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**Will We Reject
God?**

COMMENTARY

Religious Freedom

We've entered a time where mandatory acceptance of any and everything queer trumps the Bible, the Constitution and trumps any conscience some individuals may still have. Right or wrong positions in every such debate have been decided. They've been decided by the president, by the Department of Justice, by Federal Judges, by the media, by the mainstream church denominations and by the pope. The pope has yet to sanction homo-matrimony, but given the blurring of traditional moral postures by the present pontiff, it could happen.

Currently, the whole country is in an uproar over a newly passed law in the State of Indiana declaring protection for religiously held beliefs. What an outrageous concept! The idea that individuals or businesses would be legally free to decide what job to take, if there's any chance in the world that "homo-couples" might take offense, is an outrage.

It turns out that nineteen other states already have similar laws. You might wonder, with the protection of the First Amendment why such additional protection would be necessary. Think no further than Obamacare. The Federal mandate that individuals, businesses and corporations must pay into a nationally run insurance system that mandates access to abortion drugs or procedures ran into a lawsuit that

went all the way to the Supreme Court. Hobby Lobby won the case, much of which revolved around the issue of whether a corporation should be treated as a person, and as such retain the right to hold religious values. It would have seemed a slam dunk, since corporations are described as "persons" in U.S. Code dating back to 1791.

But the case ended in a split

1993. It was signed into law without any national uproar of protest by Bill Clinton in 1994. A burning issue attributed to the need for such a law was that native Americans should have the right to possess or transport peyote for religious ceremonies, even though it is an illegal substance under State and Federal laws. At the time, no one had ever heard of "gay marriage."



Supreme Court Justices of the United States

decision, with four of the justices predictably voting their ideology rather than the merits. You can see the same split on nearly every issue that has some effect on the government's power to force compliance of the individual or business. Four will go with government authority over personal freedom every single time, a couple are tossups, and the other three can be expected to rule on the merits of a case in light of the Constitution.

The national Religious Freedom Restoration Act was passed unanimously by the House, and by 97 out of 100 in the Senate in

Ten more states have passed Religious Freedom Restoration Acts since the Hobby Lobby case, presumably to bolster the legal positions of individuals and businesses in instances where some mandate or other might force compromise with one's beliefs or conscience or end up in court. Somehow, the law got passed in all those states without anything like the uproar that's going on over the passage of basically the same thing in Indiana.

But that was before people and their companies got put out of business for refusing participation

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Britain's Labour Party Vows to Ban Islamophobia

by Soeren Kern

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The leader of Britain’s Labour Party, Ed Miliband, has vowed, if he becomes the next prime minister in general elections on May 7, to outlaw “Islamophobia.”

The move — which one observer has called “utterly frightening” because of its implications for free speech in Britain — is part of an effort by Miliband to pander to Muslim voters in a race that he has described as “the tightest general election for a generation.”

With the ruling Conservatives and the opposition Labour running neck and neck in the polls just days before voters cast their ballots, British Muslims — who voted overwhelmingly for Labour in the 2010 general election — could indeed determine who will be the next prime minister.

In an interview with The Muslim News, Miliband said:

“We are going to make it [Islamophobia] an aggravated crime. We are going to make sure it is marked on people’s records with the police to make sure they root out Islamophobia as a hate crime.



Ed Miliband, former Leader of Britain's Labour Party, lost big.

“We are going to change the law on this so we make it absolutely clear of our abhorrence of hate crime and Islamophobia. It will be the first time that the police will record Islamophobic attacks right across the country.”

Miliband appears to be trying to reopen a long-running debate in Britain over so-called religious

hatred. Between 2001 and 2005, the then-Labour government, led by Prime Minister Tony Blair, made two attempts to amend Part 3 of the Public Order Act 1986, to extend existing provisions on incitement to racial hatred to cover incitement to religious hatred.

Those efforts ran into opposition from critics who said the measures were too far-reaching and threatened the freedom of speech. At the time, critics argued that the scope of the Labour government’s definition of “religious hatred” was so draconian that it would have made any criticism of Islam a crime.

In January 2006, the House of Lords approved the Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006, after amending the text so that the law would be limited to banning only “threatening” words and not those that are merely abusive or insulting. Lawmakers also said that the offense would require the intention — not just the possibility — of stirring up religious hatred. They added that proselytizing, discussion, criticism, abuse



Despite several grassroots campaigns to encourage British Muslims to vote in greater numbers, some prominent Islamists in the UK claim that voting is a “sin.”

and ridicule of religion, belief or religious practice would not be an offense.

Miliband’s renewed promise to make “Islamophobia” (a term he has not defined) an “aggravated crime” may signal an attempt to turn the 2006 Act — which already stipulates a maximum penalty of seven years in prison for stirring up religious hatred — into a full-blown Muslim blasphemy law.

According to British commentator Leo McKinstry, “Miliband’s proposal goes against the entire tradition of Western democracy, which holds that people should be punished only for their deeds, not their opinions.” In an opinion article, he added:

“In Miliband’s Britain, it will become impossible to criticise

any aspect of Islamic culture, whether it be the spread of the burka or the establishment of Sharia courts or the construction of colossal new mosques. We already live in a society where Mohammed is now the most popular boy’s name and where a child born in Birmingham is more likely to be a Muslim than a Christian. If he wins, Miliband will ensure that the accelerating Islamification of our country will go unchallenged.”

McKinstry says Miliband is currying favor with Britain’s three million-strong Muslim community to “prop up Labour’s urban vote.”

Muslims are emerging as a key voting bloc in British politics and are already poised to determine the outcome of local elections

in many parts of the country, according to a report by the Muslim Council of Britain, an umbrella group.

The report shows that Britain’s Muslim population is overwhelmingly young and will exert increasing political influence as time goes on. The median age of the Muslim population in Britain is 25 years, compared to the overall population’s median age of 40 years.

An extrapolation of the available data indicates that one million British Muslims aged 18 and above will be eligible to vote in this year’s election. According to one study, Muslims could determine the outcome of up to 25% of the 573 Parliamentary seats in England and Wales.

Others say that although

The Right to *Mind Your Own Business*

by Laura Hollis

My, how insecure we have become, notwithstanding all our liberty and diversity.

Indiana passed a version of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and the righteous indignation industry is in overdrive. Whatever happened to “live and let live”? The ability to go about your business and let others attend to theirs?

The unspoken truth here is that Americans interact every

or choices with which one profoundly disagrees. And our laws are determinedly pushing in that direction. We have moved from calls for the elimination of laws that forbid private conduct to calls for laws that mandate public expressions of approval of private conduct. The evident motivation behind these laws is not the advancement of liberty, per se, but the elimination of widely held — often (though not

bigoted and backward I am for feeling the way I do about it.

The same can be said of abortion. Legal since 1973, activists are constantly pushing for public funding of abortion (and will certainly push for it under Obamacare).

And yet, notwithstanding the legality of abortion for over four decades, ever larger numbers of Americans are opposed to abortion and do not wish to pay for it.

Here comes gay marriage, which has in many places been forced upon an unwilling electorate by judicial fiat. So be it. But the legality of gay unions does not create a legal obligation to participate in those events for others who do not share the same views about the morality of a gay relationship. For the law to say otherwise is to create a host of untenable positions, not in any way limited to homosexual unions.

Abortion is legal. Should a baker be forced to make a cake for a customer who wants to celebrate the anniversary of her abortion? What about doctors and nurses who oppose abortion? Their professions are also service businesses. Shall they be forced to perform abortions against their will?

Divorce is legal (and adultery decriminalized in most states). Shall a florist be compelled under

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day — including doing business — with people with whom we may not only disagree but whose lifestyles, behaviors or choices we may find personally offensive. Particularly when those choices involve sexual behavior. Even if they’re legal.

Most of those interactions do not force us to “condone” or “participate” in the behavior itself, or express any opinion about it. If I am a Christian grocer opposed to abortion, for example, does selling groceries to someone who has had one violate my religious beliefs? Of course not.

There is a point, however, at which one is being asked to condone or participate in behavior

exclusively) religiously based — views about sexual behavior.

Contraception is one example. In 1965, the U.S. Supreme Court in *Griswold vs Connecticut* struck down laws forbidding the sale of contraceptives. This freed people to purchase and use them if they chose to. But the availability of contraception did not require anyone else to use them, sell them or express support for them.

Fast forward to 2015: The HHS regulations adopted as part of the Affordable Care Act now require that my business provide your contraceptives. And pay for them. And if I object, the debate is no longer whether you have lawful access to them (you do), but how

The Myth of ‘Settled Science’

When the left shuts down debate, it’s time for skepticism

by Stephen Moore

National Geographic’s latest cover story has generated lots of attention because it sneers at those close-minded Americans — mostly conservatives, of course — who do not accept scientific “facts.” Only 40 percent of Americans (according to Pew Research Center) “accept that human activity is the dominant cause of global warming,” and the magazine finds it “dispiriting” that so many “reasonable people doubt science.”

National Geographic compares global warming doubters to those who disbelieve NASA’s moon landing and those who think water fluoridation is an evil plot. How could so many dismiss “established science”?

Well, here’s one reason: The public has come to distrust government warnings and the scientific experts; they are often wrong.

Ironically, National Geographic’s sermon on settled science could have hardly come at a more inopportune time. In recent months, leading scientists have reversed themselves and have admitted their expert findings and advice were wrong on eating fat. After decades of telling us not to do so, we now learn that fat can be good for your diet and for weight loss. What we all thought to be true based on the expert testimonies, turned out to be precisely the opposite of the truth. Oops.



Severe flooding in Texas and extreme drought in California, both supposedly due to “Climate Change.”

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Forty years ago the experts warned of a coming ice age, now they are absolutely certain the earth is warming — and some of the same “experts” were onboard both scares. *National Geographic* even acknowledges this inconvenient fact, but it explains that this somehow actually helps make the case for global warming. If a scientific theory

isn’t refutable — i.e., warming and cooling both prove climate change — then how is it science?

The magazine is incredulous that so many skeptics “believe that climate activists are using the threat of global warming to attack the free market and industrial society generally.”

Wait. Climate change activists are using the issue as a means of

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attacking free-market capitalism. This past summer major environmental groups gathered in Venezuela to solve leading environmental problems like global warming, concluding: “The structural causes of climate change are linked to the current capitalist hegemonic system.”

How is it paranoia to believe that the climate change industry wants to shut down capitalism when the movement plainly states that this is its objective? And how can a movement be driven by science when its very agenda violates

to the modern-day birth of this movement with Rachel Carson’s “Silent Spring.” This was the green anthem that played a big part in the banning of DDT around the world — a move that contributed to millions of Africans losing their lives from malaria.

As for the claim that scientists would never “collaborate on a hoax,” what about the Climategate scandal, which the left to this day pretends didn’t happen? Shouldn’t the fact that some of the leading climate change researchers were caught red-handed manufacturing evidence and suppressing data cause some degree of skepticism

a report called “The Global 2000 Report to the President,” which was a primal scream that by 2000 the world would run out of oil, gas, food, farmland and so on. Just a few brave souls such as Julian Simon and Herman Kahn dared to contradict this conventional wisdom. They were disparaged then — just as climate change skeptics are today — as dangerous lunatics. Yet on every score, these iconoclasts were right and the green scientific consensus was wrong. Start with the fact that hundreds of millions of Chinese — mostly girls — are demographically missing today because of the barbaric one-child policy, which the greens all supported as a way to save the planet.

The final insult of conservatives by National Geographic is this: “It’s very clear, however, that organizations funded in part by the fossil fuel industry have deliberately tried to undermine the public’s understanding of the scientific consensus by promoting a few skeptics.” So everyone who dares question the climate change theology has been bought off by industry polluters, but the climate change research brigades are pure as snow. Really?

In 2010 the Climate Depot identified more than 1,000 international scientists doubting the science of global warming. Are 1,000 scientists “a few,” and are they all bought off by the Koch brothers?

No doubt industry is funding some of these skeptics, but it is also true that the U.S. government and private foundations are

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basic laws of economics? I am no scientist, but I’m highly skeptical of a movement whose first advice is to steer the U.S. economy off a cliff toward financial ruin.

National Geographic’s next scientific claim is that “Senator James Inhofe of Oklahoma, one of the most powerful Republican voices on environmental matters, has long declared global warming a hoax. The idea that hundreds of scientists from all over the world would collaborate on such a vast hoax is laughable.”

Laughable? The entire history of the green movement is full of grand hoaxes and even catastrophic advice, dating back

by even the media and the scientific community as to the validity of the “science”?

Nearly every environmental scare of the 1970s backed by hundreds of scientists as well as media, like *National Geographic*, was proved to be a hoax. We were assured then by the “experts” that the world was overpopulated, running out of energy, food, water, minerals, getting more polluted, and that the end result would be massive poverty, famine and global collapse. Every aspect of this collective scientific wisdom was spectacularly wrong.

In 1980 top scientists in the United States government issued

Science Increasingly Makes the Case for God

by Eric Metaxas



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In 1966, *Time* magazine ran a cover story asking: Is God Dead? Many have accepted the cultural narrative that he's obsolete—that as science progresses, there is less need for a "God" to explain the universe. Yet it turns out that the rumors of God's death were premature. More amazing is that the relatively recent case for His existence comes from a surprising place—science itself.

Here's the story: The same year *Time* featured the now-famous headline, the astronomer Carl Sagan announced that there were two important criteria for a planet to support life: The right kind of star, and a planet the right distance from that star. Given the

roughly octillion—1 followed by 27 zeros—planets in the universe, there should have been about a septillion—1 followed by 24 zeros—planets capable of supporting life.

With such spectacular odds, the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, a large, expensive collection of private and publicly funded projects launched in the 1960s, was sure to turn up something soon. Scientists listened with a vast radio telescopic network for signals that resembled coded intelligence and were not merely random. But as years passed, the silence from the rest of the universe was deafening. Congress defunded

SETI in 1993, but the search continues with private funds. As of 2014, researchers have discovered precisely bubkis—0 followed by nothing.

What happened? As our knowledge of the universe increased, it became clear that there were far more factors necessary for life than Sagan supposed. His two parameters grew to 10 and then 20 and then 50, and so the number of potentially life-supporting planets decreased accordingly. The number dropped to a few thousand planets and kept on plummeting.

Even SETI proponents acknowledged the problem. Peter

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Decoding the Obama Doctrine

by Daniel Pipes

James Jeffrey, Barack Obama's former ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Iraq, has this to say about the administration's current record in the Middle East: "We're in a ***** free fall."



Count the mistakes: Helping overthrow Muammar Qaddafi in Libya, leading to anarchy and civil war. Pressuring Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to resign, then backing the Muslim Brotherhood, leading now-president Sisi to turn toward Moscow. Alienating Washington's most stalwart ally in the region, the Government of Israel. Dismissing ISIS as "junior varsity" just before it seized major cities. Hailing Yemen as a counterterrorism success just before its government was overthrown. Alarming the Saudi authorities to the point that they

put together a military alliance against Iran. Coddling Recep Tayyip Erdoğan of Turkey, encouraging his dictatorial tendencies. Leaving Iraq and Afghanistan prematurely, dooming the vast American investment in those two countries.

And, most of all: Making dangerously flawed deals with the nuclear-ambitious mullahs of Iran.

Is this a random series of errors by an incompetent leadership or does some grand, if misconceived, idea stand behind the pattern? To an extent, it's ineptitude, as when

Obama bowed to the Saudi king, threatened Syria's government over chemical weapons before changing his mind, and now sends the U.S. military to aid Tehran in Iraq and fight it in Yemen.

But there also is a grand idea and it calls for explanation. As a man of the left, Obama sees the United States historically having exerted a malign influence on the outside world. Greedy corporations, an overly-powerful military-industrial complex, a yahoo nationalism, engrained racism, and cultural imperialism combined to render America, on

THE MENDACITY OF MULTICULTURALISM

by Jim Josephsen

In the article, Multiculturalism Is a Failure, Walter E. Williams writes: “German Chancellor Angela Merkel declared that in Germany, multiculturalism has ‘utterly failed.’” This quote was taken from a speech Merkel gave back in October 2010.

Continuing in his article, Williams writes, “Both Australia’s ex-prime minister John Howard and Spain’s ex-prime minister Jose Maria Aznar reached the same conclusions about multiculturalism in their countries. British Prime Minister David Cameron has warned that multiculturalism is fostering extremist ideology and directly contributing to homegrown Islamic terrorism. UK Independent Party leader Nigel Farage said the United Kingdom’s push for multiculturalism has not united Britons but pushed them further apart. It has allowed for Islam to emerge despite Britain’s Judeo-Christian culture. Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair said the roots of violent Islamism are not “superficial but deep” and can be found “in the extremist minority that now, in every European city, preach hatred of the West and our way of life.”

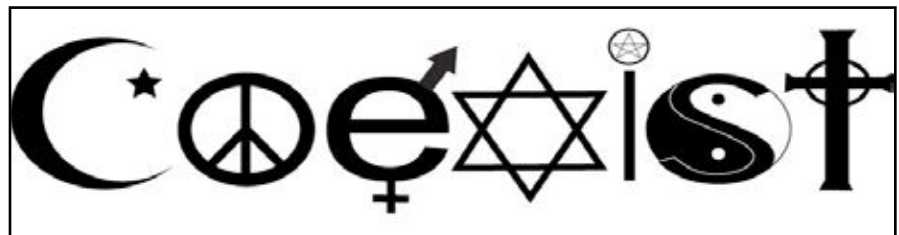
In 2011, then French President Nicolas Sarkozy also called multiculturalism a failure and British Prime Minister Cameron attacked his country’s multicultural policies, stating

they failed to promote common identity, while encouraging Muslim segregation and radicalism.

Multiculturalism cultivates in Democratic nations – obviously! Multiculturalism is reflected in pluralism and can be divided into two types. Soft multiculturalism is recognized as the various foods, dance, music, body art, symbols, languages, philosophical ideologies of other cultures, along with equal rights, gender and wage rights, fair treatment for the poor, the mentally and physically challenged and the recognition of one’s choice of sexual orientation. Hard multicultural

community, educational, religious, corporate and institutional practices that highly favor and promote multicultural practices. Other nations such as the United Kingdom and the United States along with the likes of Singapore and Kuwait share the stage in high acceptance, affirmation and promotion of multicultural practices.

Non-democratic nations will favor little or no multicultural policies – obviously. Notice today in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Arabic is the official language. Yet English, Malayalam, Hindi, Urdu, Persian are among the



Symbols are meant to represent Islam, peace, male/female orientation, Judaism, witchcraft, Confusionism, and Christianity.

elements relate to the religious, political and ethnic identities, the absolute and distinct identifiers, which foreigners bring to a host nation.

Nations such as Australia, Canada, Sweden, and Finland, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Belgium rank highest on multiculturalism scales – promoting laws and public policies along with societal,

many other languages spoken and understood, particularly in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. The UAE hosts immigrant workers from some 200 countries with the majority coming from the Indian subcontinent. Despite being an Islamic state, the UAE has widely accepted other religions, granting them permission to practice their faith. Foreigners make up about 85% of the population.

Multiculturalism

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However, the UAE does not have an open immigration policy and the citizens of the UAE form a predominately homogeneous Arab society as all foreigners reside in the country as temporary workers. In the UAE, multiculturalism has a rather limited scope and non-citizens are kept in check.

Multiculturalism in theory and practice promotes the idea that differing cultures can co-exist together, in harmony, constructively without fragmentation or conflict. Multicultural nations provide policy, legislating programs, which encourages and protects individuals and groups to pursue and promote their cultural distinctiveness

in a pluralistic society. Rather than educating its populace to practice and pursue assimilation and homogeneity, countries that allow multiculturalism foster a separate but equal mindset. We can all get along, in spite of our differences, and we had better accept the differences – so goes the mantra.

Proponents, educators, politicians and the like, who advance multiculturalism, do so to promote and encourage greater respect and acceptance of what other cultures have to offer. The aim of multicultural efforts is to cultivate a generation of people who accept the values, norms, beliefs and behaviors along with religions and philosophies of others without judgment, criticism or retribution. Multiculturalism aims to weaken if not outright efface previously established

time honored traditions.

Multicultural policies by principle establish no core-central values or cultures as definitive and singular. Rather all variety, all cultures are accepted and valued – each by his own for his own. As those who embrace multiculturalism postulate, all cultures are valuable and all are morally equivalent.

Over the past 35 years and perhaps going back to the mid-1960s, as the debate over multicultural acceptance accelerated, hundreds of papers, theses and public symposiums have resulted, however with no definite conclusions. In the final analysis, there is no consensus. The debate rages on.

Is there anything good about multiculturalism? Are there positive aspects brought about to a society or nation? Are there



Chinatown in Toronto, Ontario.

Photo by Chensiyuan/Wikipedia.

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negative aspects? Is a nation or society better off having a mixture of varied and differing cultures, religions and ethnic groups, all allowed to practice and protect their differences? On the other hand, is a country or society that practices multiculturalism destined for collapse? If central core values and common goals, appreciated by all citizens, shared and protected by all, are not secured, can that nation or society endure?

Will multiculturalism, if left unchecked, result in a nation or society ultimately losing its own distinctive cultural identity, as some predict? Is multiculturalism actually encouraged by elitist new world order advocates who are out to destroy capitalism and democratic rule, as some sociologists posit?

Consider the United States of America as an example. As the nascent nation developed, immigrants populated its shores and learned to blend in, to assimilate. Differences remained in the home or local community. When a culture or ethnic tradition was exposed or exhibited, it was only to highlight what the group, be they Germans or Italians, or Irish, or Chinese, etc. had to offer and were excited to share with others, who thought it polite to observe and appreciate. At the end of the day however, these varying, divergent groups were all Americans who understood the core central values, traditions, philosophies and politics common to the nation. Immigrants came to the United States to become

better, to prosper and assimilate into the ways of a prosperous and morally sound nation. For the thousands of immigrants, it was better to be in America than to struggle back home. Such was the case with most democracies, as they allowed foreigners in. Singular values and culture were to be accepted as the norm, into which all assimilated.

Assimilation and shared values were (and are) at the heart of any

Assimilation and shared values were (and are) at the heart of any successful nation or institution.

successful nation or institution. Immigrants and foreigners are welcome to assimilate and excel, bringing their talents and skills in order to contribute to the host nation. But not so much anymore.

Today, multiculturalism has made it feasible that all peoples of all colors, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, personality, education, cognitive ability, ethnic origin, economic status and immigration status be accepted, respected and appreciated for what they are and what they bring. Laws are created to promote and protect the differences. No longer are traditional values, morals, ideologies and philosophies of host nations promoted. Multiculturalism requires promotion of equality and acceptance of all cultures, without criticism or retribution.

No doubt, differences of foods, dance, music, festivities, holidays and traditions can be shared for educational value. However, for many, that's not good enough. Today's multicultural demands have obstructed once valued and cherished holidays and religious celebrations observed by host nations. Multicultural efforts have placed demands on educational systems, as they are now required to emphasize other cultures

and ethnic groups, indigenous peoples and subjugated races, while stepping away from traditional historical (often called WASP) texts. Once respected singular, core values (and in many nations, Judeo-Christian morals, values, traditions and practices) are being replaced by varied and opposing cultural beliefs, religions, traditions, laws and practices. Multiculturalism has undermined the importance of a common language, while adding unnecessary expenses to many corporations.

Most ominous, multiculturalism has anesthetized a gullible public, allowing Islamic extremists to navigate the streets of host nations. Now obvious in Europe, the failure of multiculturalism is evident in the fact multiculturalism has opened the door for the Muslim world

Communists Have to Eliminate God from the System

Bill Federer remembers strong faith-based leadership of Eisenhower

World War II in Europe ended on VE Day (Victory-in-Europe), May 7, 1945.

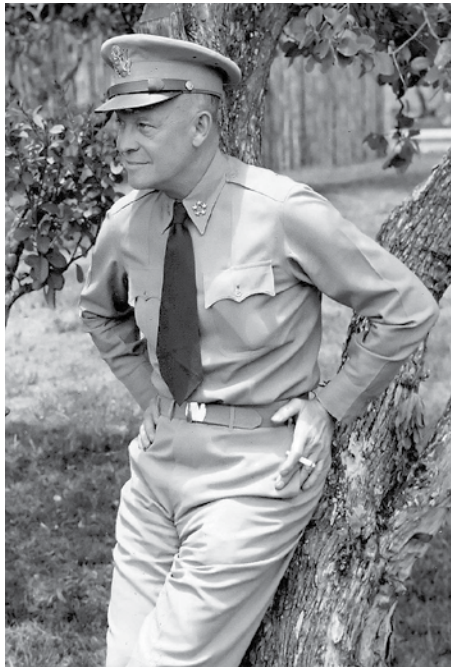
National Socialist Workers Party emissaries unconditionally surrendered to the Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight Eisenhower at his headquarters in a schoolhouse at Reims, France. Less than four months later, World War II ended in the Pacific. In total, an estimated 75 million people died in the War, including 20 million soldiers and 40 million civilians.

Following World War II, the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics emerged as rival superpowers, beginning the Cold War.

Dwight Eisenhower became a presidential candidate in the 1952 election. Addressing the Communist threat, Dwight Eisenhower stated in Virginia's *Religious Herald*, January 25, 1952: "What is our battle against Communism if it is not a fight between anti-God and a belief in the Almighty? ... Communists ... have to eliminate God from their system. When God comes, Communism has to go."

Born in Denison, Texas, Eisenhower grew up in Abilene, Kansas, where the Eisenhower Museum is located. Laying the cornerstone of the museum, Dwight Eisenhower stated, as recorded in *Time* magazine,

June 5, 1952: "In spite of the ... problems we have, I ask you this one question: If each of us in his own mind would dwell more upon those simple virtues – integrity, courage, self-confidence and unshakable belief in his Bible – would not some of these problems tend to simplify



General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower circa 1945.

themselves? ... Free government is the political expression of a deeply felt religious faith."

Time magazine published an article titled "Faith of the Candidates," Sept. 22, 1952, in which Dwight Eisenhower stated: "You can't explain free government in any other terms

than religious. The founding fathers had to refer to the Creator in order to make their revolutionary experiment make sense; it was because 'all men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights' that men could dare to be free."

Dwight Eisenhower was quoted in the *Time* magazine article, "Eisenhower on Communism," Oct. 13, 1952: "The Bill of Rights contains no grant of privilege for a group of people to destroy the Bill of Rights. A group – like the Communist conspiracy – dedicated to the ultimate destruction of all civil liberties, cannot be allowed to claim civil liberties as its privileged sanctuary from which to carry on subversion of the Government."

Dwight Eisenhower was elected the 34th president by the largest number of votes in history to that date.

On Feb. 7, 1954, President Eisenhower supported the American Legion "Back-to-God" program, broadcasting from the White House: "As a former soldier, I am delighted that our veterans are sponsoring a movement to increase our awareness of God in our daily lives. In battle, they learned a great truth – that there are no atheists in the foxholes. They know that in time of test and trial, we instinctively turn to God for new courage. ... Whatever our

Pentagon Dismisses ISIS Capture of Ramadi



It sure is nice to know that ISIS is on the run! Especially since they just captured the city of Ramadi, where they are busily raping, kidnapping, torturing and murdering at will. Hundreds, at least, have been killed in the most recent battle for Ramadi and thousands fled for their lives. Men, women and children by the hundreds are being slaughtered in the city streets, but according to top U.S. military officials it is just not that big a deal.

You can read reams of copy detailing the various U.S. missions to secure the city from “insurgents” during the Iraq war

and its aftermath. Nailing down the number of American lives lost in the campaigns in and around Ramadi is near impossible, but many Americans were wounded and killed. The statements recently released by top brass at the Pentagon, claiming the Islamic State is on the defensive certainly mirrors the current president’s campaign rhetoric leading up to the 2012 election. He made the broad statement that “al Qaeda is on the run.” Stupefying as the statement was, particularly knowing all that has transpired since, the Pentagon and Dept. of State are making

that claim again.

Maybe you saw the news footage of Humvees and various U.S. supplied military vehicles racing to evacuate Ramadi and get away to safety, and it says plenty. The Iraqi troops that held Ramadi up to this point are said to be the elite fighters of the Iraqi army, equipped with American weapons and vehicles. But they didn’t get away with a lot of the U.S. supplies and armaments. ISIS has just been supplied once again with a major cache of U.S. arms and armor, reportedly including U.S. tanks and missile launchers.

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in homo-nuptials. It got national attention when a photographer in New Mexico opted out of a request to photograph a ceremony between two women, was sued and lost. News was also made when an Oregon baker politely declined to decorate a wedding

We don't know for sure, but several of the states may have been inclined to pass "Religious Freedom" laws because of these kinds of recent cases. The homo-lobby apparently thinks that may be the case, and the activist organizations decided to draw the line at the Indiana law declaring it an invitation to practice "discrimination" against

lots of locations are protesting the law. Indiana may be under special scrutiny because the Federal Courts just ruled the State's ban on homo-matrimony unconstitutional in November of 2014.

Now, rather than a legal issue, it is starting to look like economic blackmail. The message is, "Either get on



Crowds in Indiana protesting the Religious Freedom Referendum Act. *Photo by Justin Eagan*

cake for two men. She lost the case brought against her, and may yet face additional liability. Never mind that she didn't believe it would be right to profit off something that offended her religious sensibilities. Too bad! Doesn't she know that "gay rights" supersede her right to practice business in a manner she believes to be in line with God's Word? She found out the hard way, and may not have learned her lesson.

you know who.

But the pressure being exerted against the legislature and governor of Indiana is not legal in nature. It is financial. Companies headquartered in the state are threatening to move out. The NCAA is threatening to hold basketball tournaments somewhere else unless the new law is repealed immediately. Other large concerns, employing thousands of people and operating large businesses with

board with ___-marriage, or you'll be destroyed." Either by the courts, or failing that, you'll be boycotted, labeled a "bigot" and starved out by your other customers who fear being painted with the same brush. The Indiana Governor is quick to say this law has nothing to do with discrimination against anybody, but the argument isn't working. He says it's the same law with the same language that's in the Federal Statute, duly

The Mainstream Media as *False Prophets*

by James & Natalie Ricks

Lies in the media, grossly unfair coverage and double standards are undermining America. Will we soon see a mad atomic weapons race in the volatile Middle East as a result of a media cover up of a dangerous, imaginary, Iranian Deal? Many young men, the pride of America, were lost because of the lying media during the Vietnam War.

MOST LOOK TO THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA FOR GUIDANCE AND MORALITY

Twenty five percent of Americans attend church on a regular basis. Most of those are over 55 years of age. Among those who do attend church regularly, about half of churches do not emphasize the Bible or morality. Many church pastors minimize the Bible and the laws contained within its pages. Therefore about 85% of Americans get NO real guidance from churches. They must rely on the media for knowledge of what is right and what is wrong. Dr. Goebbels was Hitler's propaganda minister. He produced indirect propaganda by hiding his anti-Semitic messages in newsreels and movies. Needless to say Hollywood is also an ungodly influence on us. Goebbels was successful in preparing Europe for the final solution (mass murder of all

Jews) using mostly entertainment media. The power of the media to shape public opinion should never be minimized!

THE VIETNAM WAR MEDIA BETRAYAL

The Communists launched a major offensive during the Vietnam War. The Tet Offensive was a substantial defeat for them. Cables after the fall of the Communist evil empire reveal that the North Vietnamese war leaders were thinking the war unwinnable and were considering a war ending agreement with America. Then they read the American media. Our media called the defeat of the Communist North a victory for them. Communists then rightly assumed that all they needed to do was hold out until U.S. public opinion forced us out. After the war was over, Hanoi said "It is a major irony of the Vietnam War that our propaganda transformed this debacle into a brilliant victory." The American media gave power and credence to whatever the communist said. They called the Tet offensive a great victory for Hanoi ignoring all facts to the contrary. This distorted media action resulted in the war lasting over 3 more years, killing thousands of our troops. Those deaths can likely be blamed on the U.S. media in addition to the over four million murdered

by the Communist dictators like maniacal Pol Pot after they took over all of Indochina after the allies hastily left that part of the world to the total control of evil communism. The truth was that Tet cost them dearly and General Westmoreland argued that panicky news coverage gave the public the unfair perception that America had been defeated. Our media lied and people died. Maybe they were just so negative about the war and positive toward Communism that they could not see the events accurately and helped the communists.

WHAT ARE THE ROLES OF TRUE AND FALSE PROPHETS?

GOOD PROPHETS TELL THE PEOPLE THEY NEED TO TURN AROUND AND REPENT. God does not send prophets to people or Israel to tell them they are doing great. See Jer 36:2-3. God, through the prophet, tells them that every man must turn from his evil ways. Most prophets of Judah, at that time, supported the King, his evil governance and pagan ways and were in favor of killing Jeremiah. Elijah, the archetype of all prophets, told Ahab he was worshipping an evil and false god and 400 prophets opposed Elijah's Message. See I Kings 18:25-39. False prophets tell the

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passed by Congress and signed by the president. That doesn't work either.

There is no defense left for standing against homosexuality. It seems that everybody from the politicians, to the corporate CEO's to the clergy and parishioners of mainstream "Christian" churches have caved in to cultural pressures. Why? Is it because someone's made a compelling argument that every appearance of the subject in scripture is the result of mistranslation? No. So why does everybody in public life

believe they have no choice but to back down and proclaim that they are comfortable with everything homosexual, including Holy Matrimony?

Nobody has the guts to say, "God's Word condemns homosexuality, repeatedly in the Old Testament and repeatedly in the New Testament, as an abomination and a cardinal sin!" What kind of reception might that get in the mainstream debate? It is beginning to look like we'll never find out. As wild-eyed conservative as some in the upcoming presidential field of candidates are regarded, you won't hear this out of any of them.

You won't hear it out of the pope either. Not this pope anyway. It's highly unlikely that any Sunday services will feature any of the pertinent biblical passages; it might spark a walkout or a boycott. Worse yet, there could be a gay parade in the parking lot by the next week, replete with TV cameras and breathless correspondents.

It has become dangerous, even in the land that enshrined religious liberty, to practice or preach the Word of God. Modern culture forbids it, and will punish those who dare. Welcome to persecution. □

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Mind Your Business

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threat of legal sanction to make festive bouquets for clients who want to commemorate their affair and the dates they left their original spouses?

Insufficient attention is being paid to different types of businesses, and the role of rational self-interest inherent in running them. Selling commoditized products is one thing. But professional services and artisanal businesses such as baking and floral arrangements are expressions of personal skill and creativity. Owners of these enterprises often feel that the work they do for a client is an extension of themselves. It stands to reason, therefore, that they might not wish to have their

work associated with causes with which they disagree. Even then, most businesses of any type will prefer not to choose between customers on that basis. But some will. And they ought to be left alone. Those who wish to patronize them may do so.

Back when one's sexual conduct was considered private, it wasn't necessary to splatter your choices everywhere and sue people in a desperate cry for public approval. This reticence is now considered a hallmark of "shame," but in retrospect, it looks like simple good manners. Do what you like, but do not insist that everyone else behave as if they approve of your infidelity, your philandering, your abortions or whatever other choices you have personally made.

Would that we could all just mind our own business. □



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to enter Christian Democratic societies. Today Europe is exploding with the consequences of that reality. Both Australia and the United States have felt the burdens of this fact as well.

A noted Harvard professor of political science, Robert D. Putman, conducted a nearly 10-year study on multiculturalism's effects on trust. In surveying some 26,000 individuals in some 40 communities across the United States of America, his findings revealed the more racially diverse a community, the greater the loss of trust within that community. Putman concluded, in the presence of ethnic diversity, people act like turtles. In diverse communities (extrapolate that to a society or nation, comment mine), people don't trust those who don't "look like us."

In November 2014, while at the Copernicus Center on the northwest side of Chicago, Illinois, President Obama addressed the crowd expounding on his then newly released Executive Order dealing with immigration. In his speech President Obama stated, "If you go to Japan, they don't have a problem with certain folks being discriminated against because mostly everybody is Japanese. But here, part of what's wonderful about America is also what makes our democracy hard sometimes, because sometimes we get attached to our particular tribe, our particular race, our

particular religion and then start treating other folks differently. And that sometimes, has been a bottleneck to how we think about immigration. If you look at the history of immigration in this country, each successive wave, there have been periods where folks who were already here suddenly say; 'well I don't want those folks.'"

Multiculturalism will at best flounder in any nation or society in which it is practiced, simply because central, singular,

common core values, traditions and culture are thrown away. In the end multiculturalism will generate distrust, suspicion, and ethnocentric survival. In reality, multiculturalism promotes separatism, not integration. It promotes differences, not commonality or harmony. It engenders dissension and not communal, central values.

In the Christian Bible is recorded a curious scripture: He created from one stock (of one blood – genetics and biology prove this fact) every nation of men to inhabit the whole earth's surface. He determined their eras in history and the limits of their territory (the boundaries of the places they should live) (Acts 17:26).

Although it is getting harder

for this world to believe, God set the limits, the national territories and boundaries (the borders) of all nations and has done so for a reason. As a nation, any nation, develops, ages and expands over time, a natural progression takes place. National heritage develops over time revealing a religion, philosophy, a social structure, a political ideology, education, values, and morals, the traditions and festivities that are specific and unique to that nation. All these characteristics put together

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and specific to that particular nation define its culture.

A society, a nation, a race, a social-system, a religion all develop to form its unique common cultural identity. Today there are many and varied cultures across the globe.

God set the limits and national boundaries for the good of His creation, for the good and protection of the many and varied distinctive cultures. However, collectively, mankind in its ever-defiant, self-promoting posture against God has broken beyond those boundaries. Today, we see the reality of nations living beyond their cultural limits and the effects of that action. Moreover, today we see the tragic consequences of nations who have not considered the wisdom

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God provided when it comes to immigration policy and practice.

Multiculturalism is a concept created by mankind, in its humanistic attempts to solve its problems. However, there is a deceptiveness inherent in multiculturalism. Multiculturalism can never coalesce, unify or strengthen a nation or society. By its very

That nation would have peace, prosperity and inherent security. God has very simple and logical laws, which will always and only benefit those who abide by them. God's laws are practical, valuable and advantageous for the individual and for a nation or society.

For any nation or society to exist in unity, cohesively and efficiently, this very simple and logical law, or in modern terms, legislative action needs to be

acknowledged and obeyed, would only produce prosperity, security, safety and all the elements that make up a salubrious life. National resources would not have to be directed, wasted on military and homeland security as just one example.

Another very simple law, known as the first commandment simply states; you shall have no other gods before (or in place of) the Eternal. If a nation were to remain exclusively faithful and loyal, having strict allegiance to the only one true God, the God of Israel, not allowing any other religions to be practiced within its borders, that nation would prosper and be extremely blessed by God.

Interestingly, those nations which are labeled in the Bible as the end time House or children of Israel, today identified as the United Kingdom, the United States of America, with Australia, Canada and the northern European Scandinavian nations (interestingly enough, those nations deeply caught up in multicultural practices today), are following in the footsteps of their forefathers and progenitors. Sadly, the consequences that occurred to their ancestors will be the same to happen to these nations.

Among the many sins that brought Ancient Israel to its demise was its acceptance and acquiescence to the foreign practices and religions of the nations surrounding them, as they allowed foreigners to dictate national behavior. Ancient Israel,

The Bible is living testimony as to the consequences of allowing multiple cultures to flourish within a nation.

nature, multiculturalism can only maintain separation, emphasizing and promoting the distinctiveness of differences as established in other cultures, religions, beliefs, traditions and practices. Multiculturalism will never allow for homogeneity or unity, singular core values and unanimity of existence. It cannot. Any nation practicing multiculturalism is a nation set on a course of ruin. Any such nation is a nation in opposition to prosperity, peace, success and national fulfillment, which God has to offer.

If a nation appreciated and accepted the laws of God to guide its legislative and governmental actions, that nation would not allow multicultural policies and practices to exist within its borders. And guess what? That nation would be better off for it.

enacted and maintained. For any nation or society to preserve its existence and not crumble from within, notice what the Creator of humanity declares has to be: "The community is to have the same rules for you and for the alien living among you; this is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. You and the alien shall be the same before the Eternal. The same laws and regulations will apply both to you and the alien living among you" (Numbers 15:15-16 NIV).

This principle, this law of God, as given to the children of Israel, is logical, relevant, enduring and transcends all time.

Additionally, all the Laws of God, which are in effect and in force still today, which deal with the policies and practices of governing a nation, if

in defiance of God, practiced a syncretistic form of religion and allowed those who were the aliens among them to bring in with them their culture, traditions, religions and beliefs; transforming the behaviors of the foreign, alien cultures into common every day routines, religious practices and customs, which were accepted and practiced throughout Israel. Ancient Israel practiced multiculturalism, some 3,000 years ago and the Bible is living testimony as to the consequences of allowing multi-cultures to flourish within a nation.

The very nature, philosophy and policies of multiculturalism will have to be eradicated before a nation, society or for that matter this world, can ever expect to live in harmony, peace and trust with

true respect for the uniqueness of every other nation. Most important, when multiculturalism

is a thing of the past, at that time there will be just one and only one religion lived by all nations across the whole earth. As we can read, the Eternal shall be King over all the earth and in that day there shall be one Lord (God) and His name the only name (Zechariah 14:9).

Moreover, in those days ten men from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, ‘let us go with you because

we have heard that God is with you’ (Zechariah 8:23). In that day, as the prophets tell, the God

***Mendacity [men-das'-i-tee]:
untruthfulness; tendency to lie, falsehood.**

of Israel, of the Jews, the God who is Jesus Christ, will reside in Jerusalem and all peoples and nations will worship Him and learn of the ways and the laws of God (cf. Isaiah 2:2-4).

When Jesus Christ returns to this earth as its only King, ruling a “one only” global government – then multiculturalism will be eradicated and finally, no society or nation will be held captive to the mendacity of multiculturalism. □

Obama Doctrine

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balance, a force for evil.

Being a student of community organizer Saul Alinsky, Obama did not overtly proclaim this view but passed himself off as a patriot, though he (and his charming wife) did offer occasional hints of their radical views about “fundamentally transforming the United States.” On ascending to the presidency, Obama moved slowly, uneager to spread alarm and wanting to be reelected. By now, however, after six full years and only his legacy to worry about, the full-blown Obama is emerging.

The Obama Doctrine is simple

and universal: Warm relations with adversaries and cool them with friends.

Several assumptions underlie this approach: The U.S. government morally must compensate for its prior errors. Smiling at hostile states will inspire them to reciprocate. Using force creates more problems than it solves. Historic U.S. allies, partners, and helpers are morally inferior accessories. In the Middle East, this means reaching out to revisionists (Erdoğan, the Muslim Brotherhood, the Islamic Republic of Iran) and pushing away cooperative governments (Egypt, Israel, Saudi Arabia).

Of these actors, two stand out: Iran and Israel. Establishing good relations with Tehran appears to

be Obama’s great preoccupation. As Michael Doran of the Hudson Institute has shown, Obama during his entire presidency has worked toward rendering Iran what he calls “a very successful regional power ... abiding by international norms and international rules.” Contrarily, his pre-presidential friendships with truculent anti-Zionists such as Ali Abunimah, Rashid Khalidi, and Edward Said point to the depth of his hostility toward the Jewish state.

The Obama Doctrine demystifies what is otherwise inscrutable. For example, it explains why the U.S. government blithely ignored the Iranian supreme leader’s outrageous “Death to America”

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yelp in March, dismissing it as mere domestic pandering, even as Obama glommed onto the Israeli prime minister's near simultaneous electoral campaign comment rejecting a two-state solution with the Palestinians during his term of office ("we take him at his word").

The doctrine also offers guidelines to predict possible developments during Obama's remaining tenure, such as:

Wretched P5+1 deals with Iran compel Israel's government to attack Iranian nuclear facilities. Gentle policies toward Damascus clear the way for the Assad regime to re-extend its power. Ankara chooses to provoke a crisis in the eastern Mediterranean over Cypriot gas and oil reserves.

The great question ahead is how, in their wisdom, the American people will judge the Obama Doctrine when they next vote for president in 19 months. Will they repudiate his policy of shuffling and contrition, as they comparably did in 1980 when

they elected Ronald Reagan over Jimmy Carter? Or will they choose four more years of it, thereby turning the Obama Doctrine into the new norm and Americans into European-style remorseful masochists?

Their verdict in 2016 has potentially world - historical implications. □

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ISIS takes Ramadi

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People have been fleeing Ramadi in fear of ISIS for months, but it's no small town. Population is said to have been 850,000 at its height. Now that the Iraqi military has fled, all left behind will have to convince ISIS that they're on their side or suffer torture and death. But the Pentagon leadership (military men who've sold their souls as political skills for the current administration) tell us there's not much to see there. ISIS is on the defensive and Ramadi wasn't all that important anyway. Never mind how many U.S. servicemen gave their lives or their limbs to secure this place. "We'll just have to take it back later," say Pentagon spokesmen.

They apparently have little choice but to repeat politically expedient talking points for the current administration, while ISIS zealots litter Ramadi streets



Euphrates River in Ramadi, Iraq.

Photo by Cpl. Jeremy M. Giacomino

with beheaded, mutilated bodies before casting many into the River Euphrates. Because as everybody knows this president has never made a mistake, and is incapable of making a mistake. Just like it was "the right thing to do" to precipitously pull all U.S.

forces out of Iraq leaving it wide open for the advent of ISIS.

If and when the U.S. has to get involved in trying to retake the sprawling city, our guys will be facing our own humvees, armored vehicles, missiles and bullets. It's another in a long list of disasters

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wrought by this president and his lackey spokesmen in America's formerly respected military institutions who now roll over and spout idiocy for the consumption of the uninformed. Military families, particularly those who lost close family members in

the streets now occupied by ISIS' murderers, must be beside themselves.

Iran is offering military troops to help push ISIS back, but that would open up another can of worms. Accepting that offer would obviously complicate

languishing nuclear negotiations, but would also contribute to Iran's long-term ambition to control if not annex Iraq.

The sprawling city of Ramadi is only 70 miles from Baghdad. You don't suppose... □

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False Prophets

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people to continue in ungodly behavior. They say God (or their version of God) is with us even when we abandon God's Laws and ways for pagan compromise. The people believed in both the historical God of Israel, Jehovah (English version of YHVH) and various pagan gods of Baal and Ashtoreth. See Isaiah 5:20-23 and I Kings 18:21.

THE MEDIA PLAYS MANY OF THE CRUCIAL ROLES OF THE FALSE PROPHETS

False prophets disliked the change and return back to God's message and wanted Jeremiah executed. See Jer 26:7-8. Our media tends to destroy anyone who speaks up for family values and A RETURN TO A MORE BIBLICAL society. One of the highest sacraments of our media is abortion. Two years ago, congress was voting on a bill to criminalize encouraging abortion based on gender or race. In Asia, this genocide against baby girls is one of the reasons for their harmful and vast gender imbalances in Asia. Our media hid the story of the anti-genocidal legislation from the public, to not

allow gender or race to be a factor in abortions, by not reporting that Congress was even considering such a bill. No pressure was put on congressmen to support the bill. This is an example of how the media protects destructive practices like abortion. I heard of it only on Christian Radio. The liberal members of congress killed the bill and the public never knew of it. Our media helps keep the nation going in the wrong direction just like false prophets of old. True prophets speak truth to power and criticize destructive corrupt governance and religion. See II Chron 18: 11, 22. One true prophet told the King he was wrong and all the bad prophets told him to do what he wanted. God allowed a lying spirit to guide them.

TRUE PROPHETS GIVE WARNINGS WHILE FALSE PROPHETS COVER FOR PAGANISM AND DECADENCE

The paganism of today's world is in part earth and animal worship using extreme environmentalism. Trees and animals are more important than the well-being of human beings in the new global warming hysteria. A true prophet speaking for God might say "I remember when you as a

people came to the wilderness of the new world to worship Me in a free manner. Your national founding doctrines talked about 'The Creator has endowed'. You carved out the greatest nation and economy out of the wilderness. You acknowledged My blessing in helping you do so. You made a special holiday to thank Me for your blessing. Bibles were carried across the frontier. You saved the world from the violence of Fascism and FDR led you in a prayer heard by 100 million Americans asking My blessing on D-Day 1944. You gave My word, the Bible, to the troops in WWII."

However now our media attacks those who speak up for Biblical and religious principles. Note the media feeding frenzy against the new Indiana and Arkansas laws guaranteeing religious (Christian) freedom. Further, the mainstream biased media is telling the public that the Iran nuclear deal is a great diplomatic triumph. Those familiar with the mid-east all say the deal will hasten Iran's nuclear ambitions and kick off a nuclear arms race in the Middle East. Can you think of anything more dangerous for America in the war on terror than a Middle East full of terrorists and atomic weapons? Like a powerful wolf pack the media attacks those pushing for

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Schenkel wrote in a 2006 piece for *Skeptical Inquirer* magazine: “In light of new findings and insights, it seems appropriate to put excessive euphoria to rest ... We should quietly admit that the early estimates . . . may no longer be tenable.”

As factors continued to be discovered, the number of possible planets hit zero, and kept going. In other words, the odds turned against any planet in the universe supporting life, including this one. Probability said that even we shouldn’t be here.

Today there are more than 200 known parameters necessary for a planet to support life—every single one of which must be perfectly met, or the whole thing falls apart. Without a massive planet like Jupiter nearby, whose gravity will draw away asteroids, a thousand times as many would hit Earth’s surface. The odds against life in the universe are simply astonishing.

Yet here we are, not only existing, but talking about existing. What can account for it? Can every one of those many parameters have been perfect by

accident? At what point is it fair to admit that science suggests that we cannot be the result of random forces? Doesn’t assuming that an intelligence created these perfect conditions require far less faith than believing that a life-sustaining Earth just happened to beat the inconceivable odds to come into being?

There’s more. The fine-tuning necessary for life to exist on a planet is nothing compared with the fine-tuning required for the universe to exist at all. For example, astrophysicists now know that the values of the four fundamental forces—gravity, the electromagnetic force, and the “strong” and “weak” nuclear forces—were determined less than one millionth of a second after the big bang. Alter any one value and the universe could not exist. For instance, if the ratio between the nuclear strong force and the electromagnetic force had been off by the tiniest fraction of the tiniest fraction—by even one part in 100,000,000,000,000,000—then no stars could have ever formed at all. Feel free to gulp.

Multiply that single parameter by all the other necessary conditions, and the odds against the universe existing are so heart-stoppingly astronomical that the notion that it all “just happened”

defies common sense. It would be like tossing a coin and having it come up heads 10 quintillion times in a row. Really?

Fred Hoyle, the astronomer who coined the term “big bang,” said that his atheism was “greatly shaken” at these developments. He later wrote that “a common-sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a super-intellect has monkeyed with the physics, as well as with chemistry and biology . . . The numbers one calculates from the facts seem to me so overwhelming as to put this conclusion almost beyond question.”

Theoretical physicist Paul Davies has said that “the appearance of design is overwhelming” and Oxford professor Dr. John Lennox has said “the more we get to know about our universe, the more the hypothesis that there is a Creator . . . gains in credibility as the best explanation of why we are here.”

The greatest miracle of all time, without any close seconds, is the universe. It is the miracle of all miracles, one that ineluctably points with the combined brightness of every star to something—or Someone—beyond itself. □

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individual church, whatever our personal creed, our common faith in God is a common bond

among us.”

In the next year’s “Back-to-God” program, Feb. 20, 1955, President Eisenhower stated: “Without God, there could be no American form of Government, nor an American way of life.

Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first – the most basic – expression of Americanism.” □

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a return to more moral primarily Biblical heritage and defending those leading the nation down the decadent ungodly direction. See I Kings 22:22-23 for the story of the one true (vs 13) prophet who warned of danger and how he was attacked while the King listened to the many lying prophets. Has God turned America over to lying prophets, the mainstream media and many silent church pulpits? Further see Jer 6:13-14, 23:17, 22, 26:11-13, 28:15.

WHAT SHOULD JOURNALISTIC INTEGRITY ENCOMPASS?

Journalists should try to keep our leaders honest and responsible by speaking truth to power. They should be watchdogs. They should criticize when government violates the constitution and acts corruptly. Truth is obviously in eye of the beholder. But I see no effort to even try being unbiased on the part of the mainstream media. In the past they had newspapers on both sides of the issues and it sort of balanced. Now all the main-

stream media say the exact same things. (Liberal Talking Points) They often give too much coverage to one story which might increase racial tensions in hopes of influencing a desired election turn out and hide other important stories, such as IRS oppression of religious political groups and the Tea Party constitutional patriots. Truth has fallen in the streets and journalistic integrity is a thing of the past. See Jer. 59:14-15. Good is punished and evil is celebrated in this society by our media and Hollywood while many churches are silent and thereby “politically correct.” See Isa. 5:20-23, Matt. 7:15-16. □

Settled Science

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funding to the tune of billions of dollars — President Obama wants \$8 billion this year — for climate change research and activities. The best way to get defunded and to go unnoticed is to conclude global warming isn’t happening. Would anyone want to fund the green-industrial complex if the earth’s temperatures weren’t thought to be on a catastrophic path of warming or cooling?

What is most offensive and delusional about the *National Geographic* screed is that this magazine, which purports to be scientific, concludes that there is no room for debate on climate change — period, end of argument. This “settled science” argument isn’t meant

to advance scientific inquiry and understanding, but to shut it down. What is the left so afraid of that it wants to cut off all debate and disparage all who question the consensus? Once liberals believed they should “question authority.” Now they insist on universal allegiance to every conventional wisdom.

One lesson of history is that scientific truth is the first casualty in ideological crusades like climate change. I am in no position to know whether it is happening or not, but as with half of Americans, I question this settled science, if only because of the Stalinistic approach that commands everyone to believe. Here again we see the intolerance of the left refusing to tolerate a minority opinion. By disparaging skeptics as imbeciles, stooges of industry and right-wing



Republican ideologues, *National Geographic* isn’t advancing science — it is abusing it. For shame. □

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Islamophobia

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Britain's Muslim community is growing, it is also ethnically diverse and unlikely to vote as a single group. One analyst has argued that the potential for Muslim influence in this year's election "will remain unrealized because the Muslim vote is not organized in any meaningful way on a national level."

A study produced by Theos, a London-based religious think tank, found that although Muslims consistently vote Labour, they do so based on class and economic considerations, not out of religious motives.

Indeed, a poll conducted by the BBC on April 17 found that nearly one-quarter of "Asian" voters still do not know which party they will support at the general election. Some of those interviewed by the BBC said that economic issues would determine whom they vote for.

In any event, Muslim influence in the 2015 vote will be largely determined by Muslim voter turnout, which has been notoriously low in past elections: Only 47% of British Muslims were estimated to have voted in 2010.

Since then, several grassroots campaigns have been established to encourage British Muslims to go to the polls in 2015, including

Get Out & Vote, Muslim Vote and Operation Black Vote. Another group, YouElect, states:

"A staggering 53% of British Muslims did not vote in the 2010 General Election, such a high figure of Muslim non-voters indicates that many Muslims feel ignored by politicians and disillusioned by the political process.

"With the rise of Islamophobic rhetoric in politics and an ever increasing amount of anti-terror legislation which specifically targets Muslims, it is now more important than ever that Muslims use the vote to send a message to politicians that their attitudes and policies must change.

"YouElect wants to get the message across that there is something you can do about the issues you care about. We have launched a new campaign using the hashtag #SortItOut, which calls on Muslims to use the political process to address the issues that concern them most.

"With 100,000 new young Muslims eligible to vote this year and 26 parliamentary constituencies with a Muslim population of over 20%, the Muslim community has a very real opportunity to make an impact on British politics."

Not all Muslims agree. The British-born Islamist preacher Anjem Choudary is actively discouraging Muslims from voting. In a stream of Twitter messages

using the #StayMuslimDontVote hashtag, Choudary has argued that voting is a "sin" against Islam because Allah is "the only legislator." He has also said that Muslims who vote or run for public office are "apostates."

Other British Islamists are following Choudary's lead. Bright yellow posters claiming that democracy "violates the right of Allah" have been spotted in Cardiff, the capital of Wales, and Leicester, as part of a grassroots campaign called #DontVote4ManMadeLaw.

One such poster stated:

"Democracy is a system whereby man violates the right of Allah and decides what is permissible or impermissible for mankind, based solely on their whims and desires.

"Islam is the only real, working solution for the UK. It is a comprehensive system of governance where the laws of Allah are implemented and justice is observed." □

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Editors Note: Miliband was trounced in Britain's general election in May. A majority of the voting public apparently couldn't stomach his "social democratic" agenda. He's reportedly returned to private life, having resigned from the Labour Party after leading it to its biggest defeat since the 80s. He insists however that the argument of his campaign will continue.

LETTERS

Just A Note,

To say "Thank you" for the Twenty-First Century Watch magazine. It's like food for my soul when I'm hungry. There's nothing like it printed anywhere. Thank you for it. I pray for Mark & family & the work of the living God.

Thank you with all my being,
M.H., Clarkesville, GA

Dear Mark,

I thank you for being so bold in your weekly updates. Never has strong leadership been more needed at the helm than today.

Please continue to deliver the word and truth of the True Gospel message. May our God continue to bless this wonderful church.

Most Gratefully,
D.B., Greenbank, WA

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for all the CDs and DVDs as well as the written material. Garner Ted Armstrong's sermons are enlightening, inspiring and always educational.

I value all communications

and materials from you. I am so grateful!

G.I., Sacramento, CA

Thank you,

For the literature and CDs. GTA is still able to teach, even though he isn't here.

We have all been through a lot, but thankfully God is still in charge.

I'm an old WWCG member but reconnected with GTA at the Feast in Panama City this year. (It's a long story!) But with literature and especially his voice on tape, it's helped me a lot.

C.M., Maryville, TN

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for all you folks are doing to share the truth of God on a daily basis. I enjoyed the articles in the Watch magazine, the CDs and DVDs. Very helpful and clear.

Everyone else seems to be going in the wrong, or opposite, direction - in every facet of life imaginable - as rapidly as possible. God's word is so clear and plain about all of life and the

way of life He expects from His children and followers. Thanks for being so faithful, consistent and dedicated to God's way and work.

V.W., Newton Grove, NC

Dear Sir,

Please accept this contribution as a gift of appreciation. We greatly appreciate your tapes. They are so informative.

We have been re-listening to some tapes going back to the 1980s and have been impressed by how timely and current they are.

We wish Mr. Armstrong was still here. He is missed. He was a unique and needed spokesman.

Keep up the good work.

T. & R. M., Springfield, MO

Thank you,

One of the best letters I've read on these subjects!

May this message reach those with understanding, so they can reach out to others.

M.P., Burlington, NC

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