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Providing in-depth coverage of today's global events – from a Christian perspective.

COVID-19: A Global Conditioning

By Gary H. Kah

Our daughter, Alyssa, is an RN at the hospital in Indianapolis that was the first to handle Corona patients. Her husband, Tony, is a Respiratory Therapist at the same hospital. Please pray for their protection and that God would grant them an extra measure of compassion, strength and endurance as they are being overrun with critical care patients. They are on the front lines here in our state and are experiencing a surge in very sick COVID patients. Alyssa texted our family stating, "Our ICU (24 beds) is already completely full. And they have opened up a 2nd ICU. The struggle is real."

One day last week, after Alyssa got home from a long shift, we brought her and Tony some food. But because of their exposure to the virus and the fact that we are caring for my fragile 88-year old father – who recently returned home from the same hospital where he was treated for kidney failure – we had to leave the food on their front porch. None of us could run the risk that comes with personal contact. Instead, we spoke words of encouragement through the closed door, then left. It was all quite surreal.

The fact is, our family is having to deal with this terrible disease just like everyone else. If you are among the fortunate few whose life has not yet been drastically impacted by COVID-19, brace yourself, because it soon could be. At present, like most of you, I am experiencing a range of emotions and asking many questions as I seek answers to how the Coronavirus originated and where we are headed as a result of this pandemic. Here are some of my thoughts and observations from following the spread of this strange virus.

A Dangerous Strain

Regardless of how the virus got started (the full



Healthcare workers: true heroes of the Corona crisis

truth of which we may never know), its deadly effects are real. It is more than twice as contagious as the flu and at least 20 times more lethal. The **fatality rate** is the most significant number to consider. This can range widely from country to country, depending on the age of the population, their overall health, their social habits and other factors. The death rate in Italy, for example, has been running above ten percent for those infected; while in several other countries the rate has been closer to one percent. Why is that?

One of my closest friends lives in north-central Italy where the situation has been extreme. We've stayed in close contact, communicating every few days via FaceTime, texts or emails. Gianluca and his wife have been on lockdown for weeks now. He told me that at one of their cemeteries, the hearses were backed up, waiting in line to get in to bury the dead. In one of the villages hit hardest, the crematorium was running 24/7. Many are dying.

Here are some of the reasons why Italy has been so severely impacted:

- Italy does a lot of trade with China. Chinese and Italian businessmen – as well as engineers, contractors and students, etc. – travel back and forth on a large scale.

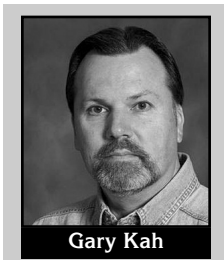
- The Italian people regularly greet each other with a hug and with kisses on both sides of the face. "Social distancing" is a foreign concept to them, as they are a very social people.

- Young people who were infected early on without realizing it, in many cases brought the virus home, passing it on to their parents and grandparents. In Italy it is not uncommon for three generations of family members to live under the same roof.

- Because of these and other factors, the virus took hold among the elderly and spread rapidly with deadly results.

- In addition, the physical reaction to the Coronavirus – across all age groups – appears to have been worse among those individuals who took Ibuprofen for their fevers and body aches. It only exacerbated their symptoms, making them more ill and less able to fight off the sickness.

Studying the characteristics and spread of COVID-19 in Italy has proven beneficial to understanding and responding to the virus here in the US and elsewhere. It should help us to "flatten the curve" as Dr. Fauci puts it. Physical distancing



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along with the new usage of existing medicines and treatments should serve to shorten the outbreak cycle. The use of Hydroxychloroquine coupled with Erythromycin appears to be the most promising. Remdesivir may be effective for some people as well. Another treatment that can help in boosting one's immune system comes in the form of Vitamin C infusions. We have a friend who had severe immune-deficiency; these infusions basically kept him alive until he was finally cured. Most large cities have doctors who are able to administer this treatment.

In theory and under ideal circumstances, the current Coronavirus cycle could be conquered in just 25 to 30 days. If everyone did their part and no one passed the virus on to anyone else, from start to finish this could all be over in less than a month. Follow my line of reasoning: If we consider the most recent person to have been infected, it might take them up to 10-12 days to realize they are ill. Then it would take another 10-18 days to either fully recover or die from the virus. If everyone else, regardless of whether they have the virus, was taking all the necessary precautions along the way (such as distancing, regularly using sanitizers, washing hands, wearing protective masks, etc.), there might be no new outbreaks; Corona would be defeated! This virus is NOT insurmountable. If everyone does their part and takes this seriously, the current round of COVID-19 could be history in fairly short order.

Will this optimistic scenario play out? In all likelihood, no. We know human nature better than that. But we still have to do our best.

Pandemic Pandemonium

We must shorten the cycle (flatten the curve) not only to save lives, but to deprive the far-left media of their desperate crisis narrative. The globalists/socialists in the media are fomenting mass hysteria through their over-the-top sensational coverage of COVID-19. I personally believe that this is intentional. The liberal press and media, these days, almost always have ulterior motives in covering events the way they do. This is no exception.

As New York Governor Andrew Cuomo accurately stated this week during a press conference, "Crisis forces change!" The media and their political comrades on the Left understand this well and therefore operate under the guiding principle, "Never let a crisis go to waste." The fact is, they simply can't resist turning this health crisis into an opportunity to further their globalist/socialist agenda.

When everything is going well and the economy is humming along, it is difficult to convince the public to accept major governmental, societal, and economic changes. Why embrace drastic structural changes if there is no reason to do so,

right? But if the Corona crisis can be effectively amplified and used to collapse the stock market, and ultimately our economy, then perhaps globalists would finally be in a position to offer their "solution" to a desperate people. I believe this is where this crisis is headed unless, as mentioned, we rob the Left of their narrative by swiftly defeating this virus. It will be more difficult for them to implement their agenda if things suddenly improve. But, the longer this situation drags on, the higher the probability that our economy will tank and more draconian measures will be introduced (forced upon us).

President Trump's best argument for re-election has been the record strong economy. Take this away from him, and the odds of a far-left candidate winning the White House this fall increases dramatically. With a patriotic, pro-constitution leader out of the way, the stage would be set for a socialist president to lead us into a global government, complete with a cashless international economic system. If you believe this can't happen, you are naïvely mistaken.

A Wicked Agenda

Consider the following news items that have been largely overlooked, or suppressed by our liberal media. These are just a few of many:

- Early on, the UN's World Health Organization (WHO), headed by Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, did everything possible to downplay the severity of the Coronavirus. Ghebreyesus, an Ethiopian socialist revolutionary who is a close ally of China, clearly wanted to protect China's image. But, there could be even more to this story. Could it be that the WHO's Director-General actually wanted the virus to spread so that it would become a global problem requiring a "global response and solution?" Ghebreyesus happens to be a strong advocate for universal health coverage, regularly speaks on the impacts of global climate and environmental change, and wants to dramatically transform and empower the World Health Organization. Like other UN leaders he is a devoted globalist who uses his position – and every crisis that comes along – to further the cause of world government.

- Other dignitaries and powerful players who are allied with Ghebreyesus and the United Nations are also using convenient "health crisis" opportunities to advance the one-world agenda. They agree that global problems demand global solutions – world government. In October 2019, less than two months before the virus began in China, a globalist strategy session was held in New York City. This private meeting was called "Event 201: A Global Pandemic Exercise." The purpose of this select gathering was to "game

out” the response to a global virus pandemic. Those who supported/attended Event 201 included the United Nations Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Bank, the World Economic Forum, NBC, the CIA, the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine/Bloomberg School of Public Health, and the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Hmmm!

Their goal, which becomes clear when you watch clips from the meeting, is to control the entire narrative of a global pandemic from the top down – centralizing the flow of information and flooding the media market with their designed messaging in order to manage and modify our behavior. At their strategy session they called this focused propaganda technique “flooding the zone.” Something they are definitely doing right now. We are witnessing a very intentional internationalist agenda at work!

Remember, this meeting was held just weeks before the Coronavirus broke out. A mere coincidence? If seeing is believing, you can still watch clips of Event 201 on YouTube – if the footage hasn’t been removed by the time you read this. (Researcher Polly St. George, hosting her podcast under the name “Amazing Polly,” has posted some of these clips. According to Polly, the World Economic Forum has taken the lead on Event 201 and along with their partners has tapped Google, Facebook, Twitter, Microsoft, Apple, Amazon and other tech giants to “lead by example.” You can watch more comprehensive segments of Event 201 by going to www.centerforhealthsecurity.org/event201/videos.html. Some of these segments reflect the pre-existing globalist mindset held by participants.)

- Another key player using the Coronavirus to promote world government is Gordon Brown, the current United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education. According to a March 26 article in *Life Site News*, Brown has called for “the creation of a global government to cope with the coronavirus pandemic.” The article goes on to explain:

Gordon Brown, who was both Prime Minister and leader of Britain’s left-wing Labour Party from 2007 until 2010, told British media that the world government he proposed would address the medical and financial crises caused by COVID-19. It would direct efforts to find a vaccine for the virus, organize its production and purchase, and stop profiteers. It would also direct the response of the central banks, protect emerging world markets, and “agree a joint approach to the use of government spending to boost growth.”²

“There has to be a coordinated global response...We need some sort of working execu-



WHO's Director-General Ghebreyesus with China's President Xi Jinping

“tive,” he added. Brown also said that the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund need, as the *Guardian* paraphrased, “an increase to their financial firepower to cope with the impact of the crisis...”³ At the 2009 London Summit for the G20, Brown, who is also a member of the influential Bilderberg group, stated, “I think the new world order is emerging, and with it the foundations of a new and progressive era of international cooperation.”⁴

- Not to be outdone, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and Pope Francis are working side by side to advance this globalist agenda. Guterres is the former prime minister of Portugal and was the secretary-general of his country’s Socialist Party from 1992 to 2002. From 1999 to 2005 he served as president of the Socialist International, a powerful globalist network of far-left individuals and organizations known for promoting radical Marxist views and policies among the nations.

As for Pope Francis, he has been practically idolized by UN leaders for his own socialist/globalist worldview. Now, he and Guterres, with one voice are calling for an end to global conflict so that all resources can be focused on fighting the Corona pandemic. Speaking at his weekly blessing in Rome, Francis specifically emphasized the appeal Guterres made for world peace and unification earlier in the week. NTEB referred to this appeal as “a call from the United Nations Secretary-General for all nations of the world to lay down their arms, end all conflict, and unite



Francis and Guterres – “one-world” partners

under the twin banner of the United Nations and Rome.”⁵

Pope Francis has already announced the May 14th launch of his “Global Compact on Education” which is intended to pave the way for “major global changes” through education. The world apparently needs a little more “conditioning” before it will readily embrace the coming global government regime. The pope is no doubt coordinating closely with the UN’s Gordon Brown on this “re-education” effort.

As a reminder, in February 2019, the pope gave the keynote address (via telescreen) at the World Government Summit in Dubai. He left no room for doubt that he wholeheartedly supports, and is working towards, the establishing of a one-world government. The United Nations, International Monetary Fund, and World Bank are among the parties who attend/support this annual event. The next World Government Summit is scheduled for November 22-25 of this year, and will once again be held in Dubai (immediately following the G8 Summit in Riyadh). Do we still believe that the Corona pandemic is really just about a virus?

Going Cashless

On March 2, the World Health Organization issued a call for people to refrain from using banknotes due to the possibility of the COVID-19 virus clinging to the surface of physical money. Credit cards, which are made of plastic, can retain the virus on their surface for an even longer period (up to three days). So, the WHO is encouraging digital and contact-less point of sales as an alternative method of payment. In my opinion, a completely cashless system won’t be accepted by the public until our current economic system collapses, or at least falters to a large enough degree that it is deemed ineffective and out of date for today’s interconnected world. Much of the sensational media coverage surrounding the Coronavirus, I believe, is intended to facilitate such a transition.

The central banks of many countries are preparing for a switchover. The global currency, when it finally is introduced, will make use of digital technology and take the form of an electronic monetary unit. It will utilize distributed ledger crypto technology which is readily available. Some international banks have been using the SDR (Special Drawing Rights) digital currency for several years to settle their inter-bank accounts. The public version of the SDR monetary unit has been ready to go for at least 18 months. In other words, it is waiting in the wings for the right moment to be brought forth. A global economic meltdown resulting from an out-of-control health crisis would be just “what the doctor ordered.”

Once such a cashless system is introduced and accepted – which may be sooner than we think –

humans might be prepared to receive “the mark” spoken of in the book of Revelation. This mark, which will likely be either in the form of a small chip placed under the skin, or a special hi-tech tattoo, will be required in order for a person to legally buy or sell. If such a chip or tattoo were to be distributed as part of a mandatory vaccine, “necessary” for mitigating the spread of a deadly disease, most people – like sheep being led to the slaughter – would accept it.

Given the widespread disdain for Bible prophecy in today’s churches, and the overall biblical illiteracy of most professing Christians, the vast majority of churchgoers will eagerly accept the mark – thereby ignoring the clear warning of Scripture, and making an eternally fatal decision. The apostle John wrote:

...He [the Beast] deceived the inhabitants of the earth...He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name...

...A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, he, too, will drink of the wine of God’s fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name.” This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God’s commandments and remain faithful to Jesus.

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

— Revelation 13:14b, 16-17; 14:9-13

Christians who are alive to witness these events are expected by God to give up their lives rather than take the mark; so serious are the consequences. So whatever you do, never – under any circumstances, no matter how compelling an argument is made – surrender your will to the global authorities by taking such a mark!

ID2020

A group of influential globalist partners, known as the *ID2020 Alliance*, are racing to develop a digital ID that every human on the planet will need to do just about anything. It will eventually be a requirement. Based on the *ID2020 Alliance*

Manifesto which was drafted in 2018 in partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), this coming digital ID will be touted as “a fundamental and universal human right.” It will utilize advanced crypto technology and will claim to protect one’s privacy while allowing personal control over one’s own digital identity. They make it all sound so good!

On September 19, 2019 this elite body consisting of government leaders, technologists, global banking representatives, “distinguished” members of academia, UN agencies, NGOs, human relief programs, and strategic private sector companies, convened in New York City for the *ID2020 Summit* to “explore the potentials, and challenges, of digital identity.” This particular summit was sponsored by the UN Office of Information Communications Technology, the UN Refugee Agency, the International Tele-communication Union and the Danish Mission to the United Nations. You can learn more about the Alliance’s strategies and modus operandi by perusing their website, www.id2020.org. But, in summary, here is what I found after studying their site and doing some further digging.

The most influential ID2020 Alliance partners are Microsoft, GAVI (Global Alliance of Vaccines and Immunizations), The Rockefeller Foundation, Accenture, UN and international banking leaders, as well as the World Economic Forum – which provides a special platform for launching ID2020’s programs. In fact, according to ID2020’s website, “In January 2019, the Alliance launched the ID2020 Certification Mark at the World Economic Forum in Davos.”⁶

What is this mark all about? According to the Alliance,

...ID2020’s Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), made up of leading experts on digital ID and its underlying technologies, established a set of functional, outcomes-based technical requirements...

Through our Certification Mark, we shape the technical landscape to ensure that the digital ID solutions which are developed and adopted are user-managed, privacy-protecting and interoperable.⁷

In short, the ID2020 Certification Mark is intended to further digitize global commerce and serve as a stepping-stone toward a personal digital ID for every man, woman and child. In the Alliance’s own words, “A unique convergence of trends provides an unprecedented opportunity to make a coordinated, concerted push to provide digital ID to everyone.”⁸ These trends, they reveal, include rising global connectivity, emerging technologies – such as blockchain and biometrics – and the

worldwide call for a “new model of ID.”

According to researcher Parker Claussen of *Harbingers Daily*, there is a close link between the pursuit of digital ID and vaccinations. Claussen writes, “With an equal drive to get everyone vaccinated, GAVI (Global Alliance of Vaccines and Immunizations) and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation play a pivotal role in the ID2020 Alliance’s mission.”⁹ At their 2019 summit, ID2020 unveiled its latest program:

Recognizing the opportunity for immunization to serve as a platform for digital identity, this program leverages existing vaccination and birth registration operations to offer newborns a persistent and portable biometrically-linked digital identity.¹⁰



Bill Gates, hi-tech globalist

Claussen points out the Gates Foundation’s involvement in pursuing special technologies for planting the universal digital ID on every person. He notes:

Coming out of Rice University, there is a new technology labelled the “Quantum dot” tattoo. This tag consists of tiny microneedles that deliver a vaccine, dissolves the sugar-based needles and leaves behind a mark or barcode-like tattoo. This mark leaves a record of the vaccine that had been received through an infrared-like dye pattern that can be read by a customized smartphone.

It is interesting to note that this Quantum dot technology was requested by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to solve the issue of not knowing the vaccination record of each patient in [certain] impoverished areas.¹¹

Here’s the bottom line: Dedicated globalists involved in “solving” the COVID-19 pandemic are also putting in place a one-world cashless commerce system that will include a “device-free” digital identification mark for every human being. The UN’s world government agenda – in cooperation with its closest allies – has permeated, and is driving, the international response to the Coronavirus. If pro-UN globalists can’t pull off their new world order on this round, they’ll learn from this experience, make adjustments, and try again later.

The Coming Persecution

The current COVID crisis will inevitably lead to a weaker economy, greater debt, an urgent call for nationalized healthcare – and with that – more government control and less personal freedom. With tighter government controls and the push toward a restrictive centralized global system will come a targeted persecution of those who stand in the way.

What happens here in the US in the near term depends in part on the decisions President Trump makes over the next few weeks. I am praying, and we must all pray, that the president will resist the pressure from liberals to centralize our federal government. Or, going a step further, if he were to allow himself to be manipulated into declaring Martial Law – should the COVID crisis re-intensify – then all bets would be off. This could be a trap. Although the president would probably not take such an action unless he firmly believes that he and his most loyal administration appointees would be in full control of the situation, there is a very real possibility that those with a different agenda might use such an opportunity to take charge.

Many years ago, I served in an emergency management organization that was later brought under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) once it was founded. The organization I was in fed into FEMA and other “higher powers.” I soon realized that our leaders were globalists with a highly favorable view of the UN. At one meeting I attended at Ft. McNair in Washington DC, we were briefed by two individuals; one was from the Rockefeller Foundation, the other was a prominent member of the Council on Foreign Relations. They were full-fledged globalists!

During this briefing, a new Christian friend I had made that week leaned over toward me and whispered, “Is it just me, or does it seem as if they’re trying to rebuild the tower of Babel?” Thank God, I thought – I am not alone; someone else sees through all of this. This man was one of only two other Christians I met during my entire seven years of service in that organization.

All this to say that while I am sure there are a few godly men and women who serve in the higher echelons of the DHS and the emergency management network, the majority of the people I knew during my term were non-Christian globalists – especially from 1989 to 1991 when George H.W. Bush was president and I had secret clearance. I am aware that President Trump has replaced some of the “bad players” with patriotic, pro-constitution leaders. However, just as the State and Justice Departments have been, and continue to be, stacked with liberal globalists, it would be naïve to think that the situation at DHS would be much different. The “Swamp” has thus far been only partly drained.

So, if this president, or a future US president declares Martial Law, in my opinion, it could lead to very dire circumstances for Bible-believing Christians, politically conservative Jews, and uncompromising patriots. I sincerely hope that this would not be the result, but it very well could be.

Apart from a Martial Law scenario, we are already in a politically charged atmosphere in this country where Jews and Christians are increasingly viewed with contempt by the leftist media and the growing socialist movement. It would not surprise me in the least if Jews and Christians might somehow be blamed for the COVID-19 outbreak – not only here, but in Europe and elsewhere. In fact, there is propaganda currently being circulated among Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank that the Jews are behind this virus. If this narrative catches on in the European and American media, it could easily be used to “stoke the flames.” Once that occurs, the hatred would quickly spread, and anything could happen.



Radical Muslims protesting against Israel & the US

Aware of the potential danger, the government of Israel is currently preparing for a major influx of Jews. If a worst case scenario were to play out, Jews from France would be among the first to flee as they are already under the gun – since France has the highest percentage of radical Muslims and Jew haters in Europe. This same scenario could quickly replicate in Germany, Italy, the UK, and other countries. The United States and Canada would not be immune from such a frenzied wave of hatred. As we’ve all seen, signs of it already exist.

Over the centuries there has been a saying – “First the Saturday people, then the Sunday people.” In other words, whenever anti-Semitism becomes fashionable and takes hold, the persecution of Christians is typically not far behind. History has shown this over and over. We all need to be spiritually prepared for what may soon come our way.

Where’s the Hope?

Despite the demonic nature of the globalists’ manipulative agenda and all the bad that comes with it, there are a few good things that are emerging from this crisis. For example, the United

States now realizes how dependent we’ve become on China for our most critical medicines. The fact that China has been producing over 90 percent of our antibiotics and more than 70 percent of our acetaminophen is ridiculous and entirely unacceptable. No other country should be permitted to produce a majority of our life-saving drugs. I believe the president will move to correct this problem as quickly as possible.

I am also hopeful that we will be better prepared when the next health emergency comes our way. As a result of the on-going response of the US private sector we should have more ventilators, necessary medical equipment and supplies for the next round. There is also the growing possibility that treatments will be developed that lessen the impact of this highly contagious virus.

From a political standpoint, there is still an outside possibility that the Trump administration and the conservative/pro-constitution movement could actually benefit in this fall’s election. This, of course, depends to a large extent on how the president and his team handle this crisis the rest of the way – and how much sway the far-left media is able to exert over the American public.

The Corona crisis is also producing some encouraging results among many American families. People are actually learning to cook again. Parents are spending more quality time in meaningful interactions with their children. And, individuals are becoming more creative in what they do with their time. Hopefully, and most importantly, we are taking some of this time to reflect on our relationship with the Lord and grow in our walk with Him, and make changes where necessary.

Having said all this, let me be frank: Most Americans are not heading down a path of godly spiritual growth in their lives.

We have become a people of many false gods. Sports, entertainment, sex, careers, investments, pursuit of material things, eastern meditation, and other occult/mind-altering practices and drugs are just a few of the many idols in our lives that have replaced God. According to a survey conducted by Nielson, during a seven day span in March when the real impact of COVID-19 was setting in, the sale of alcohol in the US jumped by 55 percent. The sale of Tequila and Gin rose by more than 70 percent – in just one week!¹² This tells me that most Americans are not responding to this crisis by seeking God and repenting of their sins. Instead, they are chasing earthly pleasures and idols even more than before.

Whenever I hear politicians – both Democrats and Republicans – declare that “America’s best days are still ahead,” I think to myself “What reality are they living in?” I understand that they want to project some positivity in their speeches and campaigns, but does anyone really believe that things are going to get better and better the rest

of the way? Newsflash: If you are placing your hope in the things of this earth, you are in for a rude awakening!

Although I believe that the worst of this crisis will eventually pass, it is unlikely we will make a full economic recovery. COVID-19 is the first of many crises that will beset the earth. Each one will grow in intensity and they will be coming closer and closer together. In His "Olivet Discourse" Jesus likened these endtime events to the increasing labor pains that a woman experiences before giving birth (Matthew 24). They are to be taken as signs of the times indicating that we are living in the last days and rapidly approaching the Lord's return. They should be viewed as important mile markers, warning us to repent and walk in close obedience to Him.

What the Lord most desires is our **complete** surrender to Him. Anything that is more important and has risen to a higher place in our lives than God must be yielded to Him. Beloved, do I dare say that some of us have even made gods of our children or spouses. Anything that prevents us from being what God has called us to be is standing in the way of our relationship with Him and has become an idol – a god – in our lives. All of us are guilty to some extent. Let's use this sobering time in our lives to make the necessary changes; to submit and bring ourselves under the full authority of our loving Creator. If you have not yet believed in Jesus as your Savior, I urge you to invite Him into your heart right now; accept His forgiveness, repent of your sins, and place your complete trust in Him.

When we live in harmony with the Lord, each day moving forward step by step in a close personal walk with Him, His Holy Spirit gives us a peace that passes understanding. Knowing that we are at peace with God and that our eternity is secure in Him – **this is where our hope comes from**. The Lord Himself is our hope, our rock in whom we trust! (Psalm 18:2; I Samuel 2:2)

...Recently, I was preparing for a talk show and was feeling a bit overwhelmed – both because of uncertainties in my own life and because I was carrying a heavy burden to communicate the truth effectively. After praying and submitting the next day to the Lord, I finally fell asleep. Overnight, the Lord – knowing that I needed some encouragement – prompted a friend of mine living overseas to send me an email message. I woke up to it the following morning before my scheduled program. My friend, a Jewish believer, wrote:

...The Lord is telling me to be flexible. To be "wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove." To remember "He didn't give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a SOUND mind." A sound mind means we are to be wise and walk cir-

cumspectly. "Our Lord is a strong tower, and the righteous shall run into it and they shall be safe."

We need to use this as a time of preparation for far greater things that will befall the earth. We need to let our light so shine that a dark and dying people can see our Lord.

May God grant you His presence and give you the exact words that He is glorified!
— Shalom my dear Brother

May your faith be strengthened by these words of wisdom and encouragement, as mine was. God will not be outdone. He is always a step ahead of us and is aware of all our needs and struggles. Let the knowledge of this fact comfort your heart and bring you joy and peace during this challenging time! ■

Endnotes:

¹ Fox News, March 30, 2020.

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HAVE YOU TRUSTED JESUS AS SAVIOR?

God loves mankind – his greatest creation. His perfect will is for all to be saved and none to be lost (John 3:15-18, 5:24). However, He makes clear that only those who have accepted (believed in) His divine Son, Jesus Christ, will be spared from the punishment of hell and will spend eternity with Him (Matthew 10:28 & II Peter 2:4-10).

If you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you must believe that Jesus is who He says He is and that He paid the penalty for your sins with His death on a cross. Accept His free gift of eternal life which He can offer because He conquered death through His resurrection. Then, with the help of His Holy Spirit, turn from your old ways of living (repent) and follow Him. Take a moment and tell the Lord that you desire to receive Him into your life and ask His Holy Spirit to dwell inside of you and lead you into all truth.

Once you have settled this most important matter, be devoted in your relationship with the Lord. Spend time with Him by reading His Word (the Bible) and talking to Him (prayer) daily. As you grow in His grace, He will direct you and open doors showing you how best to serve Him. With Jesus at the helm, your life and eternity are secure in His care. No situation or power of the enemy will be able to separate you from the love of Christ!

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

— Romans 8:35, 37-39

Inspirational Quotes: Scripture Passages on Renewing our Mind

- ❶ **“Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”**
– 1 Peter 1:13.
- ❷ **“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”**
– Colossians 3:1-2.
- ❸ **“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”**
– 2 Corinthians 10:4-5.
- ❹ **“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”**
– Romans 8:5-6.
- ❺ **“...that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”**
– Ephesians 4:22-24.
- ❻ **“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”**
– Romans 12:2.

Fast Facts on World Change

PhD Warns of Deep State Corona Manipulation

Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai, a biological engineer with four degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology believes the Coronavirus pandemic is being used by “Deep State” bureaucrats to further their agenda. On March 9, he warned on Twitter,

As an MIT PhD in Biological Engineering who studies and does research nearly every day on the Immune System, the #coronavirus fear mongering by the Deep State will go down in history as one of the biggest fraud[s] to manipulate economies, suppress dissent, and push MANDATED Medicine!

Note: Dr. Ayyadurai doesn’t believe the outbreak itself is a hoax, and urges citizens to follow the guidelines of federal, state and local governments, and the CDC. (Source: *World Net Daily*, “MIT PhD Reveals Sinister Theory about Coronavirus,” March 17, 2020, originally reported by the *Western Journal*.)

China Rewarded by the United Nations

The UN Human Rights Council has a dark history of supporting

and being closely allied with socialist/Marxist leaders from around the world. Last year, for example, Venezuela – which is under the regime of dictator Nicolas Maduro – was elected to the Council. Predictably, China has become the latest Marxist country to be appointed to a special panel on the controversial council, “where it will help vet candidates for important posts – despite its decades long record of systemic human rights abuse.” Although China helped fuel the Coronavirus through its secretive approach that punished doctors, threw out reporters, suppressed information and downplayed the seriousness of the virus – leading to a global pandemic – it is being rewarded by the UN. The United Nations consistently rewards those regimes that help fuel international crises and violate basic human rights. The United States left the council in 2018 because of its extreme corruption. Then-UN Ambassador Nikki Haley called it “a protector of human rights abusers, and a cesspool of political bias.” (Source: Adam Shaw, “China Joins UN Human Rights Council Panel Despite Troubling Record, Response to Coronavirus,” *Fox News.com*, April 4, 2020.)

Christians and Jews Blamed for COVID-19

In late March, the *New York Times* ran an inflammatory piece titled, “The Road to Coronavirus Hell was Paved by Evangelicals.” The subtitle read, “Trump’s response to the pandemic has been haunted by the science denialism of his ultraconservative religious allies.” Katherine Stewart, the article’s author, lashed out, “Donald

Trump rose to power with the determined assistance of a movement that denies science, bashes government and prioritized loyalty over professional expertise. In the current crisis, we are all reaping what that movement has sown.” (Source: *The New York Times*, Op Ed by Katherine Stewart, March 27, 2020. Article title was recently updated to “The Religious Right’s Hostility to Science Is Crippling Our Coronavirus Response.”) Katherine Stewart is only one of a growing army of liberal journalists who are scapegoating Christians.

Then, there are those who pin the blame for every problem on the Jews – they can do no right, only wrong! According to *Ynet News*, an Israeli publication,

...In the Arab world, Israel is blamed for the spread of disease. Cartoons disseminated on Twitter and Telegram showed planes marked with an Israeli flag spreading coronavirus over people on the ground. Similar theories were spread in Turkey and Iran where the annual Holocaust denial cartoon competition was recently announced. Some cartoons show the Israeli flag with the coronavirus replacing the star of David. Other conspiracy theories claim Israel is already in possession of a vaccine and will make a fortune from its sale at the expense of human lives. (Source: *YnetNews*, Itamar Eichner, “Anti-Semitism on the rise, Jews blamed for coronavirus,” Updated: March 31, 2020.)

Another source, *Breaking Israel News*, sheds light on developments in Turkey:

A report in the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) noted that on March 6, Fatih Erbakan, head of [Turkey’s] Refah Party and the son of former prime minister Necmettin Erbakan, was reported to have said in a speech: “Though we do not have certain evidence, this virus serves Zionism’s goals of decreasing the number of people and preventing it from increasing, and important research expresses this. Erbakan said: ‘Zionism is a five-thousand-year-old bacteria that has caused the suffering of people.’” Erbakan is close to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and has even been described as the president’s mentor.

A report by Donna Rachel Edmunds in *JPost* noted that the pandemic has brought out blatant anti-Semitism in the Turkish media. On March 10, Abdurrahman Dilipak, a columnist for the daily *Yen Akit*, blamed the virus on the Jews. (Source: *BreakingIsraelNews*, Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz, “Return of Black Death Blood Libel as Anti-Semites of All Sorts Blame Jews for Coronavirus,” March 27, 2020.)

Cashless Virus

On March 2, the UN’s World Health Organization issued a call for people to refrain from using banknotes due to the possibility of the COVID-19 virus clinging to the surface of physical money. Digital and contact-less point of sales, however, were encouraged as an alternative to handling bills and coins.

As the *Telegraph* reported, “both China and Korea last month began disinfecting and isolating used banknotes as part of their efforts to stop the spread of the virus.”

Indeed, physical money can carry bacteria and viruses, and hand washing after handling cash is a good idea. However, a representative from the Bank of England reminds us that, “the risk posed by handling a polymer note is no greater than touching any other common surface, such as handrails, doorknobs or credit cards.”

Nevertheless, it’s interesting to note how the threat of a virus spread could be used as an argument to encourage a cashless system.

Crypto to Cashless

In late February, the Bank of Canada announced that it’s seriously looking at the future development of a national, digital currency, in light of private crypto-currencies like Bitcoin. Recognizing that technological changes are pushing new currency models, the Bank stated it’s “implementing a portfolio of initiatives designed to prepare for the future of money and payments and to be ready for different possible scenarios that we cannot currently predict.” This will include “the capability to issue a cash-like central bank digital currency (CBDC) to the public, should the need ever arise.”

According to the Bank of Canada,

The Bank currently has no plans to launch a CBDC. Rather, the Bank will build the capacity to issue a general purpose, cash-like CBDC should the need to implement one arise. Because it will take several years to build this capacity, the Bank cannot wait until the need is evident before launching preparatory work. Preparing in advance is critical. At the same time, the Bank is preparing for a range of other possible changes to money and payments in Canada as innovation continues.

CoinTelegraph.com reported on this development by saying, “Although the Bank of Canada has no plans for issuing a digital currency immediately, the Central Bank is not ruling out the possibility of launching one due to potential mass adoption of private digital currencies — and the possibility of cashless societies.”

Rising World Debt

Debt levels are increasing at a fast pace, according to the *Global Debt Monitor* released by the Institute of International Finance in mid-January. A few points from the document paint a picture of the growing debt load.

- “The global debt-to-GDP ratio hit a new all-time high of over 322% in Q3 2019, with total debt reaching close to \$253 trillion.”
- “Debt looks set to grow faster in 2020: Spurred by low interest rates and loose financial conditions, we estimate that total global debt will exceed \$257 trillion in Q1 2020...”
- “Diminishing returns on new debt: Preliminary data for full year 2019 suggest that the global debt-to-GDP ratio grew at its fastest pace since 2016 – even as global growth fell to its slowest pace since the 2008-2009 financial crisis.”
- “Household debt-to-GDP reached a record high in Belgium, Finland, France, Lebanon, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. Non-financial corporate debt to GDP topped in Canada, France, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland and the US. Government debt-to-GDP hit an all time high in Australia and the US.”
- “China’s debt is fast approaching 310% of GDP – one of the highest in emerging markets.”

Americans on Socialism and Capitalism

In terms of the dominant political split in the United States between Republicans and Democrats, a correlation is observed between support over socialism and capitalism. Last year, Pew

Research reported on their recent study regarding partisan division and the question of these two socio-economic systems. The findings are notable.

According to the report published in late June, 2019 “More than eight-in-ten Republicans (84%) have a negative impression of socialism; a 63% majority has a very negative view. Nearly two-thirds of Democrats (65%) have a positive view of socialism, but only 14% have a very positive view.”

Gender Confusion

On February 12, 2020, the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare released a new report on gender dysphoria – that is, people who “do not identify with the gender they were registered with at birth.” According to the Board of Health document, “Since the turn of the millennium, the number of people diagnosed with gender dysphoria has increased in Sweden.”

There is no question that as cultural elites and social academics promote the narrative of “gender choice” and non-binary perspectives, constantly pushing this into the public education system, that more young people feel a sense of confusion. Peer pressure now has a new competitor; the pressure of aligning with politically correct narratives – and the pressure to “change yourself” to somehow “find yourself.”

As the Board of Health noted: “The number of new cases of diagnosed gender dysphoria among registered sex girls aged 13-17 has increased by almost 1,500 percent since 2008.”

Austria With Israel

The nation of Austria recently demonstrated that it stands with the country of Israel, a refreshing change to the rising tide of anti-semitism. In late February, the Austrian parliament “unanimously passed a resolution... condemning the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign as antisemitic... urging that the anti-Israel movement not be supported.”

BDS – Boycott, Divest and Sanctions – is an international movement meant to pressure countries, companies, and consumers to refrain from purchasing Israeli products, to withdraw investments, and to apply other economic sanctions against the Jewish nation.

Lukas Mandl, an Austrian Member of the EU Parliament, made the following remarks in light of the decision to oppose the BDS movement: “The Austrian parliament’s historic decision today to condemn any boycotts of Israeli goods shows that Austria stands on the side of Israel – not half-heartedly, but with full conviction... Austria’s partnership with Israel is a shining example for other European countries to follow...”

On Socialism

By Dr. Peter Jones

The term “socialism” is on everyone’s lips right now. Most of the Democratic presidential candidates accepted and used it as a benign political term, while voters look to it in hope for a less cynical or heartless society. They see the vast incomes of the super-wealthy and wonder about economic justice. That’s a fair question, but do they truly understand what socialism represents?

Since the Sixties, radical university professors have consciously created a breeding ground for optimistic socialist students. Charmed by the idea of the wealthy selflessly sharing with the poor, they align their motto with that of Karl Marx: “From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs.” American university graduates whose education has not secured them a well-paying job often identify the cause as unfair capitalism. They remember the professors who proposed a view of socialism as a selfless and culturally optimistic solution to re-organize modern life. Guilt-inducing socialism creates the problem of victim-hood and the existence of the Marxist notion of oppressors and oppressed.

This kind of socialistic sharing can sound very spiritual, even Christian. The New Testament exhorts believers to “share with the Lord’s people who are in need,” and to practice both hospitality

(Rom. 12:13) and generosity (1 Tim. 6:17-18). Indeed, the early church at the very beginning seems to have been practicing a form of socialism/communism where “All the believers were together and had everything in common” (Acts 2:43-44 NIV).

However, stepping back, this was an unusual situation where the masses of new believers in Jerusalem at the beginning of the church, “filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles,” were giving less thought to material needs and eventually needed help from those with means. This general sharing was not a long-term solution because, in the end, it resulted in poverty and Paul had to seek financial offering from the Gentile churches, “for the poor among the Lord’s people in Jerusalem” (Rom. 15:26). In fact, no systematic socialist structure is ever taught in the New Testament, only the goodness and usefulness of responsible work, which allows Christians to help those in need (Eph. 4:28).

In the history of socialism, while some Christians have claimed this terminology for themselves, religion and spirituality have often been expunged from the system, as an almost inevitable development. Interestingly, in 2019, the Democratic National Committee passed a resolution seeming to boast that the “religiously unaffiliated” was the “largest religious group in the Democratic Party.”¹ It seems that adopting socialism begins with the proclaimed respect for all citizens and their beliefs, but ends up in the denial of human and religious rights, as we will see.



The [former] leading Democratic candidate, Bernie Sanders, is, some believe, very close to Marxism. Sanders is not the progressive -benevolent Nordic-style “democratic socialist” he sometimes claims to be.

During his political life Sanders stated that he was so “excited” about Cuba’s communist revolution; when the United States was containing communism in Central America, Sanders flew to Nicaragua to lend credibility to the Marxist Sandinistas; as a young man he and his wife honeymooned in the Soviet Union and came back full of praise for it. Practically, Sanders favors nationalizing major industries and institutions such as higher education, healthcare, and even the internet – programs that are outside the mainstream of U.S. politics, more closely resembling the central planning committees in Cuba and Venezuela. Long-time Democratic spokesman, James Carville, in a public tiff with Sanders said “[unlike you], at least I am not a communist.”²

Historically, socialism begins with great optimism but often ends in a culture that denies free speech and free exercise of religion. It does this in a number of ways:

1. Socialism Requires Utopian Planners

Socialism requires bureaucratic planners to spend other people's money. Planners believe they understand and anticipate the physical needs of society, and they tend to make decisions based on ideology and limited experience.

In a free market economy you have *Inventors*, individual entrepreneurs who try to imagine the specific needs and desires of society and, in light of those needs, take risks, create goods, and set prices people can afford.

Socialism thinks in terms of a division of wealth; capitalism thinks in terms of creative invention and multiplication of wealth. This is why the great inventions we use are almost always created in non-socialistic cultures.

2. Socialism Requires Absolute Control.

Planners must enforce their plans. If they allow dissent, the whole system collapses.

This happened in Israel, for example, in the kibbutzim. Idealistic settlers created independent settlements based on selfless and voluntary collectivism. Each family contributed to the needs of the others according to their ability, but it didn't work. People resisted the regimentation of forced collective ownership. They began creating a variety of ways to farm, earn money, and preferred owning the things they purchased from their earnings. Holding things in common resulted in wasted electricity, water, and human talent. The "communist" kibbutzim eventually broke up.

In free enterprise systems, entrepreneurs propose their goods to customers who freely decide what they will buy for their own benefit and the courts deliberate on injustice, using the rule of law.

3. Socialism Requires Ubiquitous Surveillance.

In a socialist system, the planners claim to understand what culture needs in order to produce utopia. It is, therefore, incumbent on them to discover anyone who is dissenting from their collective orders. This, then, requires advanced systems of surveillance and the elimination of free choice.

Last year I visited a concentration camp formerly operated by the East German STASI in Berlin. The STASI – Ministerium für Staatsicherheit (Ministry for State Security) – was the secret police agency of the German Democratic Republic, better known as East Germany. It was a

gruesome system of collective spying in which citizens were required to denounce any lack of loyalty to the communist regime expressed or enacted by their fellow citizens. This horror even led to children denouncing their parents. The STASI was one of the most hated and feared institutions of the East German communist government. This example of Marxist surveillance is quite recent, since it was only closed in 1990, when the Berlin wall came down.³

Other examples abound, including the notorious KGB of the Soviet Union and the present systemic control of the population in Communist China.

4. Socialism Requires Totalitarian Tyranny.

The move from socialism to Marxism-inspired Communism must be resisted. Someone once said that a socialist is a communist without a gun. Communist governance is indeed bloody.

The Khmer Rouge – a communist regime that ruled Cambodia from 1975 to 1979 – is a prime example of a Marxist system that exercised genocidal tyranny with plenty of guns. Just two generations ago, Pol Pot isolated his people from the rest of the world and set about emptying the cities, abolishing money, private property and religion, and setting up rural collectives. The Marxist revolutionaries put to death around two million people in a murderous attempt to create an "agrarian utopia."

Earlier in the twentieth century, in Soviet Russia, Lenin initiated a totalitarian murder apparatus that succeeded in killing tens of thousands of "class enemies" – that is, fellow Russians. But Lenin's achievement pales in comparison to the millions his successor Stalin slaughtered; and even he was outdone by Mao in China.

In light of these murderous Communist examples, statements from certain members of the Bernie Sanders organization are shocking. "Bernie Bros" – or "Sandernistas" – should not be underestimated.

Some of Bernie Sanders's campaign organizers in Iowa and South Carolina were caught on tape in early 2020 advocating violence, slave labor, and the Stalinist repression of dissents as part of their socialist/Marxist program.

"I always said that I'm a Communist," said one. "I believe everything has been formed by class struggle. I'm all about the complete seizure of the means of production, nationalizing everything. Guillotine the rich."

Kyle Jurak, a Sanders organizer in Iowa, called himself "an anarcho-Communist... as far to the left as you can possibly get," and added that other campaign workers shared his worldview.⁴

5. Socialism Requires Secular Efficiencies.

The two systems – free market representative democracy and socialism – have opposing views of the human being and human nature.

Socialism believes that humans are inherently good and infinitely malleable, and can therefore be shaped by proper state guidance. They believe that the moral arc of the universe bends toward justice, and that inspired leaders can be the righteous saviors of history. By contrast, advocates of a representative democracy believe that human beings themselves are the *cause* of our social problems. If this is the case, then concentrating power in the hands of a small contingent of people is dangerous. The most effective governance breaks up the concentration of power by using lawful checks and balances.⁵

Socialism ultimately believes that humans can act selflessly because there is no sin and no personal God. In the socialist system, fallible human beings have the ultimate power to define life. Consider how billionaire [former] presidential candidate Mike Bloomberg defends his pro-choice position: "At the rate we're going, healthcare is going to bankrupt us. If you show up with cancer and you're 95 years old, we should say...there's no cure, we can't do anything."⁶

Such collectivistic logic gives little worth to either pre-born babies or elderly citizens. When socialists have made rich men poor, they will have no money from taxes or benevolence. Will the cut-off age then drop from 85, to 75, to 65?

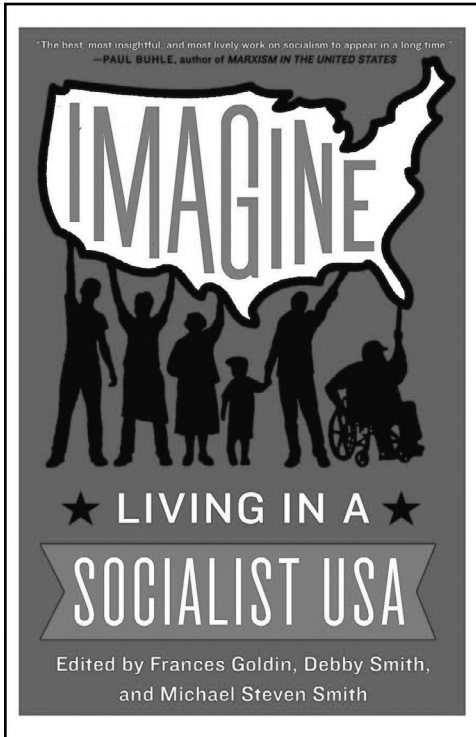
Socialism aspires to an all-inclusive utopian future that only they – the planners and collectivist directors – can provide.

6. Socialism Requires Moral Revolution.

Contemporary American socialists have outlined their plan in a book, *Imagine Living in a Socialist USA*.⁷ They state clearly that socialism is not merely an *economic* program for income redistribution but a social agenda of radical egalitarianism, which includes the deconstruction of traditional sexual norms.

In the chapter entitled, "How Queer Life Might Be Different in a Socialist USA," the authors propose that:

- The current norms of male and female will be things of the past.
- LGBTQ people will have the same access to "all cultural, social, political and economic structures."
- Marriage will be for all with no special privi-



leges attached to it.

- Sexual relations between 16 year-old-boys and 40 year-old-men will be seen as positive and healthy. Think this is far removed? During the Obama administration, we already honored a known sexual predator, Harvey Milk,⁸ with a state holiday, his own commemorative stamp and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

This neo-Marxist social-sexual revolution will result in a cultural collapse. Oxford social anthropologist, J.D. Unwin, predicted this in his 1934 book, *Sex and Culture*. After studying no fewer than eighty cultures, one of his conclusions was that “increased sexual constraints, either pre or post-nuptial, always led to increased flourishing of a culture.”

Conversely, “if total sexual freedom was embraced by a culture, that culture collapsed within three generations to the lowest state of flourishing.” It became an “inert” society, “characterized by people who have little interest in much else other than their own wants and needs. At this level, the culture is usually conquered or taken over by another culture with greater social energy.”⁹

Our culture’s rejection of gender distinctions is an *essential element* of a “post-capitalist,” apocalyptic transformation of human society. We are observing a utopian remaking of human identity. Not only will racism, ageism, and classism be wiped away – an ideal many would love to see – but all binary distinctions will dissolve as well, especially the male/female binary. Society must accept all sexual expressions as normal.

With such a vast vision, the contemporary push for homosexual rights is not a sop thrown to a

minuscule number of people in the interest of fair play. The issue of “rights” will be pushed until the government imposes coercive sanctions on anyone who fails to affirm the “moral goodness” of gay unions. *Imagine Living* states clearly that “socialism” is a “cosmology” based on the wholesale program of “identity politics.”¹⁰

Specifically, the “Bernie Bros” reject the Constitutional idea of three Federal branches of government that assure checks and balances, preferring a “plan for dual power, where we’ll have the Presidency and a mass movement right alongside it that’s going to be institutionalized and supported.”¹¹

The great danger of this social vision of “dual power” is that that the President becomes a dictator surrounded by his followers, with no constitutional controls. Socialism, with no serious checks and balances, can very quickly become radical Marxism.

Gary Saul Morson, an expert on Marxism, states that Marx’s greatest contribution was not the moral idea of the class struggle for the rights of the worker, but the ideology of “the dictatorship of the proletariat.” Marx’s successor, Lenin, defined the proletarian dictatorship as “totally unlimited by any laws, totally unrestrained by absolutely any rules, and based directly on force.”¹²

The *only* choice is either the bourgeois (conservatives) or the socialist (Marxist / proletarian) ideology. To belittle the socialist ideology *in any way, to turn away from it in the slightest degree*, means to strengthen bourgeois ideology.¹³

For these slight slip-ups, people got shot. Who knew the correct and pure definition of Marxist ideology? The Party! Party members, however, had a variety of ideas, which they dared not even whisper. Finally, only the leader of the Party, who had ultimate authority over life and death, could define pure Marxism. When his associates caught Lenin in a lie, he simply responded that his lies were true! The ultimate conflict was between one man’s sinful claim to total authority, and the authority of God the Creator – the source of all truth.

Marxism cedes not an inch to the Giver of life, to whom we are all accountable. There is no place for God the Judge. Religion must be eliminated.

“Religion is opium for the people,” wrote Lenin in December 1905, echoing his hero Karl Marx. “Religion is a sort of spiritual booze.”

That was a mild assessment from a man who wrote that “there is nothing more abominable than religion,” and “all worship of a divinity is a necrophilia [love of death].”¹⁴

The United States has a constitutional, representative democracy that fosters a free market

and respects every individual as made in God’s image. Yet it is also realistic, expecting human evil, which must be curbed by checks and balances, and by laws that derive from a Judeo-Christian foundation. Such a system leaves a place for the worship of the Creator – the all-wise ruler and origin of the entire cosmos – and the preaching of the gospel. ■

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The Plan: Engineering Utopia

By Carl Teichrib

Note: The following is an excerpt from chapter 4 in Carl's book, *Game of Gods: The Temple of Man in the Age of Re-Enchantment*. In that chapter, Carl explores the backdrop of Socialism and Communism, specifically the intellectual drivers of Modernity – the “age of human reason,” wherein science and naturalism were to be civilization’s guiding principles. Darwinism is encountered, and the influence of two French thinkers – Saint Simon and August Comte, the modern fathers of socialism – are considered for how they advocated the idea of a collective social order. In the text below, however, we jump past those important personalities as we consider the deadly consequences of scientific socialism.

Science is a religion, science alone will henceforth make the creeds, science alone can solve for men the eternal problems, the solution of which his nature imperatively demands. – Ernest Renan.¹

Yes, we are going to destroy everything, and on the ruins we will build our temple! – Vladimir I. Lenin.²

The intellectual impact of Positivism, naturalism and evolution – scientific materialism – was predictable. Christianity could no longer be tenable for the “educated man.” A mind switch in academics took place. Profound changes within the arts demonstrated the cultural acceptance of naturalism, and at the same time, pointed to the internal struggle for meaning.³ And churches and seminaries attempted to reconcile Biblical positions with naturalistic theories. Unable to grasp the difference between scientific claims and naturalistic philosophy, or uninterested in rocking that boat, they found themselves compromising in order to be accepted.

Politically, the ramifications of Modernity had a profound effect. Materialist revolutions in state and society shook nations and the world. Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, and Leon Trotsky burned Russia to the ground, erecting a colossal temple to scientific materialism – the Soviet Union. Christianity, that “infamous thing,” was driven underground. Instead of prosperity and peace and equality, Christians experienced repression and direct persecution. Contrary to what New



Atheist and best-selling author Richard Dawkins claimed, a tangible connection existed between official atheism and Soviet brutality. The Party enforced its atheistic worldview.⁴

Leading revolutionist, Leon Trotsky, wrote the following: “Religiousness is irreconcilable with the Marxian standpoint. We are of opinion that Atheism, as an inseparable element of the materialist view of life, is a necessary condition for the theoretical education of the revolutionist.”⁵

Former atheist, Peter Hitchens, reminds us that “Soviet power was – as it was intended to be – the opposite of faith in God. It was faith in the greatness of humanity and in the perfectibility of human society.”⁶

In this “worker’s paradise,” Christians could expect to be ostracized and marginalized, if they were so fortunate. Many had their property confiscated, found themselves imprisoned, forced into hard labour, or executed. But that is what Lenin said he would do! In a speech during the Russian Revolution, he promised that a priority would be “ruthlessly suppressing by military methods yesterday’s slave-owners (capitalists) and their hordes of lackeys.” Lackeys to be suppressed included priests and church leaders. Once in power, Lenin asked to be daily notified as to the number of priests being executed, and if religious leaders opposed the state seizure of church property, they were to be shot, “the more the better.”⁷

But the Soviet Union was more than just militantly anti-God. As the first national state-system in the 20th century to be built upon Modernity’s foundation, *everything* was measured against the *Plan*. Consider the account of Maurice Hindus, a correspondent who witnessed the Kremlin’s management of the Russian peoples:

The Plan... envisages the recasting of society into a new mold. Man’s “I” is no longer the center of things. It is an organic part of the aggregate – or, as the Russians say, of the mass. In the basic things of life the individual cannot sunder himself from the mass without inviting disaster and even destruction. In the chief calculations of the government it is the mass that counts, and everything that man as an individual needs... comes to him by the grace and the force of the Plan for the mass... The Plan is the life-blood of everything and everybody. Everything you do is part of the Plan. You dig a ditch, you plant potatoes, you heave bricks, you blast rock, you study

medicine – it is all part of the Plan. You buy shoes, you decorate a house with pictures, you install a telephone, you eat canned tomatoes – it is all the result of the Plan...

There is no schoolhouse, co-operative farm, or factory that has not a plan of its own which fits into some other plan and which, like a rivulet that flows into a river on its way to the ocean, does not in the end become part of the one Plan. I have seen dances and songs and games and plays that center in the idea and the emotion of the Plan.⁹

“If the Soviets were to fall today,” wrote Hindus in 1933, “the one idea that would be sure to survive them is that of national planning.”¹⁰

Russia was not alone. In time, China too became the planned society.

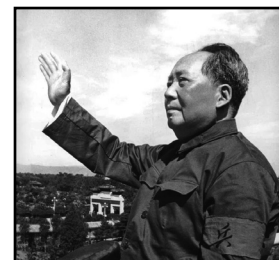
In 1949, after more than two decades of warfare and civil strife, Mao Tse-tung became the leader of the People’s Republic of China. Twelve days after gaining office he acknowledged the role of his revolutionary heroes: “We are indebted to Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin for giving us a weapon. The weapon is not a machine-gun, but Marxism-Leninism.” China became “a people’s democratic dictatorship,” and the nation collectivized around principles of technical management.¹¹

That Mao advanced industry and productivity is without question, moving rapidly into the modern era. But the People’s Republic also witnessed bizarre and extreme expressions of planning: The Great Leap Forward.

From 1959 to 1962, China underwent an episode of Modernity gone wild, an era when materialism and irrationality produced a deadly bureaucratic insanity. As the nation was looking to raise itself up as an industrial powerhouse, the Chinese countryside was turned into a giant machine. Everything was collectivized; pots and pans, rakes and shovels, farm animals and homes. The masses were mobilized into brigades of worker bees.¹²

“Rank and file, we are all the same,” said Chairman Mao. “A real spirit of communism comes when you raise a giant people’s army.”¹³

But they were not all the same. Mao placed upon himself the mantle of a messiah: “What is wrong with worship? The truth is in our hands, why should we not worship it?... Each group must worship its leader, it cannot but worship its lead-



Chairman Mao

er.”¹⁴ Humanity was sacrificed on the Chairman’s altar.

Men and women – like wheat and lumber and iron – were a material resource to be used. Villages and farms were collectivized into labor camps where all of life could be directed. Gigantic construction projects were tackled. Mountains were moved, rivers dammed.

The Great Leap Forward only lasted a handful of years, but the outcome was astonishing. Productivity reached miraculous levels. Agricultural output and metal production was up – way up! Bureaucrats armed with charts and graphs proved that an engineered paradise was happening; it was a planned economy overflowing with milk and honey. So said the functionaries.

Reality was something else. Charts and memos said one thing – unprecedented growth – but people were dying. In the end it was discovered that the miraculous increase was mainly illusionary, propped up by cadres fabricating numbers to appease higher officials, who, in turn, made their own false projections and fed this up the political food chain. Grossly unrealistic forecasts were met with impossible demands to increase even more.

To meet such miraculous growth benchmarks, political managers devised new and impossible farming techniques, such as “deep plowing” – overturning the soil to a depth of six feet, by hand – and massive over-fertilization. To maximize efficiency and productivity, farms and villages were forced into communal units. Collectivization, however, destroyed any semblance of property ownership, wiped out incentive, and shattered the social fabric. Famine soon stalked the land, and centrally planned food redistribution schemes funnelled away what little was being produced.

Industry and trade suffered too with inferior products and waste, and steel production goals forced farmers to smelt down essential tools and implements, along with household cooking pots and other metal objects. Building materials were requested for government projects, so houses were dismantled for their lumber. Mud-and-straw peasant homes were reclaimed as “soil nutrients.” Buildings were used for collective needs, and others were “torn down to make way for a vision of modernity that never quite managed to migrate from paper to the village.”¹⁵

Historian Frank Dikotter describes the Great Leap Forward as the “greatest demolition of property in human history.”¹⁶ Millions of Chinese were displaced and untold scores were worked to ruin. In five years, approximately 45 million people died from starvation and other causes related to “the Plan.”

Mao’s vision of Modernity had reduced humanity to a collective resource.

Communism, “the most colossal case of political carnage in history,”¹⁷ was an extension of

Modernity’s birth via the French Revolution. The Temple of Man had produced a deadly lineage of Marxist priests: Lenin, Stalin, Tito, Mao, Pol Pot, Che Guevara and Castro, Mengistu and Samora Machel, and Kim Il-sung. These and other Red tyrants were responsible for some of the most heinous acts of repression and *democide*¹⁸ in the 20th century. The German National Socialism of Adolf Hitler, while struggling against the competition of Soviet communism, was an ideological cousin that followed the revolutionary tradition of death and destruction.¹⁹

Both systems were constructed around collective techniques.²⁰ ■

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UNESCO’s Agenda for World Change

By Alex Newman

With the possible exception of Adolf Hitler’s National Socialists, socialists and communists throughout the last century have insisted that planetary socialism is needed.

They agreed, too, on the chief weapon in their arsenal: government indoctrination posing as “education.” From the tyrants in Moscow and Beijing to the infamous Socialist International, the goal of planetary slavery in the form of a global socialist government has long been at the forefront of collectivist thinking. And schools have long been the means.

As the tyrants of the world have discovered by experience over more than a century, subduing people under collectivist rule for any length of time can be difficult – especially if the people can



Founded by Globalist-Collectivist Fanatics

The first director-general of UNESCO, Julian Huxley, who also served as executive secretary of its Preparatory Commission, was a collectivist in every sense of the term. Like John Dewey, almost universally regarded as the architect of America's public-education system, Huxley was also a "humanist." So devoted was he, that he even served as the first president of the British Humanist Association, working to advance these ideas with Dewey whose Humanist Manifesto was basically socialism and communism masquerading as a religion.



Julian Huxley

Huxley was also quick to fill the ranks of UNESCO with communists and socialists, as documented extensively in the book *Freedom On the Altar: The UN's Crusade Against God & Family* by William Norman Grigg.

For instance, the chief of the Soviet "Education Ministry" served as director of UNESCO's department of secondary education. That trend continues to the present day, with myriad card-carrying members of the Communist Party and Socialist Party literally running this powerful global agency.

Even many of the Americans who worked under Huxley at UNESCO were communists. According to testimony by Chairman Pierce Gerety of the U.S. International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board, charged with preventing communist infiltration of U.S. delegations, UNESCO had a clique of Americans working in it "who placed the interests of the Communists and Communist ideology... above their own country."

The Senate Judiciary Committee concluded in 1956 that UNESCO was "by far the worst" from the standpoint of "disloyal" and "subversive" (communist) Americans in global organizations. That's because communists recognized the importance of weaponizing education.

Like Hitler and his National Socialist barbarians, Huxley was also a fervent advocate of eugenics, the idea of improving humanity by removing "undesirables" from the racial gene pool. So passionate was Huxley about breeding genetically "superior" human beings and removing "degenerates" – something he compared on numerous occasions to improving the quality of livestock – that he actually led the British Eugenics Society. Prior to founding UNESCO, he served as vice president of the eugenics group. After his term at

UNESCO, he became president of the eugenics organization.

Indeed, UNESCO was one of the ways in which he hoped to promote eugenics. In his infamous 1946 policy document *UNESCO: Its Purpose and Philosophy*, written during preparatory negotiations, Huxley said one of the key tasks for the organization would be to promote "radical" eugenics.

"Even though it is quite true that any radical eugenic policy will be for many years politically and psychologically impossible, it will be important for UNESCO to see that the eugenic problem is examined with the greatest care, and that the public mind is informed of the issues at stake so that much that now is unthinkable may at least become thinkable," he said, explaining why UNESCO's leadership has been so obsessed with breaking down children's moral values.

Huxley was also open about the fact that UNESCO was working to brainwash children into accepting a socialistic world government. A fervent believer in Darwin's theory of evolution, Huxley declared in *UNESCO: Its Purpose and Philosophy* that "political unification in some sort of world government" would be "required" for humanity to "evolve" to the next level.

"The world is in the process of becoming one," Huxley wrote. "A major aim of UNESCO must be to help in the speedy and satisfactory realization of this process."

Just a few years after its founding, UNESCO was pumping out propaganda aimed at undermining individual liberty, the family, and the nation-state in the minds of children. In a 10-part series of pamphlets headlined *Toward World Understanding*, the agency called for using schools to promote the concept of "world citizenship." As part of that, schools would have to "combat family attitudes" on everything from "nationalism" (patriotism) to religious beliefs on the nature of sin and reality.

By the early 1960s, UNESCO had decided that traditional values on sexuality needed to be replaced, and UNESCO-guided government schools around the world were to be the primary tool to bring about that sought-after change. This would help break down the nuclear family – crucial to any free and civilized society – by promoting promiscuity and the breakdown of sexual morality. And so, in 1964, UNESCO sponsored a conference in Germany claiming that "sex education should begin at an early age." Since then, UNESCO has been relentless in sexualizing children.

When reading through UNESCO documents and the writings of its leading operatives, it becomes clear that the goals went beyond brainwashing children into dangerous ideologies. In fact, Huxley and his cohorts envisioned creating

read and think, and if they know their history. But if the children can be brainwashed into collectivism early on in government schools, the process becomes much easier.

And so, socialists and communists around the world joined forces after World War II to create the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization – UNESCO – to advance that agenda.

The primary goal of this new body was simple: control education around the world, weaponizing it to advance socialism, globalism, collectivism, and other dangerous "isms" that threaten individual freedom and self-government.

It was obvious from the beginning, and remains obvious today, that the views of UNESCO's leaders are entirely incompatible with a free society. Unfortunately, UNESCO now plays a dominant role in public education, worldwide.

Formed in 1945 under the guise of ending war by building "defenses of peace" in "the minds of men" through education, UNESCO worked to hijack control over public schools from its start. Where no government schools existed yet, UNESCO used American and European taxpayer money to establish them, or to bribe governments to do it. And at every step in the process, these emerging indoctrination centers marketed as "educational" institutions worked fiendishly to brainwash children into collectivism and globalism.

The historical record on this global "education" organization is clear. In fact, it was so obviously dominated by communists, socialists, crackpots, totalitarians, and subversives that President Ronald Reagan ordered a U.S. government withdrawal from UNESCO in 1983. Britain left too, and for the same reason. After some alleged "reforms," the U.S. government rejoined in 2002. But the Trump administration once again pulled out, along with Israel, in 2018.

When announcing the American exit, the Reagan administration was blunt about the problems. Speaking at a press conference, U.S. State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said UNESCO exhibited "hostility toward the basic institutions of a free society, especially a free market and a free press."

Indeed, it was promoting communism, humanism, and even a global "licensing" regime for journalists. Romberg also noted that the outfit "politicized virtually every subject it deals with." But that was no surprise to anyone who had been paying attention.

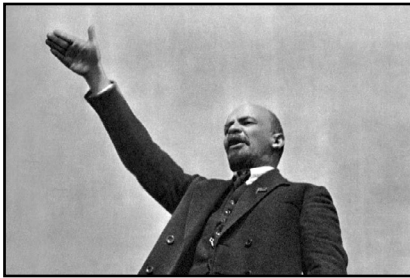
an entirely new system of secular morality divorced from all the major religions of the world. Then, the plan was to use government schools, psycho-analysis, psycho-therapy, behavior modification and conditioning, values clarification, indoctrination, and propaganda to replace the old values and systems of morality with the new. It was audacious and extreme, *but it is working*.

Before and After Huxley, More Extremism

The trends toward socialism and communism within UNESCO only became more extreme as we consider its operations. In 1970, for instance, UNESCO hosted a symposium on mass-murdering Soviet dictator Vladimir Lenin in Finland.

“Lenin was a man with a mind of great clarity and incisiveness,” declared then-UN boss U Thant at the event. “His ideals of peace and peaceful coexistence among states are in line with the aims of the UN Charter.” Apparently nobody at the summit objected to the idea that Lenin, one of the cruelest mass murderers to ever walk on this planet, shared the same values as UNESCO and the UN.

UNESCO’s affinity for socialist and communist



Vladimir I. Lenin, founder of the Soviet Union

leaders continues up to this day. Right now, French Socialist Party member Audrey Azoulay, who boasted she “grew up in a radical left-wing family,” is leading the outfit. Before that, she served as “culture minister” in the government of

François Hollande. Of course, Hollande was also a member of the French Socialist Party, which is itself a member of the Socialist International, the leading global alliance of Marxist, socialist, and communist parties, including many with the blood of countless innocents on their hands.

Before Azoulay, UNESCO was run by Irina Bokova, who has a long background and pedigree with the savage Bulgarian Communist Party. Trained in the Soviet regime’s KGB-controlled State Institute of International Relations, Bokova proudly served the mass-murdering communist Bulgarian regime before she and her party re-invented themselves as “socialists.”

She hoped to have communist Chinese operative Qian Tang take over her post after leaving, but was thwarted amid an avalanche of bad publicity in Western nations.

None of this should be a surprise, considering the history of UNESCO. In fact, socialists and subversives in America were instrumental in creating this global agency. For example, the National Education Association (NEA) was supportive. Indeed, the NEA, which has been dominated by socialists and collectivists for at least a century, was openly promoting the creation of a planetary “board of education” in its publications, with the goal of creating what they described as a “world government.”

“World organization may have four branches which in practice have proved indispensable: The legislature, the judicial, the executive, and the educational,” wrote *NEA Journal* chief, Joy Elmer Morgan, in a December 1942 editorial headlined “The United Peoples of the World.” Morgan wrote: “To keep the peace and insure justice and opportunity we need certain agencies of world administration such as: A police force; a board of education...”

Morgan also called for the global government to have a world currency, a new calendar to replace the Christian calendar, a “basic” language, a

“board of health,” a “planning board,” a “radio-television commission,” a board to oversee “economic matters,” and much more. If that sounds like a recipe for communism and totalitarian rule, that’s because it is.

For the next three years, the *NEA Journal* was filled with propaganda supporting a global board of education. And just a few short years after Morgan’s call for such an institution, with powerful support from the NEA and its international allies, UNESCO was born to serve precisely that purpose.

“The organized teaching profession may well take hope and satisfaction from the achievements it has already made toward world government in its support of the United Nations and UNESCO,” gushed Morgan in December of 1946 in the *NEA Journal*. “It is ours to hold ever before the people the ideals and principles of world government until the practice can catch up with those ideals.”

UNESCO was literally created to facilitate the emergence of a collectivist global system, and its own leaders spoke openly about it.

Trump’s decision to leave UNESCO was helpful, but the danger from this subversive agency and the UN itself remain significant – especially when it comes to education. Its tentacles can now be found entangled in schools across the United States and the world. If freedom is going to survive, it’s imperative that Americans become educated on the dangerous agenda of this supposed UN “education” agency. ■

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Quotable Quotes on Marxism and Socialism

❶ “...the Communists everywhere support every revolutionary movement against the existing social and political order of things... They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions.”

– Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, *The Communist Manifesto* (Penguin Books, 1985, originally published in 1848), p.120.

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– Mao Tse-tung, *On New Democracy* (Foreign Language Press, 1960, originally penned in 1940), p.41.

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– Mikhail Gorbachev, television broadcast, November 2, 1987, as quoted by Maurice Tugwell, *Peace with Freedom* (Key Porter Books, 1988), p.214.

⑤ **“On the world scene, it is our position that there is a resurgence of socialism taking place. The world’s socialist and Communist forces are now on the move to restore socialism... there is a new socialist world on the horizon, a resurgence of the world revolutionary process.”**

– Gus Hall, American Communist leader, as quoted in the *Soviet Analyst*, Volume 23, Number 4, p.14, extracted from the 1995 Communist Party USA journal.

⑥ **“Only collective action at the global level can establish the fundamentally new society that we call socialism.”**

– *Venezuela: Hugo Chavez and 21st Century Socialism*, World Socialist Party USA website, March 14, 2013.

The New Age Christian: An Accepted Oxymoron

By Ray Yungen

The current popularity with meditative contemplative mysticism presents a very perplexing challenge for evangelical Christianity. We are now encountering the New Age or Aquarian Christian. This term describes someone who remains in his or her home church and professes the Christian faith, but has also incorporated various aspects of the New Age or Aquarian mindset into his or her life. New Age author David Spangler was very optimistic about the possibility of this integration when he wrote, “The point is that the New Age is here... it builds itself and forms itself in the midst of the old.”¹

What has fueled the momentum of this trend is the buffet-style dining approach that has become a hallmark of American religious sensibilities in the last thirty years – you take what you want and leave the rest. Americans are picking and blending religions as if they were ordering espressos: pick your espresso blend, but you still get coffee – pick your spiritual path, but you still get God. Whatever suits your spiritual tastes, you bring together. The result is a hybrid, New Age spirituality.

I recall a conversation once with a woman in a coffee bar. We chatted on spiritual subjects, and her comments led me to believe she was an evangelical Christian. Towards the end of our friendly conversation she dropped a bombshell on me, blurting-out, “Well, we all have the Christ consciousness!”

In another incident, a local pastor shared with me how a woman he had long known as a strong

solid Christian was almost swept up by New Age thinking. Her young adult son had been addicted to drugs and went through a drug rehabilitation program. In the process, his counselor introduced him to New Age spirituality. He, in turn, shared it with his mother, giving her a book to read titled *Conversations With God*, a New Age best-seller.

Incredibly, she found herself being swayed by the book’s arguments and began to doubt whether or not her evangelical Christianity was indeed the only way to God. Her desire to see her son aligned with God left her mind open in welcoming the possibility that various mystical paths were equally genuine in finding God. It took this pastor nearly two hours to help this woman understand the error of her thinking. Keep in mind this woman was a solid and devoted Christian who had been living her Christian faith for decades. If these Christians can be swayed, what about people who are even more vulnerable to what is going on in the larger culture?

The New Age message has such a positive ring that it is necessary to look behind the appealing facade to see what is actually there. If one goes to a massage therapist who does Reiki, one should know the true nature of that practice. If your doctor wants you to meditate, you should know the spiritual dangers of eastern-style meditation. As the world moves further into becoming a full-fledged mystical society, it will become increasingly difficult to escape the ideas and practices I have warned about for many years. Christians must become aware of what is happening in order to make informed choices about things that may adversely affect them spiritually. In addition, many of our friends, family members, and co-workers will be seeking spiritual solutions to the uncertainties of our society and the world in which we live as a whole. The following account

brings this point home like no other. A Christian in Georgia e-mailed me with the following story:

At work a colleague who is a deacon at the local Baptist church was telling me about his visits to a local woman for Therapeutic Massage. He said she used “some kind of Indian technique.” I asked him if it was Reiki and he said “Yeah that’s it. She’s a Reiki practitioner.”

I told him what I had read in your book about Reiki, and he got defensive.

He said, “I don’t care what it is as long as it works.” I was floored.

I said, “You are a deacon. How can you make such a statement?”

He said, “There are several deacons at my church that believe in Reiki.

I pleaded with him to do some research on the subject, and I sent him an e-mail with quotes off some sites that promote Reiki. Later, he told me he could see where I was coming from but that as long as he didn’t believe in the spiritual aspect of it, he didn’t see why he shouldn’t participate in it. I was surprised that there was a Reiki practitioner in the middle of rural Bible Belt America. I guess nothing should shock me anymore.”²

One book on the Chakra system – what Reiki is based on – clearly shows,

Many people who have open crown chakras have had a profound spiritual experience in which their usual sense of being separate and apart falls away and there is a feeling of being at One with All and Everything. There is a profound sense of merging... There is, in essence, a feeling that All of This is God, and I Am a part of all of This so I, too, Am God.³

This concept of course, has its source in the spirit world. *The Reiki News* provides this evidence:

Imagine my surprise during my first Reiki class when I observed the astral images of guides and healing spirits pouring forth bright shimmering rays of healing energy at the hands of novice practitioners.⁴

Interest in Reiki and other mystical practices are accelerating to such a degree that most people will come face-to-face with this sooner or later. One popular counselor made the following assessment regarding the growing momentum of New Age practical mysticism:

We cannot overstate how profoundly their impact is being felt in education, business, medicine, and psychotherapy. It is safe to say that the prevailing religion in America... is no longer Christianity but is instead New Age.⁵

It would not surprise me if the majority of people in America have a family member or close friend who does mantra meditation, practices yoga, has either encountered Reiki or Therapeutic Touch, or is an avid fan of the Oprah Winfrey show. How could anyone possibly conceive that any of these seemingly benign or even helpful methods or talk shows might have a connection to Satan, or that which is against God? A brother in Christ whom I met for coffee one day gave me the answer to that question: He referred to the Scripture in which Eve took of the fruit, and while it had the appearance of something good, the results of her partaking were detrimental.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat... (Genesis 3:6)

Secondly, and just as important, what actually constitutes that which is satanic?

Virtually everyone in Christendom equates that term, *satanic*, with things dark and sinister. However, the Bible paints a far different picture of Satan – one that fits the New Age movement perfectly. Satan said, “I will be like the most High” (Isaiah 14:14). He did not say he would be the Most High; he said he would be like the Most High. The word “like” here means to correspond to.

How could Satan accomplish this mission?

It is important to understand that Satan is not simply trying to draw people to the dark side of a good-versus-evil conflict. Actually, he is trying to eradicate the gap between himself and God,

between good and evil, altogether. When we understand this approach, it helps us see why the Catholic mystic monk, Thomas Merton, said everyone is already united with God, or why Jack Canfield – author of *Chicken Soup for the Soul* – said he felt God flowing through all things. All means all, nothing left out.

Such reasoning implies that God has given His glory to all of creation; since Satan is part of creation, then he too shares in this glory, and thus is “like the most High.”

Contrary to this belief of good-and-evil merging, and man or creation becoming “like the most High,” man and God can only be brought together through the Cross. If the all-is-one view was true, then salvation through a Redeemer would become unnecessary and Jesus’ death on the Cross would be rendered futile and pointless. In order for the Cross to make any sense, there must be a separation between God’s perfect nature and Man’s sin nature. We know Satan has only one enemy – the Cross; he knows that without it no human being can be restored to God.

The Bible says the message of the Cross is the power of God, and while there are two opposing spiritual realms, God has always and will always prevail. Satan can never thwart God’s ultimate plan. And yet, today’s Western society is enticed by practical mystics who deny, by their own proclamations, God’s plan of eternal salvation. Will the majority of mankind come to believe that all is one and there is no line to be drawn in the sand regarding good and evil? The Bible admonishes, “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil” (Isaiah 5:20).

Yet, such a plan now exists and will shape future events – events that will alter the course on which millions will advance. ■

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Mythic Green: Mother Earth and Earth Day

By Carl Teichrib

Note: This year marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, which started as the First Environmental Teach-In on April 22, 1970. This initial Day was a landmark event, and it continues to influence people’s worldviews while shaping today’s politics. The following article, an adaptation from Carl Teichrib’s book, *Game of Gods: The Temple of Man in the Age of Re-Enchantment*, offers some backdrop to the Green Movement and the Environmental Teach-In, helping us to better understand the spiritual motivation behind today’s green revolution.

Editor’s Note: Due to space limitation, all endnotes have been removed. See Carl’s book, specifically chapter 7, for the documentation.

General interest in ecology emerged after Rachael Carson’s 1962 book, *The Silent Spring*, catapulted environmental concerns onto the public stage. But it was eight years later when the energy of youth and emotion, combined, projected *green* as a mechanism to reshape society. Other developments, too, reinforced and expanded a new version of Man’s relationship to nature. A meta-myth was soaking into the marrow of Western civilization.

There is no denying the influence of the modern environmental movement. Political life and national economies are enmeshed in its narrative. Agencies of global governance have been organized in response. Business and trade and commerce are profoundly affected by decisions emanating from environmental assumptions. Forests of regulations and oceans of policies have feverishly been written, dismantling and creating and re-destroying industries. Our educational institutions are saturated with a green ethos. Revolutionary and radical ideas are part of the mix, and have been since its contemporary inception. Schemes for social engineering – from population control to global taxation proposals – have been touted as necessary measures to meet the challenges of a supposedly degrading planet.

To be fair, some good has resulted. Harmful industrial practices from the past have been nullified or rectified, better agricultural techniques have emerged, mining operations take land reclamation into consideration, and energy production is more efficient. On a personal level we are more cognizant of our waste.

But there is much more to the narrative than blue, recycling boxes.

A social and spiritual message is preached, higher purpose and meaning are assigned, and we marvel at the ancient-future wheel of life: *holism, continuity, oneness*.

We are enamored with the *sacred Earth*.

Spaceship Earth

“Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark,” wrote the astronomer, Carl Sagan. “In our

obscurity, in all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves.”

In his book, *Pale Blue Dot*, Sagan walked a tightrope of guarded despair and open wonderment. On one hand he highlighted the apparent insignificance of humanity in relationship to the known universe, on the other he marvelled at the splendor beyond this planet – reminding us, at the same time, that this *pale blue dot* is all we have. What is the Earth but a speck of dust, and what is Man but an evolutionary accident?

On one level I can empathize with Sagan. When I consider creation it is easy to be overwhelmed by its magnitude. Who am I compared to the ocean, to the Sun and Moon, to all the starry hosts?

There is a Biblical parallel, but with a conclusion far more hopeful than what Sagan offered, and fundamentally different than the One-ist worldview. Acknowledging the Creator – “O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, who have set Your glory above the heavens!” – King David praised and proclaimed:

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.

Sagan’s outlook was different. He marvelled at creation but denied its Maker.

“The evidence, so far at least and laws of Nature aside, does not require a Designer,” he said. “Maybe there is one hiding, maddeningly unwilling to be revealed.”

Sagan’s humanist approach immediately raised questions of meaning and purpose, to which the astronomer chimed: “The significance of our lives and our fragile planet is then determined only by our wisdom and courage. We are the custodians of life’s meaning.”

There is no one to “forgive us our errors,” he continued. Reassuring fables of a God who created the universe must be discarded. It is up to us now: “If we crave some cosmic purpose, then let us find ourselves a worthy goal.”

Like so many of his generation captivated by the promises of the Space Age, it was, ironically, the images of Earth-from-space that captivated us. Looking from our elevated position we had suddenly discovered our “worthy goal.” Highlighting this obscure yet interesting aspect of the Space Age, author Marina Benjamin gives us a literary glimpse into the power of the Earth’s image:

The American program never got past the Moon’s first base – a feeble effort by cosmic standards, like chucking tin cans across the backyard – and even then homesickness prevailed over the imperative to press onward and upward. Images of our lush fragile globe beamed back from afar made cooing, protective converts of the most forward-thinking rationalists, and before long many of these had swaddled themselves in Gaia and environmentalism. Exploration was out and conservation was in. Worse still (at least for those of my generation who had imbibed Space Age dreams along with our mothers’ milk), space itself was internalized,

its dark brooding depths becoming little more than a poetic analogue for the uncharted continents of the human mind. Within less than a decade of landing on the Moon, all our outward-bound aspirations had more or less turned in on themselves.

To add to this irony, the principle people we have to thank for this unexpected legacy are none other than the astronauts.

Astronaut Dick Gordon told Benjamin: “People are always asking what we discovered when we went to the Moon: what we discovered was the Earth.”

Edgar Mitchell of Apollo 14 fame was so enchanted that he founded the Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS), an organization focusing on global peace, parapsychology, and holism. From an IONS document we read,

On his journey back to the planet of his birth, Mitchell saw the Earth rise on the horizon and was profoundly moved. His striking vision of life’s interconnectedness, of the inherent link between science and spirituality, was the spark of inspiration that created IONS.

Looking for “a new story to answer the questions in the space age of who we are, how we got here and where we’re going,” Mitchell’s organization connected with other groups seeking conscious transformation. IONS became an integral part of the budding, New Age network.

To the renowned astronaut, the most important aspect of the entire Apollo program was how it changed consciousness; *all are interconnected*, and this should be viewed as a “living, thinking, intelligent organism on the cosmic scale.” Mitchell described his space-revelation in the context of bonding science and religion, bringing Eastern spirituality and Western traditions together as a divine body compatible with science, and “to change science in a way that made it compatible with divine ideas.”

This spiritual-material symbiosis was all part of “Gaia... mother Earth.”



Earth from the Moon (Apollo 14 Mission)

All For Earth

The First National Environmental Teach-In, April 22, 1970, became a “defining moment in the modern environmental movement.”

Styled after the anti-Vietnam war demonstrations on American campuses, this Teach-In, initiated by Senator Gaylord Nelson, was meant to create a revolutionary ethic. Young people across the country were questioning and rejecting what were considered to be traditional, American values. Nelson believed the Teach-In would empower this wandering generation with a new sense of purpose. As a politician, the Senator also understood that if young people identified as environmental citizens, then the federal government could take vital first steps toward a system of far-reaching regulations. He envisioned a National Land Use Policy, a National Policy on Air and Water, an Ocean Policy, a Policy for Resource Management, and a National Policy on Population.

Nelson was aware that these initiatives would interfere with American livelihoods, more-or-less saying as much in a *Look* article published the day before the Teach-In. But so what? The future of the planet was at stake, or so everyone was told.

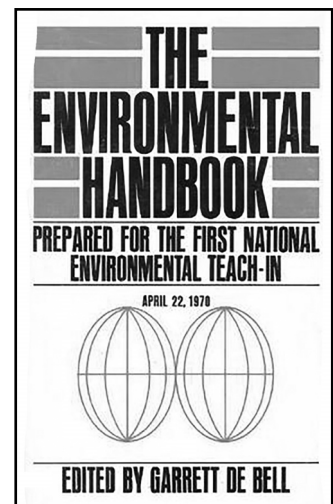
On that day, the 22nd of April, approximately 20 million Americans participated in rallies, marches, and demonstrations: “the event included local beach cleanups, tree plantings, horseback rides down interstate highways, parades of gas-masked marchers in urban centers, open-air campus teach-ins on ecology, and a thousand other innovations on a theme.”

Leading environmentalist, Barry Commoner, described it as an “enthusiastic outburst,” saying it was the impetus for the US Environmental Protection Agency to begin its work.

“On Earth Day,” explained Nelson the following month, “it was estimated that 2,000 college campuses, 2,000 community groups and 10,000 elementary and secondary schools were holding events.” An entire generation was awakening to the idea of being Earth citizens.

To facilitate this Green Revolution – aligning itself with the Religious Revolution and Cultural Revolution already in motion – Friends of the Earth published *The Environmental Handbook*, a resource prepared ahead of time for the Teach-In. Thousands of students across the country, and beyond, received copies; my high school in rural Manitoba used it as a textbook. The *Handbook* offered a radical vision, as displayed in its opening pages with a Smokey the Bear Sutra:

With a halo of smoke and flame behind, the forest fires of the kali-yuga, fires caused by the stupidity of those who think things can be gained and lost whereas in truth all is contained vast and free in the Blue Sky and Green Earth of One Mind; Round-bellied to show his kind nature and that the great earth has food enough for everyone who loves and trusts her; Trampling underfoot wasteful freeways and needless suburbs; smashing the worms of capitalism and totalitarianism... Wrathful but Calm, Austere but Comic, Smokey the Bear will illuminate those who would help him; but for those who would hinder or slander him, HE WILL PUT THEM OUT... And he will protect those who love woods and rivers, Gods and animals... Now those who recite this Sutra... Will enter the age of harmony of man and nature... AND IN THE



END WILL WIN HIGHEST PERFECT ENLIGHTENMENT. [capitals in original]

Lynne White Jr's famous essay, "The Historical Roots of Our Ecological Crisis," first published by *Science* magazine in 1967, was printed near the front of the *Handbook*. Christianity was to blame, so a new religion was needed:

Christianity, in absolute contrast to ancient paganism and Asia's religions... not only established a dualism of man and nature but also insisted that it is God's will that man exploit nature for his proper ends.

At the level of the common people this worked out in an interesting way. In antiquity every tree, every spring, every stream, every hill had its own genius loci, its guardian spirit. These spirits were accessible to men... Before one cut a tree, mined a mountain, or dammed a brook, it was important to placate the spirit in charge of that particular situation, and to keep it placated. By destroying pagan animism, Christianity made it possible to exploit nature in a mood of indifference to the feelings of natural objects.

What we do about ecology depends on our ideas of the man-nature relationship. More science and more technology are not going to get us out of our present ecological crisis until we find a new religion, or rethink our old one...

No new set of basic values has been accepted in our society to displace those of Christianity. Hence we shall continue to have a worsening ecologic crisis until we reject the Christian axiom that nature has no reason for existence save to serve man.

Both our present science and our present technology are so tinctured with orthodox Christian arrogance toward nature that no solution for our ecologic crisis can be expected from them alone. Since the roots of our trouble are so largely religious, the remedy must also be essentially religious, whether we call it that or not.

Everything, however, must change: "total transformation."

A reduced and optimal human population was envisioned, employing "sophisticated and unobtrusive technology" in harmony with an environment "left natural." Humanity in diversity would be "unified by a type of world tribal council," and computer technicians would "run the planet part of the year and walk along with the Elk in their migrations during the rest."

Obviously, this eco-techno-utopianism would require a new spiritual reference. To that end a list of acceptable worldviews was presented, social and religious forces that are ecologically and culturally enlightened. This list, including one scientific field of study – which I assume

was inserted because of its Darwinian approach – along with three ethnicities, probably named for their historic beliefs, offered agreeable patterns for the students to adopt and emulate:

Let these be encouraged: Gnostics, hip Marxists, Teilhard de Chardin Catholics, Druids, Taoist, Biologists, Witches, Yogins, Bhikkus, Quakers, Sufis, Tibetans, Zens, Shamans, Bushmen, American Indians, Polynesians, Anarchists, Alchemists... the list is long. All primitive cultures, all communal and ashram movements. Since it doesn't seem practical or even desirable to think that direct bloody force will achieve much, it would be best to consider this a continuing "revolution of consciousness" which will be won not by guns but by seizing the key images, myths, archetypes, eschatologies [sic], and ecstasies [sic] so that life won't seem worth living unless one's on the transforming energy's side.

Sex education and family planning, too, would be an integral part of the revolution. With 3.7 billion people alive in 1970, the threat of overpopulation was itself becoming a growth industry. René Dubos articulated that the increasing, world population was exacerbating the ecological crisis. Population alarmist, Paul Ehrlich, painted an apocalyptic scenario of global catastrophes and extinctions; by 1979 all major ocean life would vanish.

In his chapter on eco-survivability and the necessity for new educational priorities, journalist John Fischer wrote: "It has long since become glaringly evident that unless the earth's cancerous growth of population can be halted, all other problems – poverty, war, racial strife, uninhabitable cities, and the rest – are beyond solution."

"No technical solution can rescue us from the misery of overpopulation," declared the ecologist-philosopher, Garrett Hardin. "Freedom to breed will bring ruin to all." Suggested solutions were presented:

Legalize voluntary abortions and sterilization and provide these services free... Remove all restrictions on the provision of birth control information and devices; provide these services free to all, including minors... Make sex education available to all appropriate levels, stressing birth control practices and the need to stabilize the population... Offer annual bonuses for couples remaining childless and eliminate tax deductions for more than two children.

Marriage, too, must be re-imagined: "Explore other social structures and marriage forms, such as group marriage and polyandrous marriage... Share the pleasure of raising children widely... We must hope that no one woman would give birth to more than one child." The ideologically charged saying, *it takes a village*, seems

much more literal.

It could be said that the Religious Revolution, Cultural Revolution, and Green Revolution – a social ménage à trois – birthed the Sexual Revolution. Again, it takes a village.

Not ironically, we were and are repeating, in our own way, the causal relationship found in Romans Chapter 1. Refusing to acknowledge God, to glorify Him and give thanks, we claim ourselves to be wise and believe the Lie. Theologian Peter Jones, founder of TruthXChange, explains it thus: "*The truth* consists in the worship and service of *the Creator*, *the lie* consists in the worship and service of *the creation*."

A truth choice is before us; either there is a God who is separate from nature and who is the creator of the universe, or the universe created itself; either God is the utterly unique Other, or everything is One and creation is Divine. When we choose Oneness over the Other, we partake in a *truth exchange*. Dr. Jones breaks this down:

1. We make a *thought* exchange (vs.23);
2. We make a *worship* exchange (vs.25);
3. We make a *sexual* exchange (vs.26).

A shift in sexual mores becomes inevitable. Biblical norms and values – two genders and heterosexual marriage – are patterns reflective of a moral Law Giver. Boundary dissolving beliefs and practices, instead, are exalted as a reflection of the exchange we are now participating in. Morality is less important than an ethics of radical tolerance. One road is narrow and restrictive; the opposite path is broad and holistic. As transcendent values are replaced with cultural dictates and personal whims, general morality itself becomes debased, as indicated in the last part of Romans 1.

It should be no surprise, then, that the Green Revolution undermines the Genesis foundation of the Judeo-Christian worldview. The Genesis mandate to "be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it," can no longer be acceptable in the green world order. Humanity's positional value *cannot* be admitted, and the family unit *must not* be recognized as a primary institution. The Green Gospel demands a total transformation.

On the day before the April 22 Teach-In, *Look* magazine ran a series of articles on Earth Day. Senator Gaylord Nelson wrote, "We must evolve a philosophy emphasizing our interdependence with nature." René Dubos said, "To some overcrowded populations, the bomb may one day no longer seem a threat, but a release." Cultural anthropologist, Margret Mead, called for "a new religious system with science at its very core."

In the immediate wake of that first Earth Day's excitement, French social historian, Jean-Francois Revel, succinctly expressed what happened: "Earth Day" in America was one huge pantheistic feast."

A revolution had been set in motion. ■

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† Message of Hope †

By Ray Yungen

Scripture clearly states that salvation depends entirely on the grace of God: “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2: 8, 9). Furthermore, Christ’s death on the Cross for our sins, fully solidifies in our minds a tangible expression of the unearned and undeserved nature of our salvation. When Jesus said, “It is finished.” (John 19:30), He proclaimed in three words that our salvation depends entirely on the finished work of Christ on the Cross.

Let me therefore caution you in following any teaching that suggests that Christ’s work was incomplete or unnecessary, or that there are other paths to God. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6).

Christianity is uniquely different from all religions in that it does not contain the erroneous premise that man is basically good or divine, and consequently can earn his way to Heaven.

If you have never found the peace of knowing Christ, I urge you to read the first five chapters of the book of Romans and allow the Holy Spirit to draw you to what is being said and offered. The only prerequisite is to recognize your inability as a sinner to save yourself. Then, in simple faith, tell God you are now trusting Christ, and Him alone, to be your Lord and Savior.

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2) ■

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