

# **Progressive Marxism, Tammany Hall, Saul Alinsky, and DEI – The Creation of True Systemic Racism**

The Marxist Democrat Party has nothing to lose at this point. Their favorability rating is the lowest it has been in over thirty years. Americans are disgusted and fed-up with racial, identity, diversity, and gender politics. The Founding Fathers intent for America must be realized once again. Continuing to assert tribal rights to quotas or reparations based on previous wrongs is itself racist.

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## **It Is Time For A Niemolleresque Redux**

The enemies of God will not stop at Israel, and that includes American enemies and even some Americans who claim Christ. The United Kingdom is within the Islamic grasp. America could be in the grip of foreign control soon. Some say it already is. If we do not stand up for the Jews today, who will there be to stand when they come for us?

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# **The Tangled Web Of Deceit and the Chances of a Two State Solution**

When an entire population is brainwashed by lies concerning the Jews, is it any wonder that missteps by Palestinian leaders receive such vitriolic responses? The fact is that Barghouti and other leaders of supposed Palestinian advocacy organizations must toe a very well drawn-out line of constant hatred toward Israel and the Jews.

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## **House GOP Gullibility on Display Once Again**

In Greek mythology, a story is told about Odysseus, a king of Ithaca. This king is said to have waged war against the city-state of Troy. After an unsuccessful siege of the city, Odysseus conceived the idea of building a huge horse and hiding within its structure many of his best fighters, counting on the Trojans to see the wooden horse as a sign of their victory over the Greeks.

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## **The Absurdity of the Two**

# State Solution Crowd

Asking why we continue to see and read of the hatred and vitriolic rants against the nation of Israel often sounds like a “broken record.” I have surmised that we will continue to hear and see the incessant spewing of Antisemitism because those expressing these views are short on reason, rational thinking, and logical, analytical deduction skills.

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## The Love of Many Has Grown Cold

When the Bible is permitted to speak for itself, and people seek the leading of the Holy Spirit, they will be able to clear away all of the mis and disinformation that clouds their judgment.

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## You Are Mistaken

American political rhetoric has never been more vitriolic. There has never been a more clearly defined divide between political perspectives than there is right now. The Republican Party has become the party of compromise, acquiescence, and feigned allegiance to the rule of law, that is to say, the Constitution.

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# **The International Court of Justice – A Perversion of True Justice**

In the current climate of identity politics, gender dysphoria, and Marxian and Critical Theories run amok, these requirements for justice appear to be out of reach. That leaves us with a bare-naked power grab by certain people, or cast in Darwinian terms, a fight for the survival of the strongest, where might makes right.

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## **Is Critical Theory Now Driving US Foreign Policy?**

When the entire world aligns itself against Israel, Bible believing Christians know the time is drawing near to the return of Jesus. But that doesn't mean that we are to sit around and do nothing. Now more than ever, it is time for the true church of Jesus Christ to speak boldly for Israel and against the raging Antisemitism, hatred, and violence being perpetrated and cheered by Israel's enemies.

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# **The Storm Is Here – Don't Panic, Get Involved**

You cannot sit it out. It is here and it will touch every community large or small. There will be no standing on the sidelines observing this war. If America is to survive every man and woman who loves America in spite of its blemishes, must invest themselves in this struggle. I hope one day I will be able to say to my grandchildren, I did all I could and left everything on the field of battle so that you might enjoy the freedom and liberty you now have.

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## **Rise of the Controligarchs: Implications for the Nearness of Christ's Return**

Many of the names are now familiar to most Americans – Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, Jeff Bezos, George Soros, and Klaus Schwab to name just a few. Why would these men be considered Controligarchs? They are defined as such because they are using their extreme wealth to change our world.

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## **The Time Is Now**

However political parties may now and then answer popular

ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion.

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## **The Church Has Become a Vehicle to Implement the New World Order**

Before 1900, there were only 18 Philanthropic Foundations operating in the United States. However, between 1910 and 1919, 58 new foundations were created. During the 1920's, the total number grew to 173, and during the 1930's, tax exempt foundations grew to 288. The 1940's and 1950's saw the greatest growth of these foundations such that the total number became 2,839.

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## **Democrat Party is a Wholly Owned Satanic Subsidiary of the Luciferian Globalists**

I encourage you with one final thought. In the book of Daniel we learn that there will be people who abandon God in the heat

of battle. They will listen to the lies of the enemy of God and will side with the lawless one. However, there is a remnant that will remain faithful to God. This prophecy has come to pass today. It has happened in advance of the rise of the lawless one who will by intrigue deceive many.

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## **The Family Bloodline That Orchestrated Homosexuality, Lesbianism and Pedophilia in America**

Have you considered that three of the most fiercely argued issues of our time: sexual deviancy, abortion, and illegal immigration are all supported by tax exempt foundations? This is not coincidence. Homosexuality, lesbianism, and pedophilia have been orchestrated since the 1940s by the Rockefeller Foundation.

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## **Progressivism Is An Infectious and Abhorrent Demonic Mutation That Must Be**

# Quarantined

Nearly every major sexual research study since the 1940s has cited the Kinsey studies as a basis for their call for the normalization of sexual deviancy. But this was only the tip of the spear in the grand scheme the Rockefeller Foundation trustees had in store for America.

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## The Real Religious Jihad On America, Part 2

The enemies of America such as the Obamas, Bidens, Pelosi, Schumer, numerous Hollywood stars, the CIA controlled media, and many so-called Christians who are in full-blown apostasy, believe that might makes right.

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## The Real Religious Jihad On America

We are living in a time of revealing. Christians, Conservatives, Libertarians, Patriots, and other freedom and liberty minded people, should take the time to rejoice. There are many reasons to rejoice today but here is one that some may be missing – we should rejoice because the God-haters, the America-haters, the freedom-haters, the liberty-haters, in short, the satanic, demonic, Leftists among us are finally



being exposed on a scale and at a depth never before seen in American history.

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## **The New Tolerance**

Are you a watcher? I mean do you pay attention to the times we live in? Are you aware of the shift in what is considered to be polite and impolite conversation culturally speaking? Let me zero in specifically on evangelism. Have you noticed the huge shift in the methods of presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

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## **In This You Greatly Rejoice, Part 2**

What is often not pointed out to those who ridicule, mock, scorn, and persecute Christians is that those who engage in these behaviors are proving that they are among those who are perishing in a biblical and spiritual sense. Unbelievers exhibit a mind that remains darkened and separated from the Light that has come into the world, and does not and indeed cannot comprehend what they foolishly reject.

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# **In This You Greatly Rejoice**

Rejoicing does not come natural to many people. Being full of joy such that your countenance is visibly changed is difficult for some. The Bible informs us in many places that we are to rejoice and let our rejoicing shape our thoughts and behaviors. Consider these examples

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## **While We Sleep**

Friends, it is time to awaken from the slumbers that American materialism has utilized to mesmerize the body of Christ. We are not serving our heavenly Father by showing up for a weekly meeting with other believers, dropping a few dollars in an offering plate, or saying bedtime prayers with our children.

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## **Great And Marvelous Things**

Over the years I have come to realize that God is always at work around us, but we often fail to see Him at work. Perhaps we are too busy to notice, too caught up in our daily routines, too involved in managing our lives for what we believe are important purposes.

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# With Joy We Lay Them At His Feet

Our joy is Jesus Christ and that will become clearer the longer we walk in humble obedience to Him and most certainly when we see Him face to face in eternity. Whatever our reward might be for a life lived for His glory here on earth, it pales in comparison to the glory and majesty that is our God.

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## Where Is Your Citizenship?

We are God's ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20) to a lost world. The foundation we have in Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11) provides a steady and firm position from which we can offer exhortations and admonishments to all people to come to Christ in faith for the forgiveness of their sins.

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## Do Not Grow Weary

Weariness has become epidemic in America. The mental and physical exhaustion being suffered is evident on the faces of a great number of people nearly every day.

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# **A Perversion of Justice**

America was founded upon Christian principles. Therefore, God's moral law has undergirded the guiding principles of this republic even before the American Revolution. The Mayflower Compact, the first governing document of English settlers to America makes this clear.

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## **We Just Can't Afford To Look The Other Way Anymore**

Now, make no mistake, persecution is the result of an obedient life lived for the glory of God. We are sheep among wolves, but not ordinary defenseless sheep. We are to be shrewd sheep that understand the ways of the world and how we are to combat evil.

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## **It Is Time To Engage The Enemy**

We are at war. No I'm not talking about the Military Industrial Complex's insatiable hunger for profiteering at the expense of American men and women's lives. I'm not talking about the escalating conflict between the various political factions and their comic stooges played out in the news cycle day after day.

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# **The Epidemic Of A Seared Conscience**

This means that only through faith in Christ will people become free from a seared conscience and the inevitable consequence of that state. Christian, rise up and take your place in the army of God, and march forward in victory, for our God has given us this land. Occupy until He returns!

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## **It's Like Deja-Vu All Over Again**

One thing is for certain, you can't accuse Alinsky of knowing what the Bible teaches. Satan didn't win a kingdom. He was thrown out of heaven for his foolish pride, thinking that he, a created being, could somehow overthrow his Creator. He was cast down to the earth and seized control of what is not his through lies and deceit.

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## **A Call For Boldness, Courage,**

# **And Fearlessness**

What we need today is a powerful move of the Holy Spirit upon us so that we go forth fearlessly and in boldness proclaim to this dying world that only Jesus saves. We have a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us that give testimony to the power of God to save.

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## **A Desperate Housewife Makes A Terrible Theologian**

Alyssa Milano is still desperate after all these years. Milano is desperate to be the face of the “my body, my choice” movement. She is desperate to maintain the gruesome, barbarous act of child sacrifice under the oxymoronic “choice” and “reproductive health” banners. Milano is desperate to elevate the #MeToo Movement

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## **The Demise Of The Logic Of Moral Reasoning**

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# You Are What You Eat Part 2

I believe that many Christians have become indoctrinated and do not realize it. How is that possible? Ask yourself this question: Do I accept without question whatever my Pastor, Elder, or Ministry Leader says when it comes to the Bible? Do I uncritically believe whatever my Pastor teaches?

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## Much Of The Church Is Controlled Opposition

*How blessed is he who considers the helpless; the LORD will deliver him in a day of trouble. –Psalm 41:1*

The Demoncrats[\[1\]](#) have escalated their war against God and the Church sings louder. What do I mean by that? A story is told about a German congregation that met together at a building that sat along a railroad track that led to a Nazi Concentration Camp. Here is that story told by one of those congregants.

“I lived in Germany during the Nazi holocaust. I considered myself a Christian. I attended church since I was a small boy. We had heard the stories of what was happening to the Jews, but like most people today in this country, we tried to distance ourselves from the reality of what was really taking place. What could anyone do to stop it?

A railroad track ran behind our small church, and each

Sunday morning we would hear the whistle from a distance and then the clacking of the wheels moving over the track. We became disturbed when one Sunday we noticed cries coming from the train as it passed by. We grimly realized that the train was carrying Jews. They were like cattle in those cars!

Week after week that train whistle would blow. We would dread to hear the sound of those old wheels because we knew that the Jews would begin to cry out to us as they passed our church. It was so terribly disturbing! We could do nothing to help these poor miserable people, yet their screams tormented us. We knew exactly at what time that whistle would blow, and we decided the only way to keep from being so disturbed by the cries was to start singing our hymns. By the time that train came rumbling past the church yard, we were singing at the top of our voices. If some of the screams reached our ears, we'd just sing a little louder until we could hear them no more. Years have passed and no one talks about it much anymore, but I still hear that train whistle in my sleep. I can still hear them crying out for help. God forgive all of us who called ourselves Christians yet did nothing to intervene.

"Their screams tormented us . . . If some of their screams reached our ears we'd just sing a little louder." [\[2\]](#)

What has happened to Christians in America? Decades after the contrived, fabricated, and phony Roe v. Wade decision was handed down by the SCOTUS, that many falsely believe is the law of land, after over 60 million unborn children have been murdered in the womb, and partially out of the womb in a "procedure" known as partial birth abortion, [\[3\]](#) 44 Democrat Senators who have obeyed the political spirit of antichrist in Washington D.C., have chosen to give a thumbs down to life for those children who miraculously survive the heinous attempt to murder them before and during birth. The Circus continues in spirit!



That this decision by Senators who have sworn to uphold the Constitution and especially the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment granting equal protection under the law to all Americans, who have issued “official statements” justifying their satanically controlled mind that renders such a decision as merely another vote on another bill under consideration, is all the evidence any rational individual needs to rise up with righteous indignation and light a fire that will sweep this nation clean of these wicked people.

What has been the Church’s response? For the most part they are singing louder. This response is simply more of the same behavior that has rendered the Church effeminate, emasculated, anemic, and a pitiful caricature of what it is meant to be. The Church abandoned the field of battle decades ago. Today, the visible, organized Church is in full retreat on nearly every front. How did this come about?

### **The Great Evangelical Disaster**[\[4\]](#)

Theologian and author Francis Schaeffer has proven to be very accurate in his assessments of the rapid slide of America and other cultures into an abyss of wickedness and debauchery. In 1984 Schaffer wrote *The Great Evangelical Disaster* based on his observations at that time. Here are some of the many things that Schaeffer believed forebode ill tidings for the Church. It is my conviction the critique below explains how we have arrived at the point of moral and ethical implosion in America today.

**America was overcome by the assault of moral relativism in public and private life.** The adoption of moral relativism among Christians means that absolute truth dies, and every individual becomes the captain of his or her own universe. Right and wrong are privately determined and the splintering of society ensues. Manipulation and deception are easily employed against a people who have forsaken the high ground of a common morality that is rooted in the infallibility and

inerrancy of the Bible.

The common bonds once shared among most Americans has been shredded. A new demonic mob mentality has descended upon a vast number of Americans who are now triggered at the mere mention of words, politic perspectives, and even hats! Party politics has become the new Baal to many. The Church responds by telling the culture that it is a safe space for all, an inclusive organization of comfort and healing. What the Church has become in reality is the gateway to hell for all those who succumb to its siren song of peace and safety in our time.

**Compromise** must follow an amorphous morality and arguments for every form of sin and evil must be entertained. When compromise takes root, apostasy arises and is crystalized as new doctrine and a new Gospel is elevated within the Church. This new gospel is bewitching and soon Christians become dumbed down Scripturally, ethically, and socially. This results in the loss of Holy Spirit filled teaching, outreach, and evangelism.

A little leaven leavens the whole loaf and so, into the fissure created by relativism and compromise rush the **social gospel, social justice, and ecumenism**. I have been stating for many years that this new gospel of socialism is not biblical but Marxian and satanic. The real problem with mankind is the same as the Bible has always declared: we are a fallen creature living in a fallen world. Sin is THE issue, not unjust social, economic, or political systems. Those are the result of sin, but they will not change until or unless there is a heart change among a significant number of men and women. In other words, the only way a culture will change is if the hearts of people are changed favorably toward God. The opposite is also true and that is exactly what is underway right now. People are being led away from the only way of salvation and sane civic life: faith in Jesus Christ.

All the things mentioned above have coalesced into the most

heinous display of malevolent destruction I have ever seen. **Infanticide** is now gleefully codified into State law in many places. Some Christians are horrified at this turn of events. My question to them is this: why are you shocked? Many Christians sang louder as arguments for murdering unborn children gained an intellectual foothold in American minds. Euphemisms such as "choice," "a decision between a woman and her doctor," and "my body, my choice," became commonplace and accepted as reasonable. Nothing justifies the murdering of unborn children. America now condones the murdering of BORN children! The slope is indeed slippery!

Schaeffer's admonition is sound and timely for us today: "The unborn child is a human being created in the image of God, and to deny this is to deny the authority of the Bible. It is impossible to read Psalm 139 and truly believe in the Incarnation and not realize that the child conceived in Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit was indeed the Son of God from the time of conception." [\[5\]](#)

Christian, it is time to get up and march into the streets demanding, not asking, that your elected officials at every level recant their demonically inspired support for infanticide. Call your Senator, Congressperson, local officials, and those in State government and tell them in no uncertain terms that they will express your beliefs on this subject or they will face recall and organized resistance at every turn.

Christians must adopt a strategy of offense right now! Strike now while the Demoncrats are feeling the full wrath of Americans sick and tired of their over-reach and globalist nonsense. The agenda of the Congress, both Demoncrats and Republicants is subjection of the American populace to the whims of their fancied aristocracy.

Current Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi astonishingly said recently that she as well as the rest of her Demoncrats are

“doing the Lord’s work.” She and others are doing her lord’s work for sure. But her Lord is not Jesus Christ, nor the Father. Her lord is satan and unless she repents of her wickedness she will bust hell’s gates wide open.

Let me very clear to those readers who support infanticide in whatever form it takes: you are not a Christian if you support murdering unborn babies. You are a satanically controlled stooge. Blow me off if you want to but you do so at your own peril. I’m taking off the gloves and going bare-knuckled with those who believe they can be comforted by the belief that they are a Christian and march for child murder. You are nothing more than satanically controlled opposition and I rebuke you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Listen to me Christian America: singing louder only means that you will not hear the footsteps of your executioners when they come for you! Rise up and fight back.

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### Footnotes:

[1] I use pejorative terms for both Democrats and Republicans as is fitting. Neither political party is functioning under the counsel of We the People and indeed, do exactly as they wish in almost every instance. They have not earned nor deserve our respect. They have become an established oligarchical aristocracy.

[2] This version of the story is found here – <http://www.repentamerica.com/singalittlelouder.html>

[3] In the D&X procedure babies are “partially aborted” so the head is still in the cervix but the body is out. While in this position the live baby is still considered an “abortion” therefore a non-person. The live baby’s brains are sucked out and the other organs are harvested and sold to “researchers”. The baby receives no anesthesia and is alive until the procedure kills him. Data found at the same link as above.

[4] Francis Schaeffer, *The Great Evangelical Disaster*, (Crossway: Downers Grove, IL), 1984.

[5] p. 108

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## You Are What You Eat, Part 1

*Thy words were found and I ate them, and Thy words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Thy name, O LORD God of hosts. –Jeremiah 15:16*

No one argues with the adage, “You are what you eat,” today. It is a generally accepted axiom. The meaning behind the phrase is clear: the type, quality, and quantity of physical food an individual eats will have a direct relationship to their health.

The reason is simple: our physical body is in a constant process of repairing, healing, and rebuilding at the cellular level. Our body is affected positively or negatively by what food we eat.

One example of this principle is found in the contrast between asparagus and a cinnamon roll. Asparagus is rich in vitamins A, C, E, K, and B6, as well as minerals such as folate, iron, copper, calcium, and protein and fiber. Asparagus is one of nature's finest products and its health benefits are off the charts.

A cinnamon roll on the other hand, smells much better, looks more appealing, and makes our mouths salivate more quickly, especially at breakfast time with a hot cup of coffee! However, that warm, sweet, cinnamon delight also packs a whopping 880 calories, 127 grams of carbohydrates, and 37 grams of fat. By comparison, a quarter chicken dinner with mashed potatoes, a salad with balsamic dressing, with a multigrain roll is only 725 calories.

The take away is that appearances are deceiving. What we want to eat is not always what we should eat in many instances. We can state this another way as well: what tastes good, goes down easy, and makes us happy is not necessarily healthy.

We should be careful about what we eat. This is illustrated by the following story.

A Pastor was visiting members of his congregation one day and stopped to see an elderly widowed lady. During their conversation the Pastor noticed a bowl of peanuts sitting on a table near where he was sitting. This Pastor loved peanuts. He asked if he might have some of the peanuts to which his host replied, "of course, I can't eat peanuts."

As their conversation turned into a rather lengthy visit, the Pastor continued to eat the peanuts. He thought to himself that these were the best peanuts he had ever eaten. He tasted

a very slight hint of chocolate which made them even more appealing.

At one point in their visit the elderly lady went into the kitchen to get them both a cup of coffee. The Pastor continued to eat the peanuts until he realized he had eaten the entire bowl. He was quite embarrassed by this and apologized to his host when she returned with their coffee.

The elderly woman was gracious and smiled as she said, "That's ok Pastor. As I told you earlier I can't eat peanuts so, I just suck the chocolate off of them."

I use this illustration for two reasons. The first reason is that it always elicits the same response: a groan mixed with laughter and a contorted face. The second reason is that it makes the point that we should be sure that we know what it is we are eating.

Now, let's consider this within a context of spiritual food. Do you know what you are eating spiritually speaking? Most will answer, yes, of course I do. Do you know if it is healthy for you? If you answered yes to the first question you no doubt answered yes to the second question. I want to challenge you to think deeper about what spiritual food you are eating.

### **Organic or Processed?**

Is the spiritual food you are eating organic or processed? What do I mean by organic and processed spiritual food? Let's start with natural, physical food. When you think of organic food what characteristics come to mind? Many people think that organic food is better for your body and therefore healthier. They believe this because organic food is thought to be grown without harmful chemicals. Another characteristic of organic food is that it usually costs more money than normally grown food.

When we think of processed food we think of food that may or

may not be comprised of what it claims to be. There is a reason that the number one selling brand of “cheese” Americans like to use with their macaroni and cheese recipes is labeled “processed cheese food.” One look at the label tells you that there are chemicals and additives and ingredients most people can’t even pronounce. The only redeeming quality to processed food in some people’s minds is that it is cheaper. But, is cheaper always better?

Now, let’s move into the spiritual realm. When I speak of organic and processed spiritual food I want you to consider those categories in relation to truth and indoctrination. Truth is unvarnished, unaffected by additives like opinions and can be costly. Indoctrination is much easier to swallow and costs hardly anything at all initially.

Some readers might ask, “What is truth?” The opinion of a large number of Americans today is that truth does not exist. Many famously quote Pontius Pilate without knowing it.[\[1\]](#) Of course, Christians have the answer to this question. Truth is a person. Jesus famously said, “I am the truth.”[\[2\]](#) Here is a somewhat more theological definition of truth:

Truth is that which corresponds to reality. Truth is truth for all people in all places in every age. Truth is found in the God of the Bible who is the truth as well as its author.

This is an important point that people must understand. Truth is found in relationship with God the Father through faith in Jesus Christ the Son. Truth is discovered in relationship with God. Just as God is absolute, so is truth.

Let us turn our attention to a definition of indoctrination. Indoctrination is the process of presenting information to individuals or groups in such a way that these individuals or groups accept what they are being told uncritically. In other words, indoctrination occurs when individuals or groups accept whatever they are told or taught without examining the



information in relation to truth.

Another name for indoctrination is brainwashing. Brainwashing is little more than charismatic persuasion. People accept information as truth not based on the information but rather on the charisma, personality, or talents of a person or group presenting the information.

Americans are increasingly aware that corporate media in America are little more than indoctrination outlets. It is not an overstatement to say that NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, FOX, and their spin-off networks, along with radio news, newspapers, and magazines offer a daily, weekly and monthly dose of propaganda. There is another source of indoctrination that is hidden in plain sight in many churches today. Let's turn there next.

## **Part 2 Next Week**

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## **Footnotes:**

[\[1\]](#) Pontius Pilate asked Jesus the Christ 'What is truth?' as recorded in the Gospel of John chapter 18 verse 38.

[\[2\]](#) John 14:6.

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# Biblical Prophecy Refutes Earthly Utopian Dreams, Part 2



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*But take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance.*  
—Mark 13:23

*But when you see the Abomination of Desolation standing where it should not be [let the reader understand], then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.* —Mark 13:14[\[1\]](#)

In Part One of this Three Part article, I introduced you to the fact that America has undergone an effective New Age indoctrination. This indoctrination is now so pervasive that today we have churches offering yoga classes, so-called Christians selling Angel Boards, the equivalent to the Ouija Board only, wait for it...Christians!

Christians today are participating in all sorts of activities such as Transcendental Meditation, Psychic Health and Healing Practices, Contemplative Prayer, Mantra Meditation, Higher Self, Centering Prayer, Reiki, Labyrinths, and Spiritual Formation. These practices are nothing more than white-washed New Age inspired activities, which is to say, they are demonically controlled deceptions.

The late Ray Yungen, an author, researcher, and speaker on the

subject of the New Age deception said:

“The term [New Age] itself may indeed be fairly recent but the actual practices and beliefs involved are thousands of years old. For instance, the slave girl mentioned in Acts 16 was in effect a New Ager. The term itself was taken from astrology making reference to the Aquarian age in which humanity is supposedly going to realize its inner divinity. Hence, anyone who engages in these [mystical practices](#) is associated with this view, even though they may have lived centuries ago. It’s not the term; it’s the practices that are at issue here.”[\[2\]](#)

The term “New Age” is credited to Alice Bailey, the noted globalist Theosophist, author, demonic spirit channel, and founder of the Lucifer Publishing Company which became Lucis Trust.[\[3\]](#) Her influence on America through the United Nations during the 1940’s cannot be understated.[\[4\]](#) Bailey spoke plainly about the need to deconstruct Christianity, and to replace it with a new global religion devoid of any traditional Judeo-Christian theology and moral. No one gave her any credibility until after World War II. The carnage of the war left millions of people wondering how something like that could happen and how it could be insured to never happen again. Bailey’s message of a “New World Order” began to gain some traction among first, the intellectuals in America and Europe, and then publically in emerging global-minded politicians.

Bailey believed that as long as Christianity held influence upon Americans, progress as she defined it could not be achieved. Bailey laid out her plans for a new world order of progress for humanity as she received them from her spirit guide Djwhal Khul, whom she referred to as an “Ascended Master.”

The New Age plan related to the church that Bailey envisioned has been employed with precision and subtlety through the non-stop instigation of dozens of United Nations programs.

Wherever New Age thinking has entrenched itself, there is a marked departure from Christian faith and practice. I encourage you to study Bailey's demonism for yourself. She was a disciple of Satan who has duped millions of people. Neither time nor space allows a thorough study of her many blasphemies.

## **The Economic Foundation of Utopia is Technocracy**

Global Warming alarmists, Climate Change fear-mongers, and those who are now suggesting that dissenters from the "world is dying" crowd should be prosecuted for opposing their viewpoint, have one thing in common: they bow at the altar of so-called experts. This is Technocracy.[\[5\]](#)

Technocracy is rule by acknowledged experts, and in its current manifestation, rule by scientists and engineers who are trained to understand what is best for the global community of mankind. In this sense, technocrats are the new priesthood of a global religion called Technocracy. Not surprisingly, the United Nations is heavily invested in developing and financially supporting programs aimed at forcing sovereign nations to acquiesce to their demands for proper care of the earth, our atmosphere, and all living things. I leave it to you to research Agenda 2030, the Green Economy[\[6\]](#) movement, Scientism, Sustainable Development and other programs designed to destroy individual national sovereignty and replace it with a world governing body of technocrats.

The results of all this meddling with the earth's environment including its atmosphere is that more measures are deemed necessary to balance the alleged harmful effects of mankind. One example is the recent and terribly belated announcement that the United States Government was in fact spraying our atmosphere with chemicals. The American people have been aware of "chem trails" spraying for years. Instead of denying the practice the government is now declaring that they are doing

this for the good of the planet. The new name for chemical spraying of our atmosphere is Geo-Engineering. Just like that, everything is acceptable.

This drive for a utopia marked by peace and safety is being orchestrated from a man-centered perspective. In other words, this thirst for a global utopia is demonic as it is intentionally constructed and advanced devoid of God's input and with a deliberate attempt to deny His presence. This is the height of arrogance and self-delusion.

### **The Spiritual Foundation of Utopia Is Ignoring God's Word**

This fact is seen clearly in the rise of paganism and most notably, Wicca here in America.[\[7\]](#) If statistics are true, professing followers and practitioners of Wicca now outnumber the Presbyterian Church (USA).[\[8\]](#) However, it is not just Wicca that is on the rise. We are witnessing a rapid escalation in all forms of spirituality across a wide spectrum as evidenced by the Burning Man[\[9\]](#) community which is really a celebration of the individual apart from God, and United Nations sanctioned organizations such as The Parliament of World Religions (PWR).[\[10\]](#) Some of the programs the PRW offers represent a hodgepodge of globalist and utopian dreams. They include:

- Interfaith Climate Action
- World Interfaith Harmony Week
- Women's Dignity
- The Next Generation
- Advancing Justice
- Countering War, Hate, & Violence
- Indigenous Task Force
- Interfaith Ramadan
- Sacred Space
- Educating Religious Leaders
- Faiths Against Hate
- The Ambassador Program

Prominently displayed on the PWR website are these banners: "The Promise of Inclusion, The Power of Love: Pursing Global Understanding, Reconciliation, and Change" and, "For a More Just, Peaceful, and Sustainable World." Their mission can be summed up in the popular but illogical coexist bumper sticker. Each letter of the word coexist utilizes a different religious symbol to spell out the word. For example in some renditions the C is a crescent moon representing Islam and the T is a cross that represents Christianity. Other religions such as Hinduism, Judaism, and Taoism are also represented. The meaning is clear – all religions must coexist if there is to be world peace.

In order for all religions to coexist peacefully, the primary points of difference will need to be removed completely. No other religious system teaches a personal God who came to earth and died for the sins of mankind. For Christians this means that the teaching that there is salvation in no other name but Jesus Christ will need to be denied. That is the definition of apostasy and will never happen for true believers. The Bible states that "there is salvation is no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." [\[11\]](#)

### **Antithesis to Synthesis Is a Part of the Plan**

What we are witnessing today is a worldwide demonic push for synthesis. Synthesis is a melding of all antitheses into one new synthesis. Teichrib calls it Oneness. It is really about forging a utopia, the drive to be as God, to be our own masters of meaning and destiny, and to build heaven on earth.

In order to create a utopia all individual ingredients must go into the blender, so that what is produced is an indistinct amalgamation of anthropocentric hedonism. Christianity is the greatest antithesis. It declares that Jesus is the only way to eternal life with the Creator.

The world hates this claim to absolute truth. The world system build by mankind hates the concept that something, anything, beyond its control can possible have any authority over it. So, piece by piece by piece, the Church has stood by and watched as the religious utopians have destroyed marriage, the family, children, and now even biological identity.

The Church has largely given up the stronghold of truth, seeking instead to join the culture in its death spiral into a culture of every man and woman doing whatever their mind can conceive. The cost to human life seems to be an afterthought to most.

Why do I call your attention to all of this? I do so because it explains how people are being deceived; it explains why the world has and will reject the only true God; it explains why people are and will reject Jesus and why the world will embrace a charismatic leader who promises them a utopia of safety and peace. The table is being set for the appearance of the man of lawlessness, the one the Bible calls the Antichrist.

Stay tuned for Part Three of Biblical Prophecy Refutes Earthly Utopian Dreams.

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## Footnotes:

[1] Unless otherwise stated, all Scripture references are from the New American Standard Bible, Lockman Foundation, 1995.

[2] Found here – <https://www.lighthouse Trails research.com/newage.htm> Accessed January 12, 2019.

[3] Lucis Trust – <https://www.lucistrust.org/> Accessed January 12, 2019.

[4] See [https://www.lucistrust.org/about\\_us/support\\_un](https://www.lucistrust.org/about_us/support_un) Accessed January 12, 2019.

[5] Patrick Wood, Founder and Editor of *Technocracy News & Trends*, defines the term this way: “Technocracy is a replacement economic system for Capitalism and Free Enterprise, and is represented by the United Nations’ program for Sustainable Development and “Green Economy.” It proposes that all means of production and consumption would be controlled by an elite group of scientists and engineers (technocrats) for the good of mankind. Technocracy was originally architected in the 1930s but regained favor when adopted by the Trilateral Commission in 1973, under their “New International Economic Order” program. See – <https://www.technocracy.news/faq-2/> Accessed January 12, 2019.

[6] Ibid. The UN defines Green Economy as “*one that results in improved human well-being and social equity, while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities. In its simplest expression, a green economy can be thought of as one which is low carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive.*” It decouples resource use from economic growth, which replaces the market regulators of supply and demand with technocratic decisions based on predefined rules and regulations.



[7] Wicca is claimed to be rising rapidly globally but especially here in the US. A recent article talks about the rejection of Christianity among millennials. <https://www.newsweek.com/witchcraft-wiccans-mysticism-astrology-witches-millennials-pagans-religion-1221019> Accessed January 12, 2019.

[8] Ibid.

[9] For an understanding of the significance of Burning Man and the Oneness movement it espouses see Carl Teichrib, *Game of Gods; The Temple of Man in the Age of Re-Enchantment*. Available here – <http://www.gameofgods.ca/>

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[11] Acts 4:12.

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## Biblical Prophecy Refutes Earthly Utopian Dreams, Part 3



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*But take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance.*  
Mark 13:23

*But when you see the Abomination of Desolation standing where it should not be [let the reader understand], then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.* Mark 13:14[\[1\]](#)

### **Who and What is the Abomination of Desolation?**

In the Scripture cited above, Jesus says that there will occur, an Abomination of Desolation. For those familiar with eschatology, the study of end times events, you will understand that this appearance and event marks the midpoint of the seven year tribulation period spoken of in the book of Revelation.

What is interesting about this statement from Jesus is that He mentions something that had already occurred to explain what was going to happen in the future. Recall that Jesus' response in Mark 13:14 was in relation to the disciples asking Him what would be the signs of His return and of the end of the age.

To understand this completely and explain what we will see in the future we need to go back to the Hebrew Scriptures and look at the book of Daniel Chapter 8, verses 13-14. That passage says:

Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, "How long will the vision *about* the regular sacrifice apply, while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled?" He said to me, "For 2,300 evenings *and* mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored."

This vision that Daniel received occurred about 551 BC. What is important to know about that date is that it is was nearly 400 years before it happened! As I stated in Part 1 of this article, the Abomination of Desolation occurred in 167 BC. How

do I know that? Let's read on in Daniel 8:15-21:

When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it; and behold, standing before me was one who looked like a man. And I heard the voice of a man between *the banks of Ulai*, and he called out and said, "Gabriel, give this *man* an understanding of the vision." So he came near to where I was standing, and when he came I was frightened and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the time of the end."

Now while he was talking with me, I sank into a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me and made me stand upright. He said, "Behold, I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for *it* pertains to the appointed time of the end. The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia. The shaggy goat *represents* the kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

What Daniel is receiving is a history lesson of the future. You may recall that Daniel was taken to Babylon when the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem. Daniel was in Babylon when God raised up Darius, King of the Medes-Persians, who conquered Babylon without a fight. That's Daniel 5 by the way.

In Daniel 8:21 cited above, Greece is mentioned. That is Alexander the Great and he defeated the Persian Empire about 331 BC. Daniel 8:22 is important for to understand. It says: "The broken *horn* and the four *horns that* arose in its place *represent* four kingdoms *which* will arise from *his* nation, although not with his power." That broken horn is Alexander the Great, who died at the age of 32 from venereal diseases, alcoholism, and some historians believe typhoid fever.

Alexander had no heirs, and so his empire was divided between

his four generals. Those men are represented by the four horns that arose in the place of the broken horn who was Alexander. Those four generals were: Cassandra, reigned over Macedonia, Ptolemy, who reigned over Egypt, Lysimachus, who ruled Thrace and Asia Minor, and Seleucus, who ruled Syria and Israel.

What is pertinent to our understanding here is that one of the descendants of the Seleucids was a King named Antiochus Epiphanes. Antiochus was by most historical accounts insane. He was violently evil toward Israel. When we read Daniel 8:9 we see that: "Out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the South, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land." That is a picture of Antiochus' hatred of Israel, i.e. The Beautiful Land.

What did Antiochus do? Among other things he:

- Outlawed the public reading of the Hebrew Scriptures.
- He executed Jews who observed the Sabbath.
- He executed Jews who circumcised their sons.
- He forbade worship of Yahweh.

The grievous and blasphemous thing he did was to desecrate the Temple in Jerusalem by stopping the daily sacrifices, offering a pig on the Altar of Incense, and erected a statue of Zeus in the Temple. Daniel 8:11 gives us that information.

These acts so infuriated the Jewish people that a rebellion arose led by the Maccabean family. Antiochus's army was driven from Jerusalem and the Temple was restored on December 25, 164 BC. This restoration is still celebrated today among the Jewish people as the Festival of Lights. Most Christians know it as Hanukkah.

### **The Reason Jesus Used the Prophet Daniel to Answer the Disciple's Questions**

The phrase that Jesus used in Mark 13:14 is found in Daniel 9:27 but we will read verses 24-27 for the bigger picture.

“Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy *place*. So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince *there will be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *will come* with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

Let me unpack this prophecy, this vision given to Daniel by the angel Gabriel. If you can grasp the meaning of this prophecy of the Seventy Weeks, it will make end times prophecy so much easier to understand.

Here are some things to consider about the abomination of desolation within the prophetic context of Mark 13:14 where Jesus quotes Daniel 9:27. I have already mentioned that the abomination of desolation is both a person and an event. The person is the Antichrist. The event is his desecration of the Temple by demanding that he be worshiped as God.

Antichrist is given many names in Scripture. J. Dwight Pentecost, in his book *Things to Come* (p. 334), gives a list of names compiled by Arthur W. Pink (*The Antichrist*, pp. 59–75) which are applicable to Antichrist:

The Bloody and Deceitful Man (Ps. 5:6),

The Wicked One (Ps. 10:2–4),  
The Man of the Earth (Ps. 10:18), the Mighty Man (Ps. 52:1),  
The Enemy (Ps. 55:3),  
The Adversary (Ps. 74:8–10),  
The Head of Many Countries (Ps. 111:6 [sic]),  
The Violent Man (Psalm 140:1),  
The Assyrian (Isaiah. 10:5–12),  
The King of Babylon (Isaiah 14:2),  
The Sun [sic] of the Morning (Isaiah 14:12),  
The Spoiler (Isaiah 16:4–5; Jeremiah 6:26),  
The Nail (Isaiah 22:25),  
The Branch of the Terrible Ones (Isaiah 25:5),  
The Profane Wicked Prince of Israel (Ezekiel 21:25–27),  
The Little Horn (Daniel 7:8),  
The Prince that shall come (Daniel 9:26),  
The Vile Person (Daniel 11:21),  
The Willful King (Daniel 11:36),  
The Idol Shepherd (Zechariah 11:16–17),  
The Man of Sin (2 Thessalonians 2:3),  
The Son of Perdition (2 Thessalonians 2:3),  
The Lawless one (2 Thessalonians 2:8),  
The Antichrist (1 John 2:22),

The Angels [sic] of the Bottomless Pit (Revelation 9:11),  
The Beast (Revelation 11:7; 13:1).

To these could be added: the One Coming in His Own Name (John 5:43), the King of Fierce Countenance (Dan. 8:23), the Abomination of Desolation (Matt. 24:15), the Desolator (Dan. 9:27).

It is extremely important that you understand that the Tribulation period spoken of in Daniel and wherever it is mentioned in the New Testament is focused on the Jews and the city of Jerusalem. Daniel 9:24 makes this clear: "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city." So these events Daniel speaks of concerns the nation of Israel. They do not concern the church. The church was a mystery at the time of Daniel's writing and therefore it is not in view here.

Furthermore, the church is not Israel and the church has not replaced Israel. Supersessionism also known as Replacement Theology is demonic. Its roots are Augustinian and Romish. Christian Triumphalism is heretical in the least. The grafting in of the church did not result in the exclusion of Israel.

The prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27 consists of a 490 year period of time. "Seventy weeks have been decreed." The Hebrew word for week used in this passage is "shabuwa" (Strong's #7620) and means a unit of seven. In this context it means a week of years. We see the same thing in Genesis 29:27. There we read Laban saying to Jacob: "Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also for the service which you shall serve with me for another seven years." Jacob served Laban seven "shabuwa's" or years, for Rachel's hand. Thus seventy shabuwa's or units of seven years is equal to 490 years.

These 490 years are biblical prophetic years not years according to our Gregorian calendar. What does that mean? Our Gregorian reckoning of time consists of 365 days except for

leap years. Prophetic years consist of 360 days.

We see this in a number of places in Scripture. For example, we see this in Revelation 11:2-3 in which verse two mentions 42 months and verse three mentions 1,260 days. This is referring to the same time period: 3.5 years of the Tribulation.

In Genesis Chapters 7 and 8 we read that the worldwide flood began and the ark rested exactly five months apart and it states that was 150 days. With this understanding we can turn to our calculators! What is 490 years times 360 days? It is 176,400 days. Why is all this important? It is important because it reveals to us a blueprint for the future.

What happens when 176,400 days are fulfilled? We don't have to guess because the Holy Spirit through Daniel tells us. Read Daniel 8:24 once again. Note these six things:

Finish the transgression.

Make an end to sin.

Make atonement for iniquity.

Bring in everlasting righteousness.

Seal up vision and prophecy.

Anoint the most holy place.

In this vision then, six things will come about at the end of the 490 years. Hebrew scholar Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum says that finish the transgression means that the Jewish people will come to faith in Jesus Christ.

The meaning of making an end to sin is tied to finish the transgression in that the Jewish people will be born-again through faith in Christ. This is the fulfillment of Jeremiah 31:33 where God says in reference to His people Israel: "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it."

By faith the Jewish people will trust in the finished work of



Christ upon Calvary's cross for the salvation of their souls. They will believe on Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, the atonement He secured on their behalf and this is the meaning behind Daniel's statement concerning "atonement for iniquity."

When these 176,400 days are concluded an everlasting righteousness will be brought in. What does that look like? The prophet Isaiah gives us that information.

### **Isaiah 51:4-8**

"Pay attention to Me, O My people,  
And give ear to Me, O My nation;  
For a law will go forth from Me,  
And I will set My justice for a light of the peoples.  
"My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth,  
And My arms will judge the peoples;  
The coastlands will wait for Me,  
And for My arm they will wait expectantly.  
"Lift up your eyes to the sky,  
Then look to the earth beneath;  
For the sky will vanish like smoke,  
And the earth will wear out like a garment  
And its inhabitants will die in like manner;  
But My salvation will be forever,  
And My righteousness will not <sup>[e]</sup>wane.  
"Listen to Me, you who know righteousness,  
A people in whose heart is My law;  
Do not fear the reproach of man,  
Nor be dismayed at their revilings.  
"For the moth will eat them like a garment,  
And the grub will eat them like wool.  
But My righteousness will be forever,  
And My salvation to all generations."

### **Isaiah 9:6-7**

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;

And the government will rest on His shoulders;  
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.  
There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of  
peace,  
On the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and  
righteousness  
From then on and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

This is the long-awaited Kingdom. This is what Christians pray  
for: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven." The Kingdom of God will be established when Jesus  
returns. All this talk about building the Kingdom now is not  
biblical. That kind of "Kingdom Now" theology contributes  
toward the utopian dreams of the God-haters described  
previously. The church needs to tighten up its language and  
theological comprehension.

The next Kingdom that will be established and already is in  
the process of being established visibly is the Antichrist's  
kingdom. That is what Jesus destroys when He returns! Much of  
the church and people who claim to be Christians are blind and  
ignorant. They are busy as beavers building a Kingdom but it  
isn't God's Kingdom.

The "sealing up of vision and prophecy" means that all the  
prophecies related to Israel will be fulfilled. Every promise  
God has made to Israel will come to pass. Every covenant God  
has made with Israel will be completed. That includes the land  
promises that are part of the Abrahamic Covenant. Many  
Christians will be shocked when the truth is revealed: God is  
not done with Israel.

Finally, the sixth thing that will be accomplished, the  
anointing of the most high place, will occur when the Temple  
is rebuilt during the millennial reign of Jesus Christ in

Jerusalem. The prophet Ezekiel says that the glory of God will fill this Temple. Ezekiel 40-48 contains those details.

There is a lot of talk about a new Temple on the verge of being constructed in Jerusalem right now. Apparently, the priests have been trained, the Temple service implements have been manufactured and recently, an acceptable red heifer has been born. My opinion is that this Temple will not be constructed until the Antichrist is on the scene.

Regardless of the timing of this third Temple, it won't last long. I believe it will be destroyed when Christ returns. He will build a fourth Temple from which he will reign.

All of this tells us that the political and spiritual restoration of Israel is yet future. The Jewish people have been regathered in their land but they are there in unbelief. There is a day coming when just as the Hebrew Scriptures predict, just as the Apostle Paul prophesied in the Apostolic Scriptures, just as God promised, all Israel will be saved.[\[2\]](#)

### **What Have We Learned?**

This has been a lengthy examination of what the Bible says about the times we are living in and what the end of days actually looks like. The birth pangs Jesus describes in Mark 13:1-13 are upon us. Yet, they are essentially ignored by all but a few. The desire of many in these days is for peace and safety. That leads them to explore all types of activities that have spiritual components to them. Being ignorant of the devices of Satan is a sure recipe for bondage and destruction.

The drive toward a one world religion has gained momentum over the last few decades. All that remains is for governments across the earth to give their approval to a new spirituality of man-centered, earth worshipping, and humanistic amalgamation of God-hating people who have been strategically elevated to places of prominence by people with the ability to do so.

The question sober-minded people should be asking is this: is that possible? Is peace and safety possible in a world where dictators rise up and devastate nations with their greed and murderous ambitions while the world watches silently? Is it possible to have a new spirituality that allows for all expressions of alleged faith except that Jesus Christ is the only way to eternal life with the one true God? Is it possible to have peace and safety when entire nations of people are taught from the time they begin to walk and talk that other people groups are pigs and apes?

Is peace and safety possible without a brutal totalitarian regime that Orwell and many other modern prophets envisioned? Can the darkness in the human heart be overcome for the benefit of mankind across the world without the Light that is Jesus Christ?

All the machinations of mankind whether political or spiritual, are doomed to failure because they begin without God, and they seek an end that is anti-God. Utopian dreams void of the God who created all things are nightmares in the making.

I plead with you dear reader to consider this day whom you will serve. Will you serve the God of Creation, the God who has revealed Himself through the Son Jesus Christ? Will you trust Him for the salvation of your soul and the reconciliation with the Father that He offers? True peace and safety is only found in Jesus Christ.

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# Have You Had Enough Yet?



Dr. Mike Spaulding

I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired. I am sick and tired of the Luciferian zombies, the mindless, clueless, sycophants of the Progressive Marxists and the hatred they vomit daily against America, Americans, and our freedom and liberties. I am sick and tired of people who call themselves Christians offering no rebuttal whatsoever.

This Orwellian nightmare we are living has given rise to people who one day are eating Tide Pods, and the next have become alleged experts in matters of our Constitution and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendments specifically. These clueless zombies and everyone like them are nothing but "props" for the satanic media like CNN, MSNBC, ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX News, The New York Times, The Washington Post, et al .

Some people might think, Mike you are a little harsh. I remind those people of this: Jesus said, He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters (Matthew 12:30). Let me zero in on those people that should care the most about these developments.

Christian, are you bringing people to the truth or are you allowing them to remain in their deception? Here is the sad and ugly truth: Christians in large numbers have left the field of battle. They have surrendered without a fight. They have decided that it is easier to not gather with and for Jesus than it is to stand against the endless onslaught of cultural vitriol aimed at Christians and Christianity.

The Apostle Paul said, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness" (Romans 1:18). Where is this message to those who are attempting a visible coup of our government today? Listen to me friends; suppressing the truth is unrighteousness in the Kingdom of God.

Let's chat about our Constitution and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendments specifically. This might come as a news flash for some people, but our right to keep and bear arms is not secured by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. These Luciferian Progressive Marxists think if they can instigate enough ignorant people to act out their ignorance they can somehow repeal the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. First of all, that's not going to happen and second even if it were to take place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment doesn't change the legal status of gun owner's one iota.

The reason is this: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment is directed at the Federal Government and prohibits the government from infringing on the rights of every American. These rights are natural and God-given, and listen to me friends: these rights preexist government.

Here's a real quick civics lesson – The Declaration of Independence enumerates several essential principles for every freedom and liberty that Americans have historically enjoyed. I say historically because the Luciferians among us are doing

all they can to enslave us to a tyranny on the way to an apocalyptic future.

Every man or woman is endowed by God with fundamental rights. These include life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. So, because people's rights are natural and God-given, they pre-exist government. Our rights come first and the government comes second.

**Ron Paul captures the essence of our dilemma succinctly.[\[1\]](#)**

What is the purpose of government? The Declaration (of Independence) answers the question: The purpose of government is to protect the existence and exercise of people's natural, God-given rights.

That was the reason for calling the federal government into existence with the U.S. Constitution—to protect people's natural, God-given rights that pre-existed the federal government.

A big potential problem arises: The possibility, even likelihood that the government itself will end up infringing or even destroying people's rights. That possibility deeply concerned our American ancestors. They were convinced that government itself, not some foreign entity, constituted the biggest threat to their freedom, privacy, property, and pursuit of happiness. That's why they were not terribly enthusiastic about approving the Constitution. If they hadn't approved it, the United States would have continued operating under the Articles of Confederation, under which the national government didn't even have the power to tax people.

The American people finally decided to go along with the deal. The biggest argument that finally sold it to them was that the U.S. Constitution, which called the federal government into existence, strictly limited the powers of the federal government to those few powers that were enumerated in the document. Those enumerated powers did not include the power to

infringe or destroy people's natural, God-given rights – rights, and again, that preexisted the federal government.

Thus, even without the Bill of Rights, the federal government had no legitimate authority to control what people read or what people owned, including books and guns. That's because these rights preexisted the government and because the Constitution did not give the federal government the power to infringe on these preexisting rights.

In fact, if the government did infringe on people's natural, God-given rights, it would be violating the very reason that people call governments into existence – to protect the existence and the exercise of their rights.

So why then was the Bill of Rights necessary? In a technical sense, it wasn't. Since the powers delegated to the federal government were enumerated in the Constitution and since the delegated powers did not include the powers to control what people read or owned (including books and guns), the Bill of Rights was essentially superfluous.

In fact, some people even argued that by enumerating some rights in the Bill of Rights that might be construed to mean that those were the only rights that were being protected. That's why the Ninth Amendment was enacted – to point out that that was not the intention.

The reason the Bill of Rights was enacted was because of the deep concern that our American ancestors had about the threat that the new federal government would pose to their rights and liberties. They believed that this government – their government – would inevitably end up doing what every other government in history has done – destroy their rights.

That's why they enacted the Bill of Rights – to hammer the message home that the American people were expressly prohibiting the federal government from traveling the road to tyranny that all other governments in history had travelled.



But notice something important about the Bill of Rights: It gives no one any rights. Instead, it prohibits the federal government from infringing or destroying rights that already exist. It really should have been called a Bill of Prohibitions rather than a Bill of Rights.

Thus, people don't have the right to own guns because of the Second Amendment, just as people don't have the right of free speech because of the First Amendment. People's natural, God-given rights preexist government. They exist whether the Bill of Rights, the Constitution, and the federal government are there or not.

What happens when a government infringes or destroys the rights of the people? The Declaration of Independence gives us the answer: It is the right of the people to alter or even abolish the government and institute new government whose powers are limited to its legitimate function. That's a right that every American living today should keep in mind.

### **It's Time to Stand Up**

I'm sick of what I see in our nation AND in the Church today. Christian, you must get your house in order. Stop living a flannel graph Jesus faith. We are not going to see any change in our nation if Christians refuse to take up the fight and get out into the streets to defend our freedoms and liberties. Start turning over some tables folks!

Why do Christians believe that they should not get involved in reversing the death spiral America is in? New York State recently passed legislation to remove all obstacles to unlimited child sacrifice. The demons cheered as the stooges led by Governor Cuomo smiled while signing the potential death warrant of every child unfortunate enough to reside in New York State.

Congresspersons and Senators continue to brazenly advocate for evil against Americans through their legislative activity and

the Church yawns. Our government finances Planned Parenthood to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars, and Planned Parenthood uses that money to bribe elected officials to keep the flow of blood money going. The response from the Church is silence.

Pastors who do stand up are ridiculed and even fired. The Church is under such demonic deception today that it is breath taking. Here is where the Progressives are going next: our First and Second Amendment rights. The self-styled “servants of Jesus” (to borrow the demented ramblings of Nancy Pelosi), are going to attempt to outlaw free speech and our right to keep and bear arms. The “teeth” of enforcement will be prosecution and imprisonment. Are you ready to risk prison to fight back?

It may come to an open civil war. Are you prepared for that Christian? You better be prepared to respond in defense of these rights because once those are gone so will be the true Church. I’ve said this for years: the real goal of the Luciferians who control Washington D.C. is the destruction of the true Church of Jesus Christ. They are ignorant enough to believe they can actual do that. They will simply have authorized Churches much like China but the true Church will go underground and thrive even more than it does now.

It’s no good to be sick and tired of this mess in America unless you are prepared to do something about it. Are you ready to stand up and fight back?

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Footnotes:

[1] Ron Paul's website is here –  
<http://www.ronpaullibertyreport.com/>

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# Biblical Prophecy Refutes Earthly Utopian Dreams



By Mike Spaulding

*But take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance.*  
–Mark 13:23

Utopian dreams burst onto the American mainstream consciousness in 1967 with the iconic “The Age of Aquarius/ Let the Sunshine In” medley originally part of the Broadway production of *Hair*, later recorded by the R&B group The 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension in 1969. According to the lyrics, the remedy for mankind’s needs is found in the planets and star constellations of our galaxy. To gain insight into our shared path forward in peace and love, mankind must “look to the stars.” The lyrics state this plainly:

When the moon is in the Seventh House  
And Jupiter aligns with Mars

Then peace will guide the planets  
And love will steer the stars  
This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius.

Harmony and understanding  
Sympathy and trust abounding  
No more falsehoods or derisions  
Golden living dreams of visions  
Mystic crystal revelation  
And the mind's true liberation  
Aquarius.[\[1\]](#)

The 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension enjoyed a six week ride at number one on the Billboard charts with this breakthrough song. Clearly, Americans were ready for more peace and love sentimentality. The radio jingle "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing,"[\[2\]](#) adapted for a Coca-Cola commercial in 1971 provided another push toward the globalist dream of peace, safety, and unity. In this song we were entertained by a very early effort to condition us to multiculturalism. People of all walks of life, nationalities, and ethnicities, all gathered on a hilltop to sing kumbaya. Actually, the lyrics were much more in line with the re-emerging idea of the earth as a living organism.

I'd like to build the world a home  
And furnish it with love  
Grow apple trees and honey bees  
And snow white turtle doves

I'd like to teach the world to sing  
In perfect harmony  
I'd like to hold it in my arms  
And keep it company.

I'd like to see the world for once  
All standing hand in hand  
And hear them echo through the hills  
For peace throughout the land.[\[3\]](#)

Building the world a home? Where mankind can live in peace and unity sounds a lot like Nimrod's vision of Babel. In spite of the widespread and growing biblical illiteracy, most people know that did not work out too well for Nimrod.

This was followed by John Lennon's bestselling song "Imagine," which followed the same theme of global unity and peace, interestingly in the same year of 1971.

Imagine there's no heaven  
It's easy if you try  
No hell below us  
Above us only sky  
Imagine all the people living for today

Imagine there's no countries  
It isn't hard to do  
Nothing to kill or die for  
And no religion too  
Imagine all the people living life in peace, you

You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one  
I hope someday you'll join us  
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions  
I wonder if you can  
No need for greed or hunger  
A brotherhood of man  
Imagine all the people sharing all the world, you

You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one  
I hope someday you'll join us  
And the world will be as one.[\[4\]](#)

When Lennon released *Imagine*, he was a globally minded peace activist. He famously quipped during this time: "If everybody

demanded peace instead of another television set, then there'd be peace." I wholeheartedly agree with Lennon on one point; if people would get rid of their television sets, they would be much less likely influenced by the constant barrage of lies, manipulation, and corporate propaganda that insists that if we all try a little harder, elect the right people to public office, and especially if Christians would stop clinging to their Bibles and guns, the world would be on a fast-track to a utopia we have only imagined up to now.

Students of philosophy and political science as well as readers of texts of antiquity will surely interject that the real drive for an achievable utopia was first elucidated by Plato in his *Republic*, nearly one thousand six hundred years before Lennon or Coke made fortunes selling the idea of peace.

Of course, Bible students know that Nimrod was the first to attempt to establish his utopian dream in the 22<sup>nd</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> century BC. Everyone else on the peace train is merely a Johnny-come-lately. Nimrod's utopian dream rightly ended in an earth moving event, as will this current globalist inspired, directed, and financed effort.

### **Governments Create the Problem and Then Promote Their Solution**

Throughout the years of recorded history, mankind has had a nearly insatiable thirst for peace and safety. World Wars, domestic conflicts, political upheavals, and violent revolutions have only created a greater thirst for global security.

A common message today that spans a diverse group of organizations is one that focuses on peace and safety as an attainable goal for the so-called global community. Governments, non-governmental agencies, environmental organizations, and even the United Nations, have all joined with countless religious organizations such as the Roman Catholic Church, Parliament of World Religions[\[5\]](#), the World

Council of Churches, the Evangelical Environmental Network, and many denominations in a unified call to global peace and safety.

Much of the church in America specifically is exhausting itself trying to make peace with the culture. Today in many places, ministry leaders are leading entire denominations into embracing ungodly behavior, illogical thinking, and unbiblical responses to real or imagined crises. They are unwittingly being moved along the dialectic path from antithesis (Jesus is the only way of salvation) to synthesis (there are many paths to God).

In some places the church has adopted a strange and biblically foreign concept of creating a safe space within the church campus, an alternative social network for believers only, so that Christians can further remove themselves from the culture. The church has also done great damage to the Gospel by attempting to create safe spaces in the body of Christ for unrepentant sinners. The most glaring example of this insanity is the church's embrace of gender confusion.

In the most recent Presidential election cycle, Hillary Clinton famously said that Christians need to change their beliefs about certain things, namely abortion.[\[6\]](#) She implied that if they do not do so voluntarily then the force of the law should be applied. For Clinton, nothing is as sacrosanct as the right of women to murder unborn human beings. For people who think like Clinton, utopia is a world where women are free to do as they please with unborn children without the inconvenience of a guilty conscience brought on by people of faith.

As I am writing this article, the Democrats haven't taken control of the House of Representatives and their first priority has been the creation of a spending bill to end the partial government shutdown that includes restored funding for Planned Parenthood. Something is clearly wrong when an entire

political party is consumed with shoring up the barbaric act to ripping unborn humans from a woman's womb.

This is a modern picture of the utopian dream. The basis of all utopias is simply this: create an environment where the maximum amount of happiness can be experienced by the greatest number of citizens. Those that show themselves to be dissenters will be marginalized, or worse, made to appear as criminals.

Politically speaking, this means concentrating power in the hands of a select few through the manipulation of a populace. This is the strategy of the current Democrat leadership. How else do you explain the support for the murder of unborn American children and simultaneously, support for all forms of immigration?

The political machine that is Washington D.C. spends billions of dollars attempting to allegedly produce a society of worldly defined justice and equality. However, when justice discriminates against entire groups of people based on a convoluted definition of racial theory, and equality is redefined with heretofore unheard of social constructs as guidelines, how is justice or equality arrived at? How is the government assuring peace, safety, and unity by these actions?

As I stated above, peace and safety is known by many names but the goal of modern proponents is the same: create an environment where all people can be happy, content with their circumstances, and experience the comfort of emotional well-being. The late Neil Postman called it amusing ourselves to death.[\[7\]](#) In other words, a virtual gulag decorated as a safe space for all.

Many Christians have unwittingly joined this nonsense by partnering with and advocating for the latest cultural movements of diversity, multiculturalism, and egalitarianism being aggressively advocated by the US Government and paid for



with our tax dollars.

Unfortunately, this drive for global peace and safety brings out the worse characteristics in human beings. In fact, two characteristics are prominent and the former works in favor of the latter. The first characteristic of man is that he is willing to give up his freedoms for the promise of safety. The second characteristic of man is that some will see the opportunity to promise safety as a vehicle for rising to power and ruling over those who would be foolish enough to give up their freedom for the “feeling” of safety.

### **What did Jesus say about the End of the Age and the Possibility of Peace?**

Many Christians never consider the fact that Jesus is a prophet. Although they have no doubt heard many times that Jesus is *Prophet*, Priest, and King, it has never dawned on them that Jesus spoke prophetically many times.

Jesus’ statement in Mark 13:14 is an example of this. In that passage we read:

But when you see the Abomination of Desolation standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

Matthew’s Gospel adds that Jesus says this Abomination of Desolation was spoken of through Daniel the Prophet.[\[8\]](#) There are two things interesting about that statement. One is that this prophecy was fulfilled in 167 BC when Antiochus Epiphanes desecrated the Temple in Jerusalem by slaughtering a pig on the altar of incense and erecting a statue of Zeus within its confines.

A second thing interesting about Jesus’ prophecy is that it has a future fulfillment. Granted, some Christians believe that the future fulfillment of Jesus’ words was completed in 70AD when the Roman General Titus crushed a Jewish rebellion

and destroyed the Temple.[\[9\]](#) That does not come close to defining the abomination Jesus spoke of.

I encourage readers to read Mark's Gospel starting at chapter 13 for the full context of what is being said there. As Jesus and His disciples left the Temple and the city of Jerusalem, an unidentified disciple remarked to Jesus that the Temple buildings were a beautiful thing to see. Jesus' response to this disciple is Mark 13:2. The reason for this response from Jesus is found in Mark 11-12. Let me summarize those chapters briefly.

Mark 11 contains the narrative of Jesus' so-called "Triumphal Entry" into the city of Jerusalem. We know that day as Palm Sunday. In Mark 11:11 we read that Jesus went into the Temple and looked around and left. In Mark 11:13 He cursed the fig tree which scholars agree represented judgement upon Israel and apostate Judaism.

Then in Mark 11:15 Jesus returns to the Temple, cleanses it the second time by running everyone out. He pronounces judgement by recalling the words of the prophet Jeremiah 7-8 in Mark 11:17. This prompted the Jewish religious leaders to begin seriously discussing the "how" they were going to murder Jesus. They had already determined they would murder Him;[\[10\]](#) all that was left was the manner in which to carry it out.

In Mark 12 Jesus tells the Jewish religious leaders that He knew they were going to murder Him, the Vineyard owner's son. The religious leaders knew exactly what Jesus was claiming for Himself in that parable and they knew He was indicting them for what they were thinking and attempting to do concerning Him. That is what we read in Mark 12:12.

The religious leaders went away and hatched plan to attempt to trick Jesus into committing treason against Rome. The hope of the religious leaders was that Jesus would say something that they could take back to the Romans and have Jesus arrested,

tried as a criminal, and executed. In other words, they were hoping the Romans would do their dirty work for them. That is Mark 12:13-17.

When that plan failed the religious leaders sent the Sadducees to create a theological incident. The aim in Mark 12:18-27 was to make Jesus look like He opposed the teaching of Moses and thereby discredit Him before the people. Jesus told the Sadducees that they were ignorant of the Scriptures, which meant Moses, and that they consequently had no power from God to rule anyone.

The last effort of the Sanhedrin is found in Mark 12:28-34, where a scribe approaches Jesus with a somewhat more whimsical approach and ends up being encouraged by Jesus to keep following his line of reasoning concerning what was pleasing to God.

Jesus gives the Jews one last chance to understand who He was by asking a question to everyone gathered to Him in the Temple:

How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David? David himself said in the Holy Spirit; the LORD said to my LORD, Sit at My right hand, until I put Your enemies beneath Your feet. David himself calls Him Lord; so in what sense is He his son?[\[11\]](#)

Then Jesus warns the people of the wickedness of the apostate religious system they were observing. That's Mark 12:38-40. Next He gives an illustration of what He just said in Mark 12:41-44. By the way, this was not praise for the widow who gave her last remaining money to the Temple Treasury. Jesus called the disciples attention to this sad situation because the widow was a victim of a system that He had previously said in Mark 12:40 "devours widow's houses."

That brings us back to Mark 13. When Jesus and His disciples were leaving the Temple complex and the city, the unnamed

disciple remarks at the beauty of the Temple. That elicited Jesus' comment about the coming destruction. How could this disciple have missed the preceding events of the entire day where Jesus spoke judgement?

Peter, James, John, and Andrew were startled by Jesus' comment because as soon as they arrived at the Mount of Olives they pulled Jesus aside and asked Him a series of questions. Mark 13:3-4: Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?

Jesus' first response was what? Peace and safety will prevail upon the earth! Then I will return! If you have your Bible open you know that is not what Jesus said. He said in Mark 13:5-13 that:

- Mass deception would mark those days.
- False Christ's – not necessarily only people claiming to be Christ but false Christ's, meaning also unbiblical theologies concerning Christ.
- Wars; nations against nation, kingdom against kingdom.
- Famines, earthquakes.
- Persecution of true followers of Jesus even by family members, meaning people who call themselves Christian will begin to murder true Christians.
- Matthew's parallel passage says false prophets will arise within the church, and that love among the brethren will grow cold.

Does this sound like a world heading for peace, safety, and unity? This is where you dear reader, need to understand what is going to happen in the near future. Mark 13:14 is a key passage. I repeat it here for your convenience.

But when you see the Abomination of Desolation standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

Who and what is the Abomination of Desolation spoken of by

Jesus? I've already told you that in one context it was Antiochus Epiphanes who desecrated the Temple in 167 BC. That had already happened nearly two hundred years before Jesus spoke this prophecy. That tells us what? It tells us that Jesus had a future fulfillment in mind. What is that fulfillment? That will be revealed in Part 2 of "Biblical Prophecy Refutes Earthly Utopian Dreams."

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### Footnotes:

[1] Medley: Aquarius / Let the Sunshine In lyrics © Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC. Songwriters: Galt Mac Dermot / James Rado / Gerome Ragni.

[2] This song was produced by Billy Davis and became famous as the "[Hilltop Coke Song](#)."

[3] I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing lyrics © Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC. Songwriters: William M Backer / Roger F. Cook / Roquel Davis / Roger Greenaway

[4] Imagine lyrics © Downtown Music Publishing. Songwriters: John Winston Lennon.

[5] The Parliament of World Religions has on its website the following two prominent headlines: (1) The Power of Love: Pursuing Global Understanding, Reconciliation, and Change. (2) For a More Just, Peaceful, and Sustainable World.

[6] Clinton has made these types of comments frequently to abortion advocates. [See here for one example.](#)

[7] Neil Postman, *Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business*, (London: Penguin Books, 1985).

[8] Matthew 24:15.

[9] This viewpoint is called Preterism.

[10] John 7:1.

[11] Mark 12:35-37.

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# Never Again! Until The Next Time: The Greatest Deception



Pastor Mike Spaulding

*I'll tip my hat to the new constitution  
Take a bow for the new revolution  
Smile and grin at the change all around  
Pick up my guitar and play  
Just like yesterday  
Then I'll get on my knees and pray  
We don't get fooled again*[\[1\]](#)

There is an eight hundred pound gorilla on the world stage and

nearly every political leader in the world, save Trump, Ader of Hungary, and Duda of Poland, plus a few more, refuse to acknowledge its presence. It is getting really awkward for Macron, Merkel, and May. The atrocities that they have allowed to be committed against their citizenry by this gorilla deny reason. Can open revolt In France, Germany, and the United Kingdom be too far off?

Stated simply, world leaders who advocate for the continued freedom of this gorilla to behave in any way it desires are either deceived or being paid to downplay what is clearly a war against Western civilization. I believe it is some of both but mostly deception. Somehow, Western leaders believe they can contain the cancer that is Islam.

What kind of blindness is this? How can political leaders who rise through the cesspool of maneuvering to reach national prominence not understand what Islam is? The message of Islam is simple: convert or die. There is no ambiguity within Islam. This is why I say that the world and especially the leaders of the world's nations, save a few, are completely deceived. This deception is satanic. Let me explain.

In the passage above Jesus warned against being deceived. He said, "See to it that no one misleads you. Many will come in My name." The context is that the time will come when people will attempt to mislead you by advocating for false Christ's. There have been many people over the years that have done exactly that. They have all been proven to be liars and frauds. The most dangerous deception concerning Jesus – the false Jesus – is found in Islam.

Satan, who is known as Allah to Muslims, has constructed a masterful deception and named it Islam. Christians of all people should know better than to believe the lies of Islam but unfortunately that is not the case. This is to their shame and potentially to their destruction. How does Islam present the most clear and present danger to Christians and indeed the

world? If you want to understand the barbarity of Islam and why Islamists are blood-thirsty savages, then you must understand their eschatology. Islam has a theology of the end times.

Would it surprise you if I told you that Jesus plays a significant role in Islamic end time's theology? Of course, when I say Jesus, I'm talking about the Islamic Jesus. There is a difference between the biblical Jesus and the Jesus of Islam and you must understand this pivotal point.

Islam recognizes Jesus as a great prophet. But Islam states that Mohammed is greater. In fact the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam or Mahdi of Islam is even greater. The Islamic Jesus is a great prophet but:

- He is not the Son of God.
- He was not born of a virgin.
- He was not crucified for the sins of the world.
- He did not die on a cross.
- Because He didn't die He was not resurrected.
- He was taken to heaven just like Elijah and Mohammed.
- He is standing with Allah waiting for Allah to allow Him to return to the earth.

Now, some Christians get excited over that last point: Muslims believe Jesus will return to the earth. In their excitement they rush to an ignorant conclusion: We can use that as a starting place for interfaith dialogue.

As Lee Corso likes to say: Not so fast my friends! In Islam, Jesus returns to assist the Mahdi, the Islamic Messiah-Savior figure with several necessary activities. The Islamic Jesus will, according to Islam:

- Jesus returns as a radicalized Muslim and
- Jesus will implement Sharia Law across the entire world.
- Jesus' testimony as a Muslim will lead many Christians



to convert to Islam.

- Jesus will testify against those Christians who refuse to convert on the Day of Judgment.
- Jesus will abolish Christianity.
- Jesus will destroy every cross.
- Jesus will kill all swine.
- Jesus will kill the Muslim antichrist and his followers, which in Islamic theology are the Jews.
- Jesus will marry, have children, and die.

The Islamic Jesus is the exact opposite of the biblical Jesus. In fact, the Islamic Jesus is a near perfect representation of the biblical false prophet. Yet, we have mindless Christians that believe we can dialogue with Islamists and find a common ground.

Let's consider the Islamic messiah-savior figure, the Mahdi, sometimes referred to as the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam. The name "Mahdi" means "the Guided One." The Mahdi is also called Sahib Al-Zama or Al-Mahdi al-Muntadhar, which translated mean "the Lord of the age" and "the Awaited Savior." The Mahdi is Islam's savior.

The appearance of the Mahdi on the world stage is to Muslims the equivalent of the return of Jesus Christ to Christians. The Mahdi is:

- A descendant of Mohammed.
- The final and longed for Caliph who will establish the Islamic worldwide Caliphate.
- He will rule the world through a series of holy wars.
- His rise to power is preceded by an army of black flag carrying warriors.

The black flags these warriors carry are inscribed with the words "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his Messenger" in Arabic. The Mahdi will lead the black flagged warriors to conquer Israel and will reign from the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem. Muslims believe the Mahdi will be loved by

the entire world.

The reason Muslims believe the entire world will love the Mahdi is because they believe the Mahdi will establish world peace. He will negotiate a peace treaty between the Arabs and the Romans, by which is meant Christians.

Let's contrast what Islam teaches about the Mahdi with whom the Bible says accomplishes these things. The Bible teaches that the antichrist will arrive on the world stage as a political savior. He will bring peace to the world through a treaty between Israel and the Muslim world. The antichrist will appear to be a spiritual leader for the entire world and he will make use of the one world religion.

The biblical antichrist attempts to destroy Jews and Christians. In fact, the biblical antichrist breaks treaty with Israel, demands he be worshipped, and seeks to attack and conquer Jerusalem and establish his headquarters there.

Readers that are even vaguely familiar with the Bible see clearly that the Islamic savior, the Mahdi, is the biblical antichrist. The Islamic Jesus is the biblical false prophet.

Islam is Satanic. It is thoroughly demonic in origin and practice. Indeed, it manifests the spirit of antichrist right before the eyes of the world and yet world leaders turn a blind eye to the horrific evil being unleashed on innocent people.

Jesus warned of the day when false Christs would come onto the world scene.

*And Jesus began to say to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and will mislead many ... for false Christs and false prophets will arise, and will show signs and wonders, in order to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance. Mark 13:5-6, 22-23*

Those days are upon us. Here are characteristics of the spirit of antichrist:

- and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world. 1 John 4:3
- Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.<sup>23</sup> Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. 1 John 2:22-23
- For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. 2 John 1:7

The spirit of antichrist deceives people, and is a liar. Those consumed by the spirit of antichrist deny that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah of Israel and the world; they deny the Father and the Son and therefore the Trinity; they deny that Jesus Christ came in the flesh, and therefore the incarnation.

Yet, people want to say that the God of the Bible is Allah, that Jesus is revered within Islam, and that if we just keep dialoguing with the Muslims then we can achieve a peaceful co-existence with them. Neville Chamberlain lives again as every modern imbecile who believes Islam is about co-existing.

Those that are pushing a globalist Chrislam one-world religion harlotry should be denounced and shamed. People that want to have conversations for better understanding with jihadi Imams should be denounced in the strongest possible terms.

You want to have a conversation with Islamists? Tell them to confess their sins and receive God's free gift of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Tell them to renounce the demonic lies of Islam and live as a disciple of

Jesus.

Wake up church!

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[1] The Who, *Won't Get Fooled Again*, written by Pete Townsend. From the 1971 album *Who's Next*.

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# Gaia Worship Gaining Momentum in the Heartland



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I live in flyover country as it is affectionately referred to by America's aristocracy. The morally superior residents of

the left and right coasts of America routinely verbalize their disdain for people like me for no other reason than the people who reside in the place I call home reject their foolish blathering as incoherent, irrational, and hypocritical. It seems that this attitude of moral superiority and the behavior that always accompanies it is creeping into the heartland.

A recent edition of the Lima News, the local Lima, Ohio newspaper, reported that Mayor David Berger participated in an event designed to help raise funding to support a Lima tradition of summer known as Square Fair. During the event Mayor Berger gave the "toast" which is a strange way of saying he offered a prayer. Here is the content of that toast as reported by the Lima News:

"To a city and people both smile on my fate. May our pains make us stronger and may our strengths make us great. To our parents and others who came on before, who paved from a swamp this great place we adore, then brought the world oil, locomotives and tanks, neon and engines, restaurants and banks. To the soldiers who fight in wars far from here may they know we continue to hold them all dear. May God guard their actions wherever they roam and see them return to the safety of home. To our children, who venture too far away. And to those, best of all who would venture to stay. May we leave them a city of which to be proud. May their happiness flourish and their riches abound. May their leaders be wise and their troubles be few and more than anything else, may their motives be true. And until such a time as we toil for today, may the Lord bless our efforts and keep trouble at bay. May she smile on this city, this county, this state, and most of all, on you people who help make them all great. To Lima. To Allen County. To Ohio and the USA and all who love her, here and away. Cheers." [\[1\]](#)

Beyond the fact that this toast was a rambling mess, Mayor Berger made a major misstep in announcing that the Lord had morphed into a woman. Transgenderism in the heavenlies! This

came as news to me. I do not subscribe to the Lima News and I do not have television in my home, but the news that our Lord Jesus was a woman was stunning! Why am I just now hearing this?

I am of course being sarcastic. Mayor Berger is one more example among hundreds of people who think that appealing to those in the avant-garde of cultural institutions is good politics.

It is not news that the full court press is on right now for the recognition of Gaia or Sophia as the true God. God is not male, God is female is the mantra of many professing Christians. Pagans have always thought of "Mother" Nature as a real entity, and ancient cultures were hot beds of feminine goddess worship. The point I am making here is that the mayor of a small Ohio community (population ~40,000) took the opportunity during a community fund raising event to declare his belief that Jesus is a she. That is noteworthy.

It is noteworthy in the least because it was a public announcement of *didaskaliais daimonioen*[\[2\]](#) (doctrines of demons). In 1 Timothy 4:1 the Apostle Paul tells a young Pastor named Timothy that "some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron..."

The methodology of the demonic world is being advanced in our day all across the world. The leftists on either coast as well as the Marxists who have taken over our universities and force fed our youth a feminized and warped fantasy they claim is western history, would be so proud of Mayor Berger for his theological evolution into being a mouthpiece for demons.

## **MUCH MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE**

The feminization of God has long been a goal of the various pagan groups around the world, including witches, radical

feminists, and assorted New Age adherents. The number of seminars, conferences, workshops, and pagan events scattered around North America alone, attests to the explosion of Gaia/Goddess worship. The word Gaia derives from Greek mythology. She was thought to be the mother of the titans and goddesses of the earth. Goddess worship was prominent in the Greek and Roman empires and America's youth are still able to learn these mythologies in school today.

It all seems harmless until you begin to investigate what the teaching of goddess worship actually entails. Author Philip G. Davis offers this evaluation:

The tenets of the Goddess religion are to be found in an extended narrative in which the entire history of religion is played out as a gender struggle between an original, positive, affirming religion of female deity and a later, usurping, oppressive and patriarchal set of religions and philosophies based on Judeo-Christian and Greco-Roman traditions. In this story, the God of the Bible is not joined by the Goddess or even subordinated to her. He is, instead, reduced to being the villainous self-image of sexist, racist oppressors who have supposedly dominated most of recorded history, bringing suffering and degradation to women, children, and the earth itself. The returning Goddess is meant to replace God the Father; this, according to her devotees, is an essential step towards curing the social and environmental ills of our times.[\[3\]](#)

When seen in this light, Gaia worshippers are focused on destroying what they believe is the absolute evil of patriarchy. Men must be overthrown, cast down, relegated to a status far below that of women. Only when men become subservient to women will the earth begin to heal, and human relations across the earth return to what they once were in the imagined utopian past when the Goddess reigned

Even scientists have jumped on the Gaia bandwagon in search of

elusive answers to what they proclaim to be pending environmental catastrophes. James Lovelock, an atmospheric chemist, is credited with creating the phrase “Gaia Hypothesis” as a title for his theory of how life on earth emerged given the complexity of the myriad organisms present.

Lovelock used the phrase to explain his belief in the interconnectedness of all life found on earth. Scientists espousing the Gaia Hypothesis believe that mankind’s penchant for dominating the earth and its resources must end since the earth is itself a living organism. Stephen B. Scharper writes that:

Whereas traditional Earth scientists maintain that the Earth’s climatic pattern is more geological than biological, and is therefore less robust and more vulnerable to lasting injury, the Gaia thesis purports that the Earth is like a self-regulating animal, and may have organs that are especially important, such as the rain forest and wetlands, which are more vital to the global environment than are other parts of the system (Joseph 1990, 2). In other words, while Gaia may sustain the loss of its “big toe,” i.e., the blue whale, it can ill afford to lose its “lungs,” i.e., the tropical rain forests. [\[4\]](#)

The hypothesis additionally states that only an intellectual paradigm shift of gigantic proportions that recognizes the earth as a living organism will head off a coming ecological disaster. The Gaia Hypothesis is part of the draconian United Nations Sustainable Growth ecological movement which, true to its roots within Goddess worship, sees mankind as the enemy of the earth.

Now, some readers might be tempted to think that I’ve overstated the situation. If that is you then consider these statements from some influential people and organizations:

“Isn’t the only hope for the planet that the industrialized civilizations collapse? Isn’t it our duty to bring that



about?" The late Maurice Strong, then Secretary General of the UNEP

"In our deeply interdependent world today, the iron rule remains – our world is one, unseparated, and interdependent. It is this world that is threatened by the impact of man's unplanned, selfish, and ever growing activities." Kurt Waldheim, former Austrian Nazi and UN Secretary General

"If radical environmentalists were to invent a disease to bring human populations back to sanity, it would probably be something like AIDS." Earth First! Newsletter

"We have wished, we eco-freaks, for a disaster or for a social change to come and bomb us into the Stone Age." Stewart Brand, Whole Earth Catalogue

"Human happiness, and certainly human fecundity, is not as important as a wild and healthy planet: Some of us can only hope for the right virus to come long." David Graber, biologist, National Park Service

"Given the total, absolute, and final disappearance of Homo Sapiens not only would the Earth's Community of Life continue to exist but the ending of the human epoch on Earth would be greeted with a hearty 'good riddance.'" Dr. Paul Taylor, professor of philosophy, City College of New York.

"If I could be reincarnated, I would return as a killer virus to lower human population levels." Prince Phillip Duke of Edinburgh, patron of World Wildlife Fund.

"The earth is a mosque." Ibrahim Abdul-Matin, Muslim environmentalist

"The earth has a cancer and the cancer is Man." Club of Rome

"Nature is my god. To me, nature is sacred: trees are my temples and forests my cathedral." Mikhail Gorbachev, founder of Green Cross International, Club of Rome member

“Christianity is our foe. If animal rights is to succeed, we must destroy Judeo-Christian Religious tradition.” Peter Singer, professor of bioethics at Princeton University[\[5\]](#)

Clearly there is much more going on within the Gaia-Goddess worship movement than most people understand. The earth has become the goddess to increasing numbers of people angry with the cavalier attitude of some towards stewardship of the earth. But is abandoning reason for fantasy the way to care for the earth?

Christians have also become beguiled by the goddess of environmentalism. For over two decades the National Council of Churches (NCC), comprised of the United Methodist Church, the National Baptist Convention (USA, Inc.), the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church (USA), and the Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have received tens of millions of dollars from leftist progressive organizations and foundations such as the Sierra Club, the Pew Charitable Trusts, Tides Foundation, W. Alton Jones Foundation, V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation, and New World Foundation. What do all these organizations and foundations have in common? They give their money with the requirement that the National Council of Churches uses the funds to fuel environmental politics among its members.[\[6\]](#)

Many Christians have become little more than stage props in the war against humanity. The National Council of Churches has sided with the radical environmentalists who decry alleged overpopulation. The necessary remedy according to the NCC is abortion, or what they prefer to call reproductive justice. In fact, the NCC and its member denominations have waded into the so-called culture wars and offered their support for every antichrist position. They support sodomy but call it sexual justice and welfare socialism but call it economic and social justice.

It is no surprise then that the NCC gave full support for the Green Bible, an environmentalist dream of historic Judeo-Christian revisionism, as well as the National Religious Partnership for the Environment (NRPE). The NRPE is funded primarily by the aforementioned Pew Charitable Trust. The goal of the NRPE is according to then executive director Paul Gorman, the creation of "a distinctly religious response to the crisis of environmental sustainability and social justice." [\[7\]](#)

The NRPE environmental propaganda is distributed efficiently throughout a majority of Jewish synagogues, Roman Catholic parishes, and hundreds of thousands of Protestant congregations throughout America.

[The rise of modern feminism, Goddess worship, and radical environmentalism](#) is easily explainable when you understand that they are really three heads of the same latter day hydra. Many feminists, propagandized ecotheologians, New Agers, and the deceived masses in the NCC churches listed above, see historic, orthodox Christianity as the enemy.

All people including true Christians must wake up to the real danger of Goddess worship. The moneyed elite and their well-funded foundations and trusts are utilizing the political process to establish environmentalism as the state sanctioned religion. If they succeed, individual freedoms and liberties will die. We already see the intelligentsia building their case for the significance of every creature. A tree, a rock, a plant, a turtle, a human being: they are all equal in Mother Earth's eyes.

May God have mercy on us for allowing this insanity to take root in America. The Environmental Holocaust which will destroy human life is set to be unleashed. Will you stand against it?

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# The Church Has Elected To Play The Harlot In Three Ways



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*Is this not the reason you are mistaken...? –Mark 12:24*

American political rhetoric has never been more vitriolic. There has never been a more clearly defined divide between political perspectives than there is right now. The Republican Party has become the party of compromise, acquiescence, and feigned allegiance to the rule of law, that is to say, the Constitution. The Democrat Party has become the mouthpiece for every form of debauchery, evil, violence, and anti-American sentiment.

The Church has elected to play the harlot in three ways. Some side with the Republican Party, choosing to believe that the Republicans represent the best hope for the survival of America. That is simply an illusion. One needs look no further than RINO Republican Senators Flake, Collins, and Murkowski, to prove the point. The vision for America shared by many Republicans differs very little with that held by many Democrats.

Other Christians continue to support the Democrat Party. This is a most perplexing decision given the wanton hatred for and vile attack upon anything remotely approaching an orthodox

biblical position on issues of morality and Christian teaching on holiness, righteousness, and the Great Commission mandate to preach the gospel.

The third path some Christians are choosing is to disengage completely from the political process and American social and cultural life entirely. The thinking among this group is that politics is a “dirty” and “evil” enterprise and it is better to remain above a fray that might result in the soiling of one’s reputation among the other religious people of their community, their local church, and citizens of the community in which they live and meet. Being respected in the eyes of others is much more important to these Christians than nearly anything else. This choice is only slightly better than the deceived choice of those supporting the Democrat Party. Is there another option? Of course there is another option. That option is to choose the biblically informed path of cultural engagement. What does that look like?

### **The Church Has Lost Its Way Because It Has Succumbed To Self-Inflicted Ignorance in Two Contexts**

The twelfth chapter of Mark’s Gospel contains a parable (v. 1-12) that Jesus used to announce to the Jewish religious leaders that He knew their evil intention concerning Him, and that they were following the same path as their forefathers in persecuting or murdering every true prophet God sent to them. Most telling in this passage is verses 6-11 where Jesus prophesies the killing of the vineyard owner’s son, while simultaneously announcing to them that He in fact was the Son whom they were rejecting and intending to murder. The religious leaders understood this clearly as Mark 12:12 states.

After that exchange the Sanhedrin began to formulate the “how” they would destroy Jesus (see Mark 11:18). Their strategy resulted in a multipronged course of attack aimed at making Jesus look like an insurrectionist (Mark 12:13-17), and if

that failed, a theological fool (Mark 12:18-27). Jesus rebuffed their attempts with His powerful truths. First, in Mark 12:17, Jesus reminded His antagonists that paying taxes is not the greater issue the Jewish people faced. Instead, their greater issue was honoring God with their lives. Here's how Jesus put it: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to *God the things that are God's*" (Mark 12:17; emphasis mine).

Then in Mark 12:24 Jesus delivers a knockout punch to the schemes of God's enemies. There Jesus reprimanded the hypocrites with a scathing rebuke. He said: "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God?"

Let me elaborate on that statement. Jesus calls them "mistaken." The Greek word for mistaken is *planao* and is defined "to roam" from truth or virtue. Jude 13 uses a closely related word to define false teachers: "wandering (Greek *planetes*) stars" that will end up in darkness forever.

Now, based on the above definitions and related words for mistaken, Jesus makes two summary conclusions. First, He says the Jewish religious leaders have wandered from truth (mistaken), as evidenced by their ignorance of the Scriptures. Second, because the Jewish religious leaders have wandered from the truth, they do not know the power of God.

The grammatical construction of this verse makes an additional point that is lost in translation. The implication is that the religious leaders were ignorant of the Scriptures and they were in that state of ignorance willfully. In other words, they did not know the truth because they did not want to know the truth. They were happy in their error. Consequently they were willfully ignorant of the power of God. The context of their ignorance concerned the resurrection. There is an application for us to consider.

A large portion of church, ministerial, educational, and parachurch leadership, has become just like the religious leaders of Jesus' day. They are willfully ignorant of the Scriptures and because of that they do not know the power of God. How are they willfully ignorant of the Scriptures? They demonstrate willful ignorance by the policies they support. The herd mentality among many religious leaders when it comes to so-called social justice and socialism is one glaring example today. The entire "woke" church movement is nothing more than a race bating, critical race theory fantasy of anti-God, anti-American, and anti-freedom individuals who see a demon of racism behind every tree. One day these church leaders and the Christians that support them are going to realize they were hustlers for the emperor's clothing line.

Abandoning the truth of Scripture also cuts you off from knowing the power of God. You cannot deny the Scripture that reveals God and expect Him to move in your virtue seeking misadventures. Too many Christians chase the almighty dollar, the next new and sparkling thing they can't live without, and falsely believe that God is in that pursuit of the good life. God casts down every vain thing that raises itself up against the knowledge of Him, and that includes the vain imaginings of people who claim the power of God working in their lives to accumulate treasures on this earth. When I speak of treasures on earth, I am not just speaking about material things. There are many prideful, arrogant, and egotistical pastors and ministry leaders who have long since become immune to criticism. They refuse to receive any form of correction and they are aided in this travesty by a cadre of boot lickers. I can tell you from personal experience that when you point out the error in the teaching and behavior of our modern day religious personalities, the mesmerized followers of these pied pipers will attack you with a vengeance.

A large segment of the Christian church is in a state of apostasy. They have accepted that whatever the culture holds



as true and noble is worthy of their collaboration. How else do you explain the idiocy of transgenderism, same sex marriage, fornication, adultery, child sacrifice, drag queen normalization, and gender self-identity being supported by churches? They are mistaken! They have become dislodged from truth and are wandering stars (Jude 13) that compound their error by proclaiming their inclusiveness, as if that is a get out of jail free card from their obligation to obey God's commands.

Why is it that many pastors encourage their congregants to call their elected representatives to voice their disapproval with a particular pending legislation, and believe they have done their duty? How has the church become blind such that they think that the politicians in Washington DC or in their own state capitals care what they think about anything?

Why do Christians expect politicians to do what they are unwilling to do? Listen to me Christian: your elected representative is not your proxy for what God has called you to be and to do. Your elected representative is not going to go out into the streets and protest the wonton destruction of life at the nearest abortion mill. Your elected representative is not going to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with your neighbors. Politicians are not going to restore any kind of Christian morality to our communities or our local schools. There is only one way these things will ever happen, and that is IF Christians decide that Satan has destroyed enough of our nation and rise up in mass and do something about it.

The church has made the same mistake the Sadducees made when they confronted Jesus about the resurrection. Jesus' final remark to them was about their ignorance of the God they said they knew and served. Jesus said: "He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; you are greatly mistaken."

Christians treat God like He is dead in space and time, like He is there but not really involved in their lives. Christians

act like God will not move in our day to defeat the demonic hordes of mindless citizens and their political handlers who have become addicted to the US Federal Government's largess, to the satanic propaganda of the media, to the drug infested, Satan worshipping Hollywood pedophile elites, who constantly churn out anti-American subterfuge. Christians have become a castrated shell of what God intended.

Thankfully, God has kept for Himself a remnant that has not bowed the knee to Baal. Satan is ravaging America and Christians could not care less. You are mistaken if you think Washington DC will save us. The beast system that has conquered Washington DC and every federal agency therein is not the friend of the true Christian. We must stop looking to them for any type of assistance and start standing against the Luciferians that control Washington DC. It is time to mount up and ride out into the war.

God will move when Christians move into the streets and begin an aggressive insurgency against the spiritual forces of darkness that has a choke hold on America. Will you rise up and join God's Warriors?

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# Why Are We Suffering from An Identity Crisis?



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*But you are a Chosen Race, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. –1 Peter 2:9*[\[1\]](#)

When reality smacks up against perception it can be a very sobering experience. Statistics from the Barna Group indicate that professing Christians hold to the same views as their unsaved friends and neighbors in the categories of viewing pornography, maintaining legalized abortion, and in supporting same-sex unions.[\[2\]](#)

Pornography is a plague upon every person it entraps, disrupting the natural affections and distorting the expectations people place upon their spouse's. Pornographic images burn themselves into the memory banks of the mind and the enemy of God's people throws them up on the big screen every opportunity he has. Social scientists and law enforcement professionals agree that many crimes are directly linked to the perpetrator's pornographic viewing.[\[3\]](#)

Abortion, for all the euphemisms people use to blunt the truth of what it is, is still the murdering of unborn human beings.

The barbaric practice of abortion – regardless of the type, scope, or process – is still a modern day blood offering to Satan.

Same-sex marriage is an oxymoron. Marriage is a union between a man and a woman. Adultery is not “having a fling” or an “affair.” It is a violation of the covenant a man and woman swear to uphold before God as their witness.

Since all of this is true, why do so many professing believers struggle to overcome these spiritual, physical, and emotional traps? When the data is available for everyone to see, when wrecked lives, utterly devastated marriages, and children in crisis are evidence of the dangers of the actions captured statistically above, why do Christians of all people continue to believe they won't be touched by their participation in them?

How is it possible that people who have the Holy Spirit of God living in them can engage in such behavior on a routine basis? How is it possible that people who profess to follow Jesus Christ practice at nearly the same percentages as their unbelieving family, friends, and co-workers the things listed above? These statistics alert us to the fact that the holiness and righteousness Christians are empowered to exhibit is not done by many thousands who profess faith in Christ. And apparently many are perfectly fine with that.

Friends, something is terribly wrong with the type of Christianity being manifested by a large segment of professing believers today. How has the message of the Bible become so convoluted as to give cover for egregious behavior such as stated above?

I believe that one of many reasons professing Christians engage in ungodly and sinful behavior is that they have become convinced that God loves them no matter what and that His primary concern for them is their happiness. Thus, if God

wants what makes us happy, then an unexpected pregnancy can be terminated because after all, God knows we are not ready to be a parent and it would be a shame to try to raise a child when the timing isn't right.

Now, readers should be asking themselves at this point, where does anyone who reads the Bible come up with the idea that God's primary concern is for people's happiness? You are correct to ask that question, and I believe you already know the answer. It's not found in the Bible but it is taught by many pastors as their stock and trade. Appealing to people emotionally is big business in the Church today. Encouraging people to chase things natural to the flesh and cloaking it in quasi-biblical garb, only feeds the beast of ego, unfettered desire, and unfulfilled expectation.

Overcoming sinful behavior is not aided by reminding people that God loves them so much and will continue to love them through their sinful behavior. Let's apply that to drug addiction. How are we helping people by telling them that God loves them as they are shooting a deadly poison into their veins, and He loves them even up to and including their overdose and death? Stop that! You and I both know we are going to make an intervention and we are going to do whatever it takes to assist someone to stop their behavior, even employing what is commonly called tough love.

The truth is that pastors are creating train wrecks in believer's lives by the things they teach week by week. Calling people to holy and righteous living is so 1950's in the minds of many today. Simply teaching the Bible is now viewed as backward and out of step with modern people. But here is a truth we must accept and press – abandoning straight forward Bible teaching has opened a Pandora's Box that we cannot shut. I believe this is why so many Christians engage in the ungodly behaviors listed above. They are not hearing the Bible taught as the power of God unto salvation and godly living. It is instead seen as a collection of good moral

guidelines if they are ever needed.

Adding to the clear dilemma is the fact that discipleship and church discipline are also disregarded. If we are taking the Scriptural command to make disciples of every nation, teaching them the words of Jesus – and we are lovingly confrontational as part of our corporate life together – then these snares of the enemy would not be so successful.

What Christians need today are pastors who will say “the deeds of the flesh are . . . .” and who will back this up with action. Christians are as the Apostle Peter reminds us, “... a Chosen Race, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” Because Christians, those who have trusted in Christ’s atoning work on Calvary’s cross for the forgiveness of their sins, have been called out of the darkness to walk in the light that is Jesus Christ, we should deny darkness any and every opportunity to manifest in us or in those we love.

Only when we are walking in the light of Jesus Christ can we proclaim His excellencies. Our testimony to what God has done in our lives is a very important aspect of remembering who we are. God says many things about His sons and daughters in the Bible. We can encourage one another with those things.

Are we suffering from an identity crisis as believers today? Indeed we are.

Too many Christians do not understand because they’ve never been taught that they are dragon slayers. Christians are meant to be people of renown or at least a peculiar people when contrasted with the culture at large.[\[4\]](#) Wisdom and courage are to be our constant companions. An unflinching devotion to Christ is of primary importance in our lives. Christ said that our love for Him would be demonstrated by our obedience to

what He commands. Obedience to Christ leads to blessings from Him, assurance of who He is and a constant experience of His power working in us and through us.

We cannot occupy until Christ comes again if we do not know that we are even in His Army. Where do we start to regain what has been lost to the deceptive teaching of hirelings and modern day motivational speakers masquerading as pastors? We start right here with reclaiming our spiritual God-given heritage.

The first action we take is throwing off the effeminate pseudo-identity that culture has foisted upon us. Why do we allow pagans, heretics, and the unsaved masses in the media, government indoctrination centers (public schools), and social media behemoths to dictate to us who we are in Christ? Men, it is time to be real men. Lead your families with godly vision and holy fire. Love your wife and give her your best, not the crumbs left over after doing everything else that needs done in your day. Protect your children from the ravenous wolves of secularism, the anointed high priests of our government education propaganda system and from the evil of media in all its ubiquitous forms. These are slithering serpents that brainwash people until they become mindless zombies repeating the ungodly drivel of progressivism which is only progressive in its march away from God.

Secondly we must become better at listening carefully to the Holy Spirit. He will lead us day by day if we will take the time to listen. How important is this? Consider just a few of the things the Bible tells us about living by the power of and under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38).

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is

born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (John 3:5).

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. (John 6:63).

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. (Galatians 5:25).

for we are the *true* circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh, (Philippians 3:3).

God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4:24).

The reality of our new life in Christ is that we are provided with all that we need day by day to live obediently to the Father by the Holy Spirit in us. The Holy Spirit will always lead us into righteousness and will never lead us into error. The Holy Spirit will always lead us toward the fight and never advise us to duck and run.

Thirdly, become people of prayer. Husbands pray for your wives.[\[5\]](#) Wives love your husbands, support and respect them. I encourage wives to pray[\[6\]](#) Proverbs 4:20-27 over your husbands daily. It states clearly the importance of listening to the Word of God and allowing it to govern the mind, soul, and heart.

**20** My son, give attention to my words;  
Incline your ear to my sayings.

**21** Do not let them depart from your sight;  
Keep them in the midst of your heart.

**22** For they are life to those who find them  
And health to all their body.

**23** Watch over your heart with all diligence,  
For from it *flow* the springs of life.



**24** Put away from you a deceitful mouth

And put devious speech far from you.

**25** Let your eyes look directly ahead

And let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you.

**26** Watch the path of your feet

And all your ways will be established.

**27** Do not turn to the right nor to the left;

Turn your foot from evil.

Finally, plumb the depths of the Bible together as men, women, and children. Stop the misinformed segregation of our young people into their “teen” or “youth” groups and learn the wonder of our great God together. Make sure you are teaching your children the Bible and not a publisher’s watered down version of Bible stories.

Demand and only support shepherds who are faithful to proclaim the whole truth of the Bible. Friends, it is in the pages of the Bible that we learn who God is and what He says about us. Our identity is found in God’s Word, in His heart for us, and in the myriad pictures of His love for us. Remember and cherish this.

A word of caution here – this is not a call to a “witch hunt” or to creating a new cadre of Pharisees that sit in judgment of shepherds God has called. It is a call to support and encourage faithful men who teach and preach and give of themselves for the benefit of God’s people. You should know the difference between men who need to be dismissed because they are not called of God and men who need to be supported. We are called to treat one another with love and respect.[\[7\]](#)

When we understand who we are in Christ, the resources that are ours by spiritual birthright, and the power that living a life of obedience yields to our earthly benefit, we will regain our true identity and rise up in unison to advance the Light that is Jesus Christ.

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[\[5\]](#) I will provide specific reasons why men must pray for their wives in a future article.

[\[6\] Covering Your Husband in Prayer 31 Days available here](#) – Accessed February 26, 2018.

[\[7\]](#) Mark 12:29-31; John 13:34-35; Romans 13:8; Galatians 5:13; Ephesians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; for example.

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# Flipping Congress By The Power Of Beelzebul

*But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons."*

—Matthew 12:24

*If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? For this reason they will be your judges.* —Jesus Christ in Matthew 12:27

A recent article posted at The Huffington Post by religion reporter Carol Kuruville announced the group Vote Common Good (VCG), was beginning a bus tour to selected cities in America to challenge conservative evangelical Christian support for President Trump.

Who and what is Vote Common Good and what issues do they see as problematic for Christians supporting President Trump specifically and the Republican Party generally? Not surprisingly the "who" of Vote Common Good reads like a progressive, leftist, Marxist list of who's who. The Executive Director of VCG is Doug Pagitt, he of the once dubbed Emerging Church movement, and author of *An Emergent Manifesto of Hope*, among other books.

Kuruville quotes Pagitt giving readers his motivation for steering VCG: "Evangelicals care about the least of these, and I believe them when they say it...but they vote for politicians that invoke policies that don't care for the least of these." Here Pagitt is being deceitful either through his personal ignorance or deliberate obfuscation concerning the issue of immigration. Either way this is social gospel 101 which is to say not the biblical gospel.

The social gospel takes biblical language such as "the least of these" and super charges it with progressive Marxist

meaning and liberation theology. Kuruvilla admits as much when she says that Pagitt and other Progressive Christians “are outraged by the Trump administration’s restrictive refugee policies and its separation of immigrant families at the U.S.-Mexico border...” For Progressive Christians like Pagitt, their silence during eight long years of the reign of the Obama regime, who enforced the very same rules and laws concerning immigration, is a condemning indictment against their faux rage with President Trump and Republicans, and this makes the foundation for VCG disingenuous in the least.

Pagitt and his cohorts’ carefully choreographed meltdown over the current media driven crisis concerning immigration is better suited for Broadway than it is for national discussion. Nevertheless, true Christians should take this opportunity to give solid biblical reasons for why we must oppose what the left, masquerading as Christians is attempting to do. The reason I say this is: (1) Immigration MUST be regulated. A nation simply cannot and should not allow for mass invasion by whoever shows up at its borders. (2) There must be a vetting process for the safety of a nation’s citizens which its government is bound by law and morals to protect as a primary mission. (3) God has established sovereign nations, and recognizable borders and the enforcement of them is consistent with God’s design.

Sometimes open borders advocates such as Pagitt, McLaren, Wallis, and Clairborne, quote scriptural passages such as Exodus 23 or Deuteronomy 10 that admonish God’s people to be kind to the foreigner who was living amongst them ([Exod. 23:9](#); [Lev. 19:34](#); [Deut. 10:19](#)). These exhortations are merely referring to basic compassion toward the less fortunate in their midst. These less fortunate were those who were foreigners and yet legal citizens of the nation of Israel. They were not immigrants. Context is everything in biblical interpretation but Pagitt and VCG don’t want people to know that because their position is much more palatable to people

who do not know the truth of what the Bible actually says.

Bryan Fischer, a commentator on American Family Radio has said, "No one has a constitutional or moral right to immigrate to the United States. The Constitution gives Congress unilateral authority to decide under what conditions those from foreign lands are admitted into our country."

Something else is clearly at work here.

That something else is the destruction of orthodox Christianity. Pagitt along with co-conspirators Brian McLaren, John Pavlovitz, Reverend Jacqui Lewis, Shane Claiborne, and Nadia Bolz-Weber, whom Kuruvilla names as "prominent progressive Christian pastors...authors, ministers and activists," involved in promoting the VCG tour left orthodox Christianity a long time ago. They are now on a mission to destroy true Christianity from the inside out. They are in fact the tares the enemy planted in the wheat field of God's people. "Progressive" Christian is an oxymoron. We could just as easily call them "Fascist" Christian or "Marxist" Christian.

Their support for the Democrat Party is proof enough of that. Let me give some specifics of what Pagitt is encouraging Christians to support by his support of the Democrat Party:

- The redefinition of women's reproductive healthcare to mean the wholesale murder of unborn human beings up to the day of delivery from the mother's womb. Murdering babies is not healthcare it is momicide.
- This right to murder unborn human beings must include the most heinous practice of partial birth abortion where the baby's head is positioned outside of the mother's vagina so that the baby's brains can be removed.
- The legal and moral sanction of men with men and women with women and the prosecution of anyone who dares voice

disapproval.

- The normalization of pedophilia.
- Drag Queens, transgenderism, transsexualism, and every other sexual depravity being normalized to our children through government indoctrination centers commonly called public schools.
- Open borders for everyone showing up wanting access to America.
- Confiscation of all fire arms from law abiding citizens.
- Censorship of all viewpoints that oppose their party line.
- Advancing the demonic LGBT debauchery through foreign policy.
- Incorporation of Wicca, New Age, and Satan worshippers into the Democrat Party.
- Rejection of God and prayer from the national life of Americans and certainly the Democrat Party Platform.
- Forcing Americans to pay for everything the out of control US Federal Government can dream of.
- Advocating violence against fellow citizens because they hold a conservative viewpoint. See Waters, Clinton, Holder, et al.
- Government corruption during the Obama years including the unprovoked destruction of Libya, Egypt, and Syria.
- Doing away with the Electoral College that the founding fathers were wise enough to install to protect Americans against the tyranny they envisioned happening in present day California and New York.
- The purposeful and with malice, attempted destruction of people for no other reason than they hold to a different perspective on moral issues. Two words here: Judge Kavanaugh.

I could go on but the point is that what Pagitt and Vote Common Good is doing is telling people to vote Democrat and by extension to support the demonic behavior listed above and much more. Given the things that the Democrat Party stands

for, it is beyond insanity to suggest Americans should support them, especially that Christians should support them. The talking points Pagitt and his supporters utilize are the same tired, meaningless, amorphous topics: the environment, poverty, healthcare, etc. etc. How can Pagitt and his supporters be so blind?

They are blind because what is at work here is supernatural. America is in the throes of a spiritual war manifesting in space and time. The Kavanaugh hearing was just the latest example of Luciferianism from the Democrats and their puppet masters. Pagitt and VCG are nothing more than zombie foot soldiers of the left in this war. Mike Adams has very succinctly stated:

Realize this is not a political war but a spiritual war. The demon-possessed Leftists don't merely want to achieve political victory and rule society with "progressive" ideas; they seek to destroy humanity, obliterate human life, mass murder babies, outlaw Christianity, demonize people based on the color of their skin, and even decimate all crops, forests and food sources on the planet by eliminating CO2 from the atmosphere. **They are at war with humanity**, and they merely pretend to be interested in politics as a means to accomplish their complete destruction of life on Earth.[\[1\]](#)

There is a reason why black Americans are leaving the Democrat Party by the thousands. There is a reason why the #walkaway movement is growing day by day. There is a reason why older Americans are leaving the party they have been a part of for decades. That reason is because the Democrat Party has become the party of Beelzebul. For those not familiar with the word, Beelzebul is Satan in the New Testament.

The current and recent leadership of the Democrat Party has taken it not just to the left, not even a hard left, but an off the charts course change that has embraced every form of debauchery, every form of anti-American policy, every anti-

Christian position imaginable. The Democrat Party is one manifestation of the spirit of antichrist in our day. Apparently Pagitt and other VCG adherents are on board with these things.

Pagitt is quoted in the article as saying: "My faith does not call me to be Republican or Democrat, but to be faithful, and to be faithful is exercise my right to action, according to the situation on the ground, and what's on the ground is calling us to flip Congress, because it is no good." Once again, this is nothing but lip service and propaganda aimed at disarming the naïve Christians among us. Pagitt is providing a religious cover for all those that wish to continue the activities of the Democrat Party listed above.

What Pagitt and VCG want is leftist, progressive, fascist governments that in their warped sense of reality will much better care for citizens, the less fortunate among us, and the environment. Maybe Pagitt could spend about two minutes in Venezuela and let us know what he thinks of leftist progressive government then.

The truth is Pagitt is not being faithful to biblical mandates either in precept or command. He is being faithful to his brainwashed version of reality where he thinks the goal of Christianity is to reshape the world into a paradise and he is ok attempting to use government to do it.

Pagitt needs to be reminded that this world is fallen. Sin has destroyed the original beauty this world was created in. Not until Christ returns will all things be set straight and made new. Only when Christ returns will evil be completely dealt with.

Yes, Christians should be assisting the less fortunate but not in isolation from the gospel. What Vote Common Good does is a disservice to the gospel and to Christianity. It is nothing but a political ploy which Pagitt and others claim they



detest.

Claiming to be wise Pagitt shows himself to be a fool. The Democrat Party is unashamedly Luciferian in its intentions and in their stated goals. Its primary goal is to destroy Christianity and any lingering impact it has on America. In siding with them Pagitt and those who assist and support Vote Common Good are doing the work of Beelzebul whether they want to admit it or not.

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### **Postscript**

Those of you who are tempted to write me “yea, but the Republicans...” can save your breath. I don’t support them either and the point of this article is to address Vote Common Good and the idiocy of following these blind guides of the blind. Christians should be rebuking VCG and its supporters starting with its leadership.

[\[1\] Mike Adams, The REAL WAR for the future of humanity: Democrats increasingly possessed by demonic forces that seek the extermination of humanity?](#) Accessed October 12, 2018.

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# Matthew 5:13-16 – How Are You Using Your Influence?

I appreciate the cartoon strip “Peanuts” created by the late Charles Shultz.

I remember one strip that featured Peppermint Patty and Charlie Brown having a conversation. You may recall that Peppermint Patty was one of the characters in the Peanuts family who always seemed to treat Charlie Brown (or Chuck as she called him) well.

This particular strip showed the two walking home from school. PP says to Charlie Brown, “Guess what Chuck? The 1<sup>st</sup> day of school, and I got sent to the principal’s office. And it was your fault Chuck.”

In the next strip Charlie Brown looking bewildered by the statement responds, “My fault? How could it be my fault that you were sent to the principal’s office?”

In the last frame Peppermint Patty says, “You’re my friend aren’t you Chuck?” Charlie Brown says “Of course I’m your friend Peppermint Patty.” She then says “Then you should have been a better influence on me.”

That gives new meaning to “passing the buck” doesn’t it?

But the central truth of that strip is hard to miss. We do influence people for good and bad don’t we?

How many of you parents told your children to watch their attitudes and behaviors because they had younger siblings that were watching? How many of you remember your parents telling

you that?

Well nothing changes when you become a born-again Christian. People are still watching you. If anything the watching is intensified isn't it?

A few years ago Huey Lewis had a hit song called "Jacob's Ladder." You might not remember the song by the title but you might by the lyrics. (No you can relax; I'm not going to sing it) In this song though, Lewis sang about being pursued by an obese man selling salvation (clearly a reference to the blight of scandalous televangelists).

The chorus line sang over and over again said in part, "I'm not in a hurry to think about such things, and I don't want to be like you." OUCH!

People are watching you. That begs the question – Have you ever considered what they see?

There's no shortage of people in the world who are not afraid to say "If that's what Christianity is about, you can keep it because I don't want to be like you."

Joe Aldrich, author of the book "Life-Style Evangelism" said: "Christians should be the good news before they share the good news."

I like that because it says that we should understand that how we live our lives has a direct impact upon the effectiveness of our witness.

The Barna Research Group recently released the results of a study involving 10,000 Christians. Three of the questions posed to this group of people were these:

- What were the circumstances surrounding your salvation?
- How were you saved?
- Who or what started you going to church?

The results according to the Barna Research Group were as follows:

1/2 of 1%	as a result of attending a revival service
2%	went to church initially because they had a special need
3%	were attracted to the church's programs
5%	liked the Sunday School
6%	liked the pastor (I think that # is low)
79%	came to Christ because of the witness of a friend

Now that's influence in action! Did you know that having this kind of influence, making this type of impact on our friends and the culture at large is exactly what Jesus taught?

Let's see how God's Word makes this point this morning.

5:13-16

The full impact of these words is lost on us today because we don't appreciate the value of salt in past generations.

In ancient societies, salt was a valuable commodity. For example at the height of the Roman Empire, its soldiers received their pay in salt.

In fact, did you know that our English word "salary" comes from the Latin word "salarium" which referred to these payments of salt made to Roman soldiers?

It's from this practice that we developed our saying "he's not worth his salt" to describe someone that we think is lazy and not worth their wages.

So, the multitudes listening to Jesus that day would have clearly understood that He was talking about something very important when he likened them to salt.

I've heard a lot of theories over the years concerning the

exact meaning that Jesus had in mind by using the symbol of salt. Some have said for instance that:

- Since salt is white it represents purity; Christians are to be pure; in fact Jesus has just told them this very thing.
- Since salt adds flavor, Christians are to add flavor to the world; we are to live a life of joy and excitement that draws people to investigate the source of our joy.
- Others have said that since salt stings in a wound, Christians are to be an irritant to ungodly behavior (some Christians have made being an irritant an art form).
- Some have suggested that since salt creates thirst, Christians should create a thirst for God in those who don't know Him.

I don't disagree with any of those points. But I believe there is something else meant here. I believe the primary idea that Jesus was communicating here was that Christians, like salt, are to be a preserving influence on society.

The primary usage of salt in Jesus' day and even into the early 20<sup>th</sup> century was as a preservative.

Salt was used to prevent food from spoiling. So what Jesus was saying to us is that Christians are to be a preserving influence on the world. We are to influence our surroundings morally in the same way that salt prevents decay in food.

This is a consistent message we see in the Scriptures. In the book of Colossians we read these words:

"Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders (unbelievers), making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you are to respond to each person" (4:5-6).

I'm reminded of Jesus' words to the church of Laodicea found in Revelation:

"I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I would that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth" (3:15-16).

The point is this – Christians who have a shallow faith, Christians who are half-hearted and inconsistent have lost their saltiness and Jesus says have lost their purpose and effectiveness.

In our passage this morning Jesus uses two illustrations – salt and light. Notice the contrast and the similarity between the two.

Here's the contrast – salt is most often unseen until tasted. Light on the other hand is a very visible and revealing influence. The similarity takes some looking. It is found in the pronoun "you" in v13 and v 14. In these statements "you" is emphatic. Thus it is appropriate to read these verses as "You are the only salt of the earth; You are the only light of the world.

The corruption and evil in the world will not be addressed unless God's children are its salt and light. Our lives are to manifest what the world does not have but needs desperately- Jesus.

We are to reflect all that Jesus is and has done in our lives and we are to do it visibly so people will see and praise God. That can be a challenge folks.

Again, people are looking at you and me as the best and maybe only example of what Christianity is. (We can't be like pro athletes who say I'm not a role model because we are a role model for the lost)

What are people watching for? I used to think that most unbelievers were watching to see me fall. Some no doubt do but I've become convinced that most unbelievers are really watching me to see if Christianity "works."

The plain truth is this folks – we are either telling people by our lives that we have a dynamic relationship with God through Jesus Christ or that Christianity is just another religion that has nothing to offer them.

Consider the story of this wealthy Christian woman living in Nairobi, Kenya who hired a young Kenyan as a house servant. After 3 months of service the young man asked for a letter of reference to a Muslim family a few miles away.

The Christian woman offered to raise her servant's pay but the young man said he wasn't leaving because of money. He then told her this:

"A few months ago I decided that I would either become a Christian or a Muslim. I came to work for you to discover how Christians act. Now I will go to live with a Muslim family to see how Muslims act."

The Christian woman had mostly regrets as she recalled instantly all the times she did not act like a Christian toward this young man.

What's the answer to this dilemma? How do we face this challenge to be salt and light to our families, friends, and co-workers?

How can we avoid being "trampled under foot" or having our light "put under the peck measure?" Jesus is telling us that the attitudes and actions of His followers either draw people toward a relationship with God or push them away.

We've all seen Christians who we wish would not say they're a Christian. It would be much better if they would just shut

up. Christians who contribute more to pushing people away than drawing them closer to God are not being light and salt.

There's the "in your face believer." They're the ones who would pull up next to a car of total strangers and yell, "Hey, do you know that if you don't get saved you're going to hell?"

Then we have the "holier than thou" believers. Their words and actions make it clear that you'll never reach their lofty spiritual heights.

There are some believers that are cosmetic Christians (I'm not talking about ladies in pink Cadillacs). Their faith is really nothing more than a thin veneer – skin deep – because it does not change their character, personality, or values.

So that's how not to be. How do we make sure we are drawing people? How do we fulfill Christ's commands to be salt and light?

I think the first thing we need to be is consistent. Our family, friends, and co-workers need to see us living what we say we believe.

Here's a story that illustrates my point.

A business owner developed a habit of hiring Christians over a period of years. What caused him to do this was the result of a situation he had experienced with a Christian employee.

The business owner said "I was naturally drawn to God by observing Christian workers who were conscientious and kind and thorough on the job. But what really impressed me the most was the day one Christian whom I knew to be a brand new convert to Christ asked if he could speak to me after work. I agreed but then for the rest of the day I grew increasingly concerned that this young zealot would try to convert me too.

I was surprised when he came into my office with his head hung low and said to me, 'Sir, I'll only take a few minutes, but



I'm here to ask your forgiveness. Over the years I've worked for you I've done what a lot of other employees do, like borrowing a few company products here and there. And I've taken some extra supplies; I've abused telephone privileges; and I've cheated the time clock now and then.

But I became a Christian a few months ago and it's real – not the smoke and mirrors stuff. In gratitude for what Christ has done for me and in obedience to Him, I want to make amends to you and the company for the wrongs I've done. So could we figure out a way to do that? If you have to fire me for what I've done I'll understand. I deserve it. Or if you want to dock my pay. Dock it whatever figure you think is appropriate. If you want to give me extra work to do on my own time, that would be ok too. I just want to make things right with God and between us."

The business owner said it was this conversation more than anything else that encouraged him to take seriously the claims of Christ.

Did you notice that it wasn't a clever presentation of the gospel; it wasn't a well-rehearsed testimony. It was a simple confession and willingness to make things right – to be a Christian who lives consistently with the things Christ taught.

To be salt and light also means that we will be compassionate Christians. Compassion is not just an inward emotional attitude. Biblical compassion is action oriented.

James illustrates this:



“What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and

one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself” (2:14-17).

I think its clear that “engagement” with the culture is the key to being salt and light. Jesus is telling us we can make a difference. In fact He has called us to make a difference.

Let me warn you though. The world will throw up roadblocks to try and stop you from being salt and light.

How do they do that? How many of you have heard someone say “Faith is a private matter.”? This is one of those things that people just accept because it’s been said so often.

People say this all the time- “You shouldn’t talk about sex, politics, or religion in public.” You know what I see today? That list is down to one – religion. People hope to silence Christians by insisting that faith is a private matter. Is that what Jesus taught?

Jesus told His followers to go into the world and preach the good news to all creation.” He said “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and Judea, and in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

The world will try and stop you from being salt and light by

insisting that compromise is good. Here's a curious fact for you brothers and sisters – religion is on the rise in America today but morality is at an all time low and getting worse.

How can that be? I believe it's because the salt has lost its flavor and the light has been hidden. In current terms this means that the ethics and morals of a vast number of Christians are no different from their unbelieving neighbors.

What is a Christian? We've been studying the answer to that question for a couple of weeks now. Jesus has much to say on the subject.

Consider this illustration as a glimpse of the answer.

A young boy of 9 years old went to Europe with his parents one summer. Part of their trip was spent visiting the old gothic cathedrals scattered across the continent.

The boy was mesmerized by the vastness of the ancient cathedrals. He stared in awe at the magnificent stained glass windows. He wondered at the portraits of the disciples. When he got back to America he was asked by his Sunday School teacher what he liked most about the old churches.

The boy replied "the great stained glass windows picturing the saints." His SS teacher asked him if he knew what a saint was. Without hesitating the boy said "A saint is a person the light shines through."

What a profound yet simple truth. A Christian is someone whom the light of Christ shines through. Is it shining through you?

Our being salt and light is for the express purpose of influencing people for Christ. That's what v16 is telling us.

The word for "good" this verse uses to describe our works that the world sees is not used to emphasize quality here as much as it is used to emphasize beauty and attractiveness.

The thought is that when we give feet to our faith, when we demonstrate the character of Christ, when we shine that way, then people will take notice of the beautiful work that God has done in our lives and they will be attracted to Him through us.

Isn't that a humbling thought? I'm reminded of Ephesians 2:10 which says:

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

I found a poem this week that speaks directly to this passage of Scripture. It is entitled:

The Gospel According to You

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John  
Are read by more than a few  
But the one that is most read and commented on  
Is the gospel according to you.  
You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day  
By the things that you do and the words that you say,  
Men read what you write, whether faithless or true,  
Say, what is the gospel according to you?  
Do men read His truth and His love in your life,  
Or has yours been too full of malice and strife?  
Does your life speak of evil, or does it ring true?  
Say, what is the gospel according to you?

Arthur McPhee

*\*This is from my Matthew series taught at Calvary Chapel of Lima from 2006-2008. I am currently teaching through Matthew again. This will be the 2015-2016 series and will be available in audio format soon. Look for those teachings on my teaching ministry site – [The Transforming Word](#).*

The Sermon on the Mount picture from Vinelife UK.

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# Christianity Has Become a Janitorial Service



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I was listening to Coach Dave Daubenmire recently and during his Coach Dave Live program he made the point that Christianity as lived out by the overwhelming majority of American Christians has become nothing more than a custodian service. Let that sink in friends. Christians are nothing more than glorified janitors. Ouch! The truth hurts but out of that

pain can come an understanding of what needs to change.

How are Christians only glorified janitors? Consider that Christians and the churches they call their spiritual homes spend untold amounts of time, energy, and finances on addiction recovery programs, counseling confused people about marriage, sexuality, interpersonal relationships, parenting, and every sort of life issue imaginable. There is even an army of “life coaches” that offer their services to Christians unable to deal with what their lives have become.

Now some Christians reading this might think, “Well what’s wrong with all of those things? Shouldn’t Christians be helping people to overcome their problems?” The problem with this strategy, this method of ministry, is that it is reactive instead of proactive. That’s right; Christians are reacting to people after the damage has been done. We are like janitors called to clean up the mess Johnnie and Jane make in the classroom because they’ve never been taught to understand that certain behavior is neither acceptable nor tolerated. A forgotten truth is this: certain behaviors result in negative and often catastrophic consequences for the individual involved and often others as a result of association with or by unfortunate contact with an individual.

Let me give you some concrete examples of what I’m talking about. Here in Ohio where I live, 13% of the state budget is spent on addiction, substance use, and abuse programs.[\[1\]](#) Of the 13%, \$0.02 of every budgeted dollar pays for prevention and treatment programs and \$0.90 of every budgeted dollar pays for the consequences of addiction, substance use, and abuse. Do those figures suggest anything to you? What they suggest to me is that if we must spend tax payer money on things like this, perhaps the amount spent on prevention should increase so that the amount spent on the consequences can decrease. Does it not follow that more emphasis on prevention might mean less negative consequences and the need for a bloated budget to pay for those consequences?

Further, these negative consequences for certain behavior places a large and growing burden on state health care systems. Consider that:

The largest share of spending on the consequences of addiction and substance use falls to the health care system. Tobacco, alcohol and drug use cause or contribute to more than 70 other conditions requiring medical care, including cancer, lung disease, heart disease, HIV/AIDS, pregnancy complications, cirrhosis, ulcers and trauma. Nearly 1/3 of all hospital costs are linked to addiction and substance use.[\[2\]](#)

Addiction and substance use and abuse also impacts federal spending related to welfare, mental health, job and family services, and health care. Billions of dollars are authorized annually to assist people with the consequences of their behavior.

Let's now consider the practice of abortion. The absurd ramblings of a demented Chelsea Clinton aside,[\[3\]](#) there is a tremendous toll being paid by Americans today resulting from the now 70 million plus unborn human beings murdered since the Supreme Court invented the "right" to murder unborn human beings 45 years ago. This decision by our black-robed despots has had devastating effects.

One of the consequences of the Roe v. Wade invention was Post-Abortion Syndrome. In the early years of abortion women suffered in silence as the effects of their decision to murder their unborn child washed over them like ocean waves. Post-Abortion Syndrome continues to ravage women who undergo an abortion.[\[4\]](#)

The Students for Life organization at the University of Colorado recently published an article titled, "The Cost of Abortion."[\[5\]](#) This short analysis provided several alarming facts. Studies conducted among women who aborted their unborn children revealed:

- 55% expressed guilt.
- 44% complained of nervous disorders.
- 36% reported sleep disorders.
- 31% regretted the decision to abort their unborn child.
- 11% were administered a psychotropic medication by their doctor.

In another study cited that included 500 post-abortion women, 50% admitted to negative emotions concerning their decision to abort their unborn children, and 10% were classified as having developed serious psychiatric problems. Additionally, 30%-50% of post-abortion women reported sexual dysfunction ranging from short to long term beginning immediately after their abortions. The truth of the matter is this: a majority of women who make the decision to abort their unborn children will suffer some type of guilt, shame, sexual dysfunction, and psychiatric trauma, for which a majority will seek medical assistance and prescription drugs to deal with the aforementioned symptoms.

Perhaps even more troubling than the data cited above is the fact that women who abort their unborn children suffer what researchers and medical doctors report as depression often leading to suicide or attempted suicide, and other self-destructive behaviors including drug and alcohol abuse, chronic relationship issues due to dramatic personality changes, an increased tendency toward violence, and difficulty bonding with children they birth after a previous abortion.

Finally, the physical damage done to women who abort their unborn children is suppressed by abortion supporting organizations including hospitals, doctors, medical and psychiatric associations, and research institutions. Researchers not afraid to report what big medicine, big pharma, and big government try to hide, report that upwards of 5% of all women who abort their unborn children suffer sterility as a result of the operation's latent morbidity.[\[6\]](#) Cervical damage almost always occurs and one study reveals



that cervical incompetence was found in 75% of women who underwent forced dilation for an abortion.[\[7\]](#) This results in increased risks of miscarriage, premature birth, and complications during later pregnancies. In fact, a major study of first pregnancy abortions reveals that 48% of women who terminated their first pregnancy later experienced on average 2.3 miscarriages for every live birth.[\[8\]](#)

I hope you are still with me. Statistics can be dry and sometimes boring but they serve a purpose. In this instance they serve to vividly illustrate that federal, state, and even local governments are all involved in spending money to address the painful consequences of people's behavior. The church is not immune from this activity either. I see all kinds of churches advertising for clients to attend their programs of recovery from this, that, or the other thing. Pastors get in on the act too. I often see promotions on social media about a "new and dynamic series that will teach you how to avoid the pitfalls of (you fill in the blank)."

I'm all for helping people in their time of need with few qualifications. But the idea that the church, that Christians, should be running around taking care of all the foolish people that believe they can engage in behavior that they know will lead them into a dark and difficult place, is naïve and misguided to say the least.

Instead of spending all our time putting band aids on gaping wounds that require surgery and stitches, how about we go straight to the source of the behavior that causes these painful consequences and eliminate them?

Listen folks, Satan is a liar and always has been. The lies he hisses in people's ears need rebuked. Alcohol is dangerous. I'm not suggesting you become a teetotaler but I am saying you better be very careful with your use of alcohol. It might take you places you never intended to go and demand from you things you are not willing to forfeit. Alcohol is a cruel master that

cares nothing about the things you do. If you allow yourself to become controlled by it you will lose everything you hold dear. If you think you are the one person that can beat the odds then you are more foolish than you realize.

In light of the tremendous drug and alcohol addiction crisis we face as Americans, it is very troubling that the so-called hipster Christians, you know, the skinny jeans, bearded, beer drinking, pot smoking, "new Christianity" Christians, engage in these addictive behaviors. Listen folks the church is supposed to reflect Christ not the culture.

If Christians really want to help drug and alcohol addicts then maybe we should start going to places that sell the stuff, like say, bars or night clubs, and stand outside with signs that suggest what they are about to do will destroy their lives and then engage them in conversation. If we can save anyone from the hell-hole of addiction don't you think it is worth our time? Let's go to the source before the mess is made!

If the church really wants to help victims of the modern day demonic ritual of child sacrifice euphemistically called abortion "choice" then it should be marching in front of abortion clinics in their communities. Christians should be shouting from the rooftops that aborting unborn children is indeed murder. Stop believing that satanic lie that "if you tell people that abortion is murder they will just tune you out as some type of radical." If you don't tell them abortion is murder you'll answer to your Creator as to why you didn't tell them the truth. Here's the truth folks: holding signs showing the dismembered bodies of unborn children is an undeniable truth that abortion is murder. That's why so many people will not look at a sign like that. But when someone does and it causes them to pause and think, don't you think that is worth your time to engage them in conversation about the precious gift of life?

Think of this folks: if you go to an abortion clinic and persuade one woman to change her mind you have saved her from the likelihood of serious future psychological and medical issues AND saved her unborn child from the executioner's forceps. Let's not stop there though. If we are going to persuade women to not murder their unborn children we better be prepared to help those women to find a good home for their child should they decide to allow someone else to adopt. Wouldn't that be a better way for a church to spend its resources than on a new bigger or better building?

Pastor's how about you start preaching on the sanctity of life every Sunday? Life is precious in God's eyes so let's remind people to stop viewing pornography. It destroys the mind and devalues people, making the joy of sexual intimacy a vapor that disappears.

Christians if we want to graduate from being janitors that clean up the mess people make of their lives then let's get proactive in our churches, in our communities, in our families, and in every other thing we are involved in. Let's take the fight to the enemy by reclaiming our streets.

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# Missionaries To America, Part 1



By Pastor Mike Spaulding

My message to you via this article is a call to action. Let me give you a frame of reference with a large dash of levity.

Please:

"Come listen to my story 'bout a man named Jed.  
A poor mountaineer, barely kept his family fed.  
Then one day, he was shootin' at some food,  
And up through the ground came a bubbling crude.  
Black Gold, Texas Tea.

Well, the first thing you know ol' Jed's a millionaire.  
Kin folk said Jed, move away from there.  
Said, Californy is the place you ought to be,  
So he loaded up the truck and moved to Beverly,  
Hills that is. Swimmin' pools, movie stars.

Anyone remember that theme song? What was the show? The show was The Beverley Hillbillies. Hard to believe that the Beverly Hillbillies was THE top rated television program for 2 of its 9 years on the air; it spend several years as a top 5 rated program, and it was ranked in the top 10 every year. That's mega-success by television standards.

- ♦ Did you know the Beverly Hillbillies received 7 Emmy Award nominations?
- ♦ Did you know that the Beverly Hillbillies had two spin-offs – Petticoat Junction and Green Acres?
- ♦ Here's another piece of trivia – Americans loved the show but television reviewers – the "critics" – hated it.

It's not hard to understand why the critics hated the show. The Beverly Hillbillies presented an America and Americans that had a conscience that subscribed to a Judeo-Christian morality and perspective on life, even though the script writers rarely mentioned God, Jesus, or the Bible. And the two spin-offs – Petticoat Junction and Green Acres followed the same script of wholesome values and moral teachings.

But in the 1960s Hollywood was changing. It wasn't obvious to most Americans then, but the "enlightened" critics wanted television to be a vehicle for social revolution. Hollywood

even in those days was becoming a hub for anti-American values and they especially hated Christianity. Friends, the seeds of censorship of the Christian message began in the 1960's not 2018.

Let me take you back to that era for a moment. The Beverly Hillbillies aired from 1962 – 1971. Those were the days weren't they? In 1962 I was in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade so it was a long time ago. Let's take a quick stroll down memory lane.

In 1962 America's children were still:

- ♦ Praying to God each day in the government school system.
- ♦ Reading their Bible each day in the government school system.
- ♦ Still being taught biblical creationism in the government school system.

Pastors were warmly greeted and asked to pray at sporting events, high school graduation ceremonies, civic organizations, school board meetings, city council meetings, and many other events.

When the Beverly Hillbillies aired, the wholesale slaughter of unborn children upon the demonic altar named "choice" was unconscionable.

When Jed, Granny, Ellie Mae, and Jethro Bodine entertained Americans with their homespun wisdom and thinly-veiled Christian morality, we didn't have naked men, women, and children, dressed in the most sadomasochistic attire parading in our streets and celebrating their "pride." Brothers and sisters hear me clearly – there is nothing to be proud about what men do sexually to other men or what women do sexually to other women.

America of the 1960's my brothers and sisters, has been deliberately destroyed and a new America has risen from its ashes. We have gone from:

- ◆ Leave It To Beaver to the number one on demand video platform – Netflix – offering pornography available to anyone including children.

- ◆ We have gone from Happy Days where the trouble teenagers got into was drag racing in the streets, to Antifa which is bringing bloodshed to our streets.

Would you agree that America 2018 is a broken and crippled nation, far removed from the vision of our Founding Fathers?

Now, the question that I must ask at this point is this: What are we going to do? What are we going to do to change the trajectory of America? What are we going to do to push back against the darkness that has a stranglehold on the throat of America and is systematically choking the life out of this nation?

Here's what we cannot do friends – we cannot continue to skip down the yellow brick road to Oz, thinking that it will all work itself out in the end. Inaction is surrender!

We cannot trust that our eschatology will save us. Can I give you a word of encouragement here friends? Stop fussing about the rapture! I could not care less what your understanding of eschatology is. Here's another word for you: stop arguing about what day we are required to honor God on.

You are not more spiritual or closer to God based on what day you set aside to honor Him. You are not more biblically rooted and prophetically astute based on your view of the rapture timing.

And speaking of our holy huddles – whatever day you choose to honor God on – we have to stop thinking that gathering together with our brothers and sisters a few hours one day a week constitutes our service for God.

What about the other 6.5 days? What about James' admonition

that faith without works is dead? What about the Apostle Paul's admonition to be living sacrifices to Christ daily, and to demonstrate that by being transformed in our thinking? Are we only to have transformed minds one day a week?

I hope you have your Bible close by. If not, use your phone and turn with me to Acts 1:1-8. This is a familiar passage to most everyone. Different people focus on different things when they read the Bible. Here's what I want you to see from this passage.

Take note that in V4-5 God gives us power. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us. Some people ignore this power because they are more concerned about a proper theology and especially a proper view of the end times. That's exactly the mindset of the disciples as stated in V6.

Remember my word of encouragement a few moments ago to stop arguing about eschatology? Jesus says the same thing in V7. Don't worry about it. The Father has it under control.

Here's what we need to be concerned about according to Jesus – V8.

What do we see in this passage? I see at least three things for you to remember. They are:

(1) Receive the Holy Spirit's power.

- ◆ This is the power necessary to conquer the onslaught of evil in our day.
- ◆ This is the power that gives us boldness and unflinching courage.
- ◆ This is the power that causes the demons to shrink back and the darkness to flee.

(2) We are told that we must be Christ's witnesses.

- ◆ Do you understand that this means we are to represent Him as He is not how the culture demands He be? Jesus is not a



rainbow flag waving, socialist!

♦ Misrepresenting Jesus is a huge problem in America today because he has been refashioned by the Luciferians to use as a bludgeon against Christians who are too ignorant to know what is happening to them. Thus the Jesus these Christians witness of is not the biblical Jesus but a façade Jesus that hides the evil intentions and consequences of the demoniacs among us.

♦ Do you understand that this means we are to proclaim everywhere that only Jesus saves and that we are to do this without apology or compromise?

(3) We are to tell our family, friends, co-workers, and fellow citizens of the town that we live in first. We must start in our Jerusalem and only when our Jerusalem is saturated are we to move beyond that place.

♦ There is more than enough work to be done to repair the breaches in the communities that we live in. We don't need to look for opportunities elsewhere.

♦ Expect push back from your family, friends, co-workers, and fellow Christians. Keep making your case anyway.

Coming up in Part 2 of this article I will continue to use the America of the 1960's as a backdrop to explain what is happening today. Thank you for taking the time to read Part 1 and please share it broadly within your circles.

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# Lead Like Jesus?



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Lead like Jesus! Sounds super spiritual and to use today's hipster pastor language, "way cool!" There are blog posts, multiple articles, even books all dedicated to assisting readers in leading like Jesus lead. The question is, what does that even mean?

In many instances today, authors, speakers, and writers paint a picture of the compassion, mercy, forgiveness, patience, tolerance, and unbounded grace of Jesus. While Jesus is all those things, it doesn't follow that is His leadership style.

The fact is, modern Western Christianity has created a sad caricature of the biblical Jesus.

In Mark 10:32 we read that Jesus and the disciples were on the road once again, this time to head to Jerusalem. This verse says "and Jesus was walking ahead of them, and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful." The context of this passage and the place it sits within the overall narrative of Mark's Gospel is important to understand.

Jesus was now within a few weeks, perhaps as few as 4 to 6, from His divine appointment at Golgotha. Chapter 11:1 tells us Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem. Their entry into Jerusalem in verse 11 is what we call Palm Sunday. So the events we are reading about in Mark 10 are relevant to their arrival in Jerusalem and the rapid escalation of hatred that culminated in Calvary.

So, Jesus was walking ahead of the twelve disciples and they were amazed. Do you know why they were amazed? The text doesn't tell us specifically but I believe the twelve were amazed at the bold determination of Jesus to march right into the jaws of the beast that awaited Him in Jerusalem. The religious system of Judaism in that day was an apostate beast system of corruption, manipulation, and deceit. The Jews had been plotting to murder Jesus for at least the previous 18-24 months. They seethed with rage just thinking of His popularity among the people, and they had become convinced that unless Jesus was killed their entire religious business was going to collapse like an unstable house of cards.

In the events recorded in Mark 10, the Pharisees thought they



had conceived of the perfect plan and that they had been patient enough to spring their trap when Jesus crossed over the Jordan into Perea ("beyond the Jordan" in 10:1). They deliberately brought up the issue

of divorce thinking they could manipulate Jesus into getting Himself arrested based on His own words. The Pharisee's plan was to engage Jesus in a debate about divorce while He was traveling through the territory ruled by Herod Antipas. It was Herod Antipas who had John the Baptists' head removed. Do you recall why Herod took such action? John was jailed and executed because he spoke loud and often that Herod was an adulterer for stealing his brother's wife. But Jesus once again took them to theological school by teaching them God's thoughts on the subject.

Now, I'm stating all of this to show you the true nature of Jesus' leadership style. Friends, Jesus is not the effeminate Fabio caricature much of the American church thinks He is. Do you want to lead like Jesus? Then here is what you are going to need to do.

(1) You are going to have to lead the way. You are going to have to take the point. I know it has become popular to say that pastoral leadership is all about teaching others to do the ministry. The reality is others will follow and learn as you lead and do. But you better be very careful about how and where you lead God's people, especially if you are considered a shepherd. God will hold you personally responsible for the spiritual nourishment or lack thereof that His people receive.

(2) You are going to have to find some courage. Leading is not about having all the answers. Only Jesus had all the answers.

Leading is about having a determination to meet evil head-on. This includes being courageous in the pulpit. Pastors and ministry leaders simply must stop all the cotton candy sermons about how much God loves people. The most glaring problem in the church today is not a lack of self-love. People already love themselves too much.

(3) You are going to have to stop listening to false teachers. Today we have well-known teachers, former and current pastors, and heads of denominational organizations who have succumbed to critical race theory propaganda, cultural Marxism, LGBT depravity, the demonic deception that Islam is compatible with American culture and values, and every other Luciferian agenda passed off as “compassionate Christianity.” Listen to me brethren: find some courage and denounce these people and their heresies because here is the truth of the matter:

- Islam is the military arm of the forces of hell.
- American media is the propaganda arm of the forces of hell.
- Apostate Christianity provides the “religious” covering and immoral framework for the forces of hell.
- The United States Supreme Court has wrested power away from the aristocrats in Congress and has become the legal sledgehammer for the forces of hell.
- Naive, deceived, and compromised Christians are the useful idiots of the forces of hell.
- America’s corporations including multi-national companies, central banks, and social media behemoths, provide the financial support for the forces of hell.

There is a reason Jesus confronted the beast religious system of His day: He recognized that it was not of God, did not obey His commands, and was instead worshipping idols of their own creation. The LGBT flag-waving, affirming, proud professing Christians are going to wake up in eternity and experience sheer terror when they hear “depart from Me you workers of iniquity.” Listen to me Christian: there is nothing to be

proud of when one man sticks his penis into another man's rectum. Have you lost your mind? That is not love and love has not won anything. Wickedness won and if you can't see that then you are the problem.

The Islamic interfaith dialogue crowd is a picture of what happens when you deny centuries of history, the plain teachings of the Koran, the current speeches of the God-haters scattered all around the world in mosques, and the barbaric atrocities committed daily for Allah's honor. What is there to dialogue about with people who say Jesus Christ was not the Son of God, did not die on a cross, never rose from the dead, and certainly is not the Savior of the world? With the fields white to harvest why are impotent stooges being honored for giving Islamic jihadists cover with their blind ego-driven speeches and seminars?

(3) You will need to realize that not all will follow you. The twelve were amazed but the larger contingency of disciples that followed Jesus was fearful (10:32). As I mentioned above, the twelve were amazed at Jesus' resolve to travel directly to Jerusalem. The twelve knew the heated debates and angry words the religious leaders hurled at Jesus. The twelve had been ridiculed themselves for following Jesus. Watching Jesus walk that road straight into Jerusalem was a lesson they would forget in Gethsemane and in the days following Jesus ascension but, it was also one they remembered and drew strength and courage from after the giving of the Holy Spirit.

Some will fall away because they fear the path you are walking. They fear what they perceive to be the negative consequences for them personally. They will count the cost and decide it is too high a price to pay.

(4) You are going to have to tell people to stop sinning. America is currently in a period of time in which we are witnessing a mass exodus from the church. Do you have any idea why? The reason is simply this: people see very little

difference between the lives of professing Christians and the general population. The church does not need another sermon series on being the best parent or spouse you can be. Christians do not need to be told to have their best life now. Christians need to understand that there are answers to their heartbreak. Statistics tell us that pornography is at an all-time high and rising among both men and women who profess faith in Christ. The church doesn't need another sermon series on good sex. It needs clear biblical teaching on the God-given gift of sex that honors each spouse and that brings to bear the spiritual significance of sexual intercourse within marriage. The church needs to recover its identity as the assembly of the saints but it will not until the saints start acting like the people of God once again. The church needs accountability.

Do you want to lead like Jesus? If so then I encourage you to read Mark 10:38. There you see the cost to yourself and all that you count dear in this life. So, ask yourself, are you able to drink the cup Jesus drank? If you want to lead like Jesus, friend, you better buckle up because the ride is going to get bumpy. You are going to be misunderstood and even hated. You will be seen as a threat to the apostates of the beast religious system which is much of American Christianity, and you will be completely out of step, out of tune, and out of sync with the world system.

Father, I pray that You would raise up men and women who understand the times in which we live and who will not be afraid to lead with fearless conviction and Holy Spirit power, straight into the bared teeth of the Luciferians who control America. Father, equip us with divine courage that we would not flinch at the sight of evil but would instead snarl right back with a ferociousness born of a blood-bought soul. I ask this covering to be upon all who read these words and volunteer to lead like Jesus. In the wonderful, mighty, powerful name of Jesus I ask this, amen!

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# The Church And Its Mission Today, Part 3



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We often hear that “revival starts with the people of God.” That statement is true but often masks what must precede revival. Before God will bring revival in and upon His people, Christians must repent, confess, and turn from their evil ways. In other words, revival is necessary for a people that



have wandered off the narrow path and have come under judgment.

The idea of revival in America has a long and storied history. From traveling evangelists to week long "tent meetings," revival was a yearly occurrence in the lives of Christians throughout the 1940's through 1970's. Somewhere in the process of holding annual revival meetings, Christians made them more about evangelism than about personal repentance. This means that Christians did not do much self-reflection but instead focused on inviting friends, co-workers, and family members that they believed needed to hear the gospel.

Over the years the effectiveness of this type of outreach has waned dramatically. The need for revival in and upon the body of Christ has never been clearer though. A problem is that the modern version of Christianity has been so distorted by false teaching, so misconstrued by a heretical breed of motivational charlatans, by the ever growing cadre of name-it-claim-it, blab-it-grab-it, mantra chattering, demon oppressed celebrity "pastors," that the body of Christ is in the miry swamplands of self-absorbed materialism, self-inflicted narcissism, and demon produced doctrines of flesh and misdirection. Sadly they do not even realize their precarious estate.

Adding to this deadly mixture of toxic modernity, today's pastors point people increasingly to a social gospel of works. Christians today spend their time and finances to feed, clothe, and house thousands of people around the world while not once even thinking to tell people about the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ. The only lifesaving message the world has ever been given is not important enough to be made available to the very ones who are perishing for a lack of knowledge. Apparently as long as Christians feel better about themselves by having contributed to a charity or by having participated in the feeding of homeless people at the local soup kitchen everything is fine.

Nowhere in the Scriptures will you find statements that tell us to win people over by loving them. In fact you cannot love someone into a saving relationship through faith in Christ. Anyone who comes to faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins will do so only because they recognize their tenuous unredeemed state before a holy God. Nothing else leads to true repentance that leads to true salvation.

Modern Christianity has invented the concept of relational or friendship evangelism. Christians are now told we have to “earn the right to be heard.” We are reminded that people “don’t care what you have to say until they see how much you care.” Here’s a newsflash folks – the greatest love ever demonstrated was by Jesus Christ when He willingly endured a brutal beating by savage soldiers and death by crucifixion all the while being mocked, spit upon, and ridiculed. His response was, “Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.”

The point I am making here friends is this – modern Christians don’t see any need for personal revival because they don’t see that God’s judgment is upon them and America for our obstinate refusal to bow our knee to God and confess our sin of throwing Him out of every aspect of our shared cultural life. And to further clarify the insanity that has gripped us, America now promotes Satanism and the occult in school clubs, television, movies, and government buildings in many state capitals. We live in a nation where God is not welcomed but Satan is welcomed and most Christians go about their daily affairs as if nothing is wrong with this.

Folks, the mission of the Church has become lost in America. In case you are wondering what that mission is I remind you that Christians are called to “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20). This calling means

first of all that we must go to people everywhere with the message of Jesus Christ. This message is that He is the only way to salvation and through that same faith, eternal life. It means that this process of teaching people about Jesus is discipleship. We even have the parameters of this Gospel calling in Acts 1:8 – in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and outermost parts of the world. Our mission starts where we live and branches out from there as God leads.

Friends, the Church has lost its way today. The mission has been confused by a social gospel of good works. We must return to the simple message that Jesus saves. That must be our focus. When it is clarity will follow and we will see the fruit of the Gospel which is saved, redeemed, changed lives and a changed nation. We will not see revival until we see repentance and a turning from our wicked ways.

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## **The Church And Its Mission Today, Part 2**



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In Part 1 of this series I presented my belief that the Church has for the most part abdicated its position of moral authority in the American culture. Nature abhors a vacuum and thus the hedonists, atheists, humanists, and unconverted self-identifying Christians rushed in to fill that place with their morality. The result is that any vain and evil thing that can be imagined is advocated as normal and celebrated as liberating and natural today. The only liberty and freedom these deviants and their supporters are experiencing is liberty and freedom from conscience. Doctors include this trait in their diagnosis of sociopaths. God describes them as “worthy of death” (Romans 1:32).

The mission of the Church today is multifaceted and I want to touch on a few of those in this series. Let me begin by denouncing the propensity of evanjellyfish to excuse their cultural indifference by appealing to what they think are two unassailable truths: (1) Romans 13 and, (2) Separation of Church and State. What these poor deceived, misguided, duped, and unthinking people do not comprehend is that Romans 13 does not support blind obedience, loyalty, or support for any civil authority that does not uphold good and punish evil as God defines those terms. Read Romans 13 again until the truth of what it says sinks in – governing authorities are to reward good behavior and punish evil behavior. If authorities refuse

to fulfill this God-given mandate they are no longer worthy of obedience. When people support the view that all governing authorities are to be obeyed regardless of their behavior then they have become enablers of the continued insanity of what we see today – advocating for men showering with women because the man insists he is a woman, men using women's bathrooms because again, he says he is a woman, men being permitted to compete with women in athletic events, parents insisting on gender-change operations on their young children and the demonic deception of the so-called gender identity crisis, men marrying men and women marrying women, and the rise and support of the Satanic geopolitical ideology known as Islam, just to name a few things. By refusing to engage governing authorities and to rebuke them and their upside down morality, Christians bear responsibility for what ensues. Burke had it right when he said that evil will continue if good people do nothing.

Separation of Church and State is another façade many people hide behind. The excuse is that as a “religious institution” the Church is not permitted to speak for or against any politician or legislation. There's a Greek word that describes that idea – hogwash! The first point of information for people who hold this view is that it is not in any of our governing documents. The closest anything comes to saying this is the so-called “establishment clause” within the First Amendment. But for those who believe this means separation of Church and State I say again, reread until the truth sinks in. The fact is the establishment clause only says that government will not establish a state religion. In other words, our government must keep their noses out of and hands off the religious expressions of Americans.

By misunderstanding these two things (whether willfully or through ignorance) too many people believe they have a reason to not rebuke the evildoers among us, but by these excuses they neglect to be the salt and light they are called to be.

Some would argue that they are being salt and light by their many ministries to the poor, drug addicted, and spiritually disabled. I'm not downplaying those contributions but what I am saying is that Christians are expending their efforts on the symptoms. Why not take an axe to the roots and destroy the origin of the problems Americans experience daily? For example, if people really want to assist drug addicts then let's stand together against our own government that benefits handsomely from the drug trade they control. Is that news to you? So many people think drugs are provided by some hidden, dark, secret cabal of kingpins. The thought that the US Government aids and abets the continued destruction of its own citizens by providing cover for drug dealers is unimaginable. Folks, the US Government is in Afghanistan and other places of the world for a couple of major strategic reasons but none more strategic than the protection of the poppy fields and the Afghans who harvest this cash crop. Have you noticed the number of states now making the retail sale of marijuana legal with accompanying local, state, and federal taxes applied of course? It's only a matter of time before more powerful and addicting drugs become the newest retail business operations of the US government. I don't even want to get into discussing oil rich nations of the Middle East and our government's continued nation toppling and building designed to give the US government and the globalist corporations it serves more control.

We can also point to the phony war on poverty. Trillions of dollars have disappeared into this black hole and Americans are worse off than ever. Under the recently deposed Obama monarchy food stamp recipients hit an all-time high and Obama thought it a wonderful sign of his administration's assistance to the least of them. A lot of religious people agreed thereby showing their complete ignorance of the truth. Recently religious organizations like Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and Church World Services have entered into the "business" of resettling mostly Middle Eastern men into cities

across America. They are of course being paid millions of dollars a year in taxpayer monies for their “acts of compassion.” The truth is that without taxpayer funding these subcontractors would not exist. Refugee resettlement is an issue because in the overwhelming majority of cases the “refugees” are supported by welfare programs that will enslave them in a permanent poverty class. Folks, there is no war on poverty. There is a war on America and a war on the middle class. The goal is to create a serf class of obedient workers for the globalist corporations and our politicians are being paid handsomely to remain quiet and go along for the ride. This is nothing short of the Cloward-Piven economic implosion strategy and Soros’ open borders agenda to make a permanent slave class.

Here’s my point in this Part 2 – if the Church is to have a moral voice in America again then it is time to stop being played by the political parties and their candidates and start speaking the truth about everything that is wrong with America and why it is wrong. We must stop the flannel graph sermons that intoxicate people for another week with feel good, mind-numbing nonsense and start telling people to get out in their communities and confront the evil all around them. This will mean speaking to the seats of power in the mayor’s office, at school board meetings, to judges, justices, law enforcement, and others who have civic or moral authority where you live. It is long past time to stand up to the leviathan called Washington DC and say, “NO! We will not do that and you better stand down!” Then chop off the tentacles of this beast system limb by limb.

What we are witnessing today friends is Romans 1:28 which says in part, “God gave them up to a debased mind.” That is the result of the continual and deliberate act of disregarding God and His Word. Our goal must be to shine the light on the darkness and expose it. Be prepared for battle friends. The darkness hates the light and will do whatever they can to stop

the exposure. Fight on anyway.

Part 3 will continue this examination of the Church and Its Mission Today.

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# The Church And Its Mission Today, Part 1

## Part 1



America is being led into a cesspool of deviancy and America's pastors remain largely silent. For those of us who have been calling attention to the rank immorality that daily seems to increasingly encroach upon the shores of common sense and



moral sensibleness, this is not surprising.

Few pastors said a word when contemplative prayer, labyrinth walking, yoga, word faith heresy, and many other misguided and unbiblical practices were introduced into the church by goats masquerading as sheep. While these things demonstrate a tragic departure from the faith once for all delivered to the saints, today we are facing a full on frontal assault from our politicians.

President Obama, who demonstrated a spirit of antichrist, lobbied for men utilizing women's bathrooms and threatened our public schools with loss of funding if they did not allow boys to shower with girls.



Attorney General Loretta Lynch threatened of fines and jail time in a blatant attempt to make sure Obama's evil and unconstitutional demands appeared legitimate.

Where are America's pastors? The progressive Marxists among us aided by the progressive Marxist media have rendered most pastors deaf mutes for fear of being labeled as a hater or racist or homophobe. Friends it is time that Christians throw off the shackles of political correctness and stand strong in the power of God and deliver this message: "No more, no more, no more! We will not silently stand by and watch our nation be torn apart by people who hate America. We will not stand by and allow morally depraved people to have their way with our children. We will not be afraid of what any President or any

other evil tyrant says or threatens to do. God will reign and He will rule in our hearts and minds and therefore we will not fear any man or the consequences of our stand!"

It is the "eleventh hour" in America friends. Will you don the spiritual armor of God and stand firm against the encroaching evil? Will you encourage your Christian brothers and sisters to join you in this battle? Please encourage other believers to find a church that is true to the gospel and is not compromised by an end times Babylonianism. This means finding a church that is not characterized by compromise, pandering to the pagan culture, or that rejects the Bible as our guide for righteous and holy living, the very Word of God.

This article is the first in a five-part series looking at the subject of the Church and its mission today. The intent is to encourage you as well as to help you identify a body of believers who is being the church as God intended.

God bless you today as you seek Him.

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# The Importance Of Being The Church

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*"And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with*

*the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”* Philippians 1:9-11

One of the most blessed things Christians are privileged to participate in is the life of a local assembly of believers. It might surprise readers to learn that the Bible in both Testaments speaks almost exclusively within the context of local bodies. The Old Testament speaks specifically about the nation, tribes, and families of the Hebrew people. Their story of failure and success in being obedient to God and in becoming the people He desired them to be is a primary storyline of the Old Testament. The New Testament reads like a manual for righteous living within the context of the local church family.

Think about this friends – Matthew wrote for a Jewish audience, Mark a Gentile audience, Luke for the benefit of Theophilus, John to Christians generally speaking, Paul to the churches in Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, and Colossae to name a few. One thing these letters have in common with the possible exception of Luke is that they were written to churches. One could argue that Paul’s letters to Timothy were written to an individual believer but even then Paul was instructing Timothy on how to handle issues within the body of believers.

My experience has been that most modern day Christians have not considered these truths. If they did, the number of people who deprecate the church would not be so high and alarming. I’ve seen many developments during my walk with Jesus Christ but none quite as surprising as the great number of people who have become indifferent to the local bodies of Christ. Researchers have a name for these people. They are called the “dones.” The name derives from the common attitude expressed by this demographic that they are “done” with the church, as if simply walking away from the local body is an answer to their frustration and is always a God-led decision.

Let me begin by admitting along with all those that have had a negative experience with a church, that the church has a lot of “warts.” What I mean by that is that the church has a lot of blemishes. The reason is simple. Churches are comprised of people and people make messes. There are plenty of things that people rightly point to and say, “See that’s the reason I don’t belong to a church.” Whatever your beef with the church is I’m sure you feel justified in remaining in that mindset. There are a couple of issues you need to consider if that is you though. One is that your perspective on the church is not shared by Jesus Christ. Jesus gave His life for His bride the church (Ephesians 5:23, 25). You are at odds with Jesus if you think the church is not worthy of your presence. Plainly stated friends, Jesus views His bride a lot differently than you do.

Additionally, your “feelings” shouldn’t be the determining factor in whether or not you are part of a local body of believers. Feelings are a horrible barometer of truth. Knowledge should be the primary consideration. Let me illustrate. How many people have ever had doubts about their salvation? The answer is lots of people struggle with “feeling” saved. The real question you should ask yourself is this: Do you know that you are saved? Have you made a profession of faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on Calvary’s Cross to pay the penalty that sin demands? Do you know that those who are saved are a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession (1 Peter 2:9)? Do you understand that Christ is building up His body by removing the impurities in us all (malice, guile, hypocrisy, envy, slander – 1 Peter 2:1)? Do you also understand that as those impurities are removed we are made a stronger “spiritual house” together (1 Peter 2:5)? Being a part of the body means going through life together, sharing one another’s burdens, laughing and crying together, struggling to right wrongs together, and sharpening each other’s thinking on subjects of great importance to every believer today.

Being a part of a local body of believers is a birthright (John 1:12-13) that too many Christians have sold for a bowl of slop just like Esau sold his birthright. Only after Esau had flippantly given up his blessing did he realize what a huge mistake he had made. Unfortunately for him and his posterity, this one decision set his life on a course of judgment and sorrow. He lived his life for himself and for his own satisfaction and paid a steep price. His children and children's children suffered greatly for Esau's wrong thinking.

When I speak with people who have hardened their hearts against the church I often hear in their words the hissing of our enemy who says to people, "You don't need to fellowship with your brothers and sisters. You can do this alone. Remember how hurtful they have been? Who needs that?" Friends, in the end times days we live in the enemy's strategy is clearer than it has ever been – divide and conquer.

It still surprises me that some Christians trot out the worn out excuse that, "I don't have to go to church to be a Christian." No one is saying that going to church makes anyone a Christian. What people who use this excuse are often trying to say is they can be spiritual without the local body. But being spiritual is not what we are to pursue is it? Christians are called to pursue godliness not adopt some form of spirituality as a mind salve.

God has determined that the best possible context for His people to grow in grace and knowledge of Him is the local church. That is the thrust of Acts 2:41-42 which is the passage dealing with the beginning of the church at Pentecost. We read in verse 41 that three-thousand people were "added." The question is what were they added to? Clearly the local body of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ is in view. In verse 42 we find a great outline for what the church should look like even today. Note that this group of believers banded together to receive the apostle's teaching (which was Jesus'

teaching – Matthew 28:19-20), to share their lives with one another (fellowship), to celebrating Christ's death on their behalf (the breaking of bread here can be understood as sharing meals together but it is more likely a reference to the Lord's Table or Communion which was still very fresh on the apostle's minds. See 1 Corinthians 11:26), and to prayer. That is a very good foundation for any local body.

Without the local body of believers, Paul's discussion of every believer having a gift that he or she should exercise for the benefit of other believers makes no sense at all. Who cares if someone has the gift of prophecy if that person never leaves his or her living room to share it with an assembled group of believers that recognize themselves as the body of Christ?

Now don't mishear me brothers and sisters. You can have a local body of believers meeting in someone's home. That's how the first church plant I was involved in started. But at some point as you grow and more families join you it becomes impossible to continue in that setting. You will need a larger meeting place with rooms for children and a nursery and bathroom facilities. Sounds like a building that people use for their weekly gatherings to me.

Another feature that I have noticed over the years that is emblematic of the "dones" is that they become in many cases narrowly focused on a doctrine or two and those specific doctrines become their litmus test for association. There is an easy explanation for this. In a home church setting there is almost always a type "A" personality who sets the course of study and teaching and who functions for better or worse as an elder or pastor. His views on the Bible, on what are important and what isn't, and on a number of other things become the de facto home church by-laws and guidelines. Step outside of the home church leader's perspective and you'll find yourself alienated. In many cases this same doctrine or "pet tradition" was at the center of controversy and served as the reason why

an individual left a church in the first place. This raises an interesting question. Who is there to keep that home church leader in check? Who is there to say, "Wait that doctrine does not line up with the Bible"? The answer is no one. There is as the Bible says wisdom in a multitude of counselors.

In addition to receiving a word of encouragement, equipping, and sometimes correction through a carefully developed teaching sermon by Holy Spirit filled and led elders, believers also need to understand that our lives in Christ are shaped together by worship through singing, by our interactions with other believers as often as we meet together, by our service to one another when needs arise, by our receiving from the Lord's Table, and by our common submission to the Word of God. These activities are nowhere encouraged nor pictured to be participated in isolation from one another. It is simply an untruth that some believers convince themselves is biblical.

Friends, the body of Christ is a multifaceted organism that grows and changes by nature. That is because the body of Christ is comprised of many different people with different perspectives on a host of topics. By standing together over time, we are made sure in the things we believe and why we believe them. A healthy body will have much discussion and debate over the years. But therein lays a secret to the church's longevity. Doctrine focuses ministry and ministry develops servant-hood. All who claim Christ by faith are to be disciples and are to make disciples and the best way to fulfill this commission is to be an active part of a local body of believers.

Another passage from Paul's letter to the Philippians is a good place to close this exhortation. In 1:27 Paul offers some words of encouragement to the believers in Philippi. He says to them, "conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ;...standing firm in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel;" and then in

2:2 he says essentially the same thing, “make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.” And then Paul identifies the foundation for being of one mind and one spirit in 2:3-4 – “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”

Folks, Paul is speaking about body life here. The context of the writing of the overwhelming majority of the New Testament is the local church. We learn how to be humble when we serve other people. We learn how to be united in spirit as we grapple daily with the short comings of others as well as our own. Conceit, pride, selfishness, and ego are chipped away piece by piece all within the context of the local body of Christ as we travel this faith road together.

My encouragement to you dear reader, especially those who may have given up on the local church is to prayerfully reconsider your stance. Please seek out a local body of believers and ask God to lead you in that effort. I believe that as you pray for God to lead you, He will do exactly that; to a group of believers who have been praying for God to bring you and your family.

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## The Ethics Of Naturalism Are



# Unnatural

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Two scenes from a movie I recently watched got me thinking about the ethics of naturalism. Hollywood veteran Sylvester Stallone starred in the movie “Cliffhanger” and the suspense in the plot enabled it to live up to its name.

For those unfamiliar with this movie Stallone plays a trained mountain rescuer who along with fellow rescuer, actor Michael Rooker, are tricked into aiding a fugitive gang who have managed to steal several hundred million dollars from the Federal Reserve but during their escape by airplane are forced to crash land in a desolate mountain range.

Playing a convincing role as the cold-hearted villain was actor John Lithgow. The two scenes that caught my attention happened within minutes of one another. The first scene showed one of Lithgow’s gang murdering a rescue helicopter pilot played by Ralph Waite. In shock and dismay over this cold-blooded act, Rooker screams, “he never hurt anyone.” In other words, Waite did not deserve to die. Lithgow without missing a beat, in an equally cold-blooded line only remarked, “how touching.”

The second scene moments later featured Lithgow murdering his

female companion to gain leverage in a struggle with his co-conspirators to maintain control of the quickly evaporating escape plan. Just before Lithgow murders his female companion he asks her if she knows what the greatest virtue of love is. Before she can answer Lithgow answers for her by whispering in her ear, "sacrifice." He then promptly murders her.

This is a violent movie but is candid in its portrayal of man's dilemma ethically speaking. These two scenes clearly demonstrate the great paradox that man faces when trying to explain and live an ethical life apart from belief in God as the moral law giver. In the first scene Lithgow exhibits a naturalistic worldview, one completely in-line with a Darwinian evolutionary view. Being heartbroken over the death of a friend is nonsense to Lithgow and thus his "how touching" remark. Clearly implied is the rest of the statement that could be stated: "how touching and how utterly stupid."

Contrasting that naturalistic ethic Lithgow espouses a different ethic in the second scene in justifying his murderous behavior. Where did he find any ground for love as sacrifice? These two scenes present ethics opposed to one another. Perhaps the writers of this movie script meant to mock the Christian ethic of God as moral law giver. I think a better explanation is that they unwittingly portrayed where mankind is left if God is indeed dead.

The truth is that naturalism cannot provide an ethical foundation for love, sacrifice, compassion or anything human beings are said to need to survive as communities and nations. Naturalistic ethics that speak of these qualities have smuggled Christian theistic ethics into their system without due recognition because of course that would betray their underlying beliefs. They cannot admit to what they claim does not exist. This makes naturalism's ethics quite unnatural.

When God is declared dead there is only one place man can turn for the source of ethics – himself. This opens the floodgates

for all forms of abuse and evil. The twentieth and twenty-first centuries provide testimony to the validity of this truth.

Friends, I encourage you to continue to stand firm in your faith and in your testimony. What your family, friends, and neighbors need today are answers to the myriad contradictions they encounter every day, not the least of which is the convoluted ethics of naturalism.

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