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A HOUSE DIVIDED



by Mark Armstrong

Can you think of any time in our lifetimes when the nation has been outwardly divided to this degree? Lately the sentiment is that anyone who's ever violated a sacrament of political correctness should be fired from their job, publicly scorned by media, and hounded from visible society to live out their lives in universal shame. This is the punishment identified for President Trump, and it goes double for anyone brave enough to admit they ever supported him. Unless of course they've repented in sackcloth and ashes, owned up to their own bigotry, racism, misogyny, "homophobia," and sought redemption for having been generally deplorable. Oh, almost forgot. The basket of deplorables is irredeemable!

It's almost funny how those busiest burning the reputations of others are themselves transgressors of the ever-evolving neo-Puritan morality.

Turns out that "black-face" is the ultimate crime. Nobody seems to know why, but we're told that it's a sign of racism that deeply offends, maybe even "triggers" people "of color." We're also learning that attempting the

famous moon-walk dance is in the same category. I'm not sure if I was the only one who laughed so hard I nearly rolled across the floor when the governor of Virginia looked around during his press conference to see if there was enough room to demonstrate his mastery of the "moon walk" before his wife intervened, saying it would be "inappropriate" under the circumstances. Has some able body not stood in front of a full length mirror and tried?

Even the conservative commentators pump out these stories with audible outrage. It's just so insensitive! They can't believe that the governor won a contest in his earlier years with the shoes, single white glove and a little shoe polish on his face! (Governor Northam said, "I don't know if you've ever tried this...I only used a little, 'cause you can't get that stuff off.") Oh, he's not taking this seriously.

Neither are we. His late-term abortion statements? Now that we take seriously. And he's a pediatrician! His license to practice medicine should be revoked and he ought to have to try to explain his utter lack of conscience. But the mainstream media isn't in-

terested in why a pediatrician would consider ending the life of a live-born baby. They're too busy fighting off the vapors about some skit.

It turns out that A WHOLE BUNCH of these self-righteous enforcers (big names) of evolving morality have themselves indulged in similar behavior. If they live up to their accusations and criticisms maybe they'll all retire from public life and the world will be a better place.

CNN's prime-time anchor wore his unmistakable pout as he questioned why Gladys Knight would agree to sing the National Anthem for the 2019 Super Bowl, wondering aloud whether accepting the gig might damage her career. She defended her decision with professional grace and later delivered a heartfelt performance before millions of grateful American patriots. Thank goodness there's an entertainer like her who loves the country and is thankful for it. After having wrecked the *NFL*, is the lynch mob going to try to besmirch the National Anthem too? No doubt they will.

The American mainstream "news" media scorns President Trump for daring to contradict the

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“Do you suppose that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For there will be from now on five divided in one house, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, and mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

Then He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rise out of the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming,’ and so it is. And when a south wind blows, you say, ‘There will be heat,’ and it happens. You hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth. But why do you not know how to discern this time?”

Luke 12:51-56

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WHY PROPHECY?

One-third of the Bible is prophecy! Why was it written? Why is it so mysterious? Why does almost no one understand it? Here are the Bible answers!

by Garner Ted Armstrong



Bible prophecy has perplexed millions. Many hundreds of volumes have been written—articles, leaflets, tracts printed—thousands of sermons have been preached—all about Biblical prophecy.

And yet—look at all the confusion!

Many believe all the prophecies have been fulfilled. Others believe the prophecies were merely pronouncements of wild-eyed fanatics carried away with visions of doom. Still others believe prophecies are confined to the Old Testament, and are all done away.

Still others preach that MOST Biblical prophecy is for our day—now!

What is the truth?

WHAT IS PROPHECY?

The Hebrew word for prophet, *Nabi*, means “one who announces or brings a message from God.” The word “prophet” in the English language means essentially the same thing—“one who speaks by divine inspiration as

the interpreter or spokesman of God,” whether it be a message of duty and warning, or a prediction of future events.

A prophet is one who speaks for God; hence, the prefix *pro* (from the Greek language—from which our word prophet is derived) which means “for” and “before” so that a prophet is one who speaks for God, or one who tells before—one who predicts, foretells, prophesies!

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

Many people falsely assume all prophecies are merely dire foretellings of catastrophic events, of the wrathful vengeance of a harsh God who is about to descend with terrible fury upon His hapless subjects here below.

This is FAR from the truth! Many of the prophecies foretell a time of peace, of happiness, of restoration, of joy, of great prosperity and physical wealth for those who are serving God.

Many prophecies merely foretell, in advance, certain events which are to happen, the

rise and fall of nations, the course of world affairs!

Prophecy is a chronicle of the great plan God is working out here below. It describes this plan in detail, showing how God knew it would work out, according to human nature, together with other special interventions of God.

Prophecy is history written in advance!

WHO WERE THE PROPHETS?

The prophets were not a special hierarchy, a guild, or a certain “class” of men. Many of them were chosen from various tribes, and, unlike those of the tribe of Levi, were not born into their office.

“...The prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (II Pet. 1:21).

Daniel was a Jew of the tribe of Judah, one of the princes of the nation with whom God began to deal—revealing the meaning of Nebuchadnezzar’s dreams, and causing Daniel to write many

prophecies which he, himself, did not understand! (Dan. 12:8-9).

Jeremiah was “of the priests” (Jer. 1:1), who argued he was too young to become a prophet of God! Hosea was apparently of Zebulun, Jonah ran from the call of God, Isaiah claimed he was a man of unclean lips and didn’t want to prophesy, and Zephaniah was one of the princes of Judah, possibly of the descendants of Hezekiah.

As the Holy Spirit inspired Peter to write, God called His prophets—sent them with a message as divinely commissioned messengers. On many occasions, they had to be made willing to carry the message of God. These men were not seeking for some kind of a “spiritual experience,” they were not earnestly desiring the office of a “prophet,” they were chosen of God!

Notice the way God called Amos.

“The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, which he saw” (Amos 1:1). Amos was going about his daily life, minding his own business—and God expressly revealed a certain message to him. Later, when Amos was approached by Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, who told Amos not to prophesy, but to go into another country, Amos answered “...I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet’s son, but I was an herdsman, and a gatherer of wild figs [margin] and the Eternal took me as I followed the flock, and the Eternal said unto me ‘Go, prophesy unto My people Israel’” (Amos 7:14-15).

Amos was herding sheep—NOT “looking” for some kind of “religious experience”—and God called him!

Who were the prophets? They were princes, shepherders, farmers, fishermen, or priests. They came from many different tribes, and God called them at many different times.

Your Bible says that they were “holy men of old”. And, on these men together with the New Testament apostles, is based the very Church of God! “Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone” (Eph. 2:19-20).

WHY WAS PROPHECY WRITTEN?

God selected Jonah as a prophet and, after making him willing to carry the message of God, commissioned him to go to the great city of Nineveh. Jonah finally went. Jonah prophesied, lifting up his voice in loud warning as he traversed the great, sprawling city of Nineveh!

Finally, the word came to the king. The king realized the seriousness of the prophecy, and “...arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by a decree of the king and his nobles saying, ‘Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed,

nor drink water. But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God’...and God saw their works that they turned from their evil way, and God repented of the evil, that He has said He would do unto them, and He did it not” (Jonah 3:6-10).

Notice it! Jonah fulfilled his commission! Jonah’s job of orally shouting the warning was over. Jonah had been made willing, had carried the message to Nineveh, and Nineveh had actually repented!

Then—if the prophecy had served its purpose, if the warning had been heeded, if Jonah’s commission was over, why the need of writing the prophecy?

Jonah wrote the WHOLE thing, and it forms a part of your Bible today.

Again, notice the 36th chapter of Jeremiah.

“And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the Eternal, saying, ‘Take thee a roll of a book [a scroll], and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against the nations...it may be that the house of Judah will hear of all the evil which I purpose to do unto them, that they may return every man from his evil way’... then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the Eternal, which He had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book!” (Jer. 36:1-4).

After the writing of this dire

warning toward Israel and Judah, notice what happened. “Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, ‘I am shut up, I cannot go into the house of the Lord: therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the Eternal in the ears of the people in the Eternal’s house upon the fasting day... It may be they will present their supplication before the Eternal, and will return every one from his evil way...’ and Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all

that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the Eternal in the Eternal’s house” (v. 5-8).

The people heard it, and also one of the princes who was present. He carried the message to other princes, whereupon they sent Jehudi (v. 14) to tell Baruch to come to them. He arose, took the scroll in his hand and began to read it to them. Then they told the king (v. 20).

Now notice what happened! “So the king sent Jehudi to fetch

the roll, and he took it out of Elishama the scribe’s chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king. Now the king sat in the winter house in the ninth month, and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him. And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves [columns] he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth” (v. 21-23). The king then commanded (v. 26) that Baruch and Jeremiah be seized. However, they escaped, being hidden of God.

Stop and think for a moment. God had revealed a message to Jeremiah. Jeremiah had caused the message to be written. The message had then reached all the people. Then all the princes heard it. Finally, it reached the king! On this occasion, unlike Nineveh, neither the king, the princes, nor the people repented.

However, the purpose of the prophecy was fulfilled—wasn’t it? Everyone had heard, orally, the exact words of this amazing prophecy read in their own ears!

But—if the whole purpose of this prophecy had already been fulfilled, and if there was not a dual application—if there was not yet a future fulfillment of this prophecy—then why did God cause every word to be written a second time?

“Then the word of the Eternal came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at



Jeremiah On the Ruins of Jerusalem, by Horace Vernet, 1844.

the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, ‘Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned’” (Jer. 36:27-28).

Do you see? God caused every single word and other words besides to be written the second time! He caused Jonah to write the prophecy even though the city repented. God wanted these words preserved. God wanted them to come right on down to our time—now!

WRITTEN FOR OUR DAY

The very purpose for writing one single word of prophecy is to preserve the prophecies for future generations. God saw to it, even by intervening in a Divine miracle, that His sacred words were to be preserved to all generations.

Here’s part of the reason: “Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted” (I Cor. 10:6). God caused these prophecies to be written for our examples, today! “Now all these things happened unto them for examples, and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come” (I Cor. 10:11).

God caused the prophecies to be written to show His servants how world conditions would work out. “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass, and He sent and signified it by His angels unto His servant John” (Rev. 1:1).

Why? So His servants in this modern age can come to understand the prophecies, preaching and publishing them to the modern nations for whom they were intended! Read Ezekiel 33.

God makes an ironclad promise that He will NOT cause any major world condition to occur, that He will not intervene in world affairs, unless His servants—those who are members of the very body of Jesus Christ—know about it first. “Surely the Lord Eternal will do nothing but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7).

One full third of the Bible is prophecy—and about 90% of that prophecy still pertains to our day—right now!

THE AMAZING PROPHECY OF EZEKIEL

Notice what happened to Ezekiel. “...I was among the captives by the River of Chebar... and I saw visions of God” (Ezek. 1:1). Read the first chapter of Ezekiel. Here is a picture of the very throne of the One who later became Jesus Christ. Ezekiel saw a great whirlwind (v. 4) in the midst of which were four living creatures (v. 5), carrying, over their heads, an expanse of translucent material (v. 22) the color of glass, or crystal. On this expanse of beautiful, crystal-like material, was a throne. (v. 26).

Seated on the throne was One “as the appearance of a man above upon it, and I saw as the color of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of His loins

even upward [compare with Rev. 1:13-16] and from the appearance of His loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about...This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord” (Ezek. 1:26-28).

Ezekiel then heard a voice (chapter 1:28) and the voice said, “Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee...and He said unto me, ‘Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel...I do send thee unto them thus saith the Lord Eternal’” (Ezek. 2:1-4).

Ezekiel was being sent a message by the Eternal, the Lord of the Old Testament—who is Jesus Christ of the New Testament!

But Ezekiel was in captivity. He was sent to the House of Israel. He was also given prophecies against the Ammonites (25:2), against Moab (25:8), against Edom (25:12), against Tyre (26:2-3). Against Egypt (29:2)—and against other nations, a great distance from his location in Babylon.

But Ezekiel was in captivity. The word of the Eternal came to him, giving him these messages—commissioning him to warn these specific nations.

But Ezekiel was never released to GO to these nations!

A CAPTIVE JEW

Imagine it! Picture, if you can, a young Jewish lad in a concentration camp in Germany, during World War II. Let’s suppose Almighty God reveals to him startling visions, symbolizing what is to happen to Egypt, Japan,

Great Britain and the United States! God tells him to “get you unto Egypt, Japan, Britain and the United States.”

Are his German captors going to believe he has received such a message? Even if they DID—is it feasible they would let him go, in order to travel all about the world during a time of warfare,

captivity in 596 B.C. The fifth year brings us to about 592 B.C., or over 125 years after the removal of the last of the remaining Northern tribes, 718-721 B.C.!

If you have not yet seen the startling identity of Israel proved, write immediately for my booklet *Europe and America in Prophecy*.

Ezekiel’s prophecy never, in

a former type of the real fulfillment of ALL the prophecies of Matthew 24!

Ezekiel’s prophecies are also dual. And the real, literal fulfillment of the prophecies of Ezekiel are right ahead of us—now!

HOW TO UNDERSTAND PROPHECY

There are definite keys to the understanding of Biblical prophecy. Most have never understood what those keys are. The keys to great prophecy have become lost!

Of great importance is the modern identity of the nations mentioned in Bible prophecy.

Also, in ancient times, when a prophet of God came to a king (such as Nineveh) the message was sometimes believed, and a great reform effected. From time to time, as God sent judges, and prophets, there were certain reforms carried out in Israel. At least some kings of Israel spoke, not according to their own clearly devised human reasoning, but according to the Divinely inspired words of God! Notice how totally different we are today!

You know national leaders today would look upon preaching the prophecies of what God says is going to happen as mere fanaticism. They would spurn, scorn, ridicule and scoff at any mention of “Biblical prophecy.”

Today, prophecy seems to be a weird, fanatical sort of “religious ax-grinding,” having no bearing on actual fact or present-day world conditions.

What a shock lies ahead for world leaders!

You can understand Biblical prophecy. Here’s how: God

The real, literal fulfillment of the prophecies of Ezekiel are right ahead of us—now!

reaching the leaders of these nations? Even if he could feasibly travel from place to place, is it possible anyone with such a message, claiming to be a prophet sent from God, would be ushered right into the White House of the President of the United States, into the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, or to No. 10 Downing Street in London?

Of course not!

Ezekiel never reached these nations. Instead, he WROTE the prophecies.

Do you realize that Ezekiel, a young captive Jew, in a veritable “concentration camp” in Babylon, was given prophecies toward Israel over 120 years after Israel had already gone into captivity? And that he never reached the Israelites with the message?

Ezekiel saw visions of impending destruction upon Israel “in the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of King Jehoiachin’s captivity” (Ezek. 1:2-3). Jehoiachin went into

all history until NOW, reached the ears for whom the messages were intended!

Rather, Ezekiel wrote these amazing prophecies! He wrote them—because God was intending to preserve them—for our day!

Prophecy is dual. Notice the theme of duality running throughout the Bible. There was the first man Adam, and the second Adam, who was Christ (I Cor. 15:45-47). There is the Old Testament, and the New Testament. There was the Old Jerusalem and a new heavenly Jerusalem. Study Matthew 24. Here, Jesus answered the questions of the disciples about the end of the age, and His imminent return. Many believe Matthew 24 was totally fulfilled in 70 A.D. at the destruction of Jerusalem. This is entirely baseless. They must believe, by this assumption, Jesus was a liar. But Christ did not lie—what happened in part in 70 A.D. was merely a forerunner,

told Daniel the words which he had received were closed and sealed—but only until a certain time. Read it. “And he said, ‘Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end! Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried, but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise SHALL understand’” (Dan. 12:9-10).

Who are the “wise”? God says “the fear of the Eternal is the beginning of knowledge” (Prov. 1:7). Wisdom comes from God. “For the Eternal giveth wisdom, out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding” (Prov. 2:6).

The way to get wisdom—to come to understand the Bible prophecies—is to fear (be in awe of) Almighty God! “Thus saith the Eternal, The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool: where is the house that you build unto Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things have Mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Eternal: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My word.” (Isa. 66:1-2).

The mere beginning of

wisdom is to fear God. Next, one must learn to respect, to fear, to tremble before the Divinely inspired word of God!

Today people say, “Well, I know the Bible says that—but here’s the way I look at it.” People do not seem to really fear to misapply, to misinterpret, wrest, distort and twist the sacred word of God! People do not really respect the Divinely inspired words of Almighty God!

That’s why people don’t understand the Bible. You can come to understand the Bible, and Biblical prophecy, only when you begin to really fear and respect what the Bible says!

The apostle Paul said, “The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” (I Cor. 2:14). The disciples of Jesus Christ couldn’t even understand the simplest parables which Jesus taught them privately. However, after they had received the Holy Spirit of God, then they understood.

It is only when one has truly come to fear God and obey God, repented and received His Holy

Spirit, that true understanding of the prophecies of God can come.

WHAT PROPHECY MEANS TO YOU

Jesus Christ commissioned His Church to preach the gospel of the kingdom of God to all the world as a witness (Matt. 28:18-20; Matt. 24:14). The gospel is prophetic! It has to do with present-day world news, and the future of this whole earth!

The whole meaning of the gospel is prophetic. Jesus Christ said, “Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things which shall come to pass [that are prophesied—that are to happen in the future] and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36).

You need to come to understand prophecy! Only by understanding the prophecies of the Bible can you intelligently watch—and Jesus meant watch world news. When you know, in advance, what is going to happen—then you can be a real watchman of Almighty God. That’s why God caused the prophecies to be recorded—to warn the world NOW! □

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GENERATION RETREAT

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What happens in schools in which Turkish and Arab youths are already in the majority? Assimilation is in reverse: it is the “Almans” who are adjusting themselves.

I am 16 years old and I live in Berlin-Kreuzberg. I grew up between Görlitzer Park, Warshaw Street und Kottbuss Gate. At my elementary school the percentage of foreigners was past the 70% mark.

I experienced what the words “integration difficulties” really meant: A third grader sitting on the floor, crying and hitting at the teacher who tries to soothe him; a fellow student storming angrily out of the classroom after a warning and can only be brought back with much difficulty. Another who’s taking a nap during German class. And ultimately, a fourth-grader who visits the local mosque regularly and babbles on to me about good and evil angels sitting on my shoulders. It was a crazy time; the educational level was beyond ridiculous. I have learned absolutely nothing in elementary school. Nada y niente.

And still—and, yes, this may

sound crazy—I was better friends with the Turks, the Kurds and the Arabs than I was with German students. Because most German students in Kreuzberg are just insanely dumb: They have been brought up anti-authoritarian; achievements and performance were foreign concepts to them, but their mommies were sure that something was going to come from them—something about painting pretty pictures or maybe music. The child could jam away on the drums so well...

When I got older, I went to grammar school, out and away from Kreuzberg. The older I got, the more things changed around us. Those Germans with the last bit of common sense left. Those who remained at the Kreuzberg schools soon only had two options left: Either they were excluded, and ridiculed as “Almans”—or they assimilated. They adjusted themselves. They assimilated so that they could belong to a deeply Islamic-shaped youth culture. There everything was about honor and family, and whoever said anything against it or just generally was of dif-

ferent opinion than the leader of the group got punched in the face. Sure, as far as alcohol and girls went, things weren’t so Islamo-puritan, unless it was about your own sister, so help us allah, because then it was a matter of honor. Shisha was all the latest rage, music came from rappers who were rapping things in broken German about punching people in the face and boxing. This culture reacted allergically to everything German, Western, and against everyone who didn’t immediately shed themselves of it.

I’ve watched how the assimilating Germans started to talk in slang. They took up the mannerisms of their migrant friends, and in order to try and completely evade the slightest accusation of Almandome, they would try to exceed and surpass their migrant friends in things such as aggression and the propensity to use violence.

The fact that culture functions in this way here is known by everyone, whether a student at Waldorf, *SPIEGEL* online reader, a Green Party member/fan, or just generally a tolerance-lov-

ing diversity fan: to accuse a migrant gang of cheating at soccer by Bolzplatz? Better not. To flirt with a girl with darker skin? Rather keep your distance.

The former New Cologne mayor and SPD politician Heinz Buschkowsky just recently aptly summarized it this way: “Today we have entire neighborhoods that offer a complete infrastructure like in the homeland. There is no pressure to assimilate and to learn the German language. On the contrary, there is a strong territorial behavior present. Young people say: we are proud Turks and Arabs. What do you Germans want here?”

There are four possible answers to this question: Remain here as a German and have problems. Remain here and stop being German. Remain German and move away. Or go to Waldorf school and make your name in interpretative dance.

There’s only one thing that doesn’t happen: That someone from my generation stands up to this evolution. The generation of left-over Germans who grow up in areas such as what I have described here, they have no confidence left. Instead of self-asser-



tion, they self-decapitate. This is not something that just happens here in the extreme; it is happening everywhere. There is no fire of defiance and truculence left burning: not against the Islamic annexation of culture nor against the political patronization in schools and in the media who explain to us how we are all profiting from diversity.

These broken youths in times of total tolerance have understood that integration is not happening, at least not of the migrant kids into German society. There is no imperative need for them to integrate. The few among them who maybe wish a more secular

and liberal milieu are prevented from living it or expressing their desires by their environment—for instance when a gang of youths through the pressure of the group make sure that girls wear their hijabs. In these city blocks—whether it be Berlin, Dortmund or Bremen and many more cities—there is nothing that represents our Western culture in any way. And even if someone wanted that: into what should migrant kids integrate?

There, where the majority situation has already been tipped over, assimilation has been going the opposite way for the longest time already. □



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WORLD NEWS BRIEF

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IRAN'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The Revolutionary Guard in Iran introduced the world to its newest missile system, despite objections from the West and demands that its programs be scrapped. Purportedly the “Dezful” surface-to-surface missile has a range of over 600 miles. Particularly incensed is the EU, still trying to salvage the nuclear deal with Iran, as work on nuclear-capable ballistic missiles was not allowed under the agreement. Having just passed the 40th anniversary of their revolution, Iranian leaders undoubtedly felt the need to showcase their “strength.” Many goods are currently hard to find and inflation has more than doubled since the US pulled out of the nuclear agreement and reimposed sanctions. Of course, revolutionary celebrations still included statements from governing officials such as “America cannot manage its own affairs now, millions of people are hungry there and America’s power is in decline.”

JAPANESE TRANSGENDERS

The Japanese Supreme Court recently upheld a decision requiring those who seek to change the gender listed on their official documents to be “fully transitioned.” Requirements include having “no reproductive glands (testes or ovaries) or reproductive glands that have permanently lost function” as well as “a body which appears to have parts that resemble the genital organs of those of the opposite gender.” While the ruling was unanimous, the issue will likely be raised again in the future. The judges indicated that such regulations should change to reflect evolving social values.

A CURE FOR CANCER?

Dan Aridor’s company and its team of Israeli scientists have shocked the world. He announced, “We believe we will offer in a year’s time a complete cure for cancer.” Furthermore, it will be “effective from day one,” take only “a few weeks,” have “no or minimal side-effects,” and be available at “a much lower cost than most other treatments on the market.” The treatment is based on phage display technologies that won the Nobel Prize in 2018. In-vitro trials and experiments with mice have been very successful and clinical trials are about to begin. Ideally, the treatment could begin to become available in a few years.

BREXIT'S FUTURE STILL UNCERTAIN

After the overwhelming defeat of Prime Minister Theresa May’s long-negotiated deal, Britain’s path out of the European Union remains unclear. EU officials are loath to reopen the process as the March 29th deadline looms ever closer. While a last minute deal or a delay are still considered most likely, the possibility of a no-deal exit is growing. The downsides of no-deal for Britain are constantly emphasized but the impact on EU members is often overlooked. Many of those who have sought to punish Britain in negotiations stand to suffer as much or more than the UK and are modifying existing laws and rules to lessen the impact of a “hard Brexit.” European Council President Donald Tusk even speculated on the “special place in hell” for those who supported Brexit without a clear plan to deliver it “safely.”

WITNESSING THE GULAG

Criminal cases in Russia have reminded the world of its Soviet and atheist roots. A Danish man, Dennis Christensen, has just been convicted and sentenced to six years for organizing a banned extremist group, the dreaded Jehovah's Witnesses! It is unknown if they were placed on par with terrorists by the Russian Supreme Court due to their abstention from military service or their refusal of blood transfusions. The ban has resulted in over 100 court cases with many Jehova's Witnesses winding up in prison or under house arrest. Concerned parties worry about the precedent set by the Christensen case. Jehovah's Witnesses who wish to continue practicing their religion (with its characteristic evangelism) may be advised to leave Russia, shaking the dust from their feet.

HOPEFULLY, THEY KNOW THE TRUTH

A scuffle that ended in tragedy. That's how German mainstream media described the incident in Nuremberg where two teenaged boys of immigrant background (Turkish and Albanian) pushed three German teenagers onto the tracks directly in front of an approaching train. Two were killed by the train in what must have been a terribly gruesome death. The German media cloaked the identity of the perpetrators calling them "German." They also made up the "scuffle on the platform" story to make the attack sound accidental. When you try to look this story up, you'll find that the "immigrants" pushing people onto the tracks in front of trains has become a common occurrence in Europe.

MARY POPPINS – RACIST? WHATEVER!

The New York Times recently published an op-ed by professor Daniel Pollack-Pelzner claiming racism in a song and dance scene by Julie Andrews in the movie Mary Poppins. She shared the scene with Dick Van Dyke, who played the chimney sweep, and they both had fireplace soot on their faces. Pollack-Pelzner writes, "We're in on the joke, such as it is: These aren't really black Africans; they're grinning white dancers in blackface. It's a parody of black menace; it's even posted on a white nationalist website as evidence of the film's racial

hierarchy." The "academic" claims that he made the association about "blackface" signaling "racism" in the hope that executives would take care that future productions do not include anything that may be regarded as "a little bit racist." What will they think of next in the crusade to call everybody (especially President Trump and any who dare support him) racist?

GILET JAUNES MEETS ANTI-CASSEURS

After three months of demonstrations by the yellow vest movement, the French government is in the process of passing legislation to curb these often violent protests. The "anti-hooligan" law prohibits protesters from hiding their faces. It also empowers law enforcement to remove potentially troublesome people from the crowds. Further, local authorities may prohibit the participation of certain individuals. Opponents have argued the bill is an affront to civil liberties. President Macron's party (controlling a majority of the legislature) passed the bill through the lower house, despite 50 of its members abstaining from the vote. The upper house is expected to consider it on March 12. Should it pass, it remains to be seen whether it would effectively reduce violence or further incense those who consider the government to be out of touch.

JUST A GAME?

Soccer, or "football" as some insist, has a shocking reputation for violence. However this is typically associated with the fanatical spectators rather than the game-play itself. Brawls and riots lead to the destruction of property, injury, and even death. The eponymous "anti-hooligan" laws currently being contemplated in France hearken back to legislation attempting to control violence surrounding games. Chanting on the part of fans is also notoriously vile. Five people have been arrested and fined in the Netherlands at a match with the perceived-as-Jewish team Ajax from Amsterdam. They sang, "My father was in the commandos, my mother was in the SS, together they burned Jews, 'cause Jews burn the best." The incident is in no way unique, many such chants are common. It is another indication that antisemitism is on the rise in Europe. □

BIBLE STUDY*by Dr. James & Natalie Ricks*

The Judgment of Revelation

CHRIST REIGNS FOR ONE THOUSAND YEARS

A future age of judgment is revealed in the Bible. In the book of Revelation this age is described as the “great white throne judgment period.” All who have ever lived will get a chance to understand God’s will, repent of their sins and live in obedience to Him. Then they too will have the opportunity to have their names added to the book of life. If they refuse, they will simply be resurrected to then go into the lake of fire. All men suffer the first, physical, death but are then given a chance to avoid the second, spiritual death in the next life.

Today is not the only day of salvation. Most of mankind have lived in utter paganism, superstition or secular decadence and deception. Our loving God will give everyone a chance to repent and be added to the Family of God.

The second coming of Jesus will mean peace and prosperity for the planet. Earth will experience prosperity and truth for the first time. Christ and the resurrected saints, the new sons of God, will create a paradise and knowledge of the true God will flow from it like the water of the sea.

Isaiah 11:4-9 “...but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth; and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist, and faithfulness the girdle of his loins.

“And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder’s den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea.” (ASV)

THE SECOND RESURRECTION

Since there is a “first” resurrection it stands to reason that there would be a “second” resurrection. When the Bible talks about a “second death” then certainly all must have a chance to live again—a second life. The billions who were not included in the first resurrection, who have lived and were never fully given an opportunity to be saved, will come alive again.

The Bible will then be fully opened to their minds. Most will learn, repent, and be written in the Book of Life. The majority will be saved in this wonderful period of God’s grace and righteous judgment.

Revelation 20:11-13, “And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat upon it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne; and books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the

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book of life: and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it; and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.”

THE BOOK OF LIFE

Finally, mankind will get a chance to truly know God. Obviously, in this age of Satan, most of mankind has never really gotten to know the true God. Why would God open the Book of Life during this judgment period if he was only going to burn all those who were not saved in their first life? Our age is NOT the only age of salvation! A new age, or judgment period, is coming when all will get an opportunity to really understand the gospel and the Bible. They will get a chance to repent and be saved.

Matthew 12:32, “Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.” (NKJV)

Note that the self-righteous will have a harder time learning to repent than the more obvious sinners in the age or world of judgment to come.

Matthew 11:20-24, “Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent: ‘Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.’”

Christ will be harder during this judgment period on the self-righteous people of Israel who heard

the preaching of Jesus and his disciples and utterly rejected it. However, the sinners who never before heard God’s truth will repent faster and more deeply than many of these self-righteous ones.

SATAN’S LAST DECEPTION

At the end of this thousand year period, God will release Satan and his demons from their spiritual jail. They will attempt to seduce and deceive those who, at end of the millennium, remain in bad attitudes and in hatred for God’s people and God’s ways. Many will be added to God’s family during the millennial reign of Christ, but the second resurrection will include many vulnerable people who have never had their faith tested by the Devil.

We can assume that some will be loyal to God; however many fall for the spirit of sin and unrepentant hatred of God and His people. These hopelessly deceived nations will ultimately attempt to attack Jerusalem in a spirit of rebellion and hatred of God and Israel!

Revelation 20:6-10, “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: over these the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

“And when the thousand years are finished, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall come forth to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to the war: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up over the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

Of course, God cannot be defeated. The attacking armies will be completely destroyed by God’s miraculous salvation. This story is elaborated in the book of Ezekiel, chapters 37 and 38. Satan will again

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be restrained—this time for all eternity.

THE FINAL DEATH

Revelation 21:7-8, “He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

All those who fail to repent after being given a second chance will face the second death. People who have committed the unpardonable sin or refused to obey God only to become defiant sinners, will simply have their existence ended. If they do not appreciate the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, they will face the lake of fire. They will become ashes and will no longer cause themselves or others to suffer. They will not be tortured for all eternity as some claim; that is cruel and sadistic, even to us imperfect humans. The Bible tells us what He will do:

Malachi 4:1-3, “For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up,’ Says the LORD of hosts, ‘that will leave them neither root nor branch. But to you who fear My name, The Son of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; And you shall

go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves. You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this,’ Says the LORD of hosts.”

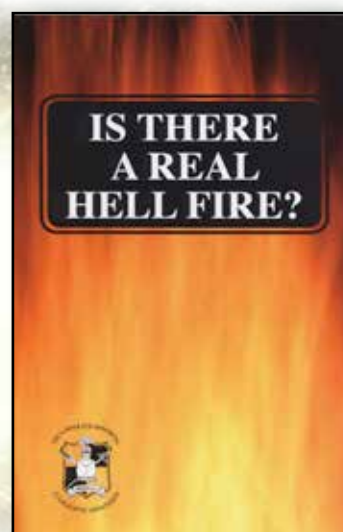
The fate of the unsaved is one of kindness. Human beings, with the help and grace of God, through His Holy Spirit, will learn to behave in a proper manner or they will no longer exist.

Revelation 20:14-15, “Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

The future sons of God will be able to live and thrive for all eternity with no issues or problems. Why? Because God will have taught us all humility and certain basics of loyalty to God and orderly behavior.

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever” (Revelation 21:1-5). □

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SOCIAL CREDIT SCORES OR THE NUMBER OF A MAN?

by Michael Armstrong

Do you know your credit score? You probably have some idea of whether it is good or bad. Especially if you have recently tried renting an apartment, buying a car, or purchasing a home. Lenders have a way of protecting themselves, and that is by keeping tabs on YOU!

Yes, you are being monitored. By giving you a gift you cannot refuse, on the day of your birth (your very own social security number) the government has provided a way for you to be identified. Doctors visit? School enrollment? Drivers license? Get a job? Start a business? Need a loan? Pay your taxes? You are going to need to know that number.

It is essential for you to participate in society. Now, before you begin digging that bunker or planning your flight to join the uncontacted tribes of the Amazon let us stop this digression into (oddly justifiable) paranoia and return to the subject at hand. Your social security number is what lenders use to retrieve your credit

score. Your credit score is a numerical representation of the risk involved in lending you money, and in what amounts. Whatever that score may be, you earned it.

Now imagine the basis for that score were broadened. Imagine it graded not only your financial transactions, but your social interactions.

It is the duty of every conscientious Christian to examine themselves and the world around them in the light of scripture. We are reaching a point where government wants to examine you too. Not on account of God's laws, but according to what THEY deem acceptable behavior.

To be converted it is necessary to repent. To repent you must acknowledge, specifically, your own misdeeds and shortcomings. These only become apparent when compared to the standards of the Bible, of God's law and the perfect example of Jesus Christ. You realize that in God's eyes, judging by His standards, you have really bad cred-

it—extremely poor. Really, none whatsoever; a disgrace even to the dirt He made you from. Seriously, that dirt could have grown tomatoes, but again we digress...

The good news is you can be forgiven. Your debt can be paid by Jesus Christ who has shown that the flesh can be conquered by the Holy Spirit, whose life is worth more than all of ours put together. He is, after all, the Son of God, the being who did the creating, who called Abraham, wrestled with Jacob, dealt directly with Moses, and spoke to the prophets even before He laid it all on the line by being born of a woman and personally demonstrating how He wants us to behave. (Genesis 1:26, Micah 5:2, John 1:1-3, John 8:58, Ephesians 3:9, Hebrews 1:1-2)

The standards set by God apply to all of mankind. As it says in Exodus 12:49, "One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and the stranger that sojourneth among you." In self examination, the faults of society in general also

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become obvious. “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man:” reads 1 Corinthians 10:13, and it is only too common for men to succumb to temptation.

Our institutions, be they church, state, or otherwise, falter on account of their human overseers, though they may have been founded on the best, most righteous intentions. That is why we look forward to the Kingdom of God. We need it. So many of

vening years. They might have found that discouraging, which could have detracted from the urgency of their message. It can be discouraging to us when events do not transpire as quickly as we expect them to. But the message *is* urgent. Either we will live on to the establishment of the kingdom or we will die, perhaps suddenly and unexpectedly, and our next moment of awareness will be at the time of the resurrection and judgment. It’s six of one, a half

(Revelation 20:4) The rest of the world is said to be “deceived” by the beast and his miracles. (Revelation 13:14, 18:23, 19:20) The pressure to accept the mark and worship the beast will be very great. Those who refuse will be put to death. It will be forced upon the world and without it no one will be able to buy or sell. (Revelation 13:16-17)

We’re talking about a world government with serious enforcement power. This government has a way of identifying people on the spot and excluding them from all commerce. Before this modern age such a system may have been harder to imagine. Business conducted with hard currency or through barter is not easily regulated. Self sufficiency takes much of the bite out of exclusion, but very few people could now describe themselves as such. Today we rely on the technologies of commerce to an extent that we may come to regret.

Cash is the only way to make purchases anonymously. A study by the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco reported that only 32% of transactions were made with cash in 2015, down from 40% in 2012. That means the majority of purchases are tied definitively to an individual, bringing us back to our social security numbers and credit scores mentioned at the beginning of this article. So what’s the point? There is already a system in place capable of excluding you from commerce at the point of sale.

You’ve probably had a card declined at some point. Process-

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the problems we face will be abolished by its advent, yet if we know these things, we know that the time immediately prior to its establishment will be truly terrible. This “time of Jacob’s trouble” will be unlike anything else in history, the absolute worst chapter in the story of mankind. (Jeremiah 30:7, Daniel 12:1, Matthew 24:21) Without divine intervention life on this planet would end.

Consequently, the scriptures regarding this time have always been examined most painstakingly. When comparing the present to the end time, one tends to bridge the gap in the fewest possible steps. The apostles thought Jesus Christ would establish the kingdom during His physical life, then again after His resurrection.

It is not likely they expected these 2000+ (and counting) inter-

dozen of the other. Those who do live to see the return of Christ will have to endure terrible trials.

There are certain aspects of the end time that are unique. Earthquakes, war, famine, and pestilence will be on a scale hitherto unknown. Events like the blackening of the sun and the oceans turning to blood will be unmistakable. One detail, provided by Revelation chapter 13, has long captured the imaginations of men, provoking endless speculation. It is the mark of the beast.

This has proved to be fertile soil for prognosticators of all types and sizes. Not that the subject isn’t worthy, after all the faithful of this time are those “which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands.”

ing equipment determined almost instantaneously your available credit or bank balance. If no other method of payment was available to you then no transaction took place. Is it really that hard to imagine approval or denial based on some other criteria? “Sorry sir it’s been declined, your allegiance to the beast could not be verified.” (With tyranny and oppression for all!)

It’s really no laughing matter. The powers that be are already capable of excluding an individual. Who hasn’t heard of someone wanted by law enforcement having their “assets frozen”? They are effectively locked out. Maybe that is a good and reasonable thing at this point in time but the gist is that the mechanism exists,

ready and waiting to be abused.

The same could be said for a great many of the conveniences we enjoy, in which we eagerly and willingly participate. It’s helpful, it’s easy, it’s fun, we’re connected. Allow access to contacts, files, location, camera? You can’t say no and still use the device. If it was never abused it would be great. It is admittedly awesome and useful and in no way inherently evil. However, the level to which we are exposed to surveillance and subsequently analysis is alarming. Even refrigerators have wifi and cameras!

As things stand right now we’re not being overtly abused (maybe just a little). However, you would have to have your head buried deep in the sand not

to know that there is a concerted effort to vilify, shame, and exclude a great many traditional viewpoints from “polite” society, including many righteous precepts of the Bible. Intolerance will not be tolerated! At some point, enforcement is going to enter the equation. In some places it already has. The future could get very, very weird.

In China, the world’s most populous country at 1.4 billion, the present is already pretty weird. It seems that the great “cultural revolution,” despite occurring 50 years ago, has left the Chinese population with a lingering distrust of one another. Strange how purposely pitting friends and family against one another and slaughtering mil-



lions deemed not “loyal to the party” can do that. The proposed solution to this problem is the implementation of a social credit system. Currently participation is voluntary but that’s going to change in 2020.

Official Chinese hopes are that “It will forge a public opinion environment where keeping trust is glorious. It will strengthen sincerity in government affairs, commercial sincerity, social sincerity and the construction of judicial credibility.” Ah utopia! It sounds so warm and fuzzy... and delightfully mandatory.

The criteria for calculating these scores goes way beyond the obligation fulfillment history used to calculate our credit scores. One company tasked with creating an algorithm to determine an individual’s social credit score is Chinese multinational conglomerate *Alibaba*. (Like American *Alphabet* which owns *Google*, *YouTube*, *Android*, etc, etc, yikes, etc.)

The factors taken into account are broken into five categories. Credit history, fulfillment capacity, personal characteristics, behavior characteristics, and interpersonal relationships. Different applications contribute information to provide real-time updates through data mining and facial recognition technology. Some of the parameters monitored inside these five vague categories include your general health, charitable contributions or volunteering, education level, recreation activities, who your friends are,

locations you frequent, and many more.

Want your score to go up? You could donate blood, post “positive” social media messages, pay your taxes promptly, or get good grades. However, if you commit traffic violations, have too much screen time, or (gasp) share FAKE NEWS, your score will definitely go down. No deviations from the established “party line” will be tolerated either. You could be penalized with reduced internet speed, lose access to dating websites, or more seriously be denied education, employment, an apartment, and social security benefits. A good score will bring benefits such as access to financial services and travel privileges.

As of May 2018 millions had already been prohibited from flying or taking trains, blacklisted for social misdeeds. This information is not necessarily private. Reports have indicated there are communities where citizens’ social credit scores were posted near the village center. The extensive data mining involved in compiling these scores really abolishes privacy. According to the government, it will “allow the trustworthy to roam everywhere under heaven while making it hard for the discredited to take a single step.”

Oddly, many Chinese people do not dread the full implementation of this system but hope it will make everyone be the “best version” of themselves. The combination of technology and tyranny

make for some pretty terrifying possibilities. Just as social security numbers, the alleged “world governing” United Nations, barcodes, surveillance technologies, implantable chips, and so many other “advancements” have been cause for concern. For those with an eye to the future, this is another startling indication of how close the end may be. The technologies we rely upon daily were almost unimaginable a generation ago.

When will the end come? “But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.” said Jesus Christ in Mark 13:32-33.

We see what is happening in the world. We see how end time events could begin to transpire. We see men obsessed with their own version of righteousness and the judgments of God discarded or perverted. He said, “In your patience possess ye your souls” (Luke 21:19).

We must continue to watch and pray. Paul wrote, “Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” (Galatians 6:9) The western world may not be ready to tolerate what is transpiring in China, but consider what has already been accepted.

Things can progress rapidly in times of calamity. We must hold fast to the truth of God and know that even if our “social credit” falls to absolute zero, our treasure is in heaven. □

Pro-life obstetrician blasts New York's 'horrible' new abortion law

by Calvin Freiburger, LifeSite News

A pro-life obstetrician-gynecologist is speaking out against New York passing a law this week to enshrine a “fundamental right” to abortion and strip protections from preborn babies until birth, warning that the move will have grave consequences for the character of the state and the nation.

Dr. William Lile, a board-certified OB/GYN and pro-life public speaker who maintains the *ProLifeDoc* website, said that modern medical technology is already giving preborn babies blood transfusions, heart surgery, and more.

“If they’re a patient they’re a person, and if they are a person they deserve our protection,” he said in a YouTube video released today.

Dr. Lile emphasized that abortion-on-demand has nothing to do with sound medical practice.

“I’ve been in private practice almost 20 years and I’ve delivered almost 4,000 babies with two primary rules: we want to have a healthy mom and we want to have a healthy baby,” he said.

New York’s state Senate voted 38-24 and the state Assembly 92-47 in favor of the so-called “Reproductive Health

Act.” Democrat Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who signed the bill, called it a “historic victory for New Yorkers and our progressive values” and ordered the One World Trade Center spire to be lit in pink to mark the occasion.

The bill declares that “Every individual who becomes pregnant has the fundamental right to choose to carry the pregnan-

cy to term, to give birth to a child, or to have an abortion,” erases the state’s recognition of preborn babies older than 24 weeks as potential homicide victims, removes abortion from the penal code entirely, and allows licensed health practitioners other than full doctors to commit abortions.

The New York State Right to Life Committee warns that



Dr. William Lile, Florida-based Ob/Gyn and outspoken pro-life advocate.

by declaring abortion a “fundamental right,” it opens the door to invalidating “any limits on abortion” and “mandat[ing]

capitol building when the bill was passed.

“Celebrating what? The governor just signed a law saying

America great?’ His conclusion: America is great because America is good; if America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.” (Note: Tocqueville never wrote the above quote, which has long been attributed to him by leaders across the political spectrum, though he did express similar sentiments.)

“There are consequences for actions, and unfortunately I think New York State will suffer consequences for this kind of horrible behavior,” Lile predicted. By contrast, he referenced Florida lawmakers’ introduction of legislation to protect preborn babies as soon as their heartbeats can be detected. “That is good; protecting the lives of the babies on the inside is a good thing, it is a virtuous thing,” he said.

“If America wants to stay great, America must continue to be that shining light on the hill and do good. Taking lives of the bab[ies]: not good. Protecting the lives of the bab[ies] and treating them as patients, as persons and protecting them: that is good. And, that’s what we will stand up for and that’s what we will fight for,” he declared. “We will stand up for those who cannot stand themselves, we will speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves, and we will protect the lives of the preborn.”

Dr. Lile has also written an op-ed published on LifeSiteNews on how medical treatment in the womb demonstrates the humanity of the preborn. □

“If America wants to stay great, America must continue to be that shining light on the hill and do good.”

that everyone take part in the culture of death”; prevent pregnant women whose babies are killed in violent attacks from seeing justice; and it will have the effect of “authorizing infanticide” by repealing the requirement that a second physician be on hand in the event that an attempted abortion past twenty weeks yields a live infant.

Pro-life leaders and commentators across the nation have spoken out against the new law.

Dr. Lile, who grew up in New Jersey, noted the cheers and smiles in the New York

that we can take the lives of the babies in the womb up until their due date. That’s nothing to celebrate,” he said, noting that babies sometimes need to be delivered early but never killed in the process.

“To take the lives of these babies in the womb breaks my heart. It is not good for us and is not good for America,” he argued. “America is a nation that was founded on virtuous people. You know, our freedom is built on our virtue. You know, [Alexis] de Tocqueville when he came to view America and study Americans, said ‘why is



Opposing protestors at the March for Life in Washington, DC.

SPRING HOLY DAYS



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Intercontinental Church of God
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Friday April 19, 2019

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Child Transgenderism is Child Abuse

by *Mychal Massie, Mychal-Massie.com*

In my lifetime I've witnessed crazy and I've witnessed evil. I've seen dysfunctional families and I've seen child abuse, but I have never in my life witnessed government sanctioned, taxpayer funded child abuse as grotesque and objectionable as GENECIS

the transgender child butcher shop, located in Dallas, Texas.

I recently wrote a syndicated op-ed titled: "Transgenderism Is A Mental Disorder Not A Sexual Identity." But this transgender child butcher shop referenced above, redefines mental illness.

GENECIS promotes itself as: "A program that provides a path to change through compassionate and professional care." They claim: "Gender affirming medical care, is considered medically necessary treatment for transgender adolescents and adults who experience physical dysphoria (i.e., distress associated with physical sex characteristics). While not all individuals who experience a discrepancy between their gender identity and sex assigned at birth experience physical dysphoria, many do."

Physical dysphoria is ostensibly the alleged feeling of one gender being trapped in the body of another. This malady is well on its way to proving transgenderism is a "protected" mental disorder.

The very attempt to support and lend credibility to extreme mental disorders is problematic at its core, but GENECIS has taken it a step further by encouraging par-



Transgender Day Camp, El Cerrito, USA - Sandra Collins, executive director and founder of *enGender*, reads a book to campers at the Bay Area Rainbow Day Camp in El Cerrito, California.

ents to have their children butchered under the guise of placing the child in the right body.

In reality, in many instances the parents are more mentally unstable than the child buying into transgender madness.

Consider the case of Jeff. Jeff is the father of twin six-year-old boys, named James and Jude. Jeff is also engaged in a protracted and bitter custody battle with his ex-wife. (See: *Help Save James*)

Jeff's ex-wife, mother of the two boys, decided that three-year-old James should not be a boy and began dressing him like a girl. She renamed the toddler "Luna" and enrolled him in "social transitioning therapy" at GENECIS to prepare him for "chemical castration."

The process of butchering this toddler's body cannot begin until James is 8-years-old. He is now six-years-old and has been undergoing "transitioning therapy" for three years.

James is currently a first grader enrolled in Coppell Schools. Teachers and administrators know James is a little boy, but the other parents and students are supposedly unaware.

As if it needed to get any worse, the "courts have enjoined Jeff (the father), from dressing James as a boy at school, from teaching him that he is a boy and from sharing religious teachings on sexuality and gender. ... He has been accused of abuse for saying that his son is a boy."

The mother (and doctors at GENECIS), are waiting until the six-year-old boy's eighth birthday so they can chemically castrate



A "transgender" child and "his" mothers hold signs during a rally in support of transgender youth at the Stonewall National Monument, in New York.

the child, to suppress puberty and prepare him for sex-change surgery.

Even more of an affront is that courts can force the non-custodial parents to pay for the transgender therapy and sexual mutilation of their own children. If the parents object, the courts can remove the parental rights and can jail the objecting parent. Not surprisingly, public schools are going along with this abuse.

As I said, I've seen child abuse. I've seen families, in which the father and/or mother have molested one or more of their children. I've seen a methamphetamine dealer pass his 12-year-old daughter around for men to sleep with when they bought his meth. I've seen mothers emotionally destroy their children by trapping the children in their psychosis. I've seen children scarred as a result of being kidnapped and sexually molested. I've seen children emotion-

ally and psychologically damaged from having sexual trysts with their teachers.

The difference is that with the exception of the so-called mother ensnaring her emotionally damaged son in her web of psychosis, every one of the parents involved in the other accounts I shared, resulted in prison time and/or lengthy probations.

The harshest laws are reserved for child-molesters/abusers, and yet parents are allowed to emotionally destroy their children for what amounts to a whim. Where is the justice for these children?

Why is it that homosexuality, the transgender craze, and the litany of other mental disorders now disguised in the vestiges of transgenderism and transsexualism, that result in butchering children and/or dressing them like little girls and then pimping them on *YouTube* as drag queens are protected by the courts?

How much more emotionally and psychologically destructive can it be than for this mother to decide on her own, to dress her toddler son as a little girl starting at age three in preparation for the child to be chemically castrated at eight-years of age?

Tell me how this escapes

the penalty of law. Tell me why elected officials would move to pass such legislation to protect such an evil parent? Is this what America has become or is this what these people are getting away with?

The other question that demands an answer is: What will

these sexually butchered and disfigured children and those who choose to live in the fantasy bubble of transgenderism be like 20-years from now—if many of them are committing suicide and spending their lives in the care of psychologists/psychiatrists now? □

A House Divided

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suddenly infallible intelligence community. DNI official Dan Coats made a point of saying that Iran has no immediate interest in the production of nuclear weapons, contrary to the President's publicly declared concerns and Iran's incessant boasts. Coats' congressional testimony came only one day before it was widely reported that Iran had shipped

30 tons of yellow-cake uranium to its Istahan enrichment facility. Meanwhile, Chuck Schumer advised intelligence officials to conduct an "intervention" on President Trump and the television panels went wild over the supposed outrage of a U. S. president disagreeing with "his own" intelligence officials. Earth to mainstream, this is hardly the first time it has ever happened. Remember? The Iraq war was blamed by media and numerous politicians on faulty intelligence

over weapons of mass destruction. In that case the intelligence may have been right.

One more thing. After having endured the past two years of breathless bombshells, accusing the most patriotic president since Ronald Reagan of being "Putin's puppet," a Russian asset, a liar, racist, bigot, we should remember one thing. It was the "intelligence" (and law enforcement) community that helped cook up the "insurance policy" to prevent President Trump from governing. Why would he not have complete confidence in their conclusions? Hate to break it, but they're not and never have been infallible. Until recently we couldn't have imagined that they are not only fallible, but corrupt to the core. For the sake of the survival of our nation we hope and pray that the veil be lifted and the masses be shown the truth.

After all this time, and after we've seen the litany of revelations that confirm what we've known for over a year now, there is still hope that someday while we yet draw breath the FAKE NEWS crowd will finally have to admit their folly. But we're not holding our breath. □



Seven-time Grammy winner Gladys Knight received heavy backlash for agreeing to sing "racist" National Anthem at the Super Bowl. Responding to critics she stated, "I pray that this National Anthem will bring us all together in a way never before witnessed..."

Venezuela Melts Down

Socialists want THIS for the U. S.

by Mark Armstrong

As we are lectured every day about how unfair capitalism is, and how we need a massive authoritarian government to confiscate assets the rich don't need and make sure everybody, including tens of millions of illegal aliens can live in the dignified circumstances they deserve... we're watching the final stages of the Utopian socialist meltdown tear Venezuela to shreds. It didn't happen overnight. A great many of those who've been searching for morsels of nutrition from garbage heaps and those who've fled

to neighboring countries in the hope of survival probably supported the "nationalization" of the oil business, the rubber business, the large ranches and farms.

Socialism is great for the lower classes until it's not. It's also great for socialist leaders who live and rule in popularity and splendor while blowing through fortunes created by the productivity of others. But it doesn't last. Governments squander and steal. Apparently it's real easy to spend what hasn't been earned, until it's gone.

When the necessities of a comfortable existence are provided by government, people cease to produce. Who would work to create a profitable business only to have it confiscated? Why work hard if there's no profit in it? Wherever you look—the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, Cuba or now Venezuela—there is an enduring poverty caused by the magnanimous promise of Socialism. But those who promote the concept have an answer ready, "It just wasn't properly administered." Next time it will be different, they assure us.

Venezuela is experiencing every kind of anarchy. There may not be calculators able to keep up with an inflation rate soaring into the millions of percent annually. We remember the wheelbarrows of paper currency it took to buy a loaf of bread in post-WWI Germany. Inflation in Venezuela is such that no wheelbarrow could carry enough currency to buy a loaf of bread. The currency is worthless. People are fleeing in the hundreds of thousands. Downtown Caracas is swarming with starving and angry citizens who want the scalp of their Socialist leader.



Caracas, Venezuela - Protester throws tear gas can that was fired by the national guard during protests against Maduro's government.

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He has to be protected by his military, hoping they won't defect and deliver him into the hands of the people who once thought they would be handed their "fair share" of national wealth. Apparently somebody didn't do something just right.

Those who preach the unfairness of capitalism and the wonders of socialism are the darlings of the media. They can do no wrong. They're never called up short or ridiculed for their abundant misstatements or obvious ignorance by those who shape majority opinion. The media cheers them as the rising lights of our future. They hate President Trump with every ounce of their being, and they hate anybody that doesn't hate him as much as they

do. All day and every night they shake their heads in utter speechlessness over how racist and ignorant we all must be.

The vast majority of young people have been subjected to complete socialist immersion in their "studies," in their social media experience backed up by the mainstream media and are steeped in the catch phrases of socialist ideology. They have little choice. The penalties for non-compliance are too great to bear. Failing grades, rejection by their peers, being called racist. All the treatment we've seen against the high school kid who dared stand still and keep a smile while enduring having a drum pounded inches from his face while a professional protester (chief spit-in-

your-face) invaded his personal space. While we marveled at the young man's calm self control (some of us might have turned that drum into a wearable fashion accessory on the spot) the media called him the epitome of white privilege and the poster boy for the hateful racism of Trump supporters.

While the world's premier example of modern socialism, Venezuela, is in utter and complete collapse, economically, socially and politically, the news can barely be found. The mainstream just isn't interested, you'll have to look for it. Especially while *CNN* has the exclusive video of the swat-style raid on the home of another Trump confidant. "The walls are closing



Hundreds of Venezuelans in several parts of the country began to gathered for the protest called 'Venezuela is against the dictatorship' to demonstrate against the government of Nicolas Maduro.

in...” They’ve told us that for two years now, during which time investigators have been busily creating “process crimes” that have nothing whatsoever to do with the original claim that Russia helped Trump steal the last election. That doesn’t matter because another Trump loyalist has been charged with seven counts of “crimes” committed in trying to respond to the bogus “investigation.” Their fervent hope is to come after everybody who doesn’t toe the mainstream line and this, they hope will strike fear into the hearts of any and all who oppose them.

Another ten thousand Central Americans are moving across Mexico and coming for their share of the American largess promised by the up and coming socialists now in positions of leadership and the national spotlight. New York Mayor De Blasio pushing free everything for everybody legal or otherwise said this week, “There’s



plenty of money in this city and in this country, it’s just in the wrong hands.” The street dwellers and the illegals are expecting he’ll get all this unfairness straightened out in short order.

Don’t tell a soul if you doubt man-made global warming. Never mind that people who’ve lived on the coasts for forty years say the water levels remain constant. Don’t believe your lying eyes.

What are you, a “science denier”? They’ll come up with a punishment for that. The activists want us dead.

China has solutions for people who don’t toe the (communist) party line. They’ve invented a “points system” that virtually excludes certain unapproved attitudes and beliefs from the economy. Ring any bells? That’s where the fascist demands upon us are leading, and it’s not at all clear that we’re winning.

We’re in the middle of a war for the minds and souls of all Western civilization. If this one is lost by people who love God, family and country, it’s over. The America-hating socialists will happily give national sovereignty over to a global entity. It’s a “better form of patriotism,” as retiring German Chancellor Angela Merkel recently said.

Mainstream society hates and scoffs at everything we hold dear, especially our belief in God and His laws. We’ll see who gets straightened out in the end. □



Demonstrations against the corrupt Maduro government and altercations with police have become commonplace in Venezuela.

THE EXISTENTIAL THREAT GOOGLE-FACEBOOK REPRESENT TO AMERICA

**Exclusive: Joseph Farah on Big Tech's ongoing,
limitless manipulation of public opinion**

Joseph Farah, World Net Daily

For more than a year, I've been explaining patiently and relentlessly to all who would listen how and why Google and Facebook pose existential threats to American freedom – from speech, to press, to religion, to privacy, to elections.

Most people still do not get it.

They don't understand how close these powerful Big Tech companies are moving America – slowly, surely and deliberately – toward a Big Brother nightmare world devoid of the values that guard our uniquely free institutions.

Here's a primer on why these two companies, along with others like *Apple*, *Amazon*, *YouTube* and *Twitter*, must be broken up through anti-trust actions, stripped of their inexcusable protections against consumer liability, stopped from invading the privacy of Americans for profit, blocked from using the most intimate personal data to inject extreme bias into the national debate, and rigging elections.

Furthermore, and most important, they need to be stopped from blocking, banning and blacklisting legitimate political speech, imposing speech codes, enforcing "political correctness" standards in either content or advertising sales or punishing opinions with which they disagree.

Under no circumstances should these corporations be permitted to engage in political lobbying, soliciting, accepting government contracts or participating in any political activities, operating as they currently do under special government protections against liability claims.

By law, Google-Facebook must be ideologically neutral in all they do, since, under the law, they are not "publishers" but "carriers" of information. But there's a big problem with that claim, given their financial support and "partnership" claims on content with the Southern Poverty Law Center – a far-left activist group whose main occupation is labeling conservative and Chris-

tian individuals, companies and organizations as "hate groups." The SPLC partners not only with Google and Facebook, but also Twitter, Amazon and Apple.

"In recent years, the far-Left Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) has faced a slew of lawsuits regarding its deceptive practice of branding mainstream conservative and Christian groups 'hate groups' on par with the Ku Klux Klan," reported PJ Media recently. "Google has decided to partner with the SPLC, even encouraging employees to work for the organization. Conservative lawyers told PJ Media this partnership may make the tech giant vulnerable to defamation and racketeering lawsuits."

Indeed, the most dangerous and well-funded "hate group" in America could well be the SPLC.

While Google and Facebook clearly demonstrate their leftist leanings daily through their bias evident in the news and information they display, their partnerships with SPLC make a mockery

of their legal claims to neutrality.

The U.S. Justice Department should immediately begin an investigation of the Google-Facebook-YouTube-Amazon-Twitter-Apple axis of evil. Such relationships by the most powerful media organizations in the world clearly defy U.S. law.

“It does appear that there’s more than funding that is taking place between Google and the SPLC and other tech companies, to the point where there’s interaction, potentially plotting, and the involvement of their so-called ‘hate group’ label that is designed for one reason – to destroy the opposition based on ideology,” Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel, told PJ Media. “It’s plausible,” he said, that Google may face RICO and defamation charges in future lawsuits.

Robert Epstein, a Ph.D. psychologist who focuses on search engine manipulation, warned that Google’s attempts to manipulate public opinion are more terrifying than the Chinese government’s attempts to control its citizens.

“To me, [China’s manipulation] is scary, but people are aware of it,” he told PJ Media. “It’s done openly by the government. I think what is happening elsewhere in the world that’s being driven mostly by Google I think is much more dangerous, because it’s mostly invisible,” said Epstein, whose research features prominently in the recent film, “The Creepy Line.”

“The Creepy Line” is an excellent documentary exposé that

covers much of the substance of this report.

“There’s no transparency, there’s no accountability,” Epstein added. “It’s a more ambitious kind of surveillance than that of the Chinese government.”

Epstein says he is certain Google employed elements of its ability to change its users’ opinions on whom to vote for in the 2018 midterm election – thus potentially affecting control of the

getting expressed in their code unconsciously,” he said. “Even without deliberateness, we still will end up with algorithms that have biases embedded in them.”

However, Epstein adds: “We know that the bias is explicit. We know that. It’s impossible for me to believe that Google executives and employees are not deliberate in their manipulations.”

For two years, America has watched Special Counsel Robert

“There is solid research showing that programmers have a bias of some sort; that bias ends up getting expressed in their code unconsciously,”

House of Representatives. His research also suggests it is possible for Google to select the winner of the 2020 presidential election – without detection.

A Hillary Clinton supporter in the 2016 election, Epstein says his research suggests Google’s demonstrable pro-Democrat activism in that race explains most of her vote lead in the popular vote.

Epstein says Google has “enormous power to shift opinions and votes, but they’re aware that they have the power, they talk about using the power, and my own data suggests that they do in fact use the power.”

Epstein argued that bias impacts algorithms, even without a conscious attempt to influence people.

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Mueller investigate the way Russia supposedly conspired with Donald Trump to change the outcome of the U.S. election in 2016.

With an unlimited budget and unlimited time and the full resources of the FBI at his disposal, Mueller has failed to find any persuasive evidence. Yet, under our noses, a conspiracy much more real, much more dangerous and much more capable of influencing elections is carrying out a plot much more diabolical, one that threatens to unhinge America from its constitutional moorings and its anchor in the will of the people.

It’s time to stand up to this imminent and existential threat to free speech, the free press, freedom of religion, the right to privacy, American sovereignty, and free and fair elections.

Indeed, there’s not much time left. □



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