

Salvation By Government, Skin Color, Or God?

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

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

Video of the sermon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The actual skin color of different humans is affected by many substances, although the single most important substance is the pigment melanin. Melanin is produced within the skin in cells called melanocytes and it is the main determinant of the skin color of darker-skinned humans. The skin color of people with light skin is determined mainly by the bluish-white connective tissue under the dermis and by the hemoglobin circulating in the veins of the dermis...There is a direct correlation between the geographic distribution of UV radiation (UVR) and the distribution of indigenous skin pigmentation around the world. Areas that receive higher amounts of UVR, generally located closer to the equator, tend to have darker-skinned populations. Areas that are far from the tropics and closer to the poles have lower intensity of UVR, which is reflected in lighter-skinned populations. Researchers suggest that human populations ... have changed from dark-skinned to light-skinned and vice versa as they migrated

to different UV zones.”^[2] So skin color isn’t even a permanent characteristic of an ethnic people group, it can vary if they migrate to a region that differs in the amount of UV radiation received.

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

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

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

Then in James 2:1 we are commanded, “My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.” Then we are warned in verse 4 that if we judge based on externals, “Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?” Quite clearly Scripture condemns racism and all other forms of judging based upon externals. To do so, as James states, is to become Judges with evil in our hearts.

Drawing back the lens here for a wide angle view, what appears to be happening as a result of losing the White House, is the left is using every deceptive tactic in an attempt to retake America for their socialist agenda. The race game is but one illustration, in that game you will always see the bottom line is this, that civil government is the answer to ending the hate, ending the racism. It is presented as if somehow civil

government has a magic wand it can wave over the hearts of men and transform their souls from hatred of their fellow man to loving their neighbor as themselves. So the mayor of Annapolis is supposed to declare a state of emergency and that will end the racism in the hearts of people in the city? Maybe I am missing something here, but I agree with the mayor who is puzzled over the whole idea that a state of emergency would accomplish anything regarding the transformation of men's hearts. And why call for a state of emergency? Why not call for a day, a week or maybe even a month of prayer and fasting? Why not a humble repentance before Almighty God, a sincere confession and repentance of all our sins, pleading with Him for His mercy?

But why a State of Emergency, what is it about a State of emergency that motivates them? In Maryland Code, when the Governor declares a State of Emergency, it states that if he finds it necessary in order to protect the public health, welfare or safety, may: Suspend the effect of any statute or rule or regulation of any agency or of the State or a political subdivision. Direct and compel the evacuation of people from their homes... Authorize the use of private property... may require that each able-bodied individual in the State between 18 and 50 years old ...immediately register for work..." In other words he can send anyone he chooses to a work camp for up to 6 months. The code goes on to say, "The General Assembly recognizes the Governor's broad authority in the exercise of the police power of the State to provide adequate control over persons and conditions during impending or actual public emergencies."^[3] So with a State of Emergency the government assumes completely tyrannical and dictatorial powers. It can freely violate your property rights and your liberty, it is granted power to suspend all laws.

Now our Maryland Constitution Declaration of Rights actually denies such powers to the State Government in Article 44. "That the provisions of the Constitution of the United States,

and of this State, apply as well in time of war, as in time of peace; and any departure therefrom, or violation thereof, under the plea of necessity, or any other plea, is subversive of good Government, and tends to anarchy and despotism."

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

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

And they are surely not alone in our land. The debate raging in D.C. over health care and the attempt to repeal and replace Obama care is but another illustration. The cries are for the civil government to save us. We can't live without it, people

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

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

“For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;”

Think of the socialist offer of salvation by civil government.

What if every human were to have all the food they need, all the shelter, clothing, transportation they want, and all the health care funding for every medical need? If all 8 billion were to be thus provided for, mankind's most basic and most essential need of all would not be met. We were made to worship God, to enjoy fellowship with Him but our sins stand in the way of all that it means to be a fulfilled human being. When you understand the true condition of mankind then you can

view the depths of despair. For if there was no answer for our condition, there would be no hope in a hopeless life and only a absolutely black eternity in hell facing us. But God in His mercy stepped into our hopeless condition to save us. And we are saved by God's incredible Mercy.

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