

[Video of the Sermon](#)

By the way the standard they established is not given in the Word of God where interracial marriage was never forbidden; just consider Moses and Zipporah and Boaz and Ruth and so on. So civil government was not only usurping jurisdiction over a realm of life that had not been given to it by God who ordained human civil government, they were also establishing a standard that was a contradiction against as well as a violation of God's Law. Tragically the other two God ordained governments, family government and church government did nothing to oppose this usurpation and nothing to rebuke this law breaking act of civil government.

But there were individuals who desired to break this civil government invented law, or to use our founders verbiage, pretended legislation. When they desired to enter into a marriage with someone of a race that was forbidden the law, they would appeal to the government for a waiver of that law in the case of their upcoming marriage. And the civil magistrate often times would comply by offering them a marriage license. That is the origin of the marriage license in our land. Blacks Law dictionary defines a license as "A permission, accorded by a [competent authority](#), conferring the

right to do some act which without such [authorization](#) would be illegal,” In other words the marriage would be illegal unless a license was granted because the law claimed such a marriage was illegal to begin with. How did such a standard come then to apply to all marriages not just interracial marriages? It is a frog in the kettle story. Slowly turning up the heat bit by bit until the frog is boiled. More and more marriages were coerced into applying for marriage licenses until at this point we are led to believe that all marriages, to be legitimate, must receive a marriage license from the State.

Because the family government and church government have surrendered the ground of marriage, civil government claimed that it owned marriage entirely. Now we see the disaster that belief has led to. When government claims it owns marriage, then it claims it can redefine marriage any way it chooses. You want to marry your dog, just wait a few years, they could make that part of so-called marriage law.

What is the solution to this mess? Family government and church governments end the charade. God never gave jurisdiction over marriage to civil government. It must be taken back by family and church government. Marriage is no business of the State and therefore no marriage license is required. Family governments need to determine they will not be part of the civil government marriage charade. Don't get a license to marry. Church government needs to do the same. As a pastor today, I will not conduct a marriage ceremony for anyone who is marrying utilizing a State issued marriage license. Family and church must take back the ground unrighteously surrendered in the past 100 years.

Along those lines there is one positive development. An Alabama Senate Committee Passed Bill last month to Eliminate Marriage Licenses in order to Nullify Federal Control over marriage.

“MONTGOMERY, Ala.(Feb. 27, 2017) – An Alabama bill that would

abolish marriage licenses in the state, and effectively nullify in practice both major sides of the contentious national debate over government-sanctioned marriage, unanimously passed an important Senate committee last week.

Sen. Greg Albritton (R-Bay Minette) filed Senate Bill 20 ([SB20](#)) earlier this month. The legislation would abolish all requirements to obtain a marriage license in Alabama. Instead, probate judges would simply record civil contracts of marriage between two individuals based on signed affidavits.

'All requirements to obtain a marriage license by the State of Alabama are hereby abolished and repealed. The requirement of a ceremony of marriage to solemnized the marriage is abolished.'"

The Alabama Senate passed a similar bill during the 2016 session, and a House committee [approved it as well](#), but the full House did not take final action before the legislative session ended.^[1]

So there is a realistic probability that Alabama will pass this law and lead the way for other States to do likewise and turn marriage back to the family government and church government where it truly belongs.

But stepping back from the details and examining the history of this problem in America one asks, what happened in our land, how did we go so far off track? The answer I believe is what happened in the pulpits of America. Because God's Law Word was not taught, the people never rose up to resist a civil government going out of its God ordained boundaries. The people in our land were not taught from the Word of God the separate jurisdictions of the three institutions God ordained; family government, church government and civil government. They were not instructed in what the Bible establishes as the limits of the boundaries for each of the three institutions. They were not trained to recognized violations of these God

ordained boundaries nor were they instructed about how Christians in our land should respond when such violations took place.

Furthermore the pastors in our land were not only failing to instruct their own congregations, they themselves ignored the clear teaching of God's Word about what they should do when such violations occurred, they themselves failed to resist the tyranny as the Word of God commands them to do. They actually became part of the system.

Before I repented of doing weddings with State issued marriage licenses, I recall the language on the license forms I was required to fill out as the officiant at the wedding. It made me an officer of the State, with fines and penalties if I didn't do as the State commanded me in the time frame it commanded. For me it began with being troubled by the language used at the end of the State ceremony – "by the power vested in me by the State of Maryland I now pronounce you man and wife." What power does the State of Maryland or any other State for that matter have to make such a pronouncement? None whatsoever. The Word of God tells us that it is God Himself that takes the two and makes them "one flesh" not the State. So my first step was to drop that language.

The more I studied the more I was disturbed by all aspects of the State ceremony. I finally repented of participating in all those State ceremonies and committed to doing them no more. I realized that I had not been properly taught, I had accepted what others told me was the right way to act in this realm. It was the Word of God that led me to repentance. Paul brings this same point home in Titus 2:1.

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[\[1\] Alabama Committee Passes Bill To Eliminate Marriage Licenses Nullify Federal Control In Practice](#)

The War of Western Culture

It is easier to see what is happening when a person commits suicide than when a whole nation does the same thing. National suicide takes place when a society makes deliberate choices which doom it to destruction. America is on the path of national suicide. That path is down the road of exploding drug addictions, sexual immorality, the destruction of the family and the forsaking of God's Holy Law. The talking heads in our land will not tell you the reality that this has all occurred by design. It was not by chance that the so called sexual revolution took place in the sixties as well as the wide spread use of mind altering drugs, the "legalization" of easy divorce and the incessant drum beat against God's Law. That latter category includes the dumbing down of churches in America to the point that they largely have become Christian entertainment centers rather than disciple making powerhouses.

Video of the Sermon:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pndno6p8C-I>

One example of that struck me this week. I was with a group of pastors attending a seminar series. I sat next to a fellow at lunch who was railing against guns that were purchased in a State that seeks to preserve the 2nd Amendment. Where is the Biblical understanding of Luke 22:36 where Jesus instructed His own disciples to buy a military grade weapon for purposes of self defense? It has been scrubbed from most pulpits. And that is but one of a multitude of issues regarding the specific application of Gods' Holy Law we could speak to that

have all been scrubbed from the pulpits of the entertainment churches that populate our land. These things were done by design.

“The roots of Western cultural decay are very deep, having first sprouted a century ago. It began with a loose clan of ideologues inside Europe’s communist movement. Today, it is known as the Frankfurt School, and its ideals have perverted American society. They arose because the Marxist expectation of the proletariat revolt never materialized.

One Marxist, Georg Lukács realized that if the family unit and sexual morals were eroded, society could be broken down.

Lukács implemented a policy in Hungary he titled “cultural terrorism,” which focused on these two objectives. A major part of the policy was to target children’s minds through lectures that encouraged them to deride and reject Christian ethics.

In these lectures, graphic sexual matter was presented to children, and they were taught about loose sexual conduct.

The people were outraged at Lukács’ program, and he fled Hungary to Germany when Romania invaded in 1919. There it was at The Frankfurt School his ideas took root.

They team began mixing the ideas of Sigmund Freud with those of Marx, and cultural Marxism was born.

In classical Marxism, the workers of the world were oppressed by the ruling classes. The new theory was that everyone in society was psychologically oppressed by the institutions of Western culture. [In other words the whole structure of society in accordance with God’s Law.] But the National Socialists came to power in Germany in 1933. It was a bad time and place to be a Jewish Marxist, as most of the school’s faculty was. So, the school moved to New York City, the bastion of Western culture at the time.

In 1934, the school was reborn at Columbia University. Its members began to exert their ideas on American culture.

The school published a lot of popular material. The first of these was *Critical Theory*.

Critical Theory is a play on semantics. The theory was simple: criticize every pillar of Western culture—family, government, common law, freedom of speech, and others. The hope was that these pillars would crumble under the pressure.

Next was a book Theodor Adorno co-authored, *The Authoritarian Personality*. It redefined traditional American views on gender roles and sexual mores as “prejudice.” Adorno compared them to the traditions that led to the rise of fascism in Europe.

Their works split society into two main groups: the oppressors and the victims. They argued that history and reality were shaped by those groups who controlled traditional institutions. At the time, that was code for males of European descent.

From there, they argued that the social roles of men and women were due to gender differences defined by the “oppressors.” In other words, gender did not exist in reality but was merely a “social construct.”

In the book, Marcuse argued that Western culture was inherently repressive because it gave up happiness for social progress.

The book called for “polymorphous perversity,” a concept crafted by Freud. It posed the idea of sexual pleasure outside the traditional norms. *Eros and Civilization* would become very influential in shaping the sexual revolution of the 1960s.

The social movements of the 1960s—black power, feminism, gay rights, sexual liberation—gave Marcuse a unique vehicle to release cultural Marxist ideas into the mainstream. Railing

against all things “establishment,” The Frankfurt School’s ideals caught on like wildfire across American universities.

Marcuse then published *Repressive Tolerance* in 1965 as the various social movements in America were in full swing. In it, he argued that tolerance of all values and ideas meant the repression of “correct” ideas.

It was here that Marcuse coined the term “liberating tolerance.” It called for tolerance of any ideas coming from the left but intolerance of those from the right. One of the overarching themes of the Frankfurt School was total intolerance for any viewpoint but its own. That is also a basic trait of today’s political-correctness believers.”^[1] Thus the suicide of America began but it is not impossible to reverse. What is the answer to cultural Marxism? What is the prescription for a society bent on self destruction. Let’s examine Titus 1:15 and the Blessings of Purity. “Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.”

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<http://www.garretgalland.com/passing-parade/how-the-frankfurt-school-changed-american-culture/>

Homosexual Hersey Battling A

Flower Shop in Washington

Barronelle Stutzman the owner of Arlene's Flowers in Richland, Washington was ruled against by the Washington State Supreme Court. In 2013, a multi-year repeat customer asked her to provide the floral arrangements for his upcoming homosexual un-wedding ceremony. Mrs. Stutzman politely refused, explaining it would violate her religious beliefs on marriage. The homosexual "couple" responded by firing off a lawsuit against her with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union. The Benton County Court and the Washington State Supreme Court, have both ruled in favor of the homosexual pair, violating Stutzman's right to freedom of religious exercise. The State Attorney General has also filed a lawsuit against Stutzman! These elected officials have put 72-year-old Stutzman at risk of not only losing her business but also her life savings and personal retirement assets.

[Video of the Sermon:](#)

What do American's think about the persecution of Baronelle Stuzman as well as the persecution of many other Christian owners of wedding venues, bakers, photographers?

A survey done by Public Religion Research Institute – finding 58% of Americans support Homosexual Unmarraige "Weddings" and 42% of white Evangelical Protestants would force Christian business and ministries to provide services to these un-wedding events. So 58% of Americans are on board with the Washington Supreme Court and an astonishingly 42% of white Evangelical Protestants are all united in the commitment to force Christians to do things against their conscience especially when it comes to accommodations of homosexuals. This is a seismic shift away from the seventh and eighth commandment. So 42% of Evangelical Protestants want to persecute their fellow Christians who stand on the unchanging standard of God's Law Word regarding marriage and sexual

morality. So those who claim they are in the household of God, 42% of them are a huge problem in America! They want to come after their own brothers and sisters in Christ and cause them to be persecuted by the State for staying true to the Word of God.

So that is what a large swath of America thinks. What does God think about those so called Christians? We don't have to wonder for it is spelled out in the letter from Jesus to the Church of Thyatira. After commending them, "I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works." So to put it mildly Jesus is not pleased. He is not pleased that there is a Jezebel in the church of America who is advocating for sexual immorality and which wants to persecute Christians who are faithful to their Lord and Savior. What has gone wrong with the spiritual harvest in American is akin to what was happening on the island of Crete. Turn to Titus 1:10 where Paul writing to his disciple tells him how to deal with the heresies of his day on Crete.

The Works Salvation Heresy – Titus 1:10-11 "For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake."

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Roe Vs Wade is Based Off Lies: Roe Admitted It, Bible Confirms It

In 1969 a 22 year old woman, who had previously attempted suicide, unmarried, unemployed and pregnant for the third time sought to have an abortion in a State that understanding God’s Law ruled that it was illegal. There was a group of lawyers who learned of her desire and they conspired together to change the law. The subsequent lawsuit, resulted in the 1973 Supreme Court’s infamous opinion know as Roe v. Wade. Her name was not Roe, she was Norma McCorvey. She gave birth to the “Roe” baby in June 1970 almost three years before the Supreme Court opinion was written. What did Norma do after giving birth she gave her daughter to a loving adoptive family. She chose life.

After the court’s ruling, McCorvey had lived quietly for several years before revealing herself as Jane Roe in the 1980s. She also confessed to lying when she said the pregnancy was the result of rape.

Decades later, McCorvey underwent a conversion, becoming an evangelical Christian and joining the pro life movement. She said,

“I don’t believe in abortion even in an extreme situation. If the woman is impregnated by a rapist, it’s still a child. You’re not to act as your own God,” she told The Associated

Press in 1998. What she came to understand was that she had been lied to and used by those committed to child sacrifice. She understood that from the moment of conception a baby is human being made in the image of God and precious in His sight. She came to see what an horrific evil was wrought by that law suit she participated in. She repented and worked diligently to undo the opinion which had unleashed this weapon of mass destruction. She confessed that she had lied, that she was lied to and she was used to do a wicked thing. She came to the truth, seeing that the lie called abortion murdered 60 million babies in America. A week ago yesterday Norma went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, passing from this world in a Katy, Texas assisted living facility after serving her Lord as a most unique and powerful pro-life witness for 22 years.

What we learn from her story of tragedy and redemption is that there is truth and there is a lie. When you follow the lie, death, hell and destruction come your way; but when you follow the truth eternal life, joy and fulfillment follow.

Lies are not without consequences – even severe consequences. And lies are often accompanied by two supporting companions. Let's look at the terrible trio this morning with an eye to understanding how to escape the rat trap of lies in Titus 1:10.

The Word of God is the ultimate lie detector – if we have ourselves immersed in the Word of God we will be equipped to detect all sorts of lies. You do not discover the lies by studying the lies, instead the more your are filled with the knowledge of the truth, the better you will be at detecting the lies. And there are many lies today – perhaps we should speak of an epidemic of falsehood of which the fake news is just the tip of the iceberg because there is the whole realm of fake science as well. Just for example consider the mantra of global warming. It has been shown to be based on scientists lying about the evidence. Consider four of the big ones, the

massive lies – there is a multitude more but these four are big ones.

- Evolution – denying the only eyewitness to the Creation.
- Human life begins only when the umbilical cord is cut – this is the lie underpinning the deception of abortion.
- Man can change the Law – i.e. Redefining marriage for example.
- Man is basically good.

The Sword of the Lord dispels each of these big lies.

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Bribery of a president and the emoluments clause of the Constitution

The Bible is the most astounding, incredible book in the history of the human race. This amazing book was the first book ever printed, it has been published in more editions, printed in more versions, translated into more languages, distributed in more copies, than any other book in the history of the world without even a close second. It is the most popular book ever published year after year. And although the New York Times fake news won't tell you, it is the runaway best seller of all time. Do you know how many copies of the

Bible have been printed and distributed? Well over 9 billion! More than one for every single person alive today. It has been translated into more than 2000 languages and dialects.

There are many people that have no idea how remarkable the Bible is, how truly astonishing a book this is.

Furthermore the Bible applies to all significant issues in this life. Open the newspaper and the Bible applies and speaks to the issues of the day. I was reminded of one of those issues in this week's news regarding the lawsuit against President Trump. The suit claims he has or will violate the Emoluments clause of the Constitution. What this deals with is the commandment in the Bible for government officials to take no bribes.

Exodus 23:8 "And you shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the discerning and perverts the words of the righteous." Matthew Henry comments, "Here are Cautions concerning judicial proceedings; it was not enough that they had good laws, better than ever any nation had, but care must be taken for the due administration of justice according to those laws...They must not take bribes, They must not only not be swayed by a gift to give an unjust judgment, to condemn the innocent, or acquit the guilty, or adjudge a man's right from him, but they must not so much as take a gift, lest it should have a bad influence upon them, and overrule them, contrary to their intentions; for it has a strange tendency to blind those that otherwise would do well."

Consider the lawsuit against President Trump. It claims that the President is in violation because his corporation might profit if a foreign government rents rooms at the corporation's hotel. First of all the Constitution is to always be interpreted accorded to the meaning it had when it was ratified by the States. At that point in time private corporations did not exist, so to interpret it as if corporations did exist is a false argument.

Furthermore even if that was a proper interpretation how can you determine if there is actually a profit when the hotel is not owned completely by the President? What if the hotel had so many empty rooms that particular night that the hotel actually lost money on that day? Or should it be based on whether they made a profit that week, or that month, or that year? And furthermore this is only one corporation the President owns a part of. What if in the overall accounting of all he owns he took a loss for that year? Does that mean he did or did not profit?

But the most critical flaw in the case is that a corporation is not an office holder, Donald Trump is not his corporation. A corporation is legal fiction not an actual person. He is not his corporation, and his corporation does not hold the office of President.

And one other problem is this, who would have standing in this case? To have standing one must show that they have been injured. Certainly those who are bringing this law suit have not been personally damaged. This whole effort appears to be a slick attempt to attack the President based on a groundless legal theory for blatantly political purposes. I pray the court not only throws it out but fines those who brought the case for filing a frivolous law suit.

One thing is clear, the Word of God speaks to this issue, the issue of bribery, and we should be on guard against bribery in every form. I wonder if perhaps the pay to play of the Clinton Foundation should be investigated and the former Secretary of State put in the dock for violating the Emoluments clause of the Constitution.

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Footnotes:

1. [YouTube Video](#).
 2. (Wikipedia quote).
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George Soros' America

We are witnessing the impact of organized anti-American groups filled with anger and remorse because they have lost political control of our land. It appears they are determined to express their rage by riots, property destruction and violence against any who disagree with them. They have set about to destroy the freedom of speech employing anarchist riots to bring about destruction and bodily harm to anyone who holds a contrary view.

Reports say that "moneyed agitators like George Soros, who has funded professional rioters in the past, will be part of a February 17th nationwide anti-Trump protest that some are saying will be akin to or worse than those at Berkeley last week, where students who were angry that a conservative speaker was allowed on campus expressed their displeasure with anarchy, rioting, and senseless widespread property damage."

Here is what they are calling for this Friday February 17, a general strike "'Let's designate a day on which no one (that is, anyone who can do so without being fired) goes to work, a day when no one shops or spends money, a day on which we truly make our economic and political power felt, a day when we make it clear: how many of us there are, how strong and committed we are, how much we can accomplish..."

An official site for the event calling for a “24-hour occupation of public space in protest of the Trump administration... thousands have signed up.

The “demands” of the strike listed on the event page are enumerated:

1. No Ban, No Wall. Healthcare For All.
2. Healthcare is a human right. Medicare for All.
3. No Pipelines.
4. End the Global Gag Rule. (Euphemism for kill as many babies by abortion)

What might we expect on Friday? Maybe the Berkeley riots foreshadow what they want to take place.

Perhaps you have seen the video of the woman interviewed by ABC while on camera being pepper sprayed by a violent rioter who hates the freedom of speech so much that they used pepper spray to stop speech they did not like.

Does not that sounds like a fascism? These Rioters claim they are opposing fascism when the facts is they are fascists. Fascism is what shutting down an event featuring a conservative speaker on a college campus is all about.

Women being bludgeoned by wooden poles all in the name of a riot to prohibit the freedom of speech of a man whose views the violent rioters disagree with. So their fascism tells them that when you disagree with someone you violently assault them, you destroy property and beat and hospitalize anyone who disagrees with you. These are the tactics and methods lifted directly from the Brown Shirts of Adolf Hitler. This was the exact technique the Brown Shirts used to bring Hitler to power. There is evidence that money behind these violent rioters who showed up at Ferguson, at Baltimore and Berkeley is George Soros, who by his own admission was part of the youth movement in Germany that brought Hitler to power. So here we have a fascist funding fascism on the streets of

America.

What we see on the streets is domestic terrorism funded by a wealth domestic terrorist – Soros.

The evil character of those funding this from the top as well as those rioters on the streets is quite evident. What we need in America today is godly character – a restoration of those character traits which made America Great, those traits which underly a truly good and useful government, strong families, strong churches a culture which honors that which is honorable, righteous and good.

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Do immigration restrictions line up with God's law

=We live in a day when God's Law is Considered a Strange Thing–Hosea 8:12 “I have written for him the great things of My Law, But they are considered a strange thing.” As I was reading Hosea this verse jumped out at me as descriptive of our day. God's Law is great, in fact it is the supreme Law of the Universe and He has given it to us in writing. But today when you speak of the great things of God's Law many people including many who say they are Christians consider God's Law a strange thing. Indeed it is as if the world is turned upside down and every thing God identifies in His Word as right is now considered wrong and what is wrong is now considered

right.

Think for example what God's law states is the purpose of civil government in Romans 13:4 "For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil."

Does the civil government actually do this? 86,000 illegal aliens who have committed crimes and then been convicted of those crimes in America were released on the streets of our land. Thousands of those went on to commit additional crimes. In 2015, 196 of these criminals were convicted of homicide, and ICE released them back on the streets rather than deporting them. In that same year ICE released 19,723 aliens with a combined 64,197 convictions, 934 sex offenses and 804 robberies, 216 kidnapping and 196 homicide related offenses.[1]

These are people who broke the law breaking into our country, proceeded to commit and be convicted of some very serious crimes but then the government released these criminals back on the the streets of America to commit more crimes. In other words our government did the opposite of what God's Law tells us that civil government is supposed to do. Could we call it lawlessness? Government lawlessness?

Then along comes President Trump who establishes a temporary restriction on people coming into our land. The reaction has been interesting to watch – protests, violent demonstrations and the whole leftist media-academia screaming that Trump is breaking the law with his executive order regarding immigration. Now it is true that the President has no ability to make law, his job is only to see that the laws are faithfully enforced as our Constitution clearly states. So was Trump making law from the Oval Office?

I did a bit of digging to see the existing immigration law in America. There are elements of the McCarran – Walters Act of 1952 that were not amended by the 1965 Act or other subsequent Acts, and therefore are still the law of the land. Specifically the McCarran – Walters Act “allowed the government to deport immigrants or naturalized citizens engaged in subversive activities and also allowed the barring of suspected subversives from entering the country. It was used to bar members and former members and “fellow travelers” of the Communist Party from entry into the United States, even those who had not been associated with the party for decades.”[2]

This is the basis it seems that Carter used against the Iranians during the Iranian hostage crisis when he deported nearly 15,000 and banned others from entry into the country. If we understand that Mohammedans from those seven countries pose this same type of threat today, the Executive Order appears to me to be simply enforcing this aspect of the McCarran – Walters Act which is still the law of the land today. And that law comports with God’s Law which is the supreme law of the universe. What we see clearly is that God’s standard, His perfect Law is rejected by the “wise of this world.”

True leadership in any area of life is leadership which walks in accordance with God’s Law. The kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ is the only everlasting Kingdom which exists. It will conquer all.

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America's 'poor me' generation, awash in self-pity

“Life is a fight, a fight to stay alive and a fight to keep others and government from taking your life or your liberty from you. Acknowledge that fact and you might just survive as a free man. Those awash in self-pity and think of themselves as victims will never be free and they will be a heavy burden on the rest of society.” –Ron Ewart

In the year 1620 and beyond, they crossed the Atlantic in sailing ships to get to America and freedom. The journey could take anywhere from six to 12 weeks to make the crossing, depending on the winds. Life aboard ship was primitive at best. Firsthand accounts speak of illness, cramped quarters, food and water rations. They had to endure scurvy, diphtheria, dysentery and seasickness. They were at the mercy of the captain, ship owners and the sea. Many of them died during the passage. Because the journey was so long, when passengers died, their bodies were thrown overboard because there was no way to store them on the ship. The bones of thousands of Pilgrims are held forever in the bosom of the Atlantic Ocean, on their failed journey to freedom.

There was no government to protect the Pilgrims, pay their fare to the new land, or provide a handout if they got sick or destitute. Those who could not pay were required to remain on board the ship until they were sold into indentured servitude and forced to work to pay for their voyage.

When the surviving Pilgrims landed on the shores of America,

they were faced with life in the wilderness and attacks by local Indian tribes. Health care and doctors were almost non-existent. You either survived because of your wits and plain dumb luck, or died from the elements, starvation, disease, or an Indian arrow.

They crossed the plains in covered wagons to reach some dream they had of owning land in the territories, or striking it rich in the gold fields. They built up little towns and roads, bridges, businesses and schools. Then the trains came and they could expand their travel and markets exponentially. The only thing the government did was to provide the land for the railroad companies and land grants to eager settlers, under the Homestead Act of 1862. If the settler worked and improved his land for five years, it was his land to keep for free and he will have earned it many times over.

But other than that, there was no government farming subsidies. There were no food stamps, rent assistance, Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, welfare, much less free college tuition. These hardy people built a nation and they did it with little help from government and even less government interference. They persevered by main strength and awkwardness. Many times they lost, but got up again and pressed forward. Their strength was built on adversity. They didn't "cry", "moan", "groan", or "complain" to government when the going got tough. They just worked harder or found a way to "fix" whatever they faced at the time. They didn't win all the time but nevertheless, most never gave up. That beginning environment of adversity forged the strength of a nation and was the foundation of a strong, prosperous and exceptional America.

When the wave of European immigrants passed through Ellis Island (1892 to 1954) eager to come to the land of the free and the home of the brave, government provided little to no assistance. In fact, the government went to great lengths to see that the arriving immigrants could support themselves and

had enough money to get started in their new land. The government even initiated a "head tax" for arriving immigrants. They were screened for disease and other maladies. Up to 20% of the arriving immigrants were returned to their native country for one reason or another.

Not so today. Illegal immigrants that evade the Border Patrol receive no screening for disease or the ability to sustain themselves. There is little effort to round them up and deport them for breaking our immigration laws, once "lost" in the general population. Instead, they are molly coddled, pampered, paid and protected by sanctuary jurisdictions and immigration advocates.

Legal and illegal immigrants and refugees arriving in America receive all kinds of government assistance, a monumental burden on the American taxpayer, a huge drag on the economy and a giant magnet to attract more of them. It is no wonder that America is broke and deep in debt.

But let's get back to the "Poor Me" whiners, crybabies, protestors and self-ascribed victims in America that inhabit our colleges, ghettos and immigrant enclaves. Millions of Americans and legal and illegal immigrants have become the "poor me" generation, most of them subscribing to the left side of politics. Their forbearers of colonial and pioneer days are rolling in their graves to see how their descendants turned out. More than half of them wouldn't survive under the conditions our forefathers and mothers had to endure. If they suddenly found themselves in the wilderness, most of them wouldn't have the slightest idea on how to survive, because they haven't been taught.

They haven't been taught about self-reliance, personal responsibility and individual freedom. They haven't been trained to survive when the going gets tough. Adversity builds strength and character. The easy life, where there is no discipline and where everything is provided for them, leads to

personal weakness, low self-esteem and the desire to indulge in pleasures of the flesh. Instead of looking to them selves to solve their own problems, they have been taught to look to government and government is only too eager to "help" them, but with a string attached. The string comes at the voting booth where those receiving the government "help" are obliged to vote for those providing the "help."

We all know which Party is offering the "help", with money from the Public Treasury to which none in the Party own any piece thereof. Under law, they call this robbing-the-till for personal gain what it is, grand theft, punishable by fines and imprisonment. Unfortunately, the "help" this Party offered to its "Poor Me" groupies turned out to be a very expensive, slowly evaporating mirage on a distant horizon. That "help" just converted otherwise potentially strong individuals, into crybabies and bowls of quivering yellow jelly and made them helpless cripples.

What we do know is that those reading this column are probably not members of the "Poor Me" generation.

Ever since the government-triggered Great Depression and the rapid rise of socialism under FDR, America has been headed downhill, away from individual freedom, self-reliance and personal responsibility and towards collectivism, dependency and government control of everything. The passage of the 16th Amendment in 1913, which created the Federal Reserve and the IRS, was no coincidence. It was no coincidence that the government, in the late 1920's, retained the University of Illinois and Harvard University to study how to control people through their subconscious minds. It was no coincidence that the U. S. economy suddenly collapsed in 1929. It was no coincidence that socialism rose rapidly under FDR during the 1930's and beyond. It was no coincidence that the gold standard was abolished in 1933. America was bankrupt, threatened by Communism and headed for Hell. Socialism and top-down control of the masses was government's and the

central bankers' answer.

We just received a response to one of our recent articles where the person described, in one paragraph, what happened to America since the 1930's. He wrote:

"The 'Master Plan' for the USA has always been to reduce the USA to a third world feudal state by diluting the gene and intelligence pool, degrading education, attacking tradition and culture, abolishing the nuclear family, promoting sexual perversion and abnormality and hybrid relationships, debasing the currency, eliminating the middle class, dissolving Christianity, ignoring the Constitution, weakening and removing personal liberty and base freedoms, and importing as many impoverished and uneducated persons from around the globe to economically and socially drain as much life from the US as possible Marxism masquerading as immigration. The US has been in the crosshairs for decades because to take down the 'Crown Jewel' of the Western world is to send a message to all other countries that they can also be co-opted. 'Front end' rationale for any action taken by this government is not ever the reason for the action. Ponder no longer on the matter. The destruction of western civilization is the goal."

When you throw back the curtain and expose the politicians, central bankers and industrialist "Wizards" calling the shots, this gentleman cannot be too far off the mark. The whiners, crybabies, protestors and self-ascribed victims in America are the result of actions of the "Wizards" pulling the strings of international money, commerce, trade, wars and politics. The "Wizards" have bought off the people with a few pieces of silver and filled their "Little Black Boxes" with hogwash, mush and propaganda.

These same "Wizards" (mostly Progressives) have convinced the "Poor Me" generation that because they are poor, sick, out of work, an illegal immigrant, refugee, Black, Latino, gay, transgender, or just plain lazy, they have an irrevocable claim to everyone else's money and sweat labor, or special

treatment from government. To pay for their alleged irrevocable claim, or special treatment, the government collects that money in an act of forced charity at the point of a gun. Charity should have never become the purview of government and was never authorized by the Constitution. Charity, to be true charity, must be voluntary, not mandatory. Mandatory charity is slavery by any other name.

Sadly, the weakest among us have sold their souls and given away their freedom for so little because their parents did not teach them critical thinking, personal responsibility, to question everything, how to recognize a fraud and to never trust government.

Everything you think you know is probably a government, media, or academia created illusion with the sole intent of controlling the masses. The international environmental movement and social justice were designed to that end and to re-distribute the wealth of western nations. Economy destroying, expensive legislative actions to limit alleged man-caused global warming, are just one of the elements of the international environmental plan of control.

Americans have been hoodwinked by "100+ Years of Progressive Rule" that champion a collectivist culture, social justice, radical environmentalism, appeasement of our enemies, a massive welfare state, illegal immigrants, sanctuary cities, open borders and mindless compliant citizens. Progressives have created multiples of a "Poor Me" generation, awash in self-pity, low self-esteem and rabid self-indulgence, requiring that their only salvation is being dependent on Mother government when things go wrong in their lives and things are always going wrong in their lives.

With over half of the American people steeped in this "dependent" culture, planted there by decades of constant Progressive indoctrination and brainwashing, the fate of America is pre-ordained unless President Trump and those that

support him can trigger a massive flashback to the time of self-reliance, independence, personal responsibility and individual freedom. As we stated in our last article: “A successful Trump presidency may very well prevent the revolution that was coming to America, if Progressivism were to prevail.”

But like the fighter pilot says after consuming over half of his fuel, “we have passed the point of no return without midair refueling.” We had better hope that midair refueling happens soon very soon, or Progressivism, collectivism and socialism will have won and individual freedom will have been thrown on the trash heap of forgotten Republics.

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Keeping America safe: history of refugee exclusion

President Trump's move to restrict people coming into our land from seven Mohammedan countries in the Middle East has sparked widespread controversy. Most Americans are well aware that our current immigration system is conducted in such a way that there is no economic benefit for most American citizens. But the President's decision was not for purposes of economic

protection for our country.

As I spoke in Saint Louis to the Educational Policy Conference 28 this past weekend on the Bible in the Constitution, there were many speakers who highlighted the history of Mohammedanism and the current dangers it presents to our Christian Constitutional Republic. Jihad is a real danger to us all, to our lives, liberties and our property.

The President is charged in Art II Sec 3 of our Constitution with "taking Care that the Laws be faithfully executed..." We know that for multiple decades now our immigration laws have not been faithfully executed by any sitting President nor by his administration. We also know from the history of immigration to our land that our Constitution absolutely permits us to restrict or to even cut off immigration from any country in the world.

Consider what was done "in 1882, Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which, per the terms of the Angell Treaty, suspended the immigration of Chinese laborers (skilled or unskilled) for a period of 10 years. The Act also required every Chinese person traveling in or out of the country to carry a certificate identifying his or her status as a laborer, scholar, diplomat, or merchant." [1] So our Federal government certainly can Constitutionally place broad country specific restrictions on immigration. It seems to me that President Trump is simply fulfilling his oath of office "taking Care that the Laws be faithfully executed."

Jihad is for real and has serious consequences. The persecution of the church has ramped up world wide at an astonishing level. Open doors ministry has documented 1207 Christian martyrdoms world wide in 2016, and expects that number to rise this year. North Korea and nine Mohammedan countries made their top ten list of the worst persecuting countries.

Gordon Conwell's Center for the Study of Global Christianity estimates that 900,000 Christians have been killed for their faith in the past ten years. The report noted that 30% of the martyrdoms took place at the hands of Mohammedan terrorists. The study also found that Christians are the most despised people group in the world. But there is another side to the story.

A Wind in the House of Islam by David Garrison is the story of the nine geo-cultural variants of Islam around the world – what the author calls 'rooms in the House of Islam' – and how the Wind of God's Spirit is blowing through every one of them. Garrison spent three years traveling 250,000 miles through every corner of the Muslim world to investigate reports of Muslims turning to faith in Christ.

In his research he collected the stories of over 1,000 former Muslim who've become Christians, asking them the question: "What did God use to bring you to faith in Jesus Christ? Tell me your story." The result is an unprecedented look into the greatest turning of Muslims to Christ in history; stories of men and women who have sacrificed everything – home, family, even their lives – to follow Jesus. His account tells of men and women from Africa to Indonesia and everywhere in between; how God is at work through answered prayers, and through dreams and visions and through technology (Internet, satellite television, video and audio tools).

What we need to see in all this is that no matter how hard Satan tries, he cannot defeat the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ; the gates of Hell shall never prevail and ultimately Christ Jesus shall rule over all as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The main takeaways are these: 1) Christianity is growing today as never before on earth; 2) There is great need for sound Biblical teaching among new converts, for syncretism and pseudo-Christianity are rampant.

Those take aways are exactly parallel to what Paul was writing to his disciple Titus regarding for the work of ministry committed to his care. We do well to learn these same principles at this juncture of history as they clearly apply in our day.

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The most dangerous thing President Trump did on January 20th

Friday January 20th was quite a day. The drama and excitement, the parade, the celebration, the pomp, formalities, tradition and pageantry as well as the dinners and gala balls, it was quite a spectacle. But what was most important on inauguration day? A mere 30 seconds, those critically important moments when Donald Trump took his oath of office to become the 45th President of these United States.

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Nothing else was more important on that momentous day. Those 35 words spoken by Donald Trump are the only thing that was required on that day. And it took about all of 30 seconds.

Our Constitution requires the President and all elected and appointed repre-sentatives, judges and other officials of the Federal government to take an oath. Only the President’s oath

is actually spelled out in the Constitution.

Why did our Founders require an oath? To hold each person in office to the highest level of accountability, not to the people (I'm not sure that our President fully understands this as he spoke of his oath in terms of loyalty to the people) the oath is not to the people but to God and the perspective is that of judgment day when God will evaluate our performance regarding that oath. Our founders knew that given fallen human nature, the tendency of anyone who is granted power will tend to abuse that power unless they are held in check. Knowing that it is not possible for We the People to constantly monitor and check every action of one who represents us, they required by oath that the office holder place themselves before God who sees all and knows all. He can discern every action, thought, word and even motivation. Consider what God's Word tells us about the oath.

Ecclesiastes 5:4-6 "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?"

One of our founders Noah Webster understood that words may be perverted and twisted over time. So he wrote the very first American dictionary to give to future generations a clear understanding of what these words in our founding documents actually mean. Websters 1828 "OATH, n.

"A solemn affirmation or declaration, made with an appeal to God for the truth of what is affirmed.

The appeal to God in an oath, implies that the person imprecates His vengeance and renounces His favor if the

declaration is false, or if the declaration is a promise, the person invokes the vengeance of God if he should fail to fulfill it. A false oath is called perjury." So an oath is a dangerous thing. If one takes an oath but then violates that oath, by that very oath they have instructed God to bring His curses down upon their sorry heads.

That this why the hand of the oath taker is placed on the Bible, implied by that action is "May the curses contained in this book fall upon me if I fail to fulfill this oath I am now taking." President Trump swore his oath with his hand on two Bibles, one was the "bible he was given by his mother when he graduated from Sunday Church Primary School at First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, New York, in 1955," and the other one used by many Presidents in the past.

- US Con Art II Sec 1 states, "Before he enter on the Execution of his Office, he shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:—"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." Our founders recognized the great value of oaths and that the Republic they were designing would never succeed if all the people did not consider oath taking a very serious business.

- Washington's Farewell Address (once read by every school child and considered to be the most important political statement in the whole history of our country) states plainly, "Let it be simply asked where is the security for prosperity, for reputation for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths, which are the instruments of investigation in the Courts of Justice?" Washington knew that once people began disregarding the true meaning of an oath as a solemn vow before Almighty God for which He will hold each oath taker fully accountable the Republic would be lost.

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- In 1 Timothy 2:1-2 we are instructed, “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.”

- We should pray for President Trump that he will fulfill the oath he has made, otherwise he is bringing harm upon himself. And knowing the condition of Washington, D.C. I believe it will be extremely difficult for him to keep the oath which he has made.

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Federal takeover of the state police departments is dangerous Myopia

Myopia is nearsightedness and it “is the most common refractive error of the eye...If you are nearsighted, you typically will have difficulty reading road signs and seeing distant objects clearly.”[1] But there is another form of nearsightedness; seeing the items right under your nose, but missing the truly significant items in the distance. That nearsightedness can bring disaster. One example occurred this

Thursday in the Baltimore City Council.

“The consent decree just approved on Thursday ... cements into place the next step toward a virtual federal takeover of the Baltimore Police Department (BPD).

The decree itself provides all the damning evidence. First, the incident: the death of Freddie Gray in 2015, followed by riots incited by a Marxist group funded by a billionaire. Those riots were followed by charges that the BPD used illegal measures to ensure public safety.

The U.S. government illegally and unconstitutionally investigated those charges, concluding that something must be done. Under implied threats, the consent decree was born, with obligations and mandates and changes to be enforced by a federal judge.” And sadly Baltimore is not the first city to surrender to Federal tyranny. “During the Obama administration, similar consent decrees have been implemented in 15 cities, including New Orleans, Oakland, Los Angeles, and Albuquerque.”[2]

The actions of the City Council were myopic in this regard. When the police powers are not directly accountable to the people, which our State Constitution requires, history shows an inevitable record – the God given rights of the people will not be protected by the police. When the local police nationalized history shows they become the tools of tyranny and the people are helpless to stop it especially when they have been previously disarmed and thereby unable to protect themselves. Study the history of the Gestapo, or the Red Terror of NKVD (Soviet secret police) or The Tiananmen Square massacre, along with multiple examples where hundreds of millions were murdered by their own government using the nationalized police to kill them.

The Twentieth Century was the bloodiest century in all of history; but the two World Wars and numerous violent, bloody revolutions did not even contribute to the largest number of

deaths.

“Let’s start with a number: 262 million. That’s the number of unarmed people the late Prof. R. J. Rummel estimated governments murdered in mass killings he termed “democide” during the 20th century. “This democide murdered 6 times more people than died in combat in all the foreign and internal wars of the century,” he wrote.

Unsurprisingly, the bloodiest body count was run up by totalitarian regimes, though authoritarians were busy stacking up the corpses, too, if in smaller piles. Democracies were also responsible for unjustifiable deaths, especially in subduing resistance in their colonial possessions (think: Belgian Congo) and in indiscriminate bombing of civilian targets during wars (think: Hiroshima), but to a far lesser degree than Communists, Nazis, and overdecorated generalissimos....So keeping any sort of government on a short leash is just good sense.” It is myopic not to do so.

Now you might think, not to worry, a police state wouldn’t trouble you, after all you are a law abiding patriotic citizen. But think of this, “Heritage Foundation warns that “the number of criminal offenses in the U.S. Code increased from 3,000 in the early 1980s to 4,000 by 2000 to over 4,450 by 2008., [currently at over 22 million words and that is not to mention the Federal Regulations created by administrative edict]” Those laws, originally limited to obvious crimes, now touch on areas of life that most people would never guess to be of interest to prosecutors and law enforcement officers.

Civil liberties attorney Harvey Silverglate made a similar point in his 2009 book, *Three Felonies a Day*. He says that laws have not only proliferated, but they’re applied in unpredictable and arbitrary ways, so that it’s virtually impossible for Americans to avoid subjecting themselves to potential arrest, prosecution, and imprisonment. That’s to say, you can break a law by accident, and end up behind

bars...Radley Balko wrote 2013's Rise of the Warrior Cop to document the increasingly military-style weapons, attitudes, and tactics of the nation's police forces as they enforce those myriad laws and keep the prisons stuffed to the brim. Last year he wrote 'too many cops today have been conditioned to see the people they serve not as citizens with rights, but as an enemy.'"[3]

I believe that history teaches it is extremely myopic to hand over the local police powers to a centralized government authority. But there are many other examples of myopia; consider how most people live their lives. They study hard to achieve the degrees and certifications to find a good job. They put some money aside for when they reach that stage of life when they can no longer work. But as they move toward retirement they rarely lift their eyes higher than that goal, they don't think about their own departure from this world, they don't ask what lies beyond. That is myopic. This life on average lasts for seventy or eighty years, but what lies beyond that is so much greater than eighty years that the comparison is comical. Myopia about eternity is very prevalent today. Turn to Titus 1 where Paul addresses this myopia.

Titus 1:2 "Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;"

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Paul lived in the hope of eternity, he never let it out of his view. That perspective is what we need for ourselves, our

families, our churches and our country.

And Not a Shot Is Fired: Baltimore City Council Assents to Federal Consent Decree Over Its Police Department

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Obama’s scorched earth exit policy

As the countdown to inauguration day moves forward, across America the anticipation grows. Americans can’t wait to see the tail lights of those moving vans pulling away from the White House – hopefully with less stolen goods in tow than when the Clintons vandalized and pillaged the people’s house.

But the biggest problem that will confront President Elect Trump on January 20th is the scorched earth policy Obama has implemented since November 9th. One reports, “Obama is inflicting damage on anything that could help the transition of incoming President Trump, such as friendly relations with world leaders. Right now, Obama is fueling so many international fires that President Trump will likely spend his first 100 days in office simply putting them out.”[1]

Obama “is now attempting to provoke Russia into military conflict. He has now begun expelling Russian diplomats from the USA as a cover story for the democrats’ completely fabricated “Russian hacking” conspiracy theory regarding the

hacking of email accounts belonging to Jon Podesta and the DNC.”

And on the domestic front, he is conducting a war on the freedom of the press. He is using “the full resources of the corrupt sectors of his regime to wage cyber warfare against independent journalism in order to halt the only remaining free press from warning Americans about what Obama is actually doing...the DrudgeReport.com website, which has remained a highly effective thorn in the side of the Obama regime, was taken offline for 90 minutes by a coordinated DDoS attack believed to have come from the U.S. government itself.”[2]

Add to this the blizzard of regulatory handcuffs, poison pills and trip lines he has imposed across the Federal bureaucracy and most egregiously enacting rules preventing States from defunding Planned Parenthood. Would to God that this lame duck would remain immobile till January 20th. It reminds me of the spoiled child who steals toys from another child, and when the parents catch on, the thief then incapacitates or damages the toys before they are returned to their rightful owner.

On the positive side of developments “On January 20, Trump is set to inherit dozens of vacant federal judgeships: 103 of them, to be exact. That’s in addition to the Supreme Court seat left open by the late conservative justice Antonin Scalia.”[3] Regarding other appointments we have seen twenty-seven who have been vetted and chosen, nine of which will not require Senate confirmation hearings.[4] And one of the most positive developments of all in my view is the news from Alabama. If Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions is confirmed as Attorney General by the Senate, then Alabama’s Governor will have the privilege of naming a replacement to fill his seat. Reports we hear on the ground in Alabama give high probability that choice will be Chief Justice Roy Moore. Imagine that, a true Constitutionist in the Senate.

All of this process reminds me of a far greater appointment

system that is related to a far greater sovereignty than these united States. It is the appointment process conducted by the King of kings and Lord of lords in the Kingdom of Our Lord Jesus Christ. His Kingdom is far greater, far more powerful and it alone is the eternal Kingdom that shall never be defeated nor destroyed.

In contrast to the kingdoms of this world it is the ultimate and eternal Kingdom. By comparison any position of notoriety, or prominence in the Federal government is ultimately a small thing by contrast with a position in the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. How can one obtain such a high honor, what are the criteria for those noble positions, what is the appointment process?

This morning we embark upon a new study in the New Testament Epistle which God inspired Paul to write to his disciple Titus. In the opening verse of this Epistle we have that appointment process revealed, what the criteria for those noble positions are as well as how one can obtain such a high honor in the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Rebuilding of the republic – God is at work in America

The year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 2016 has come to a close. As we look back over that year we might label it the

year of Family Destruction.

The doubling down against the God ordained family government was palpable in 2016. Added to the wrecking of our economy which caused many families to fall from middle into lower class, Obama increased the national debt burden to a crushing load causing multiple generations to become debt slaves. Health care has become increasingly unaffordable thanks to his evil designs. Dr. Laurence Kotlikoff, Professor of Economics at Boston University tried to wake up our leaders in testimony before the U.S. Senate. He stated emphatically that "Americas fiscal insolvency and it's generational consequences means our country is broke. It's not broke in 75 years or 50 years or 25 years or 10 years. It's broke today. Indeed, it may well be in worse shape (currently almost \$19 trillion in debt) than any developed country, including Greece." [1]

The Marxist agenda to destroy the family has been clear since the origin of that Satanic cult. We now know what Obama meant when he promised to fundamentally transform America – he meant the destruction of the family. What we came to realize in 2016 is that the redefinition of marriage was only the beginning of that destruction. We can see this most clearly in his abuse of his power against schools forcing transgendered bathrooms upon them. For his goal to be realized it would mean that the reality of what God made, male and female, "is redefined by law under the guise of transgenderism and gender identity theory." This would accomplish the Marxist goal of the destruction of the family.

It would undo the foundation of our society and crush liberty under its heel because the family is the basic institution of liberty. "There would be no legal definition of men and women in the traditional sense and the idea that fathers and mothers have separate but equal roles to play concerning the raising of children would thus be irrelevant and have no real meaning." [2] By redefining family you are claiming that its God ordained power and purpose in society are irrelevant and

you are stripping real families of all legal status.

This agenda is adding to the other factors of destruction already powerfully at work in our land. For example,

Actress Jennifer Lawrence, in an ABC interview with Diane Sawyer, 11/25, 2013 stated. "I don't know if I ever will get married. And I'm okay with that. I don't feel like I need anything to complete me. I don't really plan on getting married:... I definitely want to be a mother."

So Ms. Lawrence envisions single motherhood without every getting married. She "is among the foremost actresses of her generation and her opinions and choices in many spheres are likely to be trend setting. But with regards to marriage and family formation, she is simply reflecting social trends already underway in America. Divorce rates in America remain relatively high and family formation through marriage is declining." [3] In fact the divorce rates don't tell the whole picture as many men and women are never bothering to marry in the first place so their breakup is never statistically seen. "About a quarter (24%) of never-married young adults ages 25 to 34 are living with a partner, according to Pew Research analysis of Current Population Survey data." Where to from here?

Those who know God's Word, know that Satan is a destroyer. He never cre-ates anything, he only destroys that which God creates. So it is clear that Obama is of his father, his father the Devil.

We face a unique opportunity as disciples of Jesus Christ in this day. The de-struction leaves a gaping void. A civilization will implode if the family is successfully destroyed. Just as with the Fall of the Roman Empire, when all the destruction was complete, the only thing which remained was the disciples of Jesus Christ who with intact families gathered in congregations throughout the Empire to worship and

serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

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What emerged from the ashes of that Empire as the only stable institutions were family government and church government. We have that same opportunity today as the crumbling of the American Empire is also underway. In Exodus 40 as we complete not only our series On the Mountain with God, we find here in teaching which relates to the building project our Lord has placed before us in 2017, to rebuild what is desperately needed in our land.

The power and resources for rebuilding in our day all relate to what took place at the close of the book of Exodus. This is exactly what we need in our time in this point in the history of God's work in America.

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Tyrants react to the birth of the king of kings

While angels, shepherds, godly men and women in Jerusalem rejoiced at the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, there were those whose reactions were exactly opposite.

When the Magi came to Jerusalem and asked King Herod the whereabouts of the babe born King of the Jews he was not pleased to say the least.

Matthew 2:3 records, "When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him."

Herod was notorious throughout the Roman Empire for his murderous response to anyone who might even vaguely threaten his tyrannical regime. He had killed his favorite wife for this reason, he also killed three of his own sons and countless others.

"The historians explained a recurring pattern in the life of Herod. He would hear a rumor that somebody was going to bump him off and take over his throne, but Herod would kill that person first. He would then go into depression. After awhile he would come out of his depression and would build, build, build. He would hear another rumor and would kill that person, then go into another depression. After awhile he would come out of this depression and would build, build, build. This cycle repeated itself a number of times in which numerous people were killed, including one of his ten wives as well as three of his sons! The shrinks diagnosed Herod the Great as a paranoid schizophrenic." [1]

Herod is the reason for the dark side of the Christmas account, the murder of the innocents in Bethlehem.

Matthew 2:16-18 "Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not."

Some criticize this passage because writers of that day either did not record the event or because those who did, none of their writings were preserved. But the facts of Herod's history would point to the reality that this act recorded in Matthew is consistent with the deeds of Herod.

"It is true; Josephus does not record the slaughter of the innocents in Bethlehem. He does, however, record a number of ruthless murders by Herod in order to keep his throne secure.

Herod was crowned "King of the Jews" by the Roman Senate in 40 BC in Rome. He was, however, a king without a kingdom. Upon his return to the Land of Israel, he was given a Roman army and was eventually able to capture Jerusalem. The first order of business was to eliminate his Hasmonean predecessors. Mattathias Antigonus was executed with the help of Mark Antony and Herod killed 45 leading men of Antigonus' party in 37 BC (Antiquities 15:5-10; LCL 8:5-7). He had the elderly John Hyrcanus II strangled over an alleged plot to overthrow Herod in 30 BC (Antiquities 15:173-178; LCL 8:83-85).

Herod continued to purge the Hasmonean family. He eliminated his brother-in-law, Aristobulus, who was at the time an 18 year old High Priest. He was drowned in 35 BC by Herod's men in the swimming pool of the winter palace in Jericho because Herod thought the Romans would favor Aristobulus as ruler of Judea instead of him (Antiquities 15:50-56; LCL 8:25-29; Netzer 2001:21-25). He also had his Hasmonean mother-in-law, Alexandra (the mother of Mariamme) executed in 28 BC (Antiquities 15:247-251; LCL 8:117-119). He even killed his second wife Miriamme in 29 BC. She was his beloved Hasmonean bride whom he loved to death [literally, no pun intended] (Antiquities 15:222-236; LCL 8:107-113).

Around 20 BC, Herod remitted one third of the people's taxes in order to curry favor with them, however, he did set up an internal spy network and eliminated people suspected of revolt, most being taken to Hyrcania, a fortress in the Judean

Desert (Antiquities 15:365-372; LCL 8:177-181).

Herod also had three of his sons killed. The first two, Alexander and Aristobulus, the sons of Mariamme, were strangled in Sebaste (Samaria) in 7 BC and buried at the Alexandrium (Antiquities 16:392-394; LCL 8:365-367; Netzer 2001:68-70). The last, only five days before Herod's own death, was Antipater who was buried without ceremony at Hyrcania (Antiquities 17:182-187; LCL 8:457-459; Netzer 2001:75; Gutfeld 2006:46-61).

Herod the Great became extremely paranoid during the last four years of his life (8-4 BC). On one occasion, in 7 BC, he had 300 military leaders executed (Antiquities 16:393-394; LCL 8:365). On another, he had a number of Pharisees executed in the same year after it was revealed that they predicted to Pheroras' wife [Pheroras was Herod's youngest brother and tetrarch of Perea] "that by God's decree Herod's throne would be taken from him, both from himself and his descendents, and the royal power would fall to her and Pheroras and to any children they might have" (Antiquities 17:42-45; LCL 8:393). With prophecies like these circulating within his kingdom, is it any wonder Herod wanted to eliminate Jesus when the wise men revealed the new "king of the Jews" had been born."

So Herod's wicked deed recorded in Matthew is consistent with the extra biblical data we have regarding his character. The King was threatened by the birth of a baby boy in Bethlehem.

Ever since the birth of Jesus Christ, tyrants the world over have had a similar reaction to He who was born King of the Jews. We have seen that for the past eight years with the current administration in the White House. We have seen that with the abuse of the followers of Jesus Christ who refuse to bow to the Sodomite totalitarians in our land. We have seen that in government run schools where even the word Christmas is banned all the while children are learning prayers to Allah. What is clear for the anti-Christ forces in our

country, anything but Jesus will do. You can teach Wicca, Mohomendanism, Hinduism or any other belief system except Christianity. Why is that so? Because the babe born in Bethlehem is still a threat to those modern day tyrants.

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The final year of an Obama legacy contrasted with God's will

As we approach Christmas it is but a short week till the end of the year. This is often a time when we evaluate our year past and set goals for the year ahead, some even make resolutions. We are also reaching the end of as disastrous political era on January 20, 2017.

It is interesting to see the propagandist hard at work to put a good face on this disastrous era of American history. May this progressive era be buried forever. If you listen closely you can hear them trying to put lipstick on a pig.

What is the Obama legacy? Things like Obamacare is declared an unrivaled success, when in fact it is an abysmal failure. “Already, American families have grappled with skyrocketing health insurance costs and limited health insurance choices. They can expect for these problems to worsen dramatically over the next year, the Obama administration revealed [in October].

The "Affordable" Care Act has drastically failed to deliver on its promises of cost-effective insurance, and the Obama administration conceded [in October] that pre-subsidy premiums will skyrocket by an average of 25 percent nationwide.

American families will feel the pain. After polling 20,000 consumers, Morning Consult reported in September that the top budget concern for Americans was the rising cost of health-insurance premiums... [October's] announcement also showed just how tough it will be to persuade millennials to buy insurance and pay into the common pot." [1] So even the Administration admits it is failing while on the other hand proclaiming its success.

Look at the international scene. We been involved in the longest war in the history of our land, the so-called War on Terror. Is the world a safer place to-day than before 9/11? Have the number and violence of terrorists been reduced? Has the homeland been protected by all the trillions spent by the multitude of intelligence services and all the nation building around the world? Indeed I think an honest examination shows that much of the work and spending has been for nought. In fact the tragedy in Bengazi reveals a very sinister aspect of all this. It revealed that our State Department was arming rebels in Syria to overthrow that duly elected government. It was our weaponry that armed and equipped ISIS. How do you fight terrorism by creating terrorists? I think our foreign policy has been an abject failure.

What about the economy? Are we better off than even just 8 years ago? Again the statistics show a real loss of jobs, and an increasing rate at which the middle class has been falling into the lower class and to top it off we have been swamped by design of the Administration with illegals who will work for less. American's in general are far worse off economically. We could examine many other areas,

- Such as racial conflict, with a White House occupied by one who claimed he could heal and unite, he has actually done the exact opposite.

- I can think of many other areas of failure but just consider the one area where there was an advance in this Administration – persecution of Christians, bakers, florists, photographers attacked by sodomites with the full support of the Administration, and every public school forced to have boys in the girls showers and bathrooms.

I don't see any area where America is better off in the past 8 years. So it will be interesting to watch the liars for hire trying to put lipstick on these awful past 8 years. Obama's legacy is that by and large America has rejected his anti-Christian and anti-Constitution attempt to fundamentally transform America.

We pray for a reset back to the Bible and back to the Constitution. The children of Israel serve as a good lesson for us on how to do this personally as well as a country. Turn to Exodus 36 where we see that they Began well... and then in Exodus 39:32-43 we see that they Ended Well.

- We ought to work in light of that final inspection – knowing that there will be a final inspection of the work we accomplish here on earth.

- It is not for salvation, but for rewards we will be judged and our works tested by fire to determine if they are enduring gold, silver or precious stones verses wood, hay and stubble.

- Israel passed inspection with flying colors having done all that the Lord had commanded. The detailed inspection of the work they completed showed that when it was held up against the standard of God's Word, it was as it should be. Let us begin well but most importantly let us end well.

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who

for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2

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The murderous kleptocrat Fidel Castro is dead

The left was effusive with praise this week in the wake of the death of that brutal dictator Fidel Castro. “It wasn’t just liberal politicians who lavished praise... Major newspapers, network television shows and celebrities also offered their adulation. But why is the political left so enamored with a man who killed more than 100,000 people, stifled basic rights and even canceled Christmas?...

U.S. President-elect Donald Trump pulled few punches in outlining his opinion of Castro’s reign.

“Today, the world marks the passing of a brutal dictator who oppressed his own people for nearly six decades. Fidel Castro’s legacy is one of firing squads, theft, unimaginable suffering, poverty and the denial of fundamental human rights,” stated Trump.

“While Cuba remains a totalitarian island, it is my hope that today marks a move away from the horrors endured for too long, and toward a future in which the wonderful Cuban people

finally live in the freedom they so richly deserve,”

Many people don't know that, “Prior to Castro, Cuba took in more immigrants as a percentage of population than the United States, including the Ellis Island years. Most of these immigrants came from the first world. More Americans lived in Cuba prior to Castro than Cubans lived in the U.S. And that was at a time when Cubans were perfectly free to leave.”

The Castro record pales in comparison.

“He took that prosperous and happy country that attracted immigrants from around the world and turned it into a place where 20 times as many people have died trying to escape it as died trying to escape East Germany.”

Anyone not on board with Fidel's rule was ripe for execution, imprisonment or persecution.”[1]

Fidel was a Stalinist to the core turning a new page in the marxist mantra, ‘from each according to his ability to each according to his need.’ What this looked like in real time was “According to the scholars and researchers at the Cuba Archive, the Castro regime's total death toll—from torture, prison beat-ings, firing squads, machine gunning of escapees, drownings, etc.—approaches 100,000. Cuba's population in 1960 was 6.4 million. According to the human rights group Freedom House, 500,000 Cubans (young and old, male and female) have passed through Castro's prison and forced-labor camps. This puts Fidel Castro political incarceration rate right up there with his hero Stalin's.”[2]

In reality the marxist maxim is this ‘from each according to his ability to enrich the ruling elite who live in luxury while everyone else is ground to powder.’ What is Castro's legacy? Suspension of human rights, no freedom to travel, speak, publish, read and see media, imprisonment, torture and summary executions, massive theft of everyone's property and among other human rights violations, forcing one neighbor to

spy on the other. That, is Fidel's Legacy.

Castro was a murderous outlaw, a vicious torturer and as of this Friday he begins to receive a just reward for all of his evil. His wicked tyrannical rule raises this question what is human civil government for? Is it for the powerful thieving, murdering, torturing class of elites to abuse every human being they can sink their blood thirsty claws into? Or was human civil government de-signed by God for something good in this world? And in light of what God designed human civil government for, how much of the earnings and wealth of the citizens should the government take? Should they take 90% as FDR at-tempted to do? Or is 50% acceptable, or should something less than that be the norm? Join me in studying Exodus 35 and Exodus 30 for the answer.

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Way more than draining the swamp

The Law of the Lord is Perfect in every way. A country is blessed when its leaders follow God's Law.

The President elect has promised in his words, "To drain the swamp." Perhaps a better analogy would be to drain and dismantle the cesspool. This is a daunting and enormous task which begins with the careful selection of the right people over seeing each department in the Executive branch.

He needs someone to take hold of the vipers den known as the IRS and rid it of those who were involved in persecuting organizations that stood for the government our Founders established. He must also cull those snakes who were part of Obama's weaponization of the IRS as the scourge of every Obama opponent. That might take out more than half of that agency, and it would be best that no one replaces those empty seats. The next bold step for the new Commissioner would be to return to the Constitutional standard which completely prohibits capitation taxes on citizens. That prohibition is contained in Article One Section nine clause four, and don't believe the lie that the Sixteenth Amendment altered that prohibition as the Supreme Court itself just after the Amendment ruled that the Amendment gave no new taxing powers to the Federal government – meaning the prohibition on capitation taxes still stands to this day. That would mean the IRS could only tax corporations and resident aliens, legal aliens and illegal aliens. The individual's fair share of the Federal Tax bill is zero. Wouldn't that make April 15th and wonderful day, a day we could celebrate the restoration of Constitutional taxation in America?

Another Department that is a rat's nest is the Department of Education. It has no Constitutional authority and therefore should be abolished. I am encouraged to see the President elect has chosen one who, as her critics say, has been working hard "in an effort to dismantle public education in Michigan." [1] I pray that there will be success at dismantling the Federal Department of Education and once and for all breaking the monopoly on education that has existed America since the 1850's. Perhaps the Education Secretary, while weaning States from the teat of the Federal Department of Education, could bring an end to the education monopoly. The Secretary could bind those States who receive Federal Education dollars to legislatively breaking the link between property taxes and education such that only those who choose to use the Government run system pay for the Government run

system. Every one else, would be set free from the existing monopoly. What an idea. That would be a true service to the parents of America who want to actually choose where their family's education dollars go. Then once the monopoly is broken, the tap of Federal education money must be sealed forever and that illegal organization known as the Federal Department of Education closed forever.

There is a long list of the other alphabet soup agencies and departments that need to receive similar treatment, things like the completely unconstitutional EPA, BATFE, Department of Energy, National Labor Relations Board, and how about the Department of Homeland Security and Agriculture and Housing and Urban Development, Transportation, Interior and on the list goes. Just consider the A's in the list of unconstitutional Agencies – 57 in the A's alone:

- Administration for Children and Families (ACF)
- Administration for Native Americans
- Administration on Aging (AoA)
- Administration on Developmental Disabilities
- Administrative Committee of the Federal Register
- Administrative Conference of the United States
- Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts
- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- African Development Foundation
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
- Agency for International Development
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
- Agricultural Marketing Service
- Agricultural Research Service
- Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Bureau (Justice)
- Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (Treasury)
- American Battle Monuments Commission
- American Samoa Home Page
- AMTRAK (National Railroad Passenger Corporation)
- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

- Appalachian Regional Commission
- Architect of the Capitol
- Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board)
- Archives (National Archives and Records Administration)
- Arctic Research Commission
- Armed Forces Retirement Home
- Arms Control and International Security
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Interagency Coordinating Committee
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And that is just the A's, it is a much longer list before you reach the W's with Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars being the last. There are all unconstitutional, they should all be abolished. There is a whole lot of undoing to be done by the new Administration.

And would to God that Washington D.C. would obey the command of Scrip-ture in Ephesians 4:28, "Let him that stole, steal no longer." Every expenditure of funds by the Federal Government not directly authorized by the Compact We The People made in forming that government, which is our Constitution, is not simply an illegal expenditure, it is actually theft; the taxation is theft and the expenditure is theft. So "Let him that stole, steal no longer."

What would it take to achieve that kind of dramatic change in America? A total change of heart on the part of Americans – a return to our Founders un-derstanding that There is a Creator God, the God of the Bible, that our Rights come from Him alone and that the sole purpose of human civil government is to secure those God given rights, nothing else.

This reminds me of what Jesus taught in Matthew 9:17 "Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved." New wine needs new wine skins.

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Danger of bad company in the executive branch

There was a great deal of prayer leading up to the election this year, but we should not lessen the work at this point. Scripture commands us in 1 Timothy 2:1-2, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." So what should we be praying for in this interim between the 2nd Tuesday of November and the 19th of December when the electoral college will meet in each State capital to cast their votes and then January 6th when those votes cast will be opened and counted in a joint session of Congress and they declare a winner and then on January 20th when the new president is inaugurated? What should we be praying for?

Obviously in light of the great level of corruption, lies and deceptions we are aware of, we should pray for faithful electors and honest counting in all 50 States as well as in the joint session of Congress. And we should pray for the safety of the president elect as the riots around the country reveal that violent forces are now at work.

As Donald Trump's transition team shifts into high gear, we need to be praying for them as well as for him because the decisions made in these days will have great consequences. Those who are chosen to surround the President will have enormous influence upon him and the decisions he will make in office.

Years ago I voted for Ronald Reagan. I recall the wonderful

promise he made to end the unconstitutional Federal Department of Education. He called the Department of Education "President Carter's new bureaucratic boondoggle" and promised to abolish it. He was spot on with that goal, it was something required of him by his oath before Almighty God to uphold and defend the Constitution.

But something tragic happened along the way. He chose someone to head the Department of Education that was not committed to that goal. I don't know if this individual lied to Reagan to obtain that position or if he changed his mind once he was in the drivers seat, but one thing is clear, the Federal Department of Education was not abolished in the eight years Reagan was President. Tragically the unconstitutional Department wasn't even diminished during those eight years. 1981 the President's budget for that Department was over 14 billion. And eight years later in 1989 the President's budget was 22.5 billion. It is true he tried to shrink that budget in 1982, 1983, and 1984 to no avail, in each of those years Congress grew that budget. And it is true that 1982 he crafted a proposal to eliminate the Department of Education, but it went nowhere on Capitol Hill. But he could have used the hard ball tactics that would have forced its closure but he did not. He was surrounded by those committed to keeping that Department and they influenced his decisions.

My concern is that those whom Donald Trump may select during the operational period of the transition team may result in blunting Trump's entire agenda unless they are properly vetted.

Just consider for example the list of potential nominees for the Supreme Court to replace Justice Antonin Scalia. One of the top contenders is a certain Judge William Pryor of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.[1] This is the man 13 years ago as Attorney General of Alabama, threw Chief Justice Roy Moore off that office that the voters of Alabama had elected him for. What was the issue, Pryor claimed that the

Chief Justice of Alabama could not acknowledge God, indeed that the State of Alabama could not acknowledge God. So Pryor, unconstitutionally, in violation of his own oath of office removed Alabama's Chief Justice because the Chief would continue to uphold his oath of office by acknowledging God. So we saw an oath breaker, Pryor, persecuting an oath keeper Chief Justice Roy Moore. The people of Alabama rejected Pryor's evil decision and re-elected Chief Justice Roy Moore to that high office once again. Now of course another set of wicked judges are doing the same thing to the Chief because he upheld Alabama's Constitution against unconstitutional actions of the U.S. Supreme Court. The claim is that U.S. Supreme Court overturned Alabama's Constitution regarding the definition of marriage – which it did not and could not even if they spilled a tanker truck of ink on an Everest sized mountain of paper.

But back to the history of William Pryor. He was rewarded for his evil deed by President George W. Bush appointing him to the Federal Judgeship – one of the youngest to ever be given such a plum. So I must ask why is this oath breaker even on Trump's list for the Supreme Court? Someone has I believed advised Trump that Pryor would be good.

Also "Trump has tapped Congressman Mike Pompeo to head the CIA....Mike is also a heavy supporter of the NSA's surveillance programs: "Congress should pass a law re-establishing collection of all metadata, and combining it with publicly available financial and lifestyle information into a comprehensive, searchable database. Legal and bureaucratic impediments to surveillance should be removed." (The Atlantic, 11/18/16)

Here's what Mike had to say about Edward Snowden: "[He] should be brought back from Russia and given due process, and I think the proper outcome would be that he would be given a death sentence." (Washington Examiner, 2/11/16)[2]

So there are two illustrations of the dangers facing us if Trump's advisors are not themselves good Constitutionists, if they have an agenda which will only take our country further down the road of destruction.

Who a person surrounds themselves with makes a profound impact upon them. As Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:33 "Do not be deceived, Bad company ruins good morals."

So we need to pray for the president elect, and we need to pray for ourselves that we will not choose bad company. The best antidote for that is spending time in God's presence. It is a false claim that some one can be so heavenly minded that they are of no earthly good. For to be truly heavenly minded means they will understand very clearly and pointedly what it is that God wants to have done in this world and then we will do it. The most useful people on earth are those who understand what God wants and then implement that in the here and now. The truly heavenly minded are of tremendous earthly good. Consider Moses as a preeminent example in Exodus 34.

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Millennials supporting Karl Marx not the bible

What a week! One thing is clearly demonstrated by this election, we are a deeply divided nation. There are two groups, those who produce, and those who take from those who

produce. And sadly it appears that we are almost evenly divided.

“A new report on Americans’ attitudes toward socialism says that statements of Karl Marx have more support among millennial than what the Bible says about work and people’s right to eat. Asked if they agree with what Marx said, “From each according to his abilities, to each according to his need,” 64 percent of millennial said, “yes,” but only 53 percent said they agree with the statement in the Bible that “if any would not work, neither should he eat,” according to a new poll by YouGov and the Washington, D.C.-based Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation.”[1]

We have seen how the Hollywood and entertainment elites are disgusted but how many of them have done what they promised and left America? We’d be better off without them. They believe they are our superiors when the reality is the other way around.

We see now how angry and even violent the liberal progressive left turns out to be. Does anyone remember riots after Obama’s first election in 2008? It has also been reported, that some universities are offering counseling and safe spaces for students emotionally debilitated by the election results. I guess it has incapacitated their professors as well, who had to cancel their classes. One thing is apparent, the Marxists own the urban areas of our country; the more densely populated the more Marxist. Yet, cities are where you find the greatest failures of those marxist policies. Just consider Detroit, once one the wealthiest cities in the world that is until marxists were elected and began to give away the wealth of those who worked for it to those who would not work. Today Detroit is the sobering picture of the future of any society that is foolish enough to actually implement that system of government sponsored plunder known as marxism.

This election tells us that we are in the midst of an

ideological war over this question: what is the purpose of civil government? is it a system of legalized plunder where the producers are robbed by those who won't work, or is it a government which is focused on protecting God given rights which includes property rights.

The Marxist would have us believe that a society is blessed when it promotes and enacts a system of legalized plunder. It is obvious that the plundered in that society are not blessed. And Scripture tells us that not only are the plundered not blessed but even the plunderers themselves are not blessed – for by becoming thieves in a system of legalized plunder they have earned the wrath of God; they are cursed, not blessed.

The key issue is this; what has God our Creator ordained human civil government to do, and what has He also restricted it from doing.

Some time ago I read the excellent book “Toward a Theology of Taxation” and it surveyed everything the Bible says on the subject of taxation. It is interesting to see God's design in the Hebrew Republic. The civil government is small and does only a few things leaving the other two God ordained institutions, family government and church government, to do all the other significant tasks in society. Thus taxation was very small, everyone paid exactly the same amount regardless of their income or their assets. Now folks will tell us that such a society is impossible, a dream that could never be fulfilled in this world. I find it odd that people make that assertion for it was the case in early America.

When Alexis de Tocqueville visited America in the 1830's one of the surprises for him was how small and nearly invisible civil government was. What he was witnessing was the blessing of a society where people by and large were self governed ordering their lives by the Word of God, where family government was vibrant, raising godly children who would fulfill their roles as godly contributors to society, where

the church government was strong fulfilling all its God ordained duties and therefore civil government wasn't all that important.

Consider just one example – Exodus 20:15 Thou shalt not steal. If people learn God's Law and order their own self government accordingly, they will avoid all violations of their neighbor's God ordained property rights. If the family fulfills its duty of training up disciples of Christ who not only clearly understand the God ordained issue of property rights, they are deeply imbued with a commitment to the protection of everyone's property rights, not just their own, then the greatest impact will be felt everywhere. Then the Church in turn does its job preaching against every species of violations of property rights in society, thus educating everyone regarding the sacred nature of property rights. Now what job is left to civil government? There will be a few people who slip through the cracks of this full on press to preserve property rights but they will be few and will be such an exception to the overall tenor of society that everyone will despise the thief in their midst, every institution of society will reenforce the sacred value of property rights in how the whole of society responds to the the thief when he is exposed.

In such a system the idea of Marxism would be soundly rejected for all would see it is but a thinly veiled attempt to institutionalize legalized plunder. It would find no foothold at all there for everyone's thinking and commitment would be to eliminate thievery in all its forms.

To those who would say that such a description is fanciful, impossible, and could never be made to work, I simply reply read what Alexis de Tocqueville wrote after visiting America in the 1830's. In fact it is amazing to see what he recommends to the Legislator. "It should therefore be the unceasing object of the legislators of democracies and of all the virtuous and enlightened men who live there to raise the souls

of their fellow citizens and keep them lifted up towards heaven...If among the opinions of a democratic people any of those pernicious theories exist which tend to inculcate that all perishes with the body, let men by whom such theories are professed be marked as the natural foes of the whole people.”[2] So they should put down Atheism at every turn.

When we ask, Does God’s Word give instructions to a society that desires the greatest blessings? Yes it does and there are two primary instructions: Right Worship and Right Living.

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Hillary loses race and soon her freedom?

The pant suit candidate is now in very deep trouble.

“New York Police Department detectives and prosecutors working ... a case against former Congressman Anthony Weiner have turned over a newly-found laptop he shared with wife Huma Abedin to the FBI with enough evidence “to put Hillary ... and her crew away for life,” NYPD sources told True Pundit.

NYPD sources said Clinton’s “crew” also included several unnamed yet implicated members of Congress in addition to her aides and insiders.

The NYPD seized the computer from Weiner during a search warrant and detectives discovered a trove of over 500,000

emails to and from Hillary Clinton, Abedin and other insiders during her tenure as secretary of state.

The content of those emails sparked the FBI to reopen its defunct email investigation into Clinton on Friday.

But new revelations on the contents of that laptop, according to law enforcement sources, implicate the Democratic presidential candidate, her subordinates, and even select elected officials in far more alleged serious crimes than mishandling classified and top secret emails, sources said. NYPD sources said these new emails include evidence linking Clinton herself and associates to:

Money laundering

Child exploitation

Sex crimes with minors (children)

Perjury

Pay to play through Clinton Foundation

Obstruction of justice

Other felony crimes

NYPD detectives and a NYPD Chief, the department's highest rank under Commissioner, said openly that if the FBI and Justice Department fail to garner timely indictments against Clinton and co-conspirators, NYPD will go public with the damaging emails now in the hands of FBI Director James Comey and many FBI field offices...

Abedin forwarded classified and top secret State Department emails to Weiner's email

Abedin stored emails, containing government secrets, in a special folder shared with Weiner warehousing over 500,000 archived State Department emails.

Weiner had access to these classified and top secret documents without proper security clearance to view the records.

Abedin also used a personal yahoo address and her Clintonemail.com address to send/receive/store classified and

top secret documents.[1]

But the more dangerous part of all this is who Huma Abedin is. Her history before becoming Hillary's top aide was working in her family's business The Institute of Muslim Minority Affairs which is owned by the Muslim World League a Saudi world wide promoter of violent Wahabbi Islam. There are multiple other connections that Huma has with Jihadi terrorist groups world wide. So here the closest aide to the Secretary of State is linked to world wide Mohammedan terrorists and she is transmitting the highest security documents of the Secretary of State on insecure networks to those who have no security clearance for seeing those documents.[2]

What could possibly go wrong here? And doesn't this make the so-called war on terror by our own government turn out to be a joke? The White House has filled the current administration with those sympathetic or actually working for Mohammedan terrorists. The head of the Department of Homeland Security is himself a Mohammedan. But we are told not to worry Islam is a religion of peace and furthermore we are a country committed to religious pluralism so if we wanted to do something about the problem we actually can't as our First Amendment prevents us. Many Americans have been lulled into a false sense of security and safety with these lies.

This morning let's examine together that idea of religious pluralism from the Word of God in Exodus 34.

No covenants with pagans – to keep you from falling into idolatry. Notice what God is saying here, religious pluralism is a system that leads people into idolatry. This flies directly in the face of thinking today. We are continuously told that in diversity is our strength, that we are evil if we identify some belief systems as evil such as Mohammedanism. That when everyone practices widely divergent belief systems that is the optimum for the social order. Just take one issue for example – the murder of the babies in the womb. Some hold

it out as their holy grail; a cardinal tenant of their belief system. In contrast those who follow God's Law know that it is not a woman's right to choose to murder that baby in her womb.

But practically speaking though people are free to hold to their positions, who has won that battle for more than 40 years? The baby murders. And those who believe that it is murder are daily denigrated, mocked and excluded from positions that would enable them to stop that evil from continuing day to day. So if you examine it closely those promoting so called diversity are actually opposed to it. They do everything in their power to shut out those who strongly disagree with them. So while they preach pluralism that is not what they practice.

Indeed we can see that what they are doing is using their mantra's to actually shut down those who oppose them. So pluralism on the college campuses today often means every view point is welcomed except true Christianity. It is claimed that such a view is unacceptable because it is bigoted against baby murder and sodomy. So rather than allow rigorous debate today, academia has turned into a doctrinaire anti-Christian establishment. The purveyors of diversity and multiculturalism are hypocrites.

Our nation is turning away from God to worthless idols. Followers of Christ have a grand opportunity to live our our faith, to share the gospel and defend the faith in the market place of ideas to a people increasingly ignorant of the truth. To do so we must be prepared as diligent disciples of Jesus Christ.

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Lavoy Finicum, Ammon Bundy and restoring liberty

This week on my speaking tour in Northern California I met many godly pa-triots who are teaching the Biblical view of Law and government with the materials we have developed at IOTC. There are exciting developments taking place in that area. At one event I had the privilege to meet and share the platform with the widow of LaVoy Finicum, the man murdered by the Oregon State Police and the FBI. It was an honor to be with our Northern California Chapter Leader Janet Collins and a sobering reminder of what happens when tyranny prevails.

This week there was a victory for the others in that police stop who were not murdered but have sat in jail since February of this year. You may recall Joe and I have the privilege of traveling to Burns and teaching the Biblical principles of Law and Government on February 11th just as the standoff ended. Well this Thursday the jury acquitted 7 of them of all charges and some of them have been set free, praise God.

There was a scene in the Courtroom as Ammon Bundy's attorney Marcus Mumford made an impassioned plea to immediately release his client as the jury had acquitted him. The response of the Federal marshal was parallel to the murder of LaVoy Finicum, completely out of control use of force by Federal thugs who do not respect the rule of Law nor follow their oath of office. And God will judge them for this violation of their oath. They surrounded Marcus Mumford, and in spite of the judge's order to stand down, they would not, they threw Ammon's attorney down, pinning him to the ground, repeatedly tazing him and then arresting him – all because he with passion called for the immediate release of his client!

Eight marshals twisting his legs throwing him on the ground and they shooting him repeatedly with, 50,000 volts. But the way the Washington Post reported last November 26, that taser used by the police are killing on average one person each week in America. And only one such incident in 2015 resulted in the policemen being indicted.

Well, the judge would not release Ammon because he still faces charges re-lated to the defense of the Bundy ranch from the Federal thugs in Nevada in 2014. What ever happened to innocent until proven guilty and the right to be free on bond until the trial? Outrage upon outrage by our tyrannical masters from the corrupt sewer known as Washington, D.C.

Shawna Cox one of the defendants said she wept when she heard the words not guilty. "I don't know if the government heard us but I know the jurors knew it and they felt it, and that's why we were acquitted." So the jury did what a true Constitutional jurors are supposed to do, as an independent entity, in fact as the fourth branch of government judge the law and the facts, deter-mine if the governments actions against law abiding citizens is just or not.

This what happens when citizens fulfill the God ordained function -justice prevails. It we are May elected and appointed officials violating their oath of office because they have no fear of God in their hearts. Cultivating a fear of God is what we desperately need in America today. We do that by making true disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our Lord clearly instructed us just before He ascended to heaven what exactly was the commission for His followers here on earth. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Fa-ther, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have

commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18-20

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Teach your children well

What is happening to the Christian faith in America? Is it advancing or retreating, growing or shrinking?

George Barna on December 18, 2013, released his research where he asked Born Again Christians if they believe they have a personal responsibility to share their faith with others. Seventy-three percent of Born Agains said yes in that survey. When this conviction was put into practice however, the numbers shift significantly downward.

When asked did they actually share the gospel at least once this year to someone of different beliefs in hope that they might accept Jesus Christ as their Savior, only about half (52%) say they actually did so. If you have ever built a campfire you know the most difficult phase is to initially get the fire self-sustaining even for just a few moments. You build a pile of kindling leaving enough room for airflow to accelerate the flame, but also enough material to enable the flame to continue by burning new material.

If your kindling is damp you have an additional hindrance; you need sufficient heat to dry out the wood before it will burn. The artificial means of starting the fire, a match, contains

all it needs to ignite the initial kindling, but if the other factors are not properly arranged, the fire will not last. Good fire building techniques are essential not only at the start but throughout the burn cycle. Unless you add fuel to the fire when necessary the fire will go out. It takes constant maintenance to have a fire which continues through the night. Jesus taught us that this was true of the Christian faith; unless we go forth and make disciples the Christian faith would die out on earth. In fact Jesus even asked His disciples in (Luke 18:8) "Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth"?

We are only one generation from seeing the Christian faith extinguished from earth and from these united States unless we make true disciples. This was not a new commandment Jesus was giving, but a restatement of the commandments to the people of God that arose in the midst of that great deliverance God was working for His people through the 10 plagues He brought to Egypt.

When we examine Deuteronomy 6:20-25 and Joshua 4:4-7, 20-24, we see there is a multi-generational vision of making disciples. A Father, as the spiritual leader in his home, is to recount the glorious victories against the enemies of God given to us in Scripture. He is to tell them to his children, and he is to do likewise with his grandchildren. All to the end that "the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I am the LORD." Parents passing on their faith in Christ to their children and grandchildren are an essential part of God's plan for building the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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The cure for the Washington, D.C. idolatry

I saw a large unusual homemade yard sign this week with four words, End the Washington Cartel. That made me wonder just what does it mean? A cartel is a group of businesses that conspire together to fix prices. We commonly think of drug cartels in connection with this term. And indeed Washington, D.C. appears to have more in common with a criminal cabal than a true civil government committed to protecting the God given rights of the citizens of the land.

What has happened to America is that we have become an idolatrous nation. We have replaced the One True God with the worthless beast that is Wash-ington, D.C. This idol has promised to provide cradle to grave, provide education, food, housing, transportation, retirement, health care and on and on the list of promises goes. We the people have been sold a lie because no human institution, even if ordained by God, can possibly do all that has been promised. Furthermore human civil government was never ordained by God to do most of the things on the promised list anyway.

But perhaps the facade is breaking; this presidential election has revealed an ugly side of this beast. With over three hundred million people these two candidates are the best we can come up with? What is wrong with this picture?

The character of both the big box candidates has been shown to be morally deficient on a grandiose scale, they are corrupt and untrustworthy. Whether it is lying about Benghazi, illegal email servers, attacking women who were raped by her husband, or on the other hand wealth built on the corrupt business of

casinos, strip clubs, eminent domain (stealing people's property for profit) not to mention serial adultery and now accusations of rape. These have to be some of the lowest life cretans ever to run for President.

These two still have many people supporting them and the reason why appears to me to be that they are peddling promises. For many it is the promises for government handouts that earn their support. That is they are looking to the idol to provide for them from cradle to grave, to do for them that which God has never ordained civil government to do.

Others are expecting the problems of the world to be solved by whoever takes office, world poverty, hunger, disease, people with the wrong attitudes towards other people, people who don't say politically correct words and of course the global warming lie. No human being can solve these problems – just listen to the words of Jesus on but one of those issues – Matthew 26:11 “For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.” No human being nor human institution will end poverty on this planet.

People have an unrealistic view, indeed a idolatry of politicians, to believe they can solve the intractable problems of the world. They have a messianic hope that if their candidate obtains the oval office that because their powers are unlimited and their abilities unmatched, they can solve all these problems and bring to pass the peace, stability and prosperity the voters are longing for. What this is, is nothing short of idolatry.

Sound thinking recognizes the moral failures of the big box candidates and reasons correctly that if these two are such failures in their own family life, why should we expect them to do any better on the national stage. Further-more a knowledge of the actual supreme law of the land our U.S. Constitution shows that much of the promises and programs that are being offered are not lawful. That is the candidates are

promising to violate their oath of office before they even before they take the oath of office. The idols are breathing out the threat of being above and beyond the law. And both have actually demonstrated to a lesser and greater degree that they have acted above and beyond the law. It seems people are somewhat aware of this as the two big box candidates have the highest unfavorable ratings since those numbers have been tracked.

Now the outrageous actions of Washington, D.C. are have reached a new level of idolatry. Our good friend Chief Justice Roy Moore was suspended from office this month. When we compare what happened 13 years ago when they removed him from office the charge was that he was in violation because he insisted that the State of Alabama could and must acknowledge the One True God.

Which by the way is exactly what his oath of office required him to do. This time the charge is essentially the the U.S. Supreme Court is god and everyone must bow down and serve her – whoever will not must be cast out of office.

Is there hope for America? Can our nation come back from the brink of disas-ter? Is there a cure to this common idolatry? Yes there is, and it is found in repentance from idolatry and a return to worshipping the One True God alone.

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Candidate religion must govern their actions in office

I watched the tail end of the Vice Presidential debates last week and was interested in the question about how the candidates handled the issue of their religious beliefs when it came to public policy, when that policy was against what they believed. The moderator asked, "Can you discuss in detail a time when you struggled to balance your personal faith and a public policy position?"

One candidate, former governor of Virginia, talked about his religious belief that the death penalty is wrong. By the way, from this pulpit we have addressed that issue and to summarize it in one phrase – God ordained human civil government for the purpose of executing those who unjustly take human life. So this candidate ironically says it is his religious belief the civil government should never do that which God ordained it to do, to never fulfill the first purpose God assigned to Civil government. You can tell where that individual is coming from and that the idol he is worshipping is something other than the God of the Bible. Then he said, He knows how to take an oath, and that means completely separating his religion from how he governs when he is in the office he has taken that oath for. Several things to note: First, if you claim to believe something to be true but refuse to act upon that truth, then you really don't believe it to be true. Your actions always reveal your true beliefs. Second to whom is an oath taken?

The Founders of our Land designed the oath to be taken to the God of the Bible with a clear understanding there were eternal consequences for violating that oath. The Candidate said he knew how to take an oath, but he made no reference to whom he

was taking that oath and has demonstrated by his many years in office that he is an oath breaker not an oath keeper. He certainly is not alone in his violations of every important principle in our Constitution. Thirdly, he claimed to separate his religion from his job as an elected official. As we have already said, that is not possible – you will do what you actually believe, not what you might tell the voters you believe but what you actually hold to be true. Consider what John Jay, First Supreme Court Justice wrote in a letter to John Murray, October 12, 1816

“Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.” Rather than separating true religion (the Christian Faith) from government, our Founders spoke to the point that Christianity was the guiding force in everything that should be done by the Civil government. We were designed to be a nation that is governed by the Laws of the Creator which they styled, “the Laws of Nature and Nature’s God.”

Now the other candidate spoke of his pro-life commitment. This led to some back and forth and the Senator from Virginia accusing his opponent for not trusting women. What did he mean not trusting women? Not trusting them to make their own decision unconstrained by any law to hire a contract killer to murder the baby in their own womb. Consider that position as whole – he is opposed to the death penalty but he all in for the murder of babies up to and even as they are being born. So he stands for not punishing those who commit murder of those outside the womb and he is all for handsomely rewarding at taxpayers expense those who murder human beings inside the womb. So I think it would be fair to apply truth in advertising rules and label him the pro-murder candidate for the office of Vice President. He explained in that debate how his belief system (I would not call it Christian in any way,

shape or form) actually influences how he has and will govern.

We often believe the myth that what a person believes doesn't really make a big difference, so believe whatever you want to. Yet the reality is that what you believe determines what you will do and therefore believing lies will bring disaster.

Consider the words of Isaiah 59:2-4 "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity." This seems an apt description of America today.

This one interchange in the debate actually raises an important question for all Christians. How then shall we live? How shall we interact with this world? There is the Amish answer to that question, which is to completely separate from the world in every way, establish your own community outside the system, live apart from the world and have as little contact or interaction with the non-Christian world. This is an increasingly attractive route as the darkness descends on our land.

On the opposite side of the pendulum would be the position of live in the world so much that you are essentially indistinct from the world around you. Blend in, go native, hide your light so successfully that no one will ever even know you are a Christian. What does God want?

Moses in Exodus 33 presents a valuable role model for us in that he pursued the goal of being in the world, but not of the world.

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Without the death penalty there is no justice

American is in a mind warp of sorts. The death of a black man at the hands of the police in Charlotte, North Carolina erupted into riots, property damage and stealing property.

“By early Wednesday, demonstrators had shut down traffic on Interstate 85. Some opened the backs of tractor-trailers, took out boxes and set them on fire in the middle of the highway, according to local news reports. A truck driver told news station WSOC that people stole cargo from her trailer”

Vide of the sermon

The narrative purposely omitted one important fact.

“Authorities said the officer who shot Scott is black, and ...has worked for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg police force since July 2014.”[1] So the accusation of racism rings hollow in this incident.

“Over the last several days, the riots in Charlotte, NC, have grown out of control, prompting Gov. Pat McCrory to declare a state of emergency.

While, early on, it was reported that most of the protesters were locals seeking change within their own community, it seems that’s no longer the case. In an interview with CNN’s Erin Burnett, Todd Walther, the spokesman for the Charlotte-

Mecklenburg Fraternal Order of Police, explained:

“I’m not saying all the people, but we’ve got the instigators that are coming in from the outside. They were coming in on buses from out of state.

If you go back and look at some of the arrests that were made last night, I can about say probably 70% of those had out-of-state IDs. They’re not coming from Charlotte.”

With reports of violence, looting, and vandalism popping up around the city, Walther continued:

“This is not Charlotte that’s out here. These are outside entities that are coming in and causing these problems.

These are not protestors, these are criminals.”

Such individuals – who have been referred to as “agitators” by police – focus more on destruction than peaceful protests, and it’s not the first time they’ve been tied to demonstrations like those in Charlotte.

These claims of “outside entities” also closely echo those that emerged amidst the Ferguson protests in 2014:”[2]

So if the protests were actually about the unjust killing of a black man, why destroy someone else’s property, why vandalize the offices of NASCAR, why break in and steal from Walmart?

If they were really concerned about black genocide, they would be at the local Planned Parenthood which combined nationwide kills more black babies every four days than all the blacks that were lynched by the KKK in 86 years. “Over 86 years, the Ku Klux Klan lynched 3,446 blacks – a figure matched in less than four days if tallying the number of black babies who are aborted.”[3]

“More than crime. More than accidents. More than cancer, heart disease and AIDS. Abortion has taken more black American lives

than any other cause of death since 1973... Abortion is the leading cause of death in the United States, but for black Americans abortion causes more deaths every year than every other cause of death combined...Planned Parenthood ... 79% of all their abortion facilities are located near minority neighborhoods. There is no way that's simply "coincidental." Since 1973, approximately 13 million black babies have been lost because of abortion, and out of the approximately 4000 abortions that are performed daily in the United States, 1452 of them are performed on African American women and their unborn children." [4]

So if all Black Lives really mattered to the protestors, they would be outside the Charlotte Planned Parenthood, shutting down that facility which kills more blacks in one month than were killed by police across the whole country since January 2015. "In 2015, The Washington Post launched a real-time database to track fatal police shootings, and the project continues this year. As of [July], 1,502 people have been shot and killed by on-duty police officers since Jan. 1, 2015. Of them, 732 were white, and 381 were black (and 382 were of another or unknown race)." [5]

The other aspect of this that demonstrates the irrational mind that overcomes America, is the attitude which is obstinately opposed to the death penalty. In fact in North Carolina itself it has been more than 10 years since anyone was executed. [6] Yet in Charlotte alone in 2012 the FBI reports 5238 violent crimes and 52 murders. [7] So the message seems all too clear, murder the innocent babies by the millions and no one is charged with a crime, instead the perpetrators are paid millions of dollars, and the tax payer is in part forced to foot the bill.

Yet all the while those who murder anyone outside the womb, if they are ever caught or prosecuted, then they are given, again at the tax payers expense, food, clothing and housing for many, many years. Murders are let off, while the innocent are

slaughtered. What an upside down, backwards, inside out way of thinking about justice in our land.

And now there are increasing number of Christians who stand against the death penalty. In a 2014, "A ... poll by the Barna Group found that only 40% of practicing Christians supported the death penalty, and support was even lower among younger Christians. According to the poll ... only 23% of practicing Christian "millennials" (i.e., those born between 1980 and 2000) agreed with the statement: "The government should have the option to execute the worst criminals." [8]

Does the Word of God speak to this issue? Indeed it does, as it speaks to all the important issues of life. And it affirmatively declares that Without the Death Penalty there is no Justice.

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Churches forced to open bathrooms to transgenders

The march by a corrupt government to end the First Amendment protection of our God given right to religious freedom continues unabated. Last month, Massachusetts joins Iowa in commanding churches that their bathrooms must now allow delusional people who think they are of the opposite sex from what biology dictates, use the bathroom which they choose.

In July Governor Baker of Massachusetts signed the bill call "Keep Massa-chusetts Safe." It is a public accommodation law forcing transgender bath-rooms on private establishments which includes all churches forcing them to adopt transgender bathroom rules. If the church is open to the public, the same public accommodation rules apply as to all other public accommodations. They defined a public accommodation as "any place whether licensed or unlicensed, which is open to and accepts or solicits patronage of the general public." This would include churches in the State of Massachusetts.

When the law of Our Creator is rejected, look out, no one anywhere will be safe from the anti-God persecution. Here's how it works, myths are con-structed and promoted by the media, by the government controlled academic institutions and even by big business. So history is rewritten to comply with the myth, the legislators spill ink on paper to codify the myth and then the Judges decree the new standards by which everyone must live.

So churches in Iowa and Massachusetts are on notice that the transgender bathroom insanity isn't just for schools, it is now imposed upon them and all other so called places of public accommodation.

Then there is California, it is a bell weather state in many respects. What be-gins there is the first beachhead, which in time makes it to the other 49 States. Consider what has just happened in the courts there.

"The infamous and often-overridden Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has up-held state legislation making it illegal for pastors to counsel minors who are struggling with their sexuality and gender, according to Pacific Justice Institute.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco on August 23 upheld California's wildly controversial Senate Bill 1172 that bars licensed counselors –

including pastors – from assisting youth who want to change or reduce their same-sex attractions. The law also prohibits any counseling that would steer youth away from gender confusion.

Pacific Justice Institute filed suit against SB 1172 in 2012 and initially won a preliminary injunction based on free speech. But eventually the Ninth Circuit created a new approach to free speech that excludes counseling about sex, and deems it to be unprotected speech.

The case then went back to the Ninth Circuit on to consider religious freedom and privacy claims that had not been previously ruled upon by the Court.

Pacific Justice's lead plaintiff is both a pastor and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who oversees a counseling ministry in his church. Pacific Justice pointed out that the SB 1172 if applied would be reaching over the walls of a church to prohibit what could be said during counseling by a pastor who is also a trained marriage and family therapist.

According to the law, "California has a compelling interest in protecting the physical and psychological well-being of minors, including lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgender youth, and in protecting its minors against exposure to serious harms caused by sexual orientation change efforts ... Under no circumstances shall a mental health provider engage in sexual orientation change efforts with a patient under 18 years of age."

But the Ninth Circuit ... waved away concerns about California interfering with pastors' religious practice, while also declining to address legal decisions that previously rejected state interference with church counseling.

Pacific Justice had also pointed out to the court, that dozens of transcript passages from SB 1172's legislative record show the legislation is meant as a clear and direct attack against conservative religious viewpoints.

According to Pacific Justice attorney Kevin Snider, who argued the Ninth Circuit case, "The court today simply rewrote legislative history to avoid the uncomfortable reality that the California Legislature unabashedly targeted re-ligious beliefs with this bill."

Brad Dacus, president of Pacific Justice Institute, commented:

We are deeply disappointed by today's ruling because it represents a giant step backwards for religious freedom. A government that can tell a pastor what he can and cannot say during counseling is a government that can tell a pastor what parts of the Bible are off-limits. The court also reminded us today that this law lays the groundwork for further restrictions on parental rights.[1]

So the court has essentially ruled that it is illegal to proclaim repentance to sodomites of a certain age, even if they might want help to rid themselves of that same sex bondage. Now can you imagine them doing this for any other sinful bondage. Just consider drug or alcohol bondage.

What if an incessant drunk wanted help getting sober for good? This type of law would make it il-legal to help the drunk become sober even when he wants to go sober for good! So proclaiming repentance has been declared illegal by the Legislature of California as well as by the Federal Circuit Court.

Why is it they find it necessary to attack the proclamation of repentance? Be-cause as Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill he proclaimed, in Acts 17:30-31 "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained;" So the reason we are to call everyone to repentance is that there is a fearsome Judgment Day which is coming for all men. Jesus Christ Himself will be the Judge

seated upon the Great White Throne. So while God commands all men everywhere to repent, regardless of age, regardless of what sin they commit, the Legislature of California and now the Federal Judiciary command all men everywhere to stop proclaiming repentance to a certain class of people. Who shall we obey? The wicked God haters, or God Himself? As the apostles said, "Let us obey God rather than men" – which means we need to understand re-pentance in order to proclaim it. We need to understand what it is as well as what it is not.

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Transgender battle – where wrong is becoming "right"

This has been an interesting week. On Tuesday evening Joe and I had the opportunity to testify before the Anne Arundel County Council, commending them for the resolution they voted in favor of to inform the County School board that their new policy of boys in the girls restroom, locker room and sleeping arrangements was wrong headed and should be reversed. A majority, four out of seven voted for this resolution.

The next morning I met with the County Executive's Clergy Advisory Council on which I have the priveledge of serving. It is a rather diverse group including many "churches" and even an imam from the Annapolis Muslim Society. Which is kind of curious knowing that were he to follow the Koran, he would kill us were we not to convert to Mohamendanism. There among

other issues discussed, several members brought up the issue of the County Council vote the previous evening on that resolution. These members stating that they strongly disagreed with the resolution on moral and ethical grounds. So let's understand what this means – members of the County Executive's Clergy Advisory Council are convinced on moral and ethical grounds that boys, who as we shared last week, are delusional and believe themselves to be girls should be allowed to compromise the safety and the rights of all the other girls by using their bathroom, locker room and over night accommodations. The tragic fact for me in this is that these are the leaders of congregations in our county and are quite probably teaching their own people this so called ethical and moral standard.

What has happened? How did right become wrong and wrong become right in the minds of these clergy members? It would seem that only one of two things can have taken place.

First they may have rejected the doctrine of sin altogether. We know there are those in the world who do not believe that there is sin. The relativist claims that there is no absolute standard of right or wrong, its all up to the individual to decide for themselves. But that doesn't seem to be the position of these clergy members. They were saying that there is a moral and ethical position on how to accommodate a boy who has the delusion that he is a girl; they claim there is a right way and a wrong way and that the County Executive and the County Council have chosen the wrong way, that have acted unethically and immorally. That is a pretty amazing assertion.

Now the other option is that they have rejected the clear Biblical standard of right and wrong, they have adopted some other belief system than the Biblical one, they having rejected the God of the Bible have begun worshipping some other thing which is not God, they are worshipping idols. And what is apparent is that the idol they worship is one who is very unlike the God of the Bible.

One of the things I hear typically is that the God of the Old Testament, is a God of wrath, but that the God of the New Testament is very different He is all love and mercy.

What most people miss is that God in the New Testament is the same as the God of the Old. His wrath against sin is unchanged. In fact Jesus actually teaches more about the reality of hell than any other Prophet in the Old or New Testament. See Luke 16 as but one example. The New Testament gives the complete picture, that in His great mercy God has given the atoning sacrifice necessary to propitiate for the sins of those who place their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In other words God's full wrath against sin did not simply disappear, in stead it was directed at Jesus on the Cross, who paid the full penalty for our sins. For those who refuse the free gift of salvation Christ purchased on the cross, there is only a fearful future of eternal punishment that awaits them as the full wrath of God against their sins will rest upon them forever.

Those who reject the Wrath of God as true, reject a God who is just, a God who is holy and a God who is righteous. If God did not have wrath against all sin, if He did not demand that the full penalty of sin be paid, He would not be a just God, He would not rule over a just universe.

It is odd that people who reject the idea of God's wrath often are very concerned that justice be done in this world. And those members of the Clergy Advisory Council are but a sample. When they see a wrong they themselves want it corrected, they demand justice but never ask themselves why they are driven to seek justice. The key is that man is made in the Image of God, and so as God demands justice they, in their very DNA, also demand it as creatures made in the image of God.

What I think these members of the County Executive's Clergy Advisory Council are rejecting is that the God of the Bible is a God of Wrath. In Psalm 7:11 it states in no uncertain terms,

“God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.” We see that wrath expressed throughout Scripture.

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Should public schools support transgender thinking?

These past two weeks, the Anne Arundel County Public School system has gotten egg all over its face. A training video has gone viral that was intended only for teachers and employees of the County Public Schools. In the video, Bob Mosier, the chief communications officer for the school system, addresses “the field trip issue.” He said, If you are chaperoning an overnight school trip, and a student who is a biological male but identifies as a female wants to sleep among the girls, what do you do? “The answer is, they sleep with the females,” then he added, “That’s not the easy answer; it’s the right answer.” If that were not bad enough, he adds insult to injury saying, “because of privacy rules, teachers and others are not allowed to disclose to parents of other students what’s actually going on.” This has hit the over the top outrage button.

So the public school system wants to “support” (their term) children who are confused about who they are. Oddly what they teach in Biology class, is that in the human body, every single cell contains 23 pairs of coiled DNA, called chromosomes. Included in this group are the two sex

chromosomes: simply dubbed X and Y. Cells in women's bodies have two X chromosomes (XX), while cells in men's bodies have one X and one Y (XY). But what they teach in Biology, they deny by school policy. No wonder students emerge confused, which version of reality are they to believe, the notions put forth in biology class or the notions proclaimed in every action of the school's response to delusional kids?

The school system claims that a student may have an inner sense of gender that differs from their biological gender and that everyone must bow down to accommodate this child's inner sense of gender in spite of the fact that the child's feelings are completely out of touch with reality. Every cell of his body proclaims that he is male. So one's imagination trumps reality and not just for the confused student, but for the staff, the teachers, administrators and all the other students as well. What is this teaching all the students? It teaches them to ignore what they learn in biology class, ignore all the conclusions of science because what you imagine yourself to be is really what matters.

So if today I were to imagine myself a bottle nose dolphin, my delusion must trump reality. And not only that but everyone else must be forced to participate in my delusion and treat me as if my delusion were reality. The public school system is teaching that delusions trump reality. Isn't that an insane asylum? Is that really a wise lesson to be teaching students?

One of the lessons sure to be taught either in history or literature classes is the terrible injustice done at the Salem Witch Trials. Well if you know anything about what took place there, the mistakes and injustices were all based on the fact that the court relied upon the testimony of children. If those children were not making up stories about adults in their community then those children were delusional. What hypocrisy to decry the delusions of 18th century children while forcing everyone to support the delusions of 21st century children.

That Public School training video showed one stunning example of this, in the testimony of a mother of a 4 year old boy. She said her boy came home from day care one day and said he was not a boy but a girl. He came home from day care – there might be the source of the problem. There are far too many abuse cases arising in the day care industry. But the mom, rather than investigate what happened to her son at day care, began accepting his delusion that he was not a boy but a girl. Had she never taken Biology 101? This begs the question, where are all the adults. The children seem to be in charge.

The case in Virginia illustrates this very pointedly. The boy who thinks he is a girl demanded accommodation from the Schools – he demanded that he be permitted to use the girls restroom, locker room and showers. The school accommodated him in this regard, he could use a private bathroom in the nurses office but not the bathrooms of the opposite sex. He essentially threw a fit, a temper tantrum and he sued the school. The case is moving towards the Supreme Court but along the way Judges have affirmed this child's delusions insisting that the school must comply with whatever the delusional child demands. It appears that the children are in charge, no adults to be found.

The other aspect of this training video that was disturbing, is that the Public school system was planning to implement the changes in policy long before Obama's administration weighed in on the subject. They had been at this for years with a committee of a thousand involved. Just think of the tax payers money wasted by a thousand school employees meeting over the course of several years to develop policy and procedures to support delusional student in their delusions. Is it millions of dollars? Outrageous.

When we ask the question who stands to benefit from adopting this madness? The mental health professionals working in the school system assure themselves and many additional colleagues of full life long profitable employment dealing

with all the multitude of problems this agenda will unleash.

All of this of course is not only a denial of clear biological science and the Word of God which states in Genesis 1 that God made them male and female, it also denies the evidence that has been uncovered by researchers who began with the assumption that going along with a person's delusion was the right thing to do. Johns Hopkins was out in front in this area of research.

"The former psychiatrist-in-chief of Johns Hopkins Hospital ...In a June 12 Wall Street Journal op-ed, Dr. Paul McHugh wrote that "policy makers and the media are doing no favors either to the public or the transgendered" by not treating transgender "confusions ... as a mental disorder that deserves un-derstanding, treatment and prevention."

According to McHugh, the "sense of being transgendered constitutes a mental disorder in two respects." The first, he says, is that "it does not correspond with physical reality." The second, more importantly, is that not treating transgender disorder properly "can lead to grim psychological outcomes."

In his op-ed, McHugh cited a 2011 study that followed "324 sex-reassigned persons" from 1973 to 2003 in Sweden. According to the study's abstract, it found that "persons with transsexualism, after sex reassignment, have considerably higher risks for mortality, suicidal behavior, and psychiatric morbidity than the general population."...

The study, McHugh wrote in his op-ed, found that "beginning about 10 years after having the surgery, the transgendered began to experience increasing mental difficulties. Most shockingly, their suicide mortality rose almost 20-fold above the comparable nontransgender population."... he concluded that medical and psychological professionals "have wasted scientific and technical resources and damaged our professional credibility by collaborating with madness rather

than trying to study, cure, and ultimately prevent it.” So it is a mental disorder, it is madness.

Where did such insanity come from? I assure you it did not arrive in our land de nova. There has been a pathway laid down in our land and many devotees assiduously rolling out this greater agenda of separating children from reality, plunging them into a world of delusions. What is the root of this? This morn-ing I hope to show you the Immorality Link. You see, immorality does sud-denly blossom over night; there is a time of preparation, there is a step by step development long before we see the fruits of that evil revealed in our land.

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The foundation of the American arts is God’s law

Our Second President John Adams once wrote to his wife Abigail about the progression he hoped to see in our land from one generation to the next. He wrote:

“The science of government it is my duty to study, more than all other sciences; the arts of legislation and administration and negotiation ought to take the place of, indeed exclude, in a manner, all other arts. I must study politics and war, that our sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy. Our sons ought to study mathematics and philosophy, geography, natural history and naval architecture, navigation, commerce

and agriculture in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, statuary, tapestry and porcelain.”

He saw that if a country could establish true liberty rooted and founded upon the “Laws of Nature and Nature’s God” then the next generation could build upon that liberty and advance in what might be called the practical arts of mathematics, commerce and agriculture. In advancing that realm of life he knew that following God’s laws they would enjoy a new level of prosperity which would build an economic powerhouse that freed their own children to study and enjoy what we often call the fine arts “painting, poetry, music, architecture, statuary, tapestry and porcelain.” So he envisioned a three tiered cake, the bottom layer which is liberty under God’s Law, the next layer economic prosperity established through the practical arts in obedience to God’s Laws and finally the top layer of the fine arts as a beautiful expression of God’s Law.

Consider his three tiered cake for a moment. What happens if the bottom layer becomes corrupted and debauched? Does it have any effect on the two layers resting upon it? Does a rejection of “Laws of Nature and Nature’s God” in the political realm have any impact upon the economy, on the practical arts; and does it have any impact upon the finer arts as well? I think it clearly does and we see the evidence around us everywhere.

The political class as a whole has long ago abandoned “the Laws of Nature and Nature’s God” and the impact on the economy is palpable. Just consider what was done more than 100 years ago by Woodrow Wilson. With a stroke of the pen he created the Federal Reserve in direct violation of the eighth commandment. As we have said before, it is the biggest institutionalized gang of thieves the world has ever known. They have robbed the richest nation in the world for more than 100 years – grand theft on a galactic scale. They have effectively ruined the world’s most powerful economy.

So corruption on the first layer has a direct and devastating impact on the second layer. And we could cite multiple hundreds of other examples that demonstrate this as well.

And what of the impact on the third layer: painting, poetry, music, architecture, statuary, tapestry and porcelain? I think the corruption on the political layer has an equally devastating impact on the layer of the finer arts.

If you go to the typical art museum today you'll find some of the old masters and also modern artist. Just put side by side for example a Rembrandt with an Andy Warhol. There is no comparison, it is as if they lived in two different universes. The first reflects years of a Christian belief system influencing every corner of a culture and the later the post modern meaningless despair. What an artist believes comes out through his brush strokes, his sculpting chisel or his own words and actions on stage. The fine arts are simply an expression of a philosophy of life. One Christian artist writes,

"All of mankind craves and senses the innate potential for meaning that God has built into all of creation. Love, truth, beauty, and purpose all reflect various aspects of meaning. Man, however, wants his meaning on his own terms with no reciprocal responsibility to any other agent. In other words, man wants to be his own god. Therefore, scripture teaches that God allows man to foolishly rationalize that life just doesn't make sense and can't possibly have ultimate meaning.

Much art that is made reflects these sentiments. The hopelessness, despair, and anger that ultimately follows a denial of God comes screaming through the innate power of aesthetic expression. And, because of that aesthetic, expressive power, often more is communicated than by mere words alone." [1]

We see in much of the modern art, expressions of the rejection

of the Creator God and His Holy Word.

And the reverse is also true, as John Adams envisioned. If the order of society can be established based upon God's Holy Word there will be liberty in economic life that will result in a prosperity which allows for artistic expressions of many kinds to flourish which reflect the order and beauty of the Creator. But when the Creator Himself is rejected along with His Holy Word, then chaos and meaninglessness abound.

Now the realm of the finer arts is often an area that the average Christian doesn't think God's Word speaks directly to; but that is an error. This morning we will discover one example where God speaks directly to this field as well as giving us an understanding of the over arching principles of artistic expression. Let's explore together the calling of Bezaleel in Exodus 31.

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What America needs now according to our founders

I have been teaching a homeschool class this summer our United States Con-stitution Course. We are at the point where having examined the standards our Founder's established, we are about to look into what happened from that point forward. I have found that in the numerous times I have taught our course that this section stirs up anger. Knowing the standards and then

seeing all the violations that have been done over the years and are now being daily done by Washington, D.C. upsets most people. Having been lied to, it is angering to discover those lies.

It is frustrating to see those lies continuing and knowing that the vast majority of the people in our land are still under the delusion created by those lies. The question that inevitably arises is this What went wrong? How did this system of Government designed to curtail tyranny turn about to actually promote the tyranny we see in our day? We share some of the significant elements in that course and speak to the major factor, the one where we the people can have a direct impact. What is that factor?

Our second President John Adams spoke to it, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." [1] And it was Charles Carroll who signed the Declaration of Independence representing Maryland who wrote, "Without morals a republic cannot subsist any length of time; they therefore who are decrying the Christian religion, whose morality is so sublime and pure (and) which insures to the good eternal happiness, are undermining the solid foundation of morals, the best security for the duration of free governments." [2]

And it was James Garfield, the twentieth president of the United States, in 1877 who said, "Now more than ever before, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the national legislature... If the next centennial does not find us a great nation ... it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces." [3]

We the people are responsible for the corrupt government we have in Wash-ington, D.C. We have tolerated the corruption, we have elected the constitu-tional ignoramuses, the reckless and the corrupt. We have rewarded them with re-election after re-election. We have not demanded of them the high qualities and the moral purity President Garfield spoke of. We are 139 years down the road from his statement and we can see he had a prophetic eye. Indeed those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation did not aid in controlling the political forces. Who is that responsible body of citizens President Garfield was referring to? Who are those into whose hands are committed the responsibility of controlling the enterprise, the culture, the morality of the nation? Occasionally you will hear someone identify the pulpits of America as the source of this failure.

And I believe that is exactly correct. But the question is how was it that the pulpits failed? One understanding would claim that the pulpits alone are to be that voice to represent the enterprise, the culture and the morality of America. And while that is true in part it misses a significant piece. The job of the pulpit is not to do the work of the ministry, it alone is not to bear the responsibility. It's task as described by the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 4 is "to equip the saints for the work of ministry." The job of the pulpit is the prepare the saints to go out into the world and in every corner of life proclaim the gospel, do the work of the ministry and make disciples of those who come to faith in Christ. So while the pulpit bears a great share of the blame for the terrible state of things in America today, it does not bear all the blame. There is a major portion which the disciples of Jesus Christ in America bear as well.

The average Christian has no vision of what President Garfield was talking about. He does not see himself in terms of this work in this land – representing the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation [and] aiding in controlling the

political forces. He thinks that is the work of so called professionals, something that is above his pay grade. In short the average Christian in America has no idea of the vitally important role that God has called upon him to play as Salt and Light in America. Not knowing it is his job indeed is a failure on the part of the pulpits of America. A century has gone by without this being clearly proclaimed from the vast number of pulpits in the land. It is high time to change that disastrous course.

In Exodus 29 we continue in our study of the instructions God gave to Moses on the Mountain – we have seen how God instructed him to build the tabernacle, and detailed instructions regarding each of the furnishings for the Holy of Holies, for the Holy Place as well as the Court of the Tabernacle. Last Sunday we studied the garments that God instructed Moses to have made for the High Priest as well as the other Priests. In Chapter 29 God gives Moses the instructions regarding the investiture of those priests; the ceremony, the sacrifices and the order in which everything is to be done to install the priests in the office they were to fulfill.

Now I believe this has a direct bearing on the problem in America. The truth of God's Word is that in the New Covenant, every believer is a Priest of the Most High God. And as His priest we have high and noble duties to perform, we have an honorable and very influential calling to fulfill. If we know nothing about this role, nothing about its importance, its solemnity, or its influence, if we don't understand that a priest of the most High stands as a go between, representing man to God as well as God to man, if we don't grasp that we are the pace setters in the land, setting the moral tone, or we don't comprehend that we are responsible for the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation, and that we are those who must aid in controlling the political forces, then we will fail to be the force for righteousness

that God designed us to be.

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On our knees for America while domestic government agencies increase their arms

America is in trouble. I came across three items this week which illustrate that fact.

“WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange appeared to suggest Tuesday that re-cently murdered Seth Rich, a 27-year-old Democratic National Committee staffer who was shot near his townhouse in Washington, D.C. last month, was the source of the WikiLeaks-exposed DNC emails.

Assange hinted at the newest revelations during an interview on the Dutch television program Nieuwsuur.

“Our whistleblowers go to significant efforts to give us material, at often very significant risks,” Assange said. “There was a 27 year old, works for the DNC, who was shot in the back, murdered just a few weeks ago for unknown reasons other than that he was walking down the street in Washington.”[1]

Some posit that Seth Rich should be added to the growing Clinton body count. If so, what high mountain of hubris did

the pantsuit candidate stand on at her convention to call for more gun control in light of Seth Rich's assassination?

And by the way with all the politicians drooling on themselves to take guns from the hands of citizens what they are not telling us is the very sinister side of this.

Our Founders warned us of the severe danger of having a standing army. Since World War II we have ignored that warning. But now a new threat is that we now have a force the size of an army on our soil that is not officially military but has as great a fire power as the entire force of U.S. Marines.

"Open the Books, a taxpayer watchdog group, released a study Wednesday [June 22, 2016] that finds domestic government agencies continue to grow their stockpiles of military-style weapons, as Democrats sat on the House floor calling for more restrictions on what guns American citizens can buy.

"The 'Militarization of America' report found civilian agencies spent \$1.48 billion on guns, ammunition, and military-style equipment between 2006 and 2014. Examples include IRS agents with AR-15s, and EPA bureaucrats wearing camouflage.

"'Regulatory enforcement within administrative agencies now carries the might of military-style equipment and weapons,' Open the Books said. 'For example, the Food and Drug Administration includes 183 armed "special agents," a 50 percent increase over the ten years from 1998-2008. At Health and Human Services (HHS), "Special Office of Inspector General Agents" are now trained with sophisticated weaponry by the same contractors who train our military special forces troops.'

"Open the Books found there are now over 200,000 non-military federal officers with arrest and firearm authority, surpassing the 182,100 personnel who are actively serving in the U.S.

Marine Corps.

“The IRS spent nearly \$11 million on guns, ammunition, and military-style equipment for its 2,316 special agents. The tax collecting agency has billed taxpayers for pump-action and semi-automatic shotguns, semi-automatic Smith & Wesson M&P15s, and Heckler & Koch H&K 416 rifles, which can be loaded with 30-round magazines.

“The EPA spent \$3.1 million on guns, ammo, and equipment, including drones, night vision, ‘camouflage and other deceptive equipment,’ and body armor.”

Harrington continues, “Open the Books appealed to both liberals like Bernie Sanders—who has called for demilitarizing local police departments—and conservatives in its report.

“‘Conservatives argue that it is hypocritical for political leaders to undermine the Second Amendment while simultaneously equipping non-military agencies with hollow-point bullets and military style equipment,’ Open the Books said. ‘One could argue the federal government itself has become a gun show that never adjourns with dozens of agencies continually shopping for new firearms.’”

And add to that “how many millions of rounds of ammunition their local and State police agencies are amassing. And don’t let anybody tell you all of this ammunition is for “practice.” We are talking about hollow-point pistol rounds and military rifle rounds such as 5.56 and .308 calibers. [Chuck Baldwin states,] I would take an educated guess (based on my conversations with both ammunition and arms suppliers and police officers themselves) that your local police agencies have enough ammunition stockpiled to kill the entire population of your community four or five times. But these numbers pale in comparison to the numbers of guns and ammunition being amassed by federal agencies—including agencies that nowhere come close to being categorized as

“police” agencies....So, while federal agencies in Washington, D.C., are being increasingly militarized, the American people are being told they need to surrender their means of self-defense.”[2]

The third item relates to the warning President Eisenhower issued in his 1961 speech,“

“This conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is new in the American experience. The total influence – economic, political, even spiritual – is felt in every city, every State house, every office of the Federal government... we must not fail to comprehend its grave implications. Our toil, resources and livelihood are all involved; so is the very structure of our society.

In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of un-warranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.”[3] That was in 1961.

He warned us that the interests of businesses who make money from perpetual war in collusion with politicians and high level members of the military whose interests are served to push for perpetual war will lead to the destruction of our land.

Well consider the 2016 update given at the first weekend of August, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange added to that warning with this,

“Google has been to the White House, on average over the last four years, once per week—more than any other single company. It spends more money lobbying Washington, D.C., than any other single company. Hillary Clinton’s former staffer, Jared Cohen, was hired by Google in 2009 to head up Google’s internal think tank. There’s a lot of other interconnections between Google and the state. Eric Schmidt is now also, at the same time as

being chairman of what is now Google's parent company, Alphabet, is chairman of the Pentagon innovation board.

So you have a connection between Google, the Clinton campaign, which will be almost certainly the next White House, and the Pentagon. And this triangle is extremely worrying, because, as time goes by, Google is understanding that it does have an ability to influence election campaigns. It's also bought more than 10 drone companies. It's integrating its mapping data in order to better be able to fly and navigate drones around the world, is expanding into every country in the world.

And it has a very strange, quasi-religious vision of the future, of this vision of the singularity. It's really a—I've done research that it's very disturbing what they believe in Silicon Valley, that they believe they can create a massive artificial intelligence, more powerful than any human being or any society's ability to think. And, of course, we all know what happens when such power is in limited hands.

And so, Google in the White House will be, essentially, an unregulatable company... you can just completely forget about any kind of antitrust legislation being used on Google if there is a Hillary Clinton White House." Then his interviewer asked, "I'm reminded that Benito Mussolini, the fascist dictator, said that fascism more appropriately should be called corporatism, because it merges the private power of corporations with the military might of the nation-state. And, of course, he thought that was a good thing. It occurs to me that you were describing our newer, kinder, gentler, smiling face of fascism, where all of the information that we receive is controlled by that same collusion between government and major transnational corporations, and now our ability to even talk to myself, or ourselves."

To which Julian replied, "Yes, there is a merger going on at a rapid pace between the largest American corporations and the traditional aspects of the U.S. state, the military

intelligence aspects.”[4]

America is in trouble. What should we as disciples of Jesus Christ do? Turn to 1 Peter 2:5, because the first thing we must understand is who we are in this world and then what it is that Jesus Christ calls upon us to do.

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Why does the democratic party disdain God?

The Democrat convention got off to a curious and raucous start as the “preacher” who led the invocation was heckled in the middle of that prayer. Todd Starnes notes, “the jeers turned into chants for Bernie Sanders, “Bernie, Bernie...I was at their convention in 2012 – when they not only booed God – but they tried to vote the Almighty out of their party platform.”[1]

Whether you agreed with the prayer or not – and I do not agree with the content of her prayer – how disrespectful can you be, and not just to the “preacher” but above all disrespectful to the Lord God. It demonstrates again that there is no fear of God in their hearts.

Looking at that Democrat Platform approved by the delegates to their convention in Philadelphia shows how depraved those hearts are which do not fear God. Under the title “Guaranteeing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Trans-gender Rights”

(By the way we need to understand that these are religious statements, they reveal a belief system based upon a set of presuppositions. I need to mention this because the modern propaganda campaign would have us believe these are something other than a religious belief system.)

Their platform states, "We support a progressive vision of religious freedom that respects pluralism and rejects the misuse of religion to discriminate. ... We will also promote LGBT human rights and ensure America's foreign policy is inclusive of LGBT people around the world."

So I understand what they are saying in that party platform by 'progressive vision' is they want religion to shift away from its historic moorings, from its past standards of right and wrong. They want religion to respect pluralism – that is never dare critique any of the truth claims of any belief system. They demand that all religions adopt their religion of total relativism and believe that there is nothing absolute, no standard of right or wrong. So they lie, because they claim they stand for religious freedom, but only if you believe what they believe. Then they assert that it is a misuse of religion to discriminate. This word discriminate has come under sustained assault in our day. So let's look at what our Founders knew this word meant.

To discriminate according to Webster's 1828 Dictionary,

"1. To distinguish; to observe the difference between; as, we may usually discriminate true from false modesty.

2. To separate; to select from others; to make a distinction between; as, in the last judgment, the righteous will be discriminated from the wicked."

I love Noah Webster's use of the Bible in these definitions. Clearly our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at the last judgment will discriminate, that is He will distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, the later of which He will consign to the lake of fire for eternity.

So their party platform would have us not act as Jesus Christ will act, not distinguish right from wrong, and by respecting so called pluralism, we will then never warn people headed for eternity in the lake of fire that their eternal immortal soul is in grave danger. In other words they would have us not help people understand the laws of the universe, not be able to distinguish between right and wrong. In essence then the Democrat platform condemns evangelism and discipleship which are the calling of every true Christian. They are saying that faithful obedience to Christ is the "misuse of religion." And further they say that the violation God's Holy law in regards to sexual morality is a human right. The platform states, "We will also promote LGBT human rights and ensure America's foreign policy is inclusive of LGBT people around the world." That is they claim we have a right to do what God says is wrong. That humans have the right to sin. And they are so devoted to this Satanic vision they intend to force every nation in the world to comply with it through the means of bribery of those other governments with U.S. Foreign aid and Foreign policy to promote sodomy.

The real agenda underlying all of this is the destruction of family government and church government such that the only entity left standing is an all powerful civil government which alone commands worship, obedience and total undivided loyalty.

Think of the implications to our land if their agenda is followed – the destruction of family and church, the exaltation of every form of wickedness and immorality. They scheme to accomplish this by eliminating all sin from society by redefining sin and calling it good, moral and righteous. Look at how closely this agenda aligns with Satan's strategy. His design is to drag everyone to hell with him. All he has to do is persuade them to worship some idol other than the one true God, and get them to believe that they are not sinners headed to hell and therefore there was never a need for a redeeming sacrifice for their sins. If Satan can keep them

locked in bondage to this belief system until they draw their last breath, he will have them in hell for all eternity.

If you were to make a simple comparison of the major belief systems in the world – all of them have a standard as to what constitutes sin. They also have a system of sacrifice to seek atonement for sin. There is only one religion that doesn't do this but rather denies the very existence of sin altogether and that belief system is Satanism. It would seem that Satanism is the religion adopted by the Democrat platform.

Now the Democrats are not alone. Consider what our culture is doing – it is eliminating the whole idea of sin; thereby eradicating all ability to distinguish between right and wrong. Their way of dealing with the universal problem of human sin is to wave their magic wand and using some invented incantation make sin disappear completely. This is of course is a Satanic deception. Sort of like the ostrich with his head in the sand; he thinks to himself, 'if I don't see it, or if I pretend that it does not exist then it cannot harm me.' This is a deception of the deepest sort, in fact it is delusional. We live in the universe created by the One True God. He established all the laws, both physical and moral that govern His universe. His laws cannot be overturned, they are immutable.

Satan would have his victims believe they are alright just the way they are; furthermore that anything they did wrong at any time is actually irrelevant because sin is really in the eye of the beholder. So if you don't believe sin exists, say the words and poof, it magically disappears.

I think this is why Satan is working over time to promote sodomy in our day as good and moral. Every human knows deep in his heart that sodomy is an abomination. So if even this most egregious violation of God's Law, as re-vealed in nature and above all in God's Holy Word, if even this can be magi-cally transformed into something noble and good, why then all other

sins can in the same manner be transformed as well – lying, stealing, and murder can be magically transformed into something good, moral and righteous.

This Satanic lie is very attractive for the sinner; when they choose to believe this lie then they think their sin problem is eradicated. But woe to those who swallow this lie, they are far worse off than a sinner who knows the great problem and the penalty of his sin.

So what is the real way of dealing with sin? For the reality is that all men are sinners, all have fallen short of the glory of God and that the wrath of God is reveal from heaven against all unrighteousness with the result that the wages of sin is death. This is the great Human Dilemma. Romans 6:23 states, “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” The only payment for sin acceptable to God must be a sinless substitute whose blood is spilled as He dies in our place. Christ fulfilled each element of this by His death on the cross.

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God’s education plan

One of the unanswered questions with the riots in Baltimore is who was behind the aggressive social media campaign to organize a “purge” that would start at the Mondawmin Mall at precisely 3 PM on a Monday afternoon? The spark that ignited that Monday’s pandemonium it appears started with high school

students on social media, who were discussing a “purge” – a reference to a film in which laws are suspended for a specific period of time.

Baltimore City Councilman Nick Mosby told CNN, many people knew “very early on” that there was “a lot of energy behind this purge movement,” “it was a metaphor for, ‘Let’s go out and make trouble.’” What is clear is that the looting done at Mondawmin Mall was largely done by High School students as they were released from High School Monday at 3pm.

God’s Education Plan

In all the analysis of the riots in Baltimore, I have yet to hear anyone ask this question, is there a connection between the actions of the High School students at Mondawmin Mall on Monday afternoon and what they have been taught in the institution of secondary education where they were prior to 3pm? Has the education system been training up little barbarians who place no value on other people’s property rights, who have no qualms about stealing from others, who value anarchy instead law and order?

R.J. Rushdoony’s book *The Messianic Character of American Education* tells us an important part of American history: exactly what has public education been trying to accomplish? Before the 1830s and Horace Mann, there weren’t any schools in the U.S. supported by the state or state controlled. They were local, parent-teacher enterprises, supported without taxes, and taking care of all children. They were remarkably high in standard and were all Christian.

From Horace Mann to the present, the state has used education to socialize the child. The school’s basic purpose, according to its own philosophers, is not education in the traditional sense of the 3 R’s. Instead, it is to promote “democracy” and “equality,” not in their legal or civic sense, but in terms of the engineering of a socialized citizenry. Public education

became the means of creating a social order of the educators design. Such men saw themselves and the school in messianic terms.

John Dewey, chief architect of the modern government run schools denied that there were any absolute values. He implemented that belief in shaping the government run schools. Is it any wonder today that the majority of children today produced by those schools do not believe in absolute right and wrong. Instead they believe in relative answers, based on personal needs and desires. To accomplish this goal they had to remove Bible reading, prayer and the Ten Commandments. They had to make sure no one was teaching "Thou shalt not steal" to children in the classroom.

Ken Ham's book *Already Gone* documents the rate of success among children attending the government run schools that are brought up in Christian households and attending church regularly; more than 80% abandon the Christian faith by the second year of college. Those schools succeeded in the stated goals of dechristianizing students who attend church and are being raised in Christian homes.

The stated goals of this public indoctrination system are clear; it is printed in school system literature how the students need to be raised up so they can be better citizens of the new world economic order. Country, family, and God are no longer the values to be endorsed but are labeled as the causes of bigotry, narrow mindedness, prejudice, and intolerance: thus deserving to be done away.

A Harvard professor has written that children are sick when they enter kindergarten. Sick with parental influenced ideas of love, family values, national pride, and loyalty to elected officials. He says the children need to be re-educated away from those traditional values of their parents so they can become better citizens of the new world order. So that is the extent of secular humanism and its goals for our children. It

is rapidly assaulting our traditional values of Christian family, home, and a nation under God.

The Biblical Principles of Education

Let's open the Word to see God's Education plan. Deuteronomy 6:4-7.

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

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Islamic prayer is not peaceful: Bastille day 2016

Prayer matters – but what matters most of all is to whom you are actually praying. Praying to the moon idol Allah actually does more harm than good. For the follower of that moon idol, they are taught that if they complete the five pillars they will obtain paradise; the second of which is prayer five times each day; at dawn, at noon, in the afternoon, also at evening, and finally at night. The faithful followers of Mohammed pause from all activity at the set time then after a ritual washing

assume the position reciting rote prayers while facing in the direction of the Kaaba in Mecca.

Now from an under the sun perspective one might think such religious devo-tion would be not only good for the individual practicing it, but also that such pious individuals would be good for the whole society, a blessing to those who don't share that belief system. Nothing could be further from the truth.

What happened on Bastille day in Nice, France is evidence that pious followers of the moon idol are not a blessing to society. If what we are told is true, it appears it is another example of jihad, this time with a tractor trailer as the weapon of choice. I am still waiting to hear the globalists call for the confiscation of all tractor trailer trucks because they can be used as deadly weapons. What took place that day should not surprise us when we understand the ideology of jihad behind the attack.

"The Quran contains at least 109 verses that call Muslims to war with nonbelievers for the sake of Islamic rule. Some are quite graphic, with commands to chop off heads and fingers and kill infidels wherever they may be hiding. Muslims who do not join the fight are called 'hypocrites' and warned that Allah will send them to Hell if they do not join the slaughter.

Unfortunately, there are very few verses of tolerance and peace to balance out the many that call for nonbelievers to be fought and subdued until they either accept humiliation, convert to Islam, or are killed. Muhammad's own martial legacy, along with the remarkable stress on violence found in the Quran, have produced a trail of blood and tears across world history...

The violent verses of the Quran have played a key role in very real massacre and genocide. This includes the brutal slaughter of tens of millions of Hindus for five centuries beginning

around 1000 AD with Mahmud of Ghazni's bloody conquest. Both he and the later Tamerlane (Islam's Genghis Khan) slaughtered an untold number merely for defending their temples from destruction. Buddhism was very nearly wiped off the Indian subcontinent. Judaism and Christianity met the same fate (albeit more slowly) in areas conquered by Muslim armies, including the Middle East, North Africa and parts of Europe, including today's Turkey....

Some modern-day scholars are more candid than others. One of the most re-spected Sunni theologians is al-Qaradawi, who justifies terror attacks against Western targets by noting that there is no such thing as a civilian population in a time of war:

"It has been determined by Islamic law that the blood and property of people of Dar Al-Harb [ie. non-Muslim people who resist Islamic conquest] is not protected... In modern war, all of society, with all its classes and ethnic groups, is mobilized to participate in the war, to aid its continuation, and to provide it with the material and human fuel required for it to assure the vic-tory of the state fighting its enemies. Every citizen in society must take upon himself a role in the effort to provide for the battle. The entire domestic front, including professionals, laborers, and industrialists, stands behind the fighting army, even if it does not bear arms."

Consider the example of the Qurayza Jews, who were completely obliterated only five years after Muhammad arrived in Medina. Their leader opted to stay neutral when their town was besieged by a Meccan army that was sent to take revenge for Muhammad's deadly caravan raids. The tribe killed no one from either side and even surrendered peacefully to Muhammad after the Meccans had been turned back. Yet the prophet of Islam had every male member of the Qurayza beheaded, and every woman and child enslaved, even raping one of the captives himself (what Muslim apologists might refer to as "same day marriage").

One of Islam's most revered modern scholars, Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi, openly sanctions offensive Jihad: "In the Jihad which you are seeking, you look for the enemy and invade him. This type of Jihad takes place only when the Islamic state is invading other [countries] in order to spread the word of Islam and to remove obstacles standing in its way." Elsewhere, he notes: "Islam has the right to take the initiative...this is God's religion and it is for the whole world. It has the right to destroy all obstacles in the form of institutions and traditions ...

...Dr. Salah al-Sawy, the chief member of the Assembly of Muslim Jurists in America, stated in 2009 that "the Islamic community does not possess the strength to engage in offensive jihad at this time," tacitly affirming the legitimacy of violence for the cause of Islamic rule – bound only by the capacity for success. (source)"[1]

So the people watching the fire works in Nice France were not civilians to the Mohammedan, they were enemy soldiers and it was perfectly justified to murder them all.

We learn that "Every twelfth verse of Islam's holiest book either speaks to Allah's hatred for non-Muslims or calls for their death, forced conversion, or subjugation." [2]

In other words faithful Mohammedan's are committed to Jihad at first quietly subverting a non Mohammedan society while waiting for their population to reach that trigger point where they can then engage in offensive jihad. France is ahead of the United States in percentage of Mohammedan population in place – it would seem to me that this is the road we are heading down even as Obama brings in tens of thousands of more Mohammedans Jahids to our land.

There can be no honest investigator of the history of Mohammedanism and of its sacred texts that can call it a religion of peace. It has only advanced world wide by brutal

violence. Now, not all Mohammedan's know this, they like many Christians don't read their sacred texts. So there is an interesting phenomena in places around the world where the more brutal violence is taking place; Mohammedans are horrified by what their belief system produces and are turning to faith in Jesus Christ by the thousands.

We have the Good News of Jesus Christ to share with them, the true religion of peace, from the Prince of Peace. While it can be truthfully stated that brutal violence is an integral part of Mohammedanism, I believe you could even use the Christian term a sacrament it is never part of the faith Christ Himself established. While violence is at the heart of Mohammedan worship, let us look at the heart of Christian worship by examining the Altar of Incense.

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Snipers and the overthrow of rights

Providentially I turned on the TV Thursday night in the midst of the Dallas sniper event oddly just blocks away from Dealy Plaza where JFK was assassinated. Watching just a piece that evening and then the morning after analysis, I could hear the drumbeat, blah, blah, blah, take away the guns, blah, blah, blah, take away the guns. This sniper event couldn't have happened at a more propitious time as the Congress is pushing through more gun control legislation. Could the timing just be

just coincidental? Consider some similar sniper events.

In March 2011 the “spontaneous democratic protest” in Daraa led to carnage as trained snipers killed seven policemen and four protesters, escalating the crisis and launching the five-year long devastation of Syria. That sniper event was carefully planned and well coordinated in an attempt to destabilize that country and its government. In February 2014 paramilitary snipers (later identified as Gladio operatives) opened fire on protestors and police forces in Ukraine, escalating the crisis and putting the final nail in the coffin of Yanukovich’s rule. Now here in July 2016 unidentified snipers opened fire at an otherwise peaceful protest in Dallas. Is there a pattern here?

Kevin Barrett, of VeteransToday commented “These rooftop snipers looked like pros, not angry amateurs. They’re reminiscent of the rooftop snipers who recently overthrew the government of Ukraine.”

Gordon Duff also of VeteransToday commented, “Once again we are presented with a narrative that is quite implausible, where we are being asked to believe that the attackers were capable of feats of marksmanship that even seasoned spec ops [special operations] operators would find difficult. This time we are being asked to believe that angry young black men took up arms and shot 12 police officers from elevated positions; not likely, not hardly, such a feat requires trained and experienced sniper teams – the same kind that were employed on the Maidan in Kiev two years ago to shoot down both policemen and protesters.”[1]

Could this be another false flag?

The difficult thing here as in other such events is that we cannot always get at the truth. We know the media, particularly the mainstream media, is lying to us regularly. We know our civil government in general is not to be trusted –

they have their own agenda which is to establish the New World Order, another name for the kingdom of Satan. They will stop at nothing to achieve it, including murdering policemen. They are of their father the Devil and the works of the Devil they do. As he was a murderer from the beginning so murder is part of their playbook.

How shall we know what is true? In our day the truth is very elusive.

You might think politicians are in competition with each other to earn the award 'the biggest liar of them all.' For example there is the woman for whom lying is her only game. She can violate the law six ways before dawn and lie to the electorate and lie to the media, then lie to the FBI and they all apparently believe her? No indictment possible they say. Why anyone believes her at all I cannot understand. This member of the Clinton crime family appears to have outstripped her husband with lies, corruption and murder. In that last category, given that she is persistent in her support of killing babies, she is a mass murderer.

The truth needs to be told. George Orwell said, "In a time of universal deceit – telling the truth is a revolutionary act." [2]

By the way. If the narrative presented by the media and government were actually true, and I doubt that it is, what should be done? So we have an irate black man with a gun killing police officers. What should be done? Take away everyone's guns? That begs the question, what brought this man to this point where he considers murdering others a good thing? How was he educated?

In a school house where the Bible was forbidden, prayer illegal, the Ten Commandments could never be seen by him or any student. In *Stone v. Graham* the Supreme Court said, "If the posted copies of the Ten Commandments are to have any

effect at all, it will be to induce the schoolchildren to read, meditate upon, perhaps to venerate and obey, the Commandments. However desirable this might be as a matter of private devotion, it is not a permissible state objective under the Establishment Clause.”

Add to that his school taught him evolution – that he was just a compilation of mutations and mistakes, just an overgrown ape. Add to that the notion of relativism, that there are no absolutes, nothing absolutely right or wrong. Compound that with the preaching from the school house that each individual is entitled to make up their own moral value system. Then top it off by showing the student for more than forty years murdering is not only valued as a social good, it has such an exalted status that the government will pay you to murder, provided you are female and it is your own child in the womb you are choosing to murder.

This young man knows that the government not only invited his mother to murder him, they offered to pay for his murder in the womb. What he may not know is that because his mother was black, he was especially in the murderous cross hairs. “According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, black women are more than 5 times as likely as white women to have an abortion. On average, 1,876 black babies are aborted every day in the United States.”[3] Why don't the Black Lives Matter people protest this black genocide outside every abortuary in our land? Instead Black Lives Matter cofounder Alicia Garza explained the intersectional connection, “Reproductive justice is very much situated within the Black Lives Matter movement...”[4] So Black lives matters unless you happen to be a black baby.

Given all these facts, that the government indoctrination centers have raised a generation of barbarians, what surprises me is that we don't see more wholesale murder taking place in our already blood soaked land. In spite of the relentless Satanic propaganda drilled in by the government run schools,

some survivors of those indoctrination camps still have a semblance of a conscience remaining.

The problem we face is the tsunami of lies thrust upon us. And those committed to propelling those lies are in the highest positions of power in our land. Do you remember William Casey CIA director under Reagan. In 1981 Barbara Honegger Assistant to the chief domestic policy adviser to the President was in a meeting with Casey and heard him say the following. It so shocking that she wrote it down and later leaked it to a reporter. Casey said, "We'll know our disinformation program is complete when everything the American Public believes is false." [5] That is the goal of Washington, D.C., to lie to you about everything, and to persuade you to believe patent falsehoods. What's the solution to the endless stream of lies? Let us turn to the Word of God – the only source of absolute Truth.

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Independence day, a Godly theme to be imitated perpetually?

This week we celebrate the 240th birth day of our Constitutional Republic. Our founders laid down the immutable principles for the foundation of our civil government in that great document we call the Unanimous Declaration of

Independence. It was a document of secession, many are surprised to hear that, but that's what it was, they were seceding from the government of Great Britain, separating to form a new country and a new civil government.

Was it in honor of our secession that the Brits last week voted to secede from the European Union? Probably not. What was in play however was the clear understanding of the God given right of self determination, the right of self government and the principle that civil government justly only obtains any power at all by the consent of the governed. If the governed no longer consent, that is the end of that civil government. The Brits had every right to determine whether or not to remain in the EU. And all the other countries still in EU also have the same right to secede. In fact some are saying the decision will result in another vote in Scotland to secede from England.

When the thirteen colonies of Great Britain in North America said that the king was not fit to be the ruler of a free people and declared their independence from his government, the British government over those thirteen colonies ceased to exist. They seceded and formed a new civil government which they designed to secure the God given rights of the people who had formerly been under the government of the king.

When we consider the tenor and mood of America today, many are sick and tired of Washington, D.C. and perhaps ready to consider seceding from Washington altogether. We have a government more venial and abusive than that of King George III. But the important question is could that be accomplished, are there leaders with the character and fortitude of our Founders ready to step up to the plate?

I would like to explore just one of those essential character traits possessed by our Founders that must be revived in any leadership in America today that will lead us out of the tyranny of Washington, D.C. and on to restore the land of

liberty that was America; that trait is a heart of gratitude to God.

The Children of Israel were instructed to offer bread as perpetual offering of thanksgiving to God for His provision, manna in the wilderness. The people of God appropriately thank God continually for the provision for all their needs.

This is one of the essential traits of a free people, they acknowledge continually that God is their provider. They know that everything they have, everything that meets their daily needs comes from the hand of God. Now our Founders not only understood this, they strongly encouraged the whole nation to follow suit with a heart of gratitude to God. Consider what President Washington wrote just one week after Congress approved the Bill of Rights. Look carefully at this; here is what President Washington considered to be appropriate in light of the just approved First Amendment. Issued by President George Washington, at the request of Congress, on October 3, 1789

“By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and—Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me “to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:”

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is

the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquillity, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

Go. Washington

They knew God had brought our country into existence and that

we were dependent upon Him alone for continued blessing and prosperity. They did not take the generosity of God for granted. And that was the purpose of the show bread offered perpetually to the Lord, to never take God's goodness, kindness and generosity for granted.

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How we became a pro-choice generation

Thursday I was in downtown D.C. and saw all the news media gathered at the Supreme Court for the decision in the United States v. Texas immigration case. The decision was one sentence – "The judgment is affirmed by an equally divided Court." You will recall that the decision of the Fifth Circuit affirmed the district court's injunction of the Obama Administration's November 2014 DAPA program, imposed via "Executive Action." What a loss for Obama and his lawless claim that the Secretary of Homeland Security has "absolute discretion" not to enforce the nation's immigration laws – and that no state has standing to challenge him. This is a big win for the Constitution and the Country. IOTC had the privilege of participating in an Amicus Brief on that decision.

Also that day on the street I was asked by an employee of Planned Parenthood to contribute money to the "work" of Planned Parenthood. I put "work" in quotes because it is not actually work, it is murder. At first I was just going to

brush her off but the Lord turned me about to engage her. I asked her about the 60 million murdered in our land and Planned Parenthood's part in that genocide. I asked her if she understood that she was a survivor of abortion and that one third of her generation were murdered before birth and if she want to treat the next generation in that same fashion, murdering one third before birth. I asked her if she had ever heard of China's one child policy funded by American taxpayers. How they track the menstrual cycle of ever child bearing woman once she has had her first child and that whenever she becomes pregnant again they immediately force her to have an abortion. I warned her that she needed to repent of participating with Planned Parenthood in its murderous genocide and come to faith in Christ. To her credit she was not rude and did listen, but she did not indicate that she actually heard the facts I was sharing with her. I pray for her, that the seeds planted by that conversation would come to fruition and she would repent and come to true faith in Jesus Christ.

I got to thinking about how such a young woman would come to the place where she not just believed in abortion but was actively on the street fund raising for Planned Parenthood. By the way it is encouraging to see that she is becoming a dinosaur in this respect.

"Millennials lean more pro-life than the generation preceding them because of advances in medical technology and science, leaders in conservative media said [in March].

Dana Perino, co-host of Fox News Channel's "The Five," ...noted that a survey by the Associated Press found a 12-percent decline nationwide in abortions since 2010, including in blue states such as New York, Washington, and Oregon.

Americans aged 18 to 29, part of the millennial generation, also have become more pro-life than their parents, according to a Gallup poll cited by Perino. In 2010, it found, 24

percent of millennials agreed abortion should remain legal in all cases, compared with 36 percent of those aged 18 to 29 in 1991.”[1]

So her generation are more pro-life than ever. But I was thinking about how a young woman could come to that place?

First, feed them a steady diet of the myth of evolution. Tell them that they are nothing more than a series of mutations and mistakes, the result of the strong persistently killing the weak. Teach them that this law of the jungle is even an imperative, a moral obligation if you will. The strong ought to kill the weak otherwise we are opposing evolution. So full grown human beings are strong and babies are weak.

Second, teach them relativism; that there are no absolute truths and that they get to choose whatever reality they desire. So if they value killing babies then they are free to do so without any moral qualms about it. If you believe that there is no human life in the womb of a pregnant woman, then that is the reality you create that is real for you. Thus abortion is not problem at all.

Third, teach them that there are no substantial consequences for any action they take. The choice to murder has no dire consequences any more than the choice of a flavor of ice cream. The Planned Parenthood propaganda tells us its all about choice.

This is the curriculum that has been fed to public school students for decades. It is easy to see that this raises a generation without a conscience. So for that Planned Parenthood worker, she could not hear the Good News until she heard and accepted the bad news, that the Law of God condemned her for her participation in the murder of babies in the womb. The Good News is that Christ died for that sin, His shed blood atoned for it and forgiveness and reconciliation are available for all who come to Him by Faith.

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Orlando, where Muslims become what they worship

It is hard to know what to believe about the events in Orlando, Florida last Sunday. The message the media and government want you to believe that gun toting Homosexual haters are out to kill sodomites and therefore we must take guns away from all Americans.

Think of what is being placed before the American people, if they will simply connect the dots. Obama has consistently flooded our land with Mohammedans – more than one million in the past seven years. Some, we don't know how many, are potential terrorists that will kill Americans. For some unknown reason we must welcome these potential terrorists in because it is the compassionate thing to do we are told. Would you be showing compassion to your family if you welcomed a rapist to spend the night in your home? Then when some of these turn out to act on their religion of violence by killing Americans, the solution to the problem is to disarm all the law abiding Americans. Is it me, or is there something wrong with this logic?

This looks like a perfect set up for Mohammedan's to take over America. Swamp the land with Jihadis, and then disarm their victims so they cannot shoot back. By the way this same game plan has been played out repeatedly in the history of

Mohammedanism, in fact that is how Mohammedanism has advanced worldwide.

What we are told is that all the while the Mohammedan was murdering, he was yelling "Allah Akbar." In other words he was worshipping his idol Allah, yelling that his idol is great. As Psalm 115 points out, who or what you worship shapes everything.

An idol is an invention of the human mind. There is only One True God, all others are imposters, fakes and frauds; they are not actually God. This is as true of Allah as all the other idols of our day.

Psalm 115 points out that the idol transforms the worshipper into the image of the image he is worshipping. So those who worship the idol Allah progressively become like that idol.

Consider the man who established that idol worship – Mohammed. One former follower who left this idolatry, set out the following challenge. Ali Sina offered \$50,000 to anyone who could prove the following statement wrong based on Islamic texts. "Muhammad is a narcissist, a pedophile, a mass murderer, a terrorist, a misogynist, a lecher, a cult leader, a madman, a rapist, a torturer, an assassin and a looter." The reward has gone unclaimed. What is really eye opening is that the Quran states that Allah "had declared him [Mohammed] to be the 'excellent pattern of conduct' for mankind (Quran 33:21)"[1] So as Mohammed did, that is what a faithful followers of Mohammedan will emulate. And we let these people into our country? What insanity! Contrast this with the worship of the One True God.

The Worship Which God prescribed is spelled out in Exodus 25. The details of the Tabernacle's construction would pattern in a temporal way, what God would one day do permanently through Jesus Christ. The Tabernacle would become a visible model of how we come to God through faith in Jesus Christ.

We must never forget that we will become like what we worship.

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The destructive idol of statism in America

There are two types of people in this world the takers and the givers. The takers give no thought to the effect their decisions have on others. Consider for example the transgendered bathroom insanity. The elite in Washington don't care one iota for how it impacts the families of America. Well an interesting development in the world of the elite took place in Georgia this week. The head of Georgia's ACLU, an organization committed to and powerfully promoting the transgender insanity, had never considered the impact this would have on families. Then it happened to her.

Dillard Smith said her daughters had experienced trauma over the issue.

“I have shared my personal experience of having taken my elementary school age daughters into a women's restroom when shortly after three transgender young adults over six feet with deep voices entered,” she said in a statement reported by Atlanta Progressive News.

“My children were visibly frightened, concerned about their safety and left asking lots of questions for which I, like

many parents, was ill-prepared to answer ...

“Maya Dillard Smith said Thursday she resigned because she was met with hostility when she questioned the organization’s stance on the policy, adding that she risked being branded a homophobe by even raising her critique. There are real concerns about the safety of women and girls in regards to this bathroom debate,” Dillard Smith said in an interview. “It seems to me that instead of stifling the dialogue, we want to encourage a robust debate to come up with an effective solution.”[1]

Very interesting in my view, that she had no qualms about it, she lead an organization supporting it, until her own daughters were visibly frightened and began to ask questions she could not answer. The children have more common sense? They understand that it is an insane policy and they have to be the ones to persuade the adults? That’s what appears to be the case.

When the tyrants are in control your needs are never considered. They toss off decisions daily that are ruinous to millions of those suffering under their hob nailed boots. We can see there is no mercy from these evil beasts. Yet people continue to bow and worship this worthless idol of Statism – the idea that civil government will provide cradle to grave, that any and every problem that comes up in life can and will be solved by this idol called civil government. Yet the facts belie that belief. This idol is incompetent in almost everything it does, it consumes enormous resources impoverishing the people thereby and enriching itself. It is an unmerciful beast, cruel and evil beyond compare, it is turing our land into a police state.

Consider the stark contrast between that evil idol with the one true God.

Just look at God’s Invitation to the Children of Israel – Exodus 25:1-2,

“Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: “Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering.” The One True God invites His people to give, willingly, freely without any compulsion. He unlike the idol of civil government does not hold a gun to your head and demand you hand over the fruit of your labor, hand over your wealth, hand over your children, and your future. Instead He invites you to give.

This magnificent structure was unlike any other in many ways; not only in its beauty, structure, purpose and design;

- This tabernacle would not be built by slave labor – all those working on the project would choose to do so. Consider where Israel had spent the past 400 years; they were slaves in Egypt. And the great buildings and monuments that remain in that land today just give us a hint and the grandeur and glory of Egypt in its heyday as the world’s superpower. Most of those buildings were constructed with slave labor. The Israelites were on many of those slave projects. They knew what it meant to be forced to build a project conceived by the tyrant. He got the glory and honor while they shed blood, sweat and tears. Now we think we live in the land of the free; we are told it is the freest country in the world. As you well know, that is a myth.

- Did you know that the White House and the Capital building in Washington we built in part by slave labor. The Federal government did not actually directly own those slaves, but it rented them from their owners and paid their owners for the labor of their slaves. Slavery built essential parts of the palatial city at the heart of a world wide empire.

The second thing we see about the tabernacle is that ...

- It would not be built with materials forcibly taken from the people

The people would choose to give. What a stark contrast with

the idol in our land called civil government. We could talk about taxation, there is a whole lengthy study on the subject of Biblical taxation – what is just and unjust. But let's consider an altogether different area, "Civil Asset Forfeiture." As practiced today, the police can pull you over and essentially at gun point take all the cash you have in your wallet. They can do this without you being charged with any crime whatsoever, and no evidence necessary that you even committed a crime at all. They claim in their wicked scheme that the money itself has committed a crime, and that money is guilty until proven innocent. The only way to get it back is to go to court to attempt to prove your money is innocent. Then the kicker is that the police department which stole your money gets to keep 80% as long as they give a tribute of 20% to Washington. This outrageous practice has netted billions of dollars to the cops in our once fair land.

Among the police departments themselves however there is one that completely takes the cake.

"Police in Oklahoma are now able to seize money from motorists even if they don't have physical cash on them – and even if those people are merely suspected of a crime.

Using a new device called an ERAD, or Electronic Recovery and Access to Data machine, Oklahoma Highway Patrol officers can now swipe debit or prepaid cards if they suspect a driver of obtaining money contained in their bank accounts illegally. Officers say they're instituting new procedures to assess peculiar behavior, and may conduct roadside interrogations to spot motorists who may have to fork over their bank funds." [2]

So the police in America have trans morphed from highway patrol to highway robbers. The civil government has no qualms about robbing its citizens in broad daylight and claiming it is lawful. That's what the Statist idol looks like. In contrast the one true God invites us to give to the work of building His Kingdom.

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The cure for Trump violence and common idolatry

On Thursday night June 2nd in California’s third largest city again there was violence against Trump supporters. When the indoor rally ended, violence was directed against supporters as they departed. “Trump’s foes surrounded the San Jose Convention Center, where scuffles broke out between them and Trump supporters. Some of the altercations were physical, resulting in bloody injuries.... At one point, a large group of protesters surrounded a Trump supporter, throwing bottles and spitting at him as he walked back to his vehicle. [Link] Protesters also surrounded police cars, also banging those vehicles.” One policeman was assaulted, hit with a metal object, but very few arrests were made.

There is video of a gang displaying the Mexican flag knocking down and beating up an attendee of the rally. And in a particularly bizarre twist, the mayor of San Jose blamed Trump for the violence displayed by the anti-Trump protestors. Why is it that leftist are let off the hook, they care nothing for the life, liberty, property or safety of anyone but themselves, and they become violent and then they are not to blame? Why is that?

I believe it is more than simply political, what we see on display in these violent actions is the response of idolators

when their idols are challenged. What is their idol? The idol of ever increasing Statism. As that idol is challenged it is the beneficiaries and devotees of that idol who become violent in their response.

Clearly we see the idolatry of materialism, fame and immorality displayed everywhere. That later one, immorality, is one idol which seems supreme, above many others in the modern pantheon. For example when push come to shove between competing commitments, the idol of sexual immorality in our land seems to always win. So bakers, photographers, florists and wedding providers are being forced to violate their religious convictions or pay enormous fines so that perverts can practice their immorality.

In other words the idols of immorality trump the religious convictions and trump the protections offered in the First Amendment, that is they trump God's Law as given to us in the Bible and trump the Constitution and Bill of Rights. And should you have the temerity to speak out against this supreme idol in our land, you will be pilloried night and day until you recant of your violation of the power that has been granted to this supreme idol. You will be labeled, ostracized and outcast, considered a pariah, a homophobe, a Neanderthal when you are simply following the Law of God as well as the Supreme Law of the Land. Thus we have the hypocrite in the White House this week claim that his Christian faith cause him to change the rules so boys could use girls bathrooms and vice versa.

And in this current election cycle more than ever I see the idol of Statism raising its ugly head. I don't recall any presidential election ever having this level of ongoing violence. This idol of Statism is worshiped by the millions of Bernie and Hillary followers and probably even by some followers of Trump as well.

It promises that civil government can and will provide for you

cradle to grave; it will give you food, housing, education, transportation, a cell phone and everything that you need and beyond. But they admit that there is a trade off, and that is that it will regulate and control every single aspect of your life, it will spy on you 24/7 as an omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent power in your life. And they are happy with that trade off. In other words they love to have a totalitarian civil government as their idol. And if anyone threatens their idol, look out, violence will follow. Perhaps that explains some of the violence by anti-Trump protesters.

With idolatry all around us, what shall we do to guard our hearts and to eradicate any of infection from that idolatry?

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LGBT idolatry in the pulpit

Who is to blame for the mess our country is in?

This week I read about the United Methodist’s in their quadrennial General Conference earlier this month, they sidestepped making any decision on the issue of sodomites in their denomination. Some defend that decision as a means to avoid a schism in their group. Before the Conference 111 LGBT leaders, I won’t call them pastors, came out and revealed to the world they were so wholly committed to this abomination that they want everyone to know it. And of course they demanded that the United Methodist change its book of church discipline so that sodomy is no longer a sin and that sodomite

unmarraige ceremonies be incorporated into the practice of the churches and insist those in leadership not be disciplined for their immoral abomination. It is interesting to see that those defending the decision do so on the grounds that they are seeking to avoid schism, while those virulently opposed to it are the sodomites. They demand a change be made right now to force all United Methodists to support their abomination. Oddly absent in all this, is that no one is stating what the Scripture clearly commands.

The Apostle Paul addresses the unwillingness to discipline church members in 1 Corinthians 5:1-7

“It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father’s wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.”

So we ask today, where is the mourning, where is the Biblical judgment, the removing declared devotees of abomination from every position of leadership of the United Methodists, the 111 self declared LGBT? It is obvious there is no stomach for church discipline.

Paul is clear that when a member or especially a leader sins, he needs to be publicly rebuked so that others will be warned away from the same sin.

So when we ask the question whose to blame for the mess in our country, the most often stated response is that it is Politicians. And while they bear a great responsibility, it goes deeper than that. I believe President James Garfield's had it right in his 1876 Speech on the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence when he declared,

“Now more than ever before, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave, and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the national legislature... If the NEXT CENTENNIAL does not find us a great nation... it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces.”[1]

So is it ultimately not the politicians but the citizens. But that begs the question, who is to inform the citizens of the righteous standard to which President Garfield referred? If the citizen's don't control the political forces by a righteous moral standard who is behind that failure? I would contend that it is the pulpits of America – it is there that the telling rejection of the righteous standard of God has first taken place. The United Methodists are but one of numerous examples in our land of pulpits which refuse to be salt and light, and refuse to uphold the righteous moral standard of God's Holy Law.

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Obama's new neck wear

I understand that new neck wear is being prepared for Obama in light of his administration's actions on May 13th of this year. It is not a fancy silk neck tie, no nor is it an expensive gold chain, it is, well... Let's let Jesus describe it. Turn to Matthew 18:6. Many people speculate about what Jesus would do, or what He would say, but in Obama's case no speculation is necessary. We have in Jesus' own words what He did say and continues to say, and it should cause the hair to stand on end.

"But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

A Message from Jesus to Obama – Matthew 18:6

That word translated offend is the Greek word, "skandalizo" and it connotes, "to entrap, to put a stumbling block or impediment in the way, upon which another may trip and fall, to entice to sin, to cause a person to begin to distrust and desert one whom he ought to trust and obey to cause to fall away."

And surely the perverts in the bathroom who are given license to sin by this edict will entrap, put a stumbling block, entice to sin and cause children to distrust and desert those whom they ought to obey (namely the Almighty God whose Law is the Bible). Without a doubt it will cause children to fall away. So those who have issued this edict are themselves guilty of placing this stumbling block in the path of every child in America who currently attends the government run

schools. Nothing could be more obvious than that Obama and all the officials at the Department of Education, and all those at the Department of Justice will also have this new neck wear as they are all guilty of this great crime against the children of these united States. Would to God that all parents of children would pull them immediately from the government run schools and homeschool themselves or place them in good Christian schools. It would be better for their children never again to set foot in these institutions now committed to their moral destruction.

The hypocrite Obama's two daughters attend private schools that will not be affected by this perverse proclamation.

The Obama Justice and Education departments have declared that all public schools be required to institute gender-neutral bathrooms where boys can freely enter girls' bathrooms and vice versa. Failure to comply threatens federal funding. But putting boys in girls' bathrooms is NOT where the proclamation stops.

Writing for National Review, David French reports, "The Department of Justice and the Department of Education have declared that they now 'interpret' federal law to not only support the fantastical notion that boys can become girls but also to impose new legal requirements that impact every aspect of school life. The administration's letter sweeps far beyond bathrooms—imposing a new speech code on school employees and even students, opening girls' showers to boys, requiring schools to allow boys to sleep in girls' rooms on overnight field trips, requiring boys to room with girls even in single-sex dorms, and putting boys on girls' sports teams."

Texas Lt. Governor Dan Patrick called the order "blackmail" and also said, "This will be the end of public education. People will pull their kids out, homeschooling will explode, private schools will increase."

Will American parents passively allow their children to be subjected to this grotesque and overt attempt to destroy their children's moral conscience?

My friend Pastor Chuck Baldwin said this week, "If this order is allowed to be fully implemented, this nation is toast. In the entire history of the world, no nation has ever survived once it has given itself—and especially its children—over to universal moral corruption. Ever. And giving our children over to moral corruption is exactly what Obama's proclamation does."

And Jesus says, "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

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Obama – first president in US history to put a man in a woman's bathroom

It has been an interesting week. I don't know if any of you receive hate email, I received one this week that was more vicious than most others. If the writer believed in hell he was essentially commanding me to go there – and immediately. I probably shouldn't have bothered to read it to the end, but it

struck me that these who preach the message of tolerance are some of the most intolerant and vicious people on the face of planet earth. I think it was the same day that I received junk mail from my Alma Mater. I usually toss that stuff in the circular file, but I opened this one.

It was a fund raising letter from the Alumni Association at Rutgers. The literature urged me to give to one of ten causes at the University, one of which caught my attention – LGBTQA. Of the last three the T is receiving a great deal of promotion from the likes of Bruce Jenner. He is still Bruce no matter what he claims, he is still biologically male, every cell of his body proclaims that reality in spite of what his disordered mind believes – he cannot change reality by thinking he would like it to be different than it actually is. No amount of bodily mutilation or injections of hormones will change reality.

But majority of Americans reject this delusion. One million former customers of Target have decided a retailer committed to this perversion isn't worthy of their patronage, nor of the risk that store's decision places upon children and women. Several State governments are standing against this evil, notably North Carolina – I pray they will not cave into the Fascist pressure from the White House and the so called Department of Justice.

Now in that fund raising letter I know what the Q stands for but I don't know or care what the A stands for. All that means to me is that there is a whole new category of perversion they are promoting. So here is my Alma Mater asking me to fund a program to further the cause of the sexual disordered on campus. To help them feel good about their sin, to teach them that it is good and even righteous to act in violation of God's Law, to even pervert the very nature of what God has made them to be. That is what passes for an education at Rutgers and all other Ivy League Schools – teaching students to not only disobey God's Law, but teaching them to over throw

God's Law. And not only to do this in their personal life, but even more disastrously to bring about a radical and fundamental transformation of America into a land rife with the abomination of sodomy, teaching people to reject who God has made them to be and at the core of their being to reject God altogether.

In short this along with many other universities in our land are nothing short of synagogues of Satan, blatantly teaching and promoting the Satanic agenda for the lives of their students and advancing the Satanic agenda of a radical transformation of our land into the kingdom of Satan. I would not recommend my Alma Mater to any student looking for a institution of higher education. In fact one should be very cautious about any so called institution of higher education including many that call themselves Christian.

Many of these have succumbed at this point to the sodomite agenda. I read of a very well known "Christian" university that hired a staff member in their drama department. Later it was revealed he was a sodomite. When asked about it by a Christian broadcaster the school official responded, when we hire someone, we are not concerned about their personal life, just their credentials and job performance. So they are not concerned that such a staff member will have a corrupting effect on the student body! They are certainly not alone in this type of approach to so called Christian higher education. In fact it we need to remind ourselves of what true education is as given to us in the Word of God. Proverbs 1:7 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

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Don't bow down to environmental idols

I was on the radio show in Valley Forge this Friday WFYL, 'We the People' where we explored 9 reasons Obama should be impeached and removed from office. When a President commits acts in violation of his oath of office, the proper response is the House draws up articles of impeachment and then the Senate puts the President on trial. If he is found guilty, he is immediately removed from office. One item we didn't talk about but should also be on that list was his actions last month on Earth Day.

April 22 in the year of our Lord 2016, Obama signed the Paris Climate Treaty. He has promised that before he leaves office he will implement this – which I take to mean he will use again, unconstitutional executive orders to pull it off. This is a clear violation of the Treaty provisions of the Constitution, a violation of his oath of office and therefore an impeachable offense. This Paris Treaty is supposed to slow the growth of so called 'global warming.'

We know that their supposed science is junk science, that their researchers are liars and have cooked the books, falsifying global temperatures, and lying about the effects of carbon dioxide. Which by the way carbon dioxide is not some poisonous gas as they make it out to be, it is plant food, the more CO₂ in the atmosphere the greater productivity in the sphere of plant growth. What is so bad about that? What we need to understand is that the real agenda underlying the whole environmental movement is really not about stewardship of the Creation God has entrusted to us but about controlling human beings, not allow them to take dominion over the earth,

its goal is to put humans in urban cages and leaving vast tracks of land untouched by any human activity. You can check it out under the U.N. Biodiversity treaty or what is known as the Wildlands project. Does the Word of God speak to this issue in any way? Turn to Exodus 23 as we continue our study entitled "On the Mountain with God."

The Step by Step Conquest – Exodus 23:27-33 "I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee. And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land. And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee. Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee."

As we saw last week –

The Justice of God will fall upon the pagan nations

- The conquest of the land was due to the pagan abominations; specifically child sacrifice, sodomy, bestiality and cannibalism.
- The land itself vomited out inhabitants which accepted God declared abominations. And we noted the grave danger we face in our land today as at least two of these abominations have become accepted in America today. Which means unless we repent of these sins, unless there is a revival and a return to obedience to God's Law, America will vomit out the current

inhabitants of this land; that is a law of the universe built in to the DNA of the earth by the Creator's design and no land is exempt from God's Law.

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Ontrasting the presidential candidates

Well the results of the primary this Tuesday in Maryland are in. It is interesting to examine the promises politicians make as they are pleading for our votes. I can summarize the communist candidate with this "Let us take all your money and we will care for you cradle to grave." He personally believes that those who don't work should eat anyway. His own history shows that. In 1971, he joined a hippie commune in Vermont. But they quickly threw him out because he would not work, he just sat around and talked and talked and talked some more.[1]

Sounds like nothing has changed. Then there is the strident vicious feminist with a long list of suspicious deaths in her wake who when you examine the evidence should really be in prison not on the campaign trail. I take her mantra to be essentially this, "Give all power to me and I will let you live." Then there's he who renounced his Canadian citizenship and then sealed his records so we have no proof that he is an American citizen, let alone a "Natural Born Citizen" as required by the Constitution.

Then there's make America Great by playing follow the leader wherever he leads. Oh and finally the socialist who is just several steps behind the communist. Some choice we were given at the polls on Tuesday. But one thing I did notice on the Democrat ballot that I have never seen before. An option down at the bottom of the listing of Presidential candidates – none of the above. Well, those weren't the precise words, but that was the meaning. "I don't support any of the candidates for president." Wow, I wonder how in the world that option made it on the ballot? And why didn't we hear any figures reported on the number of voters who cast their ballot for the "none of the above." Given the five choices presented to us, I would have been interested in seeing that option on both party's ballots – "none of the above."

Every candidate paints a glorious picture of the future of America if we will simply elect them to the office of President. The economy will blossom, all needs and even wants will be met, why it will be heaven on earth. They forecast a glorious future for America. You remember four years ago, and even eight years ago, these were the same promises made by the imposter in the White House as well. Didn't turn out as he promised did it.

What is the future of America? Is there an accurate forecast of what lies ahead? Turn to Exodus 23, for the Word of God speaks clearly to this issue. Essentially there are only two options for America today given our current condition.

- We are steeped in the abominations God specifically states will cause the land to spew out its inhabitants. We have plunged down the path of national suicide.
- When we look to the future for our land there are only two roads; the one we are currently on which leads to total destruction, to the inhabitants being spewed out of this land, or
- Repentance and revival. Were our land to fall down in repentance, confessing our sins to God, crying out to Him for

His mercy, turning from the evil we have embraced, God in His mercy might yet spare us the destruction which otherwise is our sure destination.

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Fired for telling the truth

How much will it cost in America to be a faithful Christian? Consider the case of Dr. Eric Walsh a renowned public health expert who also serves as a lay minister. It is his preaching from the pulpit that has led to the troubles he now faces. Back in 2014 he was invited to deliver the commencement address at Pasadena City College in California. But the homosexuals fiercely opposed him. They examined his sermons and accused him of being anti-homosexual.

Video of the Sermon

He was forced to back out of that commencement address, but with the power of the homosexual lobby against him, he was forced to resign his post as the city’s public health director. Then he was hired by the State of Georgia Department of Public Health. But as his attorney reports, “The reality is that it wasn’t anything [Walsh] did at work. It wasn’t anything he said at work. He was fired because the State of Georgia told four or more of their employees to spend hours, literally hours of time, digging through sermons line by line and finding stuff that they didn’t agree with – and then they fired him.” The sermons he delivered related what the Bible said on the issues of health, marriage, sexuality, world

religions, science and creationism. He also preached on what the Bible says about homosexuality... First Liberty has accused the government agency of religious discrimination and retaliation.... The powerful Georgia homosexual lobby got their way.

They said, "Dr. Walsh's public displays of anti-gay propaganda and religious rhetoric will become symbols of the department and will further isolate an already vulnerable population. We believe this hire is detrimental to the wellbeing of our community, as well as to the effectiveness of the Department to conduct meaningful outreach to LGBT Georgians," executive director Ellis told the publication.[1] So there you have it, religious freedom supposedly secured by our First Amendment is trampled in the mud by a group of sexual anarchist who demand Christians be persecuted and the government complies by persecuting Christians all in the name of a tolerance that will not tolerate the truth of the Bible and a so called diversity that is actually a monolithic doctrinaire demand that everyone comply with its single vision of sexual anarchy.

The stark choice is becoming pointedly clear in our day, to follow the Lord Jesus Christ in a land that is controlled and dominated by homosexuals will mean being persecuted for that choice. Those who name the name of Jesus Christ must make a sober evaluation of the situation in our day. To boldly proclaim the whole counsel of God, to clearly tell the good news of the Gospel means that we must tell sinners that they are sinners. That abortion is murder, that all sexual sins are violations of God's law and that sodomy, God the creator declares an abomination. That sins of theft, lying and coveting consign one to hell. That blasphemy, idolatry, and religious pluralism are not freedoms defended by the Founding Documents of our land – they are wicked sins which God will punish severely. That no one has the "right" to do anything which Creator of all things declares to be wrong.

Making this choice to be a true follower of Jesus Christ is

becoming increasingly dangerous in America. How should we respond? Should we retreat? Should we cower? God's Word tells us how we are to respond. In Exodus 23 the passage before us, is the answer to how we are to respond to the threats against us as followers of Christ.

How we are to think about the situation that confronts us that is parallel in significant ways to what the Israelites faced in crossing the desert to enter the Promised Land. They would be confronted with fierce pagan hostility to their faith in the One True God, they faced serious threats to their life, liberty and property from those same pagans who worshipped worthless idols. And it is no different in our day.

It was very easy for Israel to cower in fear, to desire to retreat, even to go back to slavery in Egypt, to shrink from the fight against paganism God had called them to. And by the way, that is exactly the problem here in America today, wimpy Christians unwilling to fight the good fight of faith against the pagan idolatries of our day.

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The answer to gender anarchy

Anyone objectively viewing the moral landscape of America for the past five decades cannot help but remark at the disaster that has befallen our land. This moral degradation of America is called by the left "liberty and justice" – it is anything but that. It is sexual anarchy. Webster's 1828 defines anarchy

as “Want of government; a state of society, when there is no law or supreme power, or when the laws are not efficient, and individuals do what they please with impunity; political confusion.”

Anarchy is what has overtaken our land not liberty. Our founders understood that liberty is the freedom to obey God’s law not violate God’s law. Look at the issues being argued in many State Legislatures today – so called bath room bills. Some States are protecting citizens from perverts who want to go into the bathroom of the opposite sex – that is they are people who have rejected the identity God gave them at conception. But the agenda is much wider than that, it encompasses a propaganda scheme aimed at vulnerable children.

Linda Harvey writes, “evil leftists as the power-brokers [are] looking to separate children from something essential ... to sever American children from their God-designed, biological genders.

The Human Rights Campaign, the ACLU and the National Education Association want schools to become “gender expansive.” These deviants are sucking the life out of young humans, persuading them to embrace delusions and become surgically mutilated at the earliest opportunity... Radicals take the wrecking ball to everything, including human design. But it’s not simply a fight against gender distinctions. It’s a fight against modesty and decency, and the presumption that these are unnecessary is the basis of the pressure to open school restrooms and showers to both sexes.”[1]

All these are but a smoke screen for the real agenda – sexual anarchy, overthrowing God’s Law regarding all aspects of sexual morality. It is apparent from the mile high point of view that this agenda of sexual anarchy is insatiable. At first only small demands were made but then more and more and greater and greater then even more expansive demands are made to the point that it becomes more evident every day that there

is no end to their demands that all of us surrender to their agenda.

Now we are told we may not merely tolerate it but that we must be forced to honor and celebrate their perversion. And we must not be permitted to just say that their perversion is okay, or even call it normal, now we must be forced to even say that it is as holy and sacred as God's institution of Holy Matrimony.

Compared to other sins there is something remarkable here. I don't know of any union of kleptomaniacs who demand they we allow them to freely steal from us all and then relabel their theft as a Holy Sacrament. Nor is there an organization of serial killers insisting that we relabel their crime as Holy, Sacred and good. But it appears that sexual immorality is a sin that is insatiable; enough is never enough for them.

One of the many attributes of human beings which distinguish us from all other creatures on earth is the dissatisfaction that occurs even when all of our physical needs are fully met. This condition is universal among people regardless of age, race, or wealth. People are not satisfied even when they have all the food, clothing and shelter they need to exist. For the human being there is a longing for something more, a desire that transcends any physical biological stimulus. An objective examination of human beings leads to the conclusion that we are spiritual creatures who long for spiritual satisfaction with as much as, or perhaps even more passion than for physical satisfaction.

Jesus understands our human heart perfectly. That is why what He said 2000 years ago is still relevant today, it still speaks to the longings and yearnings of the human heart.

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1984 or 2016?

If you have ever read George Orwell's novel "1984" you know it paints a very dark but all too prescient picture of a totalitarian government. A civil government which rules its citizens with an iron fist. The deceptive use of language was the critical element for the government system of bondage by which it enslaved the people. It worked tirelessly to lie to the people.

"In Orwell's thriller, electronic surveillance conducted by the omnipresent "Big Brother" was a major factor, as was the development and implementation of a language, Newspeak, that was devised to control thought over time by eliminating words from the vernacular. When words were eliminated, thoughts and concepts those words represented would be eliminated.

Furthermore, terms to describe government agencies were often the opposite of what their respective missions were... The omnipresent Party understood that "who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past."

The world in which the residents of 1984 resided was a world of deception and lies where "up" was "down" and "right" was "wrong." In 1984 the use of conflicting terms were designed to be disorienting and intimidating to better gain total control over the masses."[1]

Don't we see that fulfilled in our land today? 2016 is 1984. A Federal government spending billions to spy on us and everything we do, supposedly for our security. That statement is a clear example of the Newspeak Orwell spoke of. They claim they have to break the Law, specifically the 4th Amendment,

for our own good. Sounds like an excuse a burglar might make as he breaks into your house – “I’m really doing this for your own good, just trust me on that.”

There are multitudes of examples of Newspeak we could expose. I saw another example on a bumper sticker this week. It was simple; “Legalize Love.” What would that have meant 50 years ago? Decriminalize fornication. How about 40 years ago? Decriminalize adultery. Even ten years ago it would probably have meant decriminalize sodomy. By the way just spilling ink on paper does not change the laws of the universe, these are still crimes even though the civil government has claimed to change them. And the laws of the universe still bring to bear the Creator’s punishments for violating His law. Also we must note, none of those things supposedly “legalized” are love. They are sin, and to be sure, sins driven by powerful lusts; but lust is not love. So what what could that bumper sticker possibly mean today? With fornication, adultery and sodomy and even sodomite unmarriage now supposedly legalized, what’s next? Rape, Pedophilia, bestiality or what other unspeakable perversion? I don’t know the answer because the bumper sticker didn’t say, but I thought to myself there is another illustration of the Newspeak so prevalent in our land.

Well the biggest lie being promulgated by Newspeak is this (it is so subtle that you may not clearly detect it without some careful thought) that lie is this – government is God. That it is a being who has unlimited powers, unending resources, it can (if you are a compliant obedient subject) provide for you from cradle to grave, it will fulfill your most important needs in life.

It will educate you, provide a job for you, give you an income in your older years when you can no longer work, it will provide for all of your health care needs and even your wants. Want a sex change operation, the government is there for you, gave birth to children without a husband, well you don’t need one, the government will do nearly everything for you a

husband would do. The government is your ever present companion, watching you every moment listening in on most of your conversations. You never need worry about safety or security because the government is there to protect you from all harm. In short who needs God when you have the government on your side. It claims omniscience, omnipresence and omnipotence, knowing all, being everywhere, and all powerful. That is a claim to deity, a blasphemous demand for worship.

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Georgia governor abandons liberty, embraces perversion

If you’ve ever read Alice in Wonderland or Lewis Carroll’s follow-up, Through the Looking Glass, you’ll recall Alice was confronted by a world of irrationality, every thing upside down, inside out and simply stupid. In one scene she has a conversation with the Red Queen who is claiming rationality. Alice finally objects to the Queen’s irrationality.

“No, I shouldn’t,” said Alice, surprised into contradicting her at last: “a hill can’t be a valley, you know. That would be nonsense—

The Red Queen shook her head. “You may call it ‘nonsense’ if you like,” she said, “but I’ve heard nonsense, compared with which that would be as sensible as a dictionary!”[1]

America, it appears to me, is now through the looking glass.

In Georgia's Legislature a law titled "An Act to Protect Religious Freedoms" was brought forward on March 16 and passed in speedy time by both Republican-controlled sides of the general assembly. This aroused a firestorm of threats to the state of Georgia from major media companies such as Disney and sports leagues namely the NFL.

They demanded the governor reject the bill or face economic sanctions. Georgia has a growing film industry and new football and baseball stadiums under construction. Georgia would stand to lose major film production opportunities as well as future Super Bowls.

The legislation literally states:

(1) "No minister of the gospel or cleric or religious practitioner ordained or authorized to solemnize marriages according to the usages of the denomination, when acting in his or her official religious capacity, shall be required to solemnize any marriage in violation of his or her right to free exercise of religion under the Constitution of this state or of the United States."

(2) "No business or industry shall be required by ordinance or resolution of any county, municipality, or consolidated government to operate on either of the two rest days Saturday or Sunday."

(3) "No religious organization shall be required to rent, lease or otherwise grant permission for property to be used by another person for purposes which are objectionable to such religious organization."

What's so egregious about saying preachers can't be required by law to disobey God's Law? Should Hobby Lobby be forced to open on Sundays? Should churches, Christian schools and missionary organizations be forced to allow use their facilities for activities they believe are contrary to the

tenants of the faith”?

Should preachers be forced to bless homosexual marriage ceremonies?

Should Christian schools have a right to deny groups that hate them the ability to rent their facilities? So anti Christian organizations, some call them anti-Christian corporate bigots, such as the ESPN, Disney, Marvel, Apple, Time Warner (which owns CNN, coincidentally), Intel, Salesforce, Dell, the AMC Networks, which films its hit show “The Walking Dead” in the state of Georgia, Coca-Cola, the NFL, which by the way said if the governor didn’t veto the bill Georgia would never host a Super Bowl, have all ganged up to threaten and coerce the governor to veto the bill.[2]

Imagine the reaction of the NFL if Christian Americans quit watching NFL football (on television or at games). What if Christians decided to stop using the products of these attackers and quit watching ESPN, especially its NFL football games?[3]

Our world has gone through the looking glass where the really insane people, those who think like the Red Queen, are in control of all these businesses as well as ultimately control of what the whole country is being perverted by, but not everywhere. In contrast to the wimp in Georgia who vetoed that bill is the State of Mississippi.

Mississippi’s House Bill 1523 says, among other things, that public employees, businesses and social workers cannot be punished for denying services based on the belief that marriage is strictly between a man and a woman. Same goes for people who act on the belief that “sexual relations are properly reserved to such a marriage” and that gender is determined at birth. It says the government can’t prevent businesses from firing a transgender employee, clerks from refusing to license a same-sex marriage, or adoption agencies

from refusing to place a child with a couple who they believe may be committing fornication. As of Wednesday, HB 1523 has passed Mississippi's House and Senate. And the Governor is likely to sign it.[4]

The Bible has a specific word for what we see happening, the word is lawlessness – (1 John 3:4) “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.” Sin is more than law breaking; it is standing in rebellion against God and pledging allegiance to the forces of evil that seek to destroy the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Isis brings death to Europe

On Tuesday last week death arrived in the subway, death came to the airport in Brussels Belgium, in the very heart of political Europe. In fact, the subway bomb was not far from the NATO headquarters in Brussels.

One European based commentator stated,

“Once the dust begins to settle in Brussels, it's almost 100% certain that a whole new raft of Europe-wide (and possible western-worldwide) security measures will now be rushed into place as a reaction to this latest incident. These will likely include, but are [not] limited to, new police powers of search, seizure and detention, biometric ID systems and other ‘enhanced screening’ measures. Also expect some privacy debate

to ensue regarding personal device encryption, or unfettered police access to personal information.”[1]

I would agree with that analysis. What we can predict is a further loss of freedom and liberty not only in Europe but probably here in our own land. The reports are that more than 30 people died in these bomb blasts, two were Americans. One moment they were focused on getting to the destination for which they began their journey.

No doubt they had each prepared for the journey they were on whether just across town or boarding an airplane to cross the ocean and were likely not thinking about the end of their own life here on earth. But on Tuesday prepared or not, they reached the end of their earthly journey. And unless the Lord Jesus Christ returns in our lifetime, we each will also cross that same threshold. Our death may come at any time even at a time we do not expect. For those who are true followers of Jesus the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave we celebrate today is the ultimate game changer.

First the resurrection means that Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death. Next that resurrection assures us that the payment for our sins which was fully made at the cross, was then fully accepted by God the Father. In addition His resurrection confirms that the Kingdom of Christ will ultimately triumph – the defeat of sin, of death and of Satan himself has been accomplished. We are simply living through the mopping up phase of the complete victory of Jesus Christ. Then the Resurrection of Jesus Christ assures us there is more beyond the grave. We do not have a chart to guide us, save Jesus Christ; details are sketchy, but our destination is certain. Yes the resurrection of Jesus Christ was the ultimate game changer, game over, Jesus Christ wins.

Now for each disciple of Jesus Christ there is an even deeper and more profound implication of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Turn to Philippians 3:20-21 “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior,

the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body..." That glorious body is the resurrected body of our Lord and Savior.

Think of the incredible promise we are given here in God's Word – we will have a resurrection body like that in which Jesus Christ rose from the dead. I don't know about you, but this gets me excited, standing on tip toe, peering over the edge of eternity, eagerly looking towards that glorious hope that blessed hope of our Great Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at whose appearing in His second Advent, we will receive this glorious resurrection body promised in God's Word.

In fact if you know the medical path of the human body, it is a sad downward cycle of decay and corruption. If our hope were only in this world with an ultimate slide into the grave, life would be a most despairing experience. I often wonder how the atheist, the materialist, the rationalist, how they grow old and maintain any hope at all. You see if you look at the facts of the decline leading to death it is a pretty gloomy prospect, but not for the Christian. Turn to 1 Corinthians 15 where Paul speaks of death with the imagery of planting seeds in the ground.

Today I'd like to take a look at the nature of that glorious body of our resurrected Lord Jesus to just get a sneak preview of that which is prepared for us. Turn to Luke 24:36. You'll recall the context here; the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, where Jesus appeared and walked and talked with them.

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Christ is immutable and the government is upon his shoulders

This week I had the opportunity to speak with two very different audiences. The first was in Annapolis where I testified before the House Judiciary Committee on the subject of our God given right to carry firearms which is denied by our State "government." I pointed out to them aspects of the Maryland State Constitution which require them, by the oath they have taken before Almighty God, to pass legislation that secures our right to carry.

Others, of the 500 who testified, spoke of the 2nd Amendment and many other reasons they should do so. While there are a few patriots on that committee, the chairman and the majority are opposed to securing our God given rights in this matter. Their ears were deaf to our statements, their hearts cold to our appeals. They cared nothing for what the U.S. Constitution says, nor what the Maryland Constitution requires of them, let alone what Jesus Christ commands us, His disciples, in Luke 22:36, where He told them to by a sword – that is a military grade weapon for the purposes of self defense.

I have no illusions about the chairman and committee. The chairman will probably just put those gun bills in the drawer and that committee will never even vote on them, but I went to be a witness to him and the members of that committee so when they stand before their judge and maker at the great white throne judgment; they will not be able to say their punishment is unjust. They will not be able to say no one ever warned them. Our Lord will remind them that they were warned, that

they were told about their violations of their oath to obey both the U.S. and Maryland Constitutions.

Now the second group I spoke to was up in Gettysburg. A wonderful group of patriots that I have spoken to several other times but on this occasion I had a difficult message to present to them – I spoke on the two lies contained in the pledge of allegiance (one nation and indivisible). In truth we are 50 States, not one and we are divisible. These are difficult truths to convey and they listened patiently, respectfully and thoughtfully, in contrast to my experience earlier this week in Annapolis.

I pondered the reason for the difference between these two audiences. We might suppose that arrogance and pride play into that contrast, and certainly power has a role, but I think the biggest difference in those two audiences was how they answered this question: where does Law come from? For the first group in Annapolis, the politicians believe that law comes whenever they spill ink on paper. They believe as State legislators they not only make law, they are the source of law. There is no authority higher than their selves. Should they decree that the sun should not shine on Wednesday each week, well the Sun better submit to their commands.

You say that is over the top? Well consider what they have already done, they have decreed that they are they one's who define and control God's Holy institution of marriage. If they decree that two men can marry, why not a man and a horse? Marriage, which is integral part of the moral laws of the universe they believe is subject to their control and indeed to their redefinition. When you examine that idea rationally you can see that only a lunatic would hold such a belief. Well indeed we have let them out of the asylum and they now inhabit the highest circles of power both at the State and Federal level.

Now for the second group in Gettysburg, the blessing is that

most of the audience holds to the Biblical view that God is the source of all law. That when our Founders spoke of the Laws of Nature and Nature's God they were referring to the Bible – God's written revelation to mankind of His Law and His Will which are immutable. Just as no man can alter the physical laws of the universe, no man can alter the moral laws either. As we would rightly label someone a lunatic who believed they had magical powers that when they spilled ink on paper their actions actually changed the physical laws of the universe; so we would rightly label them the same if they believed they had powers to alter the moral laws of the universe. The issue of where law comes from was actually what underlies the events of that very first Palm Sunday. We have already read the Matthew 21 account of that day in our responsive reading.

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Alabama Supreme Courts attitude of gratitude

There was good news this week from our friends on the Alabama Supreme Court. Chief Justice Roy Moore wrote the following unanimous opinion.

"Today this Court by order dismisses all pending motions and petitions and issues the certificate of judgment in this case. That action does not disturb the existing March orders in this case or the Court's holding therein that the Sanctity of

Marriage Amendment, art. I, § 36.03, Ala. Const. 1901, and the Alabama Marriage Protection Act, § 30-1-9, Ala. Code 1975, are constitutional. Therefore, and for the reasons stated below, I concur with the order.”

- I agree with the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, John Roberts, and with Associate Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, and Samuel Alito, that the majority opinion in Obergefell has no basis in the law, history, or tradition of this country. Obergefell is an unconstitutional exercise of judicial authority that usurps the legislative prerogative of the states to regulate their own domestic policy. Additionally, Obergefell seriously jeopardizes the religious liberty guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

- Based upon arguments of “love,” “commitment,” and “equal dignity” for same-sex couples, five lawyers, as Chief Justice Roberts so aptly describes the Obergefell majority, have declared a new social policy for the entire country. As the Chief Justice and Associate Justices Scalia, Thomas, and Alito eloquently and accurately demonstrate in their dissents, the majority opinion in Obergefell is an act of raw power with no ascertainable foundation in the Constitution itself. The majority presumed to legislate for the entire country under the guise of interpreting the Constitution.”[1]

So the highest court in the state has ruled that Alabama’s laws hold on the grounds that the Supreme Court’s ruling only applies to the parties of the case. Praise be to God, they have taken the proper stand against the evil of homosexual marriage. I pray that their example would inspire other State Supreme Courts and even State Legislatures and Executives to resolutely stand against this evil in our land.

That reminds me of that time in our land when States stood up against tyrannical opinions issued by the Federal Supreme Court. For example in the 1850’s, “Wisconsin Legislature

passed a series of resolutions denouncing the actions of the U.S. Supreme Court as “an arbitrary act of power ... without authority, void and of no force,” and urging “positive defiance” by the states as the ‘rightful remedy.’”[2]

In the midst of many reasons for us to bemoan the state of our country, there are still reasons to give thanks to God. And when we thank God, it changes our whole demeanor, our attitude shifts in a new direction. Now that is not to say we forget all the problems in our land, or that we no longer speak about them, nor does it mean we cease to actively work to seek to change these things so that evil may be put down and righteousness exalted. What it means is that we do all these things within the over all Attitude of Gratitude – Grateful to Almighty God for all of His good and perfect gifts, for His abundant mercy and grace and the speed at which He will pardon and forgive. We must fight the good fight of faith Christ has called us to enveloped with this Attitude of Gratitude. So the question is ‘How are we to cultivate a grateful heart?’

The Word of God instructs us in this vital task. Cultivate a grateful heart was so important that God set time aside in the annual calendar of His people to focus on developing a grateful heart. The second of the three annual feasts was designed to develop a grateful heart. Though we in the New Covenant will not take all the specific actions called for in this feast, nonetheless it is very instructive for us who desire to develop a grateful heart.

We need to take the time to pause and reflect, to count the many blessings we have – physical provision, food clothing, shelter, family and friends. To thank Him for the great salvation He purchased with His own precious blood, and to thank Him for the joy of wonderful fellowship that we now have with Him – fellowship beyond that which anyone ever knew until the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. For it was on that Pentecost, the 6th day of the 3rd month Sivan in the year 30 A.D. that the Holy Spirit came to earth to permanently indwell

believers for the first time in the history of the universe. We will examine that event next week, which is actually the day of Pentecost. If you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ, then you have God's Holy Spirit resident within you.

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When government is like cancer

The human body is an amazing Creation of an all wise God. Open minded students of our biological frame stand in awe of the marvelous design of God our Creator. "There are between 50 and 75 trillion cells in the body... Each type of cell has its own life span, and when a human dies it may take hours or day before all the cells in the body die." [1]

There is a myth circulating that we replace every last cell except brain cells are replaced every seven years, but it is more complex than that. "It is true that individual cells have a finite life span, and when they die off they are replaced with new cells... Red blood cells live for about four months, while white blood cells live on average more than a year. Skin cells live about two or three weeks. Colon cells have it rough: They die off after about four days... while brain cells typically last an entire lifetime (neurons in the cerebral cortex, for example, are not replaced when they die)." [2]

So the process of replacing all the dying cells in our body

with brand new cells is an extremely important function. Imagine what would happen if a newly minted cell decided not to function as it was designed to function, to go rouge, to rebel against the Creator's design for it as a cell. Just consider the liver for example.

The liver is our largest internal organ. "The liver performs many essential functions related to digestion, metabolism, immunity, and the storage of nutrients within the body. These functions make the liver a vital organ without which the tissues of the body would quickly die from lack of energy and nutrients." [3] Some estimate at least 500 vital functions are preformed by our liver.

So what if the liver cells designed by God to manufacture bile, which is essential in digestion, decided on their own to stop making bile? If one or two cells did that, you might not notice. But if those few cells begin the reproduction of other rebel cells, very soon you are in serious trouble. If enough of those rebel cells reproduce after their kind you will be diagnosed with having liver cancer. What have each of those cancer cells done? Rather than performing the task they were designed by the Creator to do, they have gone their own way; instead of serving the human body in which they reside, they have decided to only serve themselves. They greedily demand a continuing supply of blood, of oxygen, of nutrients but now these cells will no longer serve the body, now they will only serve themselves. They have rebelled against their designer and gone rouge. They have become an enemy to that very body they were created to serve; indeed they have become a deadly enemy.

We know that unless those cancer cells are stopped in their tracks, deprived of blood, oxygen and nutrients, the body they were designed to serve, the body which they inhabit will ultimately die. And ironically, those cancer cells, unlike a parasite which might migrate from one host body to another, those cancer cells are going to die in the body which they

killed. In other words, cancer cells by choosing to go rouge are choosing the path of suicide.

I'm reminded of the discussion we had at IOTC's First Friday lecture. We know that our Founders designed the civil government to be a servant of the people, to serve us by protecting and securing our God given rights.

But what happens when that government goes rouge, when it becomes a rebel against the purpose for which it was created, the purpose for which God ordained it, when it rejects the design of the creators and begins to only serve itself and not the people, when it greedily consumes the resources of the people for its own selfish ends, when it no longer operates as the servant of the people but turns itself into the master of the people? How then is this rouge civil government any different than liver cancer? The decision to go rouge, as with liver cancer, is the deliberate choice of suicide. Proverbs 8:36 puts it this way as God is speaking as the personification of wisdom. "But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death." What is true of the cancer cell is also true of rouge civil governments. And what is true of rouge civil governments is true for each of us in our own self government. Turn to Exodus 23:14 as we continue in our study Celebrating Our Lord.

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Can we trust republicans and democrats?

As the Presidential campaigns churn on there is a great deal of attention focused upon every detail by the media. Who said what to whom, when and how. Americans are stirred up to believe that it is a huge deal who gets into the oval office. Yet when you look back on the past 27 years of the occupants of that office, it really hasn't meant a molehill of difference in what has happened in our land which party held that office.

There is a uniform track moving us toward greater and greater tyranny from Bush I, Clinton, Bush II and Obama. The Democrats have held it for only 3 more years than the Republicans, and the results are uniform: bigger federal government, higher taxes, ever increasing regulations with a corresponding loss of freedom, useless, needless and unconstitutional wars, and rapid expansion of every form of tyranny. Great promises are always made in the campaigns, yet whoever wins the race give us the very same thing, more tyrannical unconstitutional government – in other words lawless rulers running roughshod over the God given rights of the citizens in this land that was once blessed by God.

Perhaps you've seen the Peanuts cartoon where Lucy holds the football for Charlie Brown. He runs toward her to kick the football, and at the last second, as he has wound up for the kick, she pulls the football away and Charlie Brown lands flat on his back. Then Lucy promises she wont do that again, so Charlie Brown, trusting her once again runs toward that football, but Lucy lied and she pulls it away at the last second, and there is Charlie Brown flat on his back. After several go rounds, we wonder why doesn't Charlie Brown get the message. Lucy lied to him every single time; she will always pull the ball away and he will always wind up flat on his

back.

I think Charlie Brown is a picture of the American voters. For the past 27 years we have had every variety of promises possible that a new President would reform Washington D.C., yet they yanked the ball away as soon as they occupied the Oval Office. When will we learn?

I believe we can make the most progress to restore our land at the local level, and most importantly we need to find rest in Our Lord in the midst of all the turmoil. I am not advocating disconnecting from what is happening politically in our land, but rather an approach that is rooted in a profound settled Rest in our Lord. This morning we are beginning new series titled Celebrating our Lord taken from Exodus 23. We will examine the commands of our Lord on how we are to worship our Lord in the celebrations He instructed Israel to conduct.

The Celebrations of the Lord are for Worshipping Him – Exodus 23:10-13 “And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof: But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, and with thy oliveyard. Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed. And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.”

The blessings of productive work – when we examine the Fourth Commandment, we often slide right over the first part. “Six days thou shalt do thy work...And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof:”

Work is not a curse when it is done in service to Christ – 1 Corinthians 10:31 “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or

whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Our Work is to be done to the Glory of God. If all that we do is to glorify Him, whether eating or drinking, then working also is to be done to the glory of God.

Think about the following three men who worked on a large building project. One was asked, "What are you doing?" "I'm mixing mortar," he said. The second man said, "I'm helping put up this great stone wall." When the third man was asked, he replied, "I'm building a cathedral to the glory of God." Which man are you. How do you view your work ethic.

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Was there motivation for the death of Justice Scalia?

Saturday was the funeral of Justice Antonin Scalia who died a week ago last Saturday. His death has raised a host of questions and yet there was no autopsy to determine the cause of death, as a result many questions will go unanswered. We are told there was no foul play and that he passed peacefully in his sleep of a heart attack. His bed covers were all neat and smooth as if there was no final struggle. To me it would seem that is unlikely in a death by heart attack but now that cannot be delved into as the autopsy was refused.

We know a good detective wouldn't just accept things at face value but seek to uncover every aspect of the case. If they

suspected foul play they would begin to find out who might have a motive for bringing an end to life. Who were his enemies? Who stood to gain from his death? And so on. Now it is clear that Antonin Scalia had acquired many enemies in the course of his career. As an originalist, seeking to interpret the Constitution as it was originally understood by the Framers, his decisions stood against the leftist socialists who intend to radically transform America into their vision of utopia. You can hear them exalting with the news of his passing.

They know that the Supreme Court docket contains some of the most consequential cases in decades – affirmative action, abortion, birth control, immigration, a shift in congressional power – all of these issues are before the justices this term. In fact just five days before his death I understand Scalia's last act as a Supreme Court justice supplied the fifth vote halting Obama's most ambitious effort yet to fight so called "climate change." Could that vote have supplied a motive? I don't know. What is clear is that Scalia had many enemies who would benefit from his death.

You will find that when you chose to follow Jesus Christ as your Lord and Master, the things He calls upon you to do and the message He has given you to bear will also earn you many enemies. There are multitudes who proclaim alongside the Scribes and Pharisees regarding Jesus, "We will not have this man rule over us." They are hostile to the message that Jesus Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, that He alone has been given all authority in heaven and on earth, that His Law is true law and any man made statute is only valid if it complies completely with His Law. There are people in our day who hate that message and anyone who bears that message in this world.

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The burns Oregon report from a pastor

I was blessed this week to spend time with patriots in Burns Oregon. The morning after arriving the encampment at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge came to an end. So that night there were still TV trucks at the building where I was to speak. What sparked all these events is the essential issue of who owns the land.

As you know if you've watched my Federal Land Grab video, the Federal Government has no business in owning or controlling any of that land, it has no constitutional authority from We the People to regulate, control, let alone own any of it at all. So all the actions on the part of the Federals are plain and simple – criminal acts on the part of a lawless regime which cares nothing but for the increase of its raw power as it steals more and more land. And quite clearly it is willing to falsely imprison and even kill to accomplish its evil agenda.

I met with some precious people there, some ranchers whose families have been working the land for more than a century. We met with family members of Steve and Dwight Hammond – the two ranchers in prison for five years for a supposed Federal crime. They were charged with arson, but as I shared with the crowd Thursday evening there in Burns, there is no Federal crime of arson. As Thomas Jefferson clearly wrote in the Kentucky Resolves, our Constitution only allows five Federal crimes, actions for which the Federal government can prosecute

someone, and arson is not on the list.

One thing is clear to everyone there in Burns, a grave injustice has been done to the Hammonds. They were not tried by a jury of their peers, the citizens of Burns, but way off in the far Northeast corner of the State by a jury who didn't understand the challenges of life on the range, nor the character of the Hammonds.

In addition the the jury were misinformed, they were not properly instructed by the judge that as a true American jury they are to judge the law as well as the facts and if they find the law defective then they are to acquit the accused. In addition American juries are to judge of the justice of the punishment; if the punishment did not fit the crime (eg. 5 years for setting a back fire to protect your property) then they are also to acquit. They could look at the punishment and determine if a greater injustice would be done by the over reaching punishment than just to simply let the accused go free.

What took place there is a travesty, a gross miscarriage of justice. And a Christians we ought to be very concerned when our government goes about the land committing grave acts of injustice. If this is a government of the people, by the people and for that people and we allow injustice to go unchallenged, then we've become part of that system of injustice.

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Govn't. deifies itself by taking more than God's 10%

One of the ugliest fallen human traits is greed. Leo Tolstoy once wrote a story about a successful peasant farmer who was not satisfied with his lot. "He wanted more of everything. One day he received a novel offer. For 1000 rubles, he could buy all the land he could walk around in a day. The only catch in the deal was that he had to be back at his starting point by sundown. Early the next morning he started out walking at a fast pace. By midday he was very tired, but he kept going, covering more and more ground. Well into the afternoon he realized that his greed had taken him far from the starting point.

He quickened his pace and as the sun began to sink low in the sky, he began to run, knowing that if he did not make it back by sundown the opportunity to become an even bigger landholder would be lost. As the sun began to sink below the horizon he came within sight of the finish line. Gasping for breath, his heart pounding, he called upon every bit of strength left in his body and staggered across the line just before the sun disappeared. He immediately collapsed, blood streaming from his mouth. In a few minutes he was dead. Afterwards, his servants dug a grave. It was not much over six feet long and three feet wide."

It's curious to me that we only criticize greed when it manifests on the personal level. Can't we see what is right before our eyes in America; we have a civil government drunk on greed. It never has enough, not enough of our hard earned money, not enough of our possession, and not enough of our land. 640 million acres illegally and unconstitutionally held by the Federal government is not enough, they want to steal all the land. That's what the ranchers out west are facing.

Ammon Bundy writing from prison this week explaining the problem of the Federal land grab and how they were teaching people to stand against it said, "On Friday afternoon, the 30th, (4 days after they were arrested and the government murdered LaVoy Finicum) residents surrounding Jordan Valley, Oregon, had scheduled a seminar with those at the refuge to come out and inform them of how they can protect themselves from a national monument that is to be signed in by President Obama this year, 2016. This monument is twice the size of Yellowstone, takes up a third of the county's land mass, and will put over 250 ranchers out of business as they know it."

The limits to the greed of our Federal Government seem to know no bounds. A people who will not be ruled by God's law will suffer under tyrants, and by the way an excellent study of every passage in the Bible on taxation by Robert Fugate, concludes that God's design for the Hebrew Republic was a very small tax that even the poorest could pay. That civil government was therefore also very small and did not regulate, control, spy on, manipulate, steal and murder the people to whom God gave the land of Israel. Oh to God for such a government today. Well what does the law of God say about giving? Turn to Exodus 22:29

The Command to give without delay – Exodus 22:29-30 "Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me. Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, and with thy sheep: seven days it shall be with his dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give it me." God's command is that it be without delay.

The First Fruit – Deuteronomy 26:9-10 "And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey. And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O Lord, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the Lord thy God, and worship before the Lord thy God."

The reason for the first fruit is that it took faith to do that. As a farmer you know you are not guaranteed the harvest until it is all in. It took faith to give God the first fruits.

A missionary had been teaching tithing to his church. One morning a young Christian came to the missionary's door with a fishing pole in one hand and a fish in the other hand. He said, "Here's my tithe."

The missionary asked him where the rest of his fish were and the man replied, "Oh, they're in the river, I just wanted to bring God His first."

It demonstrates trust in God to provide.

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Does the bible support the cause of LaVoy Finicum

It has happened again. Another murder of an unarmed citizen took place last Tuesday by entities posing as a government, otherwise known as the FBI and the Oregon State Police. What is happening in the collapse of America is that the civil government is not only wasteful beyond imagination; it violates the Constitution which it swears to uphold at every turn. It has become highly incompetent in nearly everything it does. In fact I would argue that it only seems to do two

things effectively, murder babies and kill unarmed citizens. So by the standard of Romans 13, it has switched from being a minister of God and has instead become a minister of Satan.

LaVoy Finicum was the spokesman for the citizens who were protesting the unjust imprisonment of the ranchers Dwight and Steven Hammond in Southwest Oregon over false charges made against them in a design evinced over many years to drive these ranchers off their land. Now you might disagree over tactics but not over the issues as the Federal Government holds an illegal claim to own one in every three acres in America. Read the Constitution and you'll see they have no permission from We the People to own that land. If you want to see the issue clearly just do a web search on "Federal Land Grab" along with my name and watch the presentation.

Lavoy was a patriot, a father of 11, with no criminal record at all, yet gunned down in cold blood, unarmed, with his hands in the air, before six witnesses, who are still alive at this point in time. It is a chilling reminder of Ruby Ridge, Idaho and of Waco, Texas where our "government" by some made up excuse murdered and burned alive men, women and children, shooting to death anyone who fled the flames. There is evidence aplenty that they have become a minister of Satan as defined by Romans 13.

The underlying issue of what has taken place in Oregon in the area of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge and the Hammond ranch is essentially an issue of who owns the land. There is a direct link therefore to the law of God. Turn to Exodus 22. You might think the topic of the Financial Ministry to the Poor wouldn't have anything to do with land ownership, but this morning I'd like to show you that it does.

The Financial Ministry to the Poor – Exodus 22:25 "If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury." So God forbid the charging of interest in what may

be called Charity loans. In the common application of the Israelites of that day, it would often mean an advance loan for work that had not yet been done would be made. So a farmer contracts with harvesters to bring in his crops. The laborer is in need of funds for basic necessities before the work takes place, so the farmer loans him the money in advance of the harvest, but he is prohibited by God from charging interest with this charitable loan. This prohibition was important enough to deserve repetition.

Charity loans are not to include interest payments – Deuteronomy 23:19-20 “Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury: Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it.” Notice the blessing God promises to those who obey His Law. A blessing in every thing you set your hand to do. Notice also that these charity loans are to be made only to ...

“My people” and “your brother” indicating that this law applies only to fellow believers of the One True God. You could choose charge interest to those who were not believers. It reminds me of what God inspired the Apostle Paul to write to the Galatians in 6:10 “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” God set structures in law to prevent enslavement of the people.

The gleaning laws – Leviticus 19:9-10 “And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the Lord your God.”

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What happened to justices of Roe v Wade?

Friday marks the anniversary of one of the darkest days in the his-tory of our land. It will mark the 43 anniversary of the horrific opinion in which the Court claimed it was legal for a woman to hire a contract killer to murder the baby residing in her womb. Justices Burger, Douglas, and Stewart filed concurring opinions along side Blackmun who wrote the majority opinion and was joined by Marshall, Brennan and Powell. It was Murder they wrote on January 22, 1973.

Justice White filed a dissenting opinion in which Justice Rehnquist joined.

- The first to meet his maker was Douglas who died January 19, 1980 just three days shy of the seventh anniversary of that wicked opinion.
- The next was Stewart dying on December 7, 1985.
- Then the grim reaper took Marshall on January 24, 1993.
- Next was the Chief Justice, Burger dying on June 25, 1995.
- Then Brennan was removed by the hand of God on July 24, 1997.
- Next the angel of death came for Powell on August 25, 1998.
- And last was the author of that demonic opinion, Blackmun himself who died on March 4, 1999 26 years after writing that opinion. These seven men have the blood of tens of millions upon their hands, and I would not want to be in their place

come judgment day.

Interesting that the last to die from that Burger court were the two who stood against the decision, standing by the dissenting opinion.

- White died April 15, 2002 the author of the dissenting opinion.
- Rehnquist died September 3, 2005 who had become the 16th Chief Justice.

I am reminded of Psalm 37:1-2 "Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb."

But the Supreme Court is not alone in that blood guilt upon our land. What was tragic is that the appropriate response was not forthcoming from Congress, where the House should have impeached and the Senate removed from office all seven Justices. Nor did the Chief Executive respond justly by doing his duty in declaring that opinion null and void. And the State governments also failed because it was their duty to declare it null and void and move forward with prosecution of murder for those committing murder of the unborn children. And the people of our land also failed, they failed to elect those who would not just mouth a pro-life position, but those who would actually have ended the holocaust.

We have done too little – God help us, we are guilty of terrible crimes against the Almighty. Our land is under the judgment of God until there is true repentance and an ending of this holocaust. Perhaps that evil in the White House is judgment, perhaps the wicked in black robes across this land are judgment, perhaps the evil legislation that continually pours forth from Congress as well as from our State Houses is also judgment, judgment from God.

The Hope for America lies not in the coming Presidential

election; it lies only in humble repentance before Almighty God for our multitude of sins. Repentance is the need of the hour. And true repentance would bring a speedy end to the murder of the preborn in our land. The Word of God is clear, He stands against the murder of the innocent, He requires their blood be atoned in that land. He stands against all those who oppress and afflict the most helpless and innocent.

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Religious pluralism is a contradiction

The Stranger and Alien

I had the privilege this past weekend of speaking at the 2016 Turning the Tides Conference on the Persecution of Christians in America. A number of the other speakers at the Conference gave us some disturbing information regarding what could truly be called the immigration crises in our land. It got me to thinking about the essence of the problem confronting us as a country; it is that we believe and value a thing called pluralism.

Religious pluralism claims that all religions are equally valid and all are equally worthy, even equally true religions. You’ve seen the bumper sticker “coexist.” That driver holds to this belief that all are equally true, so lets just get along.

I've seen a better bumper sticker as of late, with all the same religious symbols as the first but they make up the word "Contradict." It is true, all these belief systems contradict one another so logically they cannot all be true. "The reason that religious pluralism is on the rise is that it's politically correct. To pronounce against any religion, it is often thought, to say that a religion is false, is deeply disrespectful. Religious exclusivists, those who believe that the various religions of the world contradict each other and so that only one of them, at most, can be true, are intolerant, and intolerance is to be condemned in all its forms." [1]

This is actually a lie, however. The very idea of tolerance is that you treat someone with respect with whom you have a significant disagreement. It is not tolerance then to say contradictions are all true, that is simply indifference to the truth. "In order to tolerate a person's beliefs, therefore, one has to disagree with them. Tolerance does not involve agreeing with people; it involves disagreeing with them but treating them respectfully anyway.

Tolerance requires disagreement; one can only tolerate what one believes to be in error. Religious pluralism, which denies that any religion is in error, is therefore inconsistent with the virtue of tolerance. Religious pluralism, in committing itself to the view that no religion is false, condemns those religions that take the opposite view as false." [2]

Our current immigration policy is undergirded by this false belief that all believe systems, what are commonly called religions, are of equal validity, equally true, and are therefore of no great concern or consequence regarding who we let into this country. Is this a wise decision? Turn to Exodus 22:20.

The Problem of Pluralism – Exodus 22:20 "He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the Lord only, he shall be utterly

destroyed.”

- No idolatry was permitted to be practiced in public – it would constitute a flagrant rebellion against the King – Lord God Almighty, Jehovah. Here is the essence of understanding this law. At first glance our modern sensibilities are affronted with this law. What, you won't allow anyone to worship any religion which they choose to in your land? Well let's consider this more closely.

- The acknowledgement of idols in open undermines the essential foundation of a good and righteous society. I think we have abundant examples where this is showing itself in the news of our day. Did you hear about what happened this past New Years Eve in Cologne Germany?

“80 women reported sexual assaults and muggings by men on New Year's Eve.

The scale of the attacks on women at the city's central train station has shocked Germany. About 1,000 drunk and aggressive young men were involved.

City police chief Wolfgang Albers called it “a completely new dimension of crime”. The men were of Arab or North African appearance, he said.

... At least one woman was raped, and many were groped. Most of the crimes reported to police were robberies. A volunteer policewoman was among those sexually molested.

What is particularly disturbing is that the attacks appear to have been organized. Around 1,000 young men arrived in large groups, seemingly with the specific intention of carrying out attacks on women.

A policeman who was outside Cologne station during the New Year's Eve trouble told the city's Express news website that he had detained eight suspects. “They were all asylum seekers,

carrying copies of their residence certificates,” he said.

The enemies of God are not to be given a platform to proselytize, to gather adherents to that belief system. Note that civil government is only given power to punish actions – the actions forbidden were to conduct a public sacrifice.

Can we allow any strangers in our midst? Those who are not of our culture and religion? Now this teaching could take us to a point where we mistreat the stranger in our midst. But that is not what scripture teaches. Exodus 22:21 teaches us that we shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him.

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Animals are equal to humans?

The latest blockbuster is the current Star Wars VII episode netting more than 1.3 Billion to date. While it is entertaining, we need to always be asking ourselves, what is the message which the writers are communicating. One thing is true of the dramatic arts; they are a powerful medium for communicating a message that is just below the radar of human perception. More specifically, there is a real possibility for a message to be delivered and openly received by an audience without any thought or analysis engaged in by the recipient.

People may walk out of a theater with new thoughts swirling in their mind that they have taken no time to evaluate. In fact they may believe something to be true simply because it was

presented in a powerfully moving, emotionally grabbing way that overpowers all the reasoning abilities that are sitting on the intellectual sidelines. There are many messages conveyed by the Star Wars franchise, but this today, in tune with our study True Law is God's Law, I would like to mention just one. It is this question, what is man?

The powerful message of that movie series is that man is but an intelligent animal, not unlike all the other intelligent animals that populate the galaxy and are engaged in the battle to control that galaxy. You have Chewy, injured and nursed to health by the hero, who later is injured and nursed to health by Chewy. I could cite many other examples that are used very effectively to persuade the audience that man essentially is an animal just as all the other animals.

At first blush it might seem to be an idea with little to no consequences. However, the law of God before us would greatly disagree. Turn to Exodus 22:19 "Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death." This law deals with a subject of unnatural relations of the darkest sort.

Depraved Debauchery – Exodus 22:19 deals with the darkest form of sexual immorality. So dark we might be inclined to skip over it altogether, but the Word of God addresses this matter and so it is incumbent upon us to do so as well. Our aim is to proclaim all that the Word of God say, no more, no less. It will help to examine this extreme depravity in light of the overarching law of God for this area of life.

All sexual activity outside the bonds of Marriage is sin – Hebrews 13:4 "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." So it is not just bestiality the Law of God condemns, it is every sexual sin, every action that is outside the bounds of marriage.

Sexual immorality is a sin against one's own body – 1

Corinthians 6:18 "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." The term translated in the KJV "Fornication" is the Greek word 'porneia.' It is the overarching term which covers every form of sexual immorality, whether it be between two persons who are unmarried, or two that are married to someone other than they have engaged adultery, or two persons of the same sex, or this bottom dwelling debauchery of bestiality.

How does such debauchery ever come into a society? – Please read Romans 1:18-32. The downward spiral –

- What begins with idolatry leads to sexual anarchy – everyone flaunting the Law of God which protects the very foundations of civilization – God's Holy Institution of marriage.

- It ends in a depraved mind – the word translated "reprobate" is the Greek word "adokimos" defined as "rejected; by implication, worthless (literally or morally):—castaway, rejected, reprobate." [1] God has given them over to this state for the evil choices that have made and continue to make to reject all that is good and holy, righteous and true. Having rejected God's Law, God gives them over to their benighted depravity and they become in thought, word and deed given over to their wretched sin. Now we can see this pattern working itself out on the pages of history.

The Modern idolatry of Evolution and the sin of 'speciesism'
"Definition of speciesism

1: prejudice or discrimination based on species; especially : discrimination against animals

2: the assumption of human superiority on which speciesism is based." [2]

So the belief is that you are just an animal and show favoritism to your own species, homo sapiens, and it is wrong for you to treat any other animals in this world as less than

you are. You are an animal equal to all other animals, no more, no less. That is one of the messages of Star Wars.

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Necromancy, Islam and pagan influence defiling America

The debate in our land intensifies on the issue of immigration. For example, questions are asked: who should we let in, should we exclude some or not, and should we be protected from those of certain belief systems whom might intend to harm us. A week before Thanksgiving in Turkey this year, Obama said regarding whom we let into our country, “it is good to remember that the United States does not have a religious test...” He went on to denounce any calls for a religious test for refugees and immigrants, saying: “That’s shameful. That’s not American. That’s not who we are.”

Then on Pearl Harbor Day aboard the USS Yorktown in Mount Pleasant, S.C. “Donald Trump took his plan for tightening the nation’s borders to a new level– and drew condemnation from Republican opponents as well as Democrats – by calling for “a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States.” He said the ban should apply “until our country’s representatives can figure out what is going on” with regard to the attitudes of Muslims toward Americans and terrorism. ‘Until we are able to determine and understand this problem and the dangerous threat it poses, our country cannot be the

victims of horrendous attacks by people that believe only in Jihad, and have no sense of reason or respect for human life.' Much of the crowd gave the policy a... standing ovation." [2]

Which one is right? Does the Word of God speak to this issue. Now this command we are examining this week in our series "True Law is God's Law" might seem to have nothing directly to do with immigration, but I hope to show you this morning that the principles involved in the application of this law very directly relate to this same issue.

The Treatment of Those who are at War Against God – Exodus 22:18 "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." I have to say that of all of God's Law which stands in our era this is one that has sustained the most direct and consistent attack; unending ridicule and slander have been heaped upon it. Much fodder has been made out of the Salem witch trials, which if you understand the law of God there were massive violations of the principles of justice in those trials. Yet the pro-witch propagandists would have us believe that Salem was the accurate application of Exodus 22:18. It was not.

There has been a wholesale and retail marketing of the evil of witchcraft in all its forms in our day. Way back with the Wizard of Oz there was the good witch Glenda who was opposed to the wicked witch of the West. There have been countless positive messages about witches, wizards, fortunetellers, sorcerers, shamans, and mediums ad infinitum. What we need to understand is that all such individuals have aligned themselves with Satan in a war against the One True God. This law deals with the treatment of those who have declared war upon God.

To understand the Command in the larger context, turn to Deuteronomy 18:9-15. Let's look at these nine forbidden practices:

- he that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the

fire, (this is child sacrifice that was practiced by many of the pagan religions where they would literally burn their child to death.

- he that useth divination, (divination is a methodology usually employing some physical object in order to uncover answers to any question you might ask of the spirit world, that is receiving answers from the demons who are part of the Satanic kingdom of darkness).

- he that is an observer of times, this refers to Astrology, that is predictions by the stars, planets or moon; horoscopes; are referred to as 'observing times.' "Although the Bible does not go into great detail about astrology, it certainly makes its position clear. We should never trust in astrological beliefs or predictions. Our lives are not determined by the stars or movement of planets.

- he that an enchanter,

- he that is a witch,

- he that is a charmer, (these three are all expressions of similar practices, "occult magic or divination are a manifestation of demonic powers or the result of demon possession (Acts 16:16). Of course, the power of Satan and his demons is extremely limited compared to God's power. Those who follow the path of the magic arts are on the wrong path – a road that leads away from God, not toward Him.") [3]

- he that is a consulter with familiar spirits,

- he that is a wizard,

- he that is a necromancer. These three are the practice of mediums.

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