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Thanks Anyway... We Love Freedom

by Mark Armstrong



Why are we so polite, so calm and business-like to our tormentors? If everybody with a notion told off everybody who made a demand; mask, vaccination, green non-sense, (don't even mention the TSA), things might be different. The world goes 'round on money. Woke corporations, Mom and Pop businesses, fast food chains, restaurants, stores, corporations and airlines should hear that they get not one more dime out of us until they drop the nonsense.

Look what being polite has achieved. They think they can push us around, cram the most vile of everything down our throats, and we'll thank them before being on our way. Who's they? The government has bought in to things that are not true and obliged society to go along. Corporations have done the same thing and they both have social media to enforce their will. They've looked into the future, and figured the "progressives" will prevail. Unfortunately, it's a self-fulfilled prophecy. They realize that we are a peace-loving people who wouldn't offend a fly. Wait just a minute.

They're all done trying to convince us of all the woke nonsense. Now they've got penalties! We better not offend anybody, anywhere, even if it's the result of misunderstanding. "Society" doesn't seem to mind offending us. They're going to make us do what they say, say what we're supposed to, or else. Time to make them go broke. Everybody's not going to tell them off. Most people would hate to introduce one second of unpleasantness to the situation. But look what's happening to America.

A shocking poll has been released and discussed on the most watched networks. The upshot is that most people would flee from their homes in

America if an invasion the likes of what we're seeing in Ukraine ever happened here. Really? Where are they going to go? Wasn't it Ronald Reagan who said that if freedom was lost in America, it would be lost everywhere? He was right.

You better have lots of money if you're thinking about fleeing. The individuals pushing us to believe and accept all that society is serving up apparently don't love this country. They love the green agenda. They love tranny, homo rubbish, and you better at least pretend you don't mind. It's time to tell them what's up.

The occupant can read the most blatant of lies off his teleprompter and the media, for the most part, lets them stand. Even repeats them. Thoroughly discredited talking points are still being used to deceive the public, even after they've been exposed. What's up with that?

Look at the messes, plural, that have been engendered in the past year. Do we have to? Yeah, we have to. It'll be brief, and probably conjure up images we'll never get out of our heads, but we have to. Afghanistan. The border and wherever the "immigrants" are transported. Covid. How much nonsense are we going to take? We've got despots and dictators right here at home who think nothing of wrecking countless lives to further their godless, gay, green agenda in the name of saving the planet. The public, by and large, has put up with it. The "protest" groups, antifa and blm, can burn cities and get away with it. But dispute the mainstream narrative and they'll wreck your life.

His back was against the wall. If Biden didn't come out and announce an end to Russian oil

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It's Not Too Late For America

Excerpts from the book Europe and America in Prophecy

by Garner Ted Armstrong

HAS AMERICA'S PRIDE BEEN BROKEN?

God said our people would experience a terrible weakening of, WILL; of the PRIDE of our power! Notice, "And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you. And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. And I will break the pride of your power..." (Leviticus 26:17-19).

That prophecy has already begun to be fulfilled!

We don't know why we are. America has no great cause. There is no great goal toward which we unitedly press. There is no great single unifying bond, no common spiritual dedication, no deep, transcendental purpose for which we strive.

During World War II, we had the goal of putting an end, once and for all, to oppressive

dictatorships and attempts by madmen to rule the world. Our goal was not only to "make the world safe for democracy," but to fight the war to "end all wars."

We won the war—but we lost the peace.

Where went our patriotism? Did something kill it? Did it just gradually die? Patriotism is, after all, a deep, prideful love of one's country, a thankful appreciation for the freedoms and liberties bought at such a dear cost by the tens of thousands who paid the most horrible of prices. Patriotism is love of country. But, like the love within a tight-knit family, a completely patriotic American can become very, very angry at trends within his country. Parents, who dearly love their children, become angry when they witness the child making a decision they know will harm him.

Patriotism can never be blind flag waving, a flag-shrouded refusal to admit family difficulties, a blind determination

to remain studiously ignorant of deep family sicknesses.

Most Americans have forgotten how to sacrifice.

We're sick. Our greatest sickness is our stubborn refusal to acknowledge our own moral and spiritual poverty. To diagnose our many illnesses is to invite sneers from a rising number of superpatriots whose stock-in-trade is the big-business, chamber-of-commerce attitude of "let's talk about what's right about America."

Fine. Let us do so. We are the greatest single power the world has ever known. We have risen to dizzying heights of technological development and scientific achievement. American footprints dot the moon. Our language, our culture, our products have girdled the globe. We have been blessed with the most fabulously rich piece of real estate on the good earth. Our standard of living has risen to opulent heights never imagined in the

science fiction of yesteryear.

But where did we get our wealth?

Let Abraham Lincoln answer: “We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown; but we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some

superior wisdom and virtue of our own...” (Presidential Proclamation, April 1863).

Those words are truer today than they ever were before!

That famous president recognized that our fantastic wealth was given to us directly by the Creator God. It came because of Abraham’s obedience!

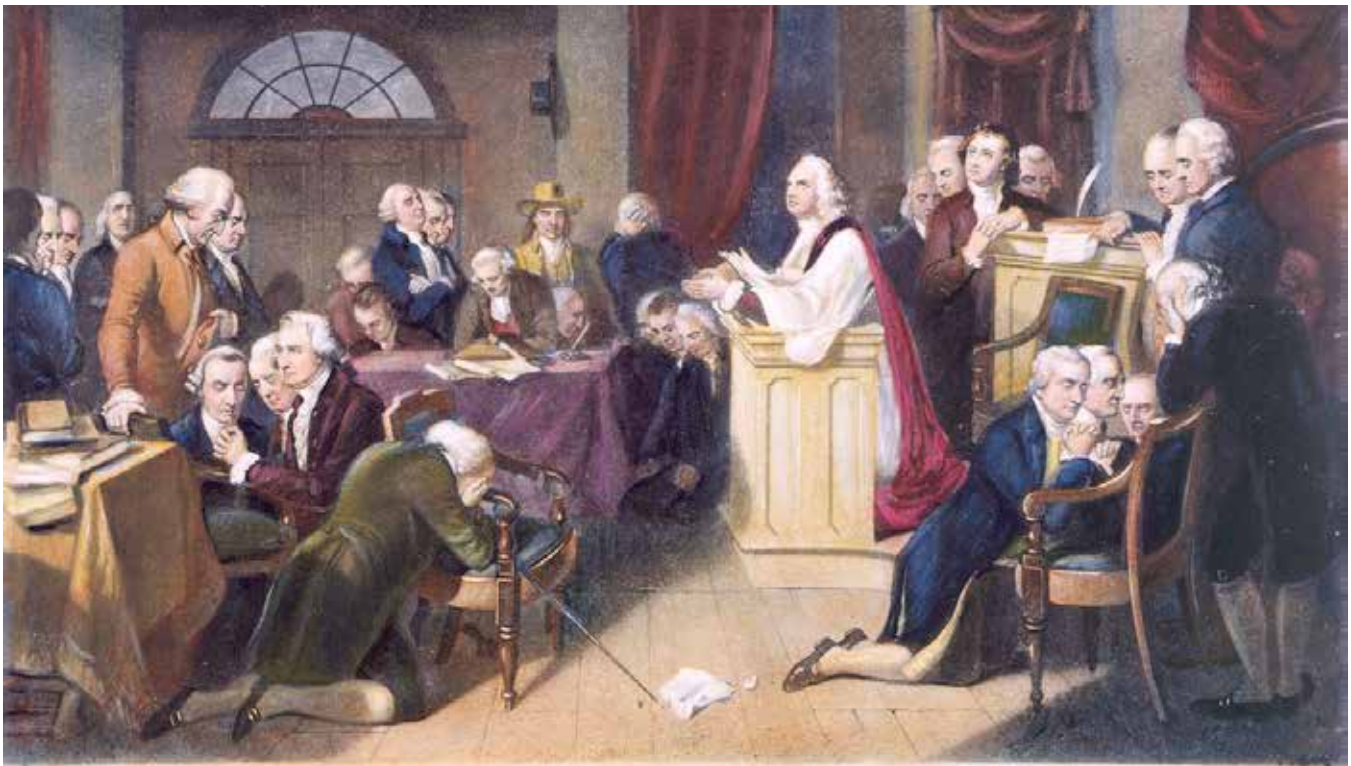
The fabulous lands of our peoples, our mineral resources, our stands of timber, our sprawling grazing and farmlands, our coastlines, our strategic sea gates, our favorable climate—all were given to us by the God we—in this generation—have forgotten.

To understand what’s been

happening to us, you need to look back as far as 1950, and Korea. We lost in Korea. Since then, we have lived through the Gary Powers incident, the Bay of Pigs, the Hungarian Revolution, the Pueblo, the years and years of the Berlin Wall, and a decade of horror abroad and frenzied protest at home over the futility of war in Vietnam, and the hostages in Iran.

We have lived through eight years of utter shamelessness, blatant hypocrisy, and moral degradation in the highest office in the land.

Just as Abraham Lincoln said, we forgot the God who



Painting of the First Continental Congress, artist unknown. The delegates assembled on September 7, 1774. Jacob Duché prayed, “O Lord, our Heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth, and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all kingdoms, empires and governments, look down, we beseech thee, on these our American States, who have fled to thee from the rod of the oppressor, and thrown themselves on thy gracious protection, desiring henceforth to be dependent only on thee – to thee have they appealed for the righteousness of their cause – to thee do they now look up for that countenance and support which thou alone canst give.”

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gave us our liberties! We forsook the Creator who blessed and enriched us above all peoples who have ever walked the earth.

Our laymen plunged into materialism with greedy delight, and our churchmen gave them all their blessing, calling the breaking of God's Ten Commandments a "new morality."

And that God says to us, "... And if you will not yet for all this listen to Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

"AND I WILL BREAK THE PRIDE OF YOUR POWER."

It's been broken. We don't keep the Ten Commandments. Can you, in good sense, deny the connection?

"And I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass, and your strength shall be spent in vain..." (Leviticus 26:18-20).

We have spent our strength—oh, how we've spent it. We have wasted our energies, our vast

wealth, our young, strong men—we have spent enormously, vastly, prodigiously. And we have done it all in vain.

We have spent our homes and families, our farms and produce, our factories and their products. We have spent our time and our concern. We have spent dearly. In vain.

Something terrible has happened to America. What is being destroyed is the keystone of a healthy, viable people. Some leaders have recognized what made America great.

PROSPERITY AND DECAY

President Eisenhower said, in his State of the Union message, Jan. 7, 1960: "America did not become great through softness and self-indulgence. Her miraculous progress and achievement flow from other qualities far more worthy and substantial: adherence to principles and methods

consonant with our religious philosophy; a satisfaction in hard work; the readiness to sacrifice for worthwhile causes; the courage to meet every challenge to her progress; the intellectual honesty and capacity to recognize the true path of her own best interest."

It was only a few days previous to this outstanding speech, which seems in retrospect prophetic, that the late economist, Roger Babson, said: "The test of a nation is the growth of its people—physically, intellectually, and spiritually. Money and so-called 'prosperity' are of very little account..."

"Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, Spain and France all had their turn in being the richest in the world. Instead of saving them, their so-called prosperity ruined them.

"Our nation is now rated the richest, but it could easily become a second-class nation and head downward: Money will not save us. Crops will not save us. Stock exchanges and banks will not save us. Already our gold at Fort Knox is diminishing. Only a sane spiritual revival which changes the desires of our people will save us. We must be filled with a desire to render service, to seek strength rather than security, to put character ahead of profits. Even the democracy for which our fathers fought and bled could result in our downfall."

It was only two weeks previous to these prophetic statements that another famous American, historian George Kennan, said before a Washington audience: "If you ask me—as



Dwight Eisenhower delivers a State of the Union address.

an historian—whether a country in the state in which this country finds itself today, with no highly developed sense of national purpose, with the overwhelming accent of life on personal comfort and amusement, with a dearth of public services and a surfeit of privately sold gadgetry—with a chaotic transportation system... with insufficient social discipline even to keep its major industries functioning without grievous interruptions—has over the long run good chances of competing with a purposeful, serious and disciplined society such as that of the Soviet Union, I must say that the answer is ‘no.’”

Coming at the beginning of the 1960s, such words now seem prophetic.

THE MORAL AND SPIRITUAL DECLINE OF BRITAIN AND AMERICA

From the beginning of the 1960s, both Britain and America began a toboggan-slide into spiritual and moral degradation. Our “cultures” began to drift toward more and more hedonism, materialism, and even nihilism. We abandoned those deep-seated patriotic sentiments of the war years, and embraced the concept of self satisfaction. Every facet of our societies reflected our moral and spiritual decline.

Think of the incredible difference between the decades of the 30s, 40s and 50s with those of the 60s to the turn of the century. Back then, “Gone With The Wind” was banned in Boston because of Clark Gable’s infamous and daring use of the slang term



The many protests of the 1960s show the lack of unity in the U.S.

“damn.” Today, millions flock to the theaters to hear “rap stars” mouthing hideous obscenities and blasphemies out of a mouth resembling an open sewer. His spittle-flecked, hip-gyrating, glazed-eyed screeches are laced with urging the killing of cops, or the raping of one’s mother. Television, that one-eyed monster of sex, sadism, violence and inane “soaps” contributed massively to the moral and spiritual toboggan-slide. Britain led in the rush to knock down moral barriers, allowing full frontal nudity on television in the 1960s. America dutifully followed suit. Eventually, movie moguls were convinced they needed cautionary “ratings” for the never-ending flood of filth they purveyed. Along came “G”

and “PG” and “R,” while “X” stayed in the sleazy movie theaters and drive-ins in the disintegrating pockets of communities long since taken over by pimps, prostitutes, drug pushers and gays.

Today, X and XXX have moved into American and British living rooms.

Now, the most hideous displays of perverted sexual activity from sodomy to sado-masochism are beamed to millions of living rooms from space, and available to 10 and 12 year olds on the family computer. There are no further restraints. Hedonism reigns.

Whether you review the covers of the various and sundry scandal rags available near every supermarket checkout stand, or

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the covers of the dozens of magazines in the magazine rack, you will see almost nothing but sex, sex, and more sex; who is divorcing who, who is having whose illegitimate bastard child, who has “come out of the closet” and pronounced he or she is “gay,” or the latest case of murder, wife beating, drug addiction, or pederasty. All this, of course, written about the “stars” who are worshiped at the box office and on television.

God says, “Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

“Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these [saying “We are God’s People; This is God’s country”];

“For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;

“If ye oppress not the

stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:

“Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

“Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit [witness many Supreme Court decisions on everything from abortion to school prayer to pornography].

“Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;

“And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations? (Jeremiah 7:3-10).

Today, there are “gay” (read “perverted sodomites and lesbians”) churches in America! Several of the most formal and staid old denominations have authorized the ordination of openly

homosexual ministers and priests. Not only this, but openly “gay” men are in some of the highest offices in the land. Read Genesis 19 for God’s attitude toward homosexuality. God produced a miniature Gehenna Fire to consume Sodom and Gomorrah as His perpetual witness against “abusers of themselves with mankind” (Romans 1:24-27).

The youth of our country is being denied youthful innocence. Instead, they are plunged into the cesspool of pornographic slop, slime, swill and vomit forced upon them by the judiciary and legislative bodies of government itself.

Yes, it is “they which lead thee,” from judges to legislators, and from the clergy to the teacher who set the trends, display the examples, and work to expunge from Britain and America the last vestige of moral restraint. Millions want an orgy, and God is going to give it to them!

God inspired Ezekiel to write, “Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.

“Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled.

“Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none.

“Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest,



Thousands attend a “gay pride” parade in San Francisco, CA.

and counsel from the ancients.

“The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the LORD” (Ezekiel 7:23-27).

You need not look very deeply into the trends in our societies in the last fifty years to admit to yourself that our peoples are deserving of these powerful indictments from God.

When we are no longer worthy to inhabit our lands; no longer worthy of God’s mercy and protection; no longer fit to survive, God will PUNISH our heedless, God-defying, lawbreaking, hedonistic societies!

It’s not too late for Britain and America—not too late, yet, for inspired leadership, clarity of goals, unanimity of purpose, dedication to great cause, and collective sacrifice to push the world’s greatest single power into broad avenues of peace, into a bright new tomorrow, into a utopian era of the realization of man’s fondest dreams. It’s not too late for America to see the vastness of her wealth. It is not too late for a spiritual answer to our deepest problems of the spirit. But it’s much, much later than you think!

The measure of a nation’s greatness is not its industrial capacity, not its natural resources, not its GDP. It is the quality of the character of its people. America is losing character. Is there any willpower left? Any spirit

of sacrifice? Any dedication to great cause? Have we forgotten how to repent?

NEEDED:

NATIONAL REPENTANCE

Can you envision government leaders dropping to their knees in real heartfelt REPENTANCE before God, crying out to Him to deliver us from our awesome national problem? “Ridiculous!” some would say.

And, because such a picture of national repentance is so “ri-

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diculous” to even imagine, our peoples are headed for perhaps the greatest national punishment that ever came on any nation.

Notice this striking prophecy from the biblical book of Ezekiel:

“The iniquity of the House of Israel [our modern English-speaking peoples] and Judah is exceeding great and the land is full of blood [America leads the world in crime] and the city full of perverseness [our cities have become asphalt jungles of crime, immorality, drug addiction and sensuous pleasure-seeking], for they say, The Lord hath forsaken the earth, and, the Lord seeth not” (Ezekiel 9:9).

And isn’t that exactly what millions say today: “God doesn’t exist,” “He’s gone way off somewhere,” “He’s gone into

retirement”?

But God is not in retirement. He really does exist. And He does say in His Word—the Bible—that He punishes people who are constantly breaking laws and bringing all the awesome problems we see everywhere around us today upon themselves. It does matter to Him how we live!

He says, “I... will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations [our national crimes and sins] and mine eye shall not

spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee” (Ezekiel 7:3, 4).

Does this sound a little vague—perhaps a little archaic—a little too much like some “Old Testament fire and brimstone”?

Don’t delude yourself! God is going to punish our peoples severely for our national and individual crimes and sins—unless we really repent—and turn to Him.

OUR OWN WAYS

So far, God is not yet directly punishing our peoples. He is merely letting us begin to kill ourselves. He is letting us suffer the automatic consequences of our own ways. We abuse the earth He gave us: polluting our rivers and streams with pesticides and chemicals; killing the

nutrients in the soil; striving by our own humanly devised mechanical means to produce crops.

God says, “Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee...” (Jeremiah 2:19), and “O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself but in Me is thine help” (Hosea 13:9).

Our Creator says it’s not too late for Britain and America yet. We could still repent—and He would help us.

Notice the conditions: “Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place... For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor; if ye oppress not the stranger [minority groups], the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood [brutal murders are commonplace in America today], neither walk after other gods to your hurt: Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your Fathers, for ever and ever” (Jeremiah 7:3-7).

Otherwise a national captivity and scattering of our peoples to the four winds is foretold in the book of Ezekiel, chapter 5, verses 11 and 12.

God says He’s willing if we are. He wants us to repent. He has no pleasure in the death of

the wicked (Ezekiel 33:11).

PRAYER AND FASTING

Can this nation follow the example of Abraham Lincoln? Continue with his presidential proclamation quoted earlier “...Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace [apparently Abraham Lincoln understood

teachings, that the united cry of the nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings no less than the pardon of our national sins, and the restoration of our now divided and suffering country to its former happy condition of unity and peace.”

I wonder if a president today could get away with calling a national day of humiliation, prayer, and fasting?

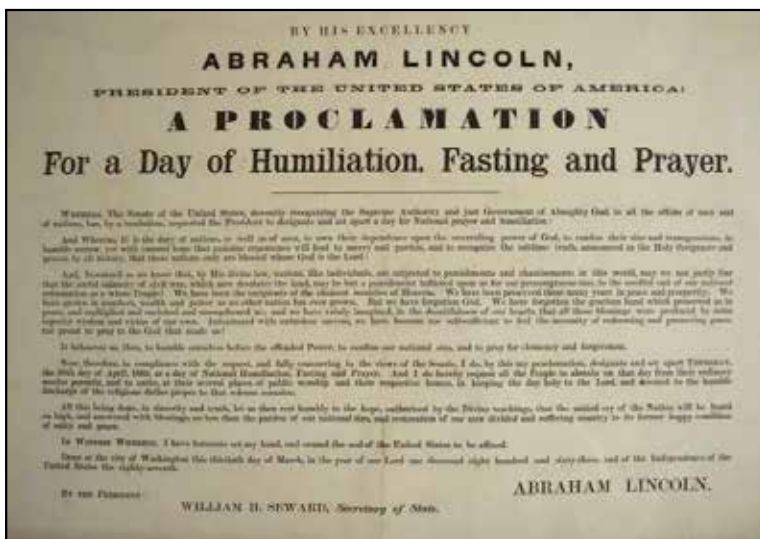
THERE IS A WAY OF ESCAPE

But, even if the nation stubbornly continues on its present course—there is a way out for you personally. You as an individual can repent and escape the direct future punishments of God Almighty.

Yes, there is a way of escape for you—even in this modern age—if you’re willing to heed—if you’re willing to seek your God.

Read the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel. Read how God says any who will really heed the voice of His watchman will be protected from these perilous times ahead! Read His promises in Psalm 91.

True to the prophecies—the pride in our power has been broken. Unless we repent, it is only a matter of time until our nation will be broken, our cities destroyed, and our peoples taken captive by powerful enemies we do not presently suspect. □



the real meaning of grace], too proud to pray to the God who made us.

“It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness:

“Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do by this proclamation designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1863, as a day of national humiliation, fasting and prayer... All this being done in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the divine

Pentagon flubs response to recorded spike in injuries possibly tied to vaccines

Reaction to whistleblower evidence only raises more concerns

by Art Moore, WND News Center

The Pentagon's explanation for Defense Department data showing an alarming spike in possible vaccine-related illness and injury diagnoses among military personnel in 2021 only raises more questions and concern.

That's the conclusion of investigative reporter Daniel Horowitz, who has been following the shocking disclosure by a whistleblower of data showing a massive increase in neurological, cardiovascular, oncological and reproductive health issues last year when the vaccines were introduced, compared to the previous five years.

The data showed a 988% increase in reported diseases and injuries, from 1.98 million in 2020, to 21.5 million in 2021.

A Pentagon spokesman told Politifact the dramatic difference can be attributed to a "glitch" in the database, or "data corruption," insisting 2021 was not an anomaly.

However, as Horowitz pointed out in a column for the Blaze, the Pentagon doesn't explain why the "true numbers" weren't in the system for five years, what the numbers in the system represent,

and why the 2021 numbers were accurate.

Ultimately, whether the previous five years were similar to 2021, or 2021 was abnormal, one of two things is true, he wrote.

"Either there was mass vaccine injury in the military, or our military has been very unhealthy and the Pentagon completely lost control over epidemiological surveillance of these health issues for years. Either way, this is the story of the year."

Horowitz spoke with two of the whistleblowers and their attorney, Thomas Renz, who said that

since the public disclosure, military public health officials have been adding back random numbers for 2016 through 2020 codes, and "the numbers have exponentially to look as though 2021 was not an abnormal year."

"This has been done without any transparency, any press release, any statement of narrative, and sloppily in a way that makes the already unbelievable narrative simply impossible to believe," Horowitz wrote.

"In addition to believing that every epidemiological report for five years was somehow com-



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Senator Ron Johnson

pletely tainted with false data — including during the first year of the pandemic itself — we would have to believe that the minute they discovered this from Renz, they suddenly discovered the exact numbers. A five-year mistake fixed overnight!”

After hearing a presentation by Renz at a Jan. 31 roundtable on Capitol Hill with health experts, Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., sent a letter to Department of Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin asking for information regarding vaccine injury among military personnel. Renz, the senator noted, “stated

that registered diagnoses for neurological issues increased 10 times from a five-year average of 82,000 to 863,000 in 2021.”

The DoD database, Johnson wrote, also showed an increase from 2020 to 2021 in the following conditions: hypertension (2,181%), diseases of the nervous system (1,048%), malignant neoplasms of esophagus (894%), multiple sclerosis (680%), malignant neoplasms of digestive organs (624%), Guillain-Barre syndrome (551%), breast cancer (487%), demyelinating (487%), malignant neoplasms of thyroid and other endocrine glands (474%), female infertility (472%), pulmonary embolism (468%), migraines 452% increase, ovarian dysfunction (437%), testicular cancer (369%), tachycardia (302%).

CDC WASN'T ALARMED

Significantly, Horowitz pointed out that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices revealed last week that it has been monitoring vaccine safety data from the De-

fense Department.

That means the CDC saw the data that showed a spike in serious injuries and illnesses in 2021 and did nothing about it.

And further, apparently nobody in the Department of Health and Human Services or the Defense Department thought the data was a “glitch.”

Among the problems with the Defense Department’s new figures—making the number of medical diagnoses nearly the same each year from 2016 to 2021—is that they don’t reflect the increase in doctor visits due to the COVID-19 pandemic that is seen in other databases.

And drilling down on the data raises further questions.

One is, how can a military of healthy young people have such a high baseline of pulmonary embolisms every year?

One estimate of pulmonary embolism in the U.S. puts the prevalence at between 60 and 70 per 100,000 per year. The DoD recorded a partial figure of 3,489 in 2021 among 1.4 million active duty personnel.

But Horowitz argued that the cases in the U.S. general population are almost exclusively among the elderly and unhealthy population.

“Soldiers 20 to 25 years old don’t exactly get pulmonary embolisms,” he wrote, suggesting a relationship to the COVID-19 vaccines.

He concluded: “The silence both from the media and congressional members of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees is astounding.” □





THE NEW FASCISM

A SERIOUS THREAT TO POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE WEST

by Dr. James & Natalie Ricks

TRUTH REVERSED TO CREATE THE BIG LIE

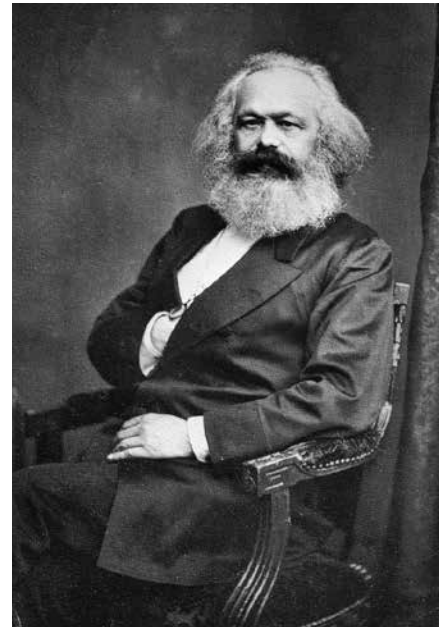
Academia and the media have convinced people for years that the conservative movement is Fascist. The truth is just the opposite. Fascism has common roots with modern day Progressives! It can be seen that the tactics of modern progressives are similar to ones used by Fascists. Many of their goals are similar as well. Hitler wrote that the masses are more likely to believe a big lie than a little lie! Fascism uses violence to force itself upon the people. "They are too stupid to know what is good for them," the elites believe.

Karl Marx wrote in his book creating socialism and communism that a few "visionaries" — in his words — would see the big picture. These elites would control the new Big Government run society. Marx pictured a world with no real upper middle class, just all the little people sharing equally. Since one cannot share what has not been produced, the masses of people would live in poverty. Without profit incentive, production declines. The visionaries, or leaders, would

do much better. We see even now the elites are exempt from their restrictive rules. The rules are just for the masses, not them. Climate control restrictions on cars will be forced on the masses, but exemptions for ruling elites are coming.

Just like Mussolini's thugs, the modern left has their street thugs in black, called "Antifa." Mussolini's thugs wore black shirts. Antifa wears black shirts and also attack the left's political opponents, just like Mussolini's thugs. Hitler's street thugs wore "brown shirts." The modern left does not really oppose Fascism, they are Fascists with a new name: "Progressives." Fascism light, maybe!

Repressive, large, Socialist governments hinder individual freedom. Just look at the repression in Canada. An authoritative government concealed by fake media can suddenly swoop down and confiscate anything it wants. This is a violation of the commandment against stealing, so we know it has to be bad for society. Nations with freer markets are more prosperous, which shows the inviolability of God's Laws.



"The tradition of all dead generations weighs like a nightmare on the brains of the living. And just as they seem to be occupied with revolutionizing themselves and things, creating something that did not exist before, precisely in such epochs of revolutionary crisis they anxiously conjure up the spirits of the past to their service, borrowing from them names, battle slogans, and costumes in order to present this new scene in world history in time-honored disguise and borrowed language." -Karl Marx

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**IT IS ERRONEOUS TO
CONSIDER FASCISM OR NAZISM
AS CONSERVATIVE**

Remember, the name of the NAZI party is The National SOCIALIST Party. Fascism differs from Communism in one major way: Fascism uses big corporations to enforce government rules and policies. Big business leaders are part of the elite “visionaries” who help run the nation. Fascists want to disarm the public, except for their street thugs, to increase government’s power over the people. Hitler disarmed all Germans and the Communists did the same in the Soviet Empire.

**THE BEGINNINGS OF
FASCISM AND MUSSOLINI**

It began in 1919, as Mussolini started a powerful movement in Italy. He then championed order and a large, all-powerful central government. Fascism is a form of Statism, where the state is more important than the individual. People are taught to worship

the leader more than God.

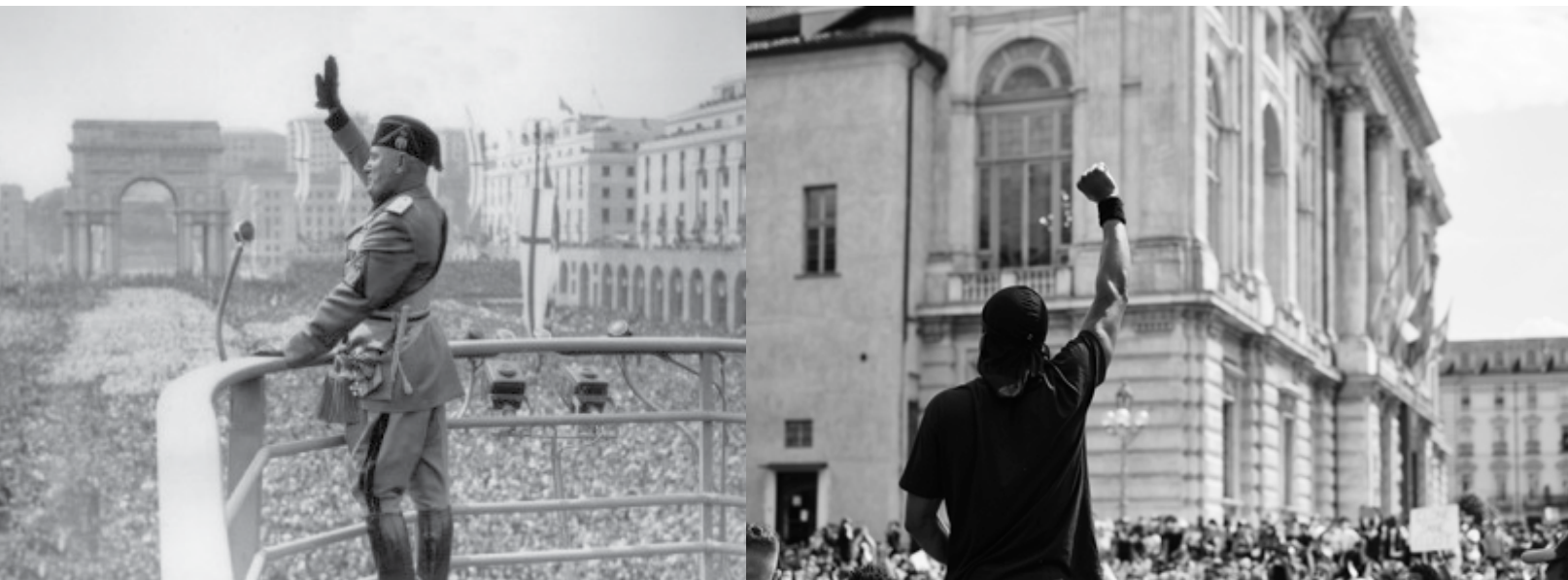
Violence, he thought, “Turned the wheels of history.” WWI found Italy neutral. Mussolini believed that the violent upheaval of the Great War would advance the Socialist revolutionary cause. He supported entry into the war. Italy lost a half million men in the war and even though on the victor’s side, they were not given any meaningful territorial gains in the Versailles Treaty. This set off post war upheavals in Italy and led to unstable governments and street clashes of various parties. Mussolini exploited the public anger over WWI. He named the party after the term “Fascio,” an ancient Roman Empire military standard. His street thugs were the Fascio and wore black shirts. Some were former storm troopers from WWI. Their motto was “I don’t give a ----”! They used the famous Roman salute, jutting out of the right arm and hailing the leader. The Romans would say “Hail Caesar.” They saluted their



A Fasces (Italian: Fascio) was featured on the back of the Mercury Dime, issued in the United States from 1916-1945. The bundle of rods featured with the blade of an axe symbolized government authority in ancient Rome. Modern Fascist parties derived their name from this symbol.

leader “Il Duce” (The Boss). Mussolini’s name had to be written in all capitals.

Fascism fused three elements together: Socialism, Nationalism and Revolutionary fervor (spiced with heavy violence). They co-opted big business to serve



Left: Fascists in Italy in the 1920’s. Right: Antifa in Italy, 2020.



their socialist over-regulation and control of the peoples' agenda. It is clear that climate issues can also be used to gain more control of the masses. It was a type of socialism by getting big businesses to help control the masses. We

now see this in action—big tech big pharma, big airlines, etc. are helping control the masses. Conservatives know that forced redistribution is stealing and leads to the impoverishment of all.

Acts 5:3-4, “But Peter said,

Ananias, why has the Evil One put it into your heart to be false to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While you had it, was it not your property? and after you had given it in exchange, was it not still in your power? how has this purpose come into your mind? you have been false, not to men, but to God.”

The very productive have their incentive undermined by excessive taxes and regulations. The free riders have no incentive to be productive. The economic collapse of the Communist Empire demonstrated this beyond any doubt. Look at North Korea for an example of poverty and communism (total socialism). Is the West moving toward a new Fascism?

God's law is truth. It is righteousness. It is holy, perfect, just, and good. However, few know that the love of God is defined in the Bible as keeping His Ten Commandments: “For this IS the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not grievous” (1 John 5:3).

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Palestinians: US Weakness Facilitates the Rise of Jihad and Fundamentalism

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Like many Palestinians and Arabs, the Iranian-backed Hamas movement that controls the Gaza Strip sees the Russia-Ukraine war as evidence of the weakness of the Biden administration and the end of the status of the US as the world's sole superpower.

The timidity of the Biden administration and the perceived decline of the US in the international arena are good news for Hamas, whose leaders are hoping that this will pave the way for them to achieve their goal of replacing Israel with an Islamic fundamentalist state.

Musa Abu Marzouk, a member of the Hamas "politburo," said recently:

"The Russia-Ukraine war indicates that the era of America's unipolar role has ended. America is unable to decide on war against Russia, and therefore the US will

not be a decision-maker in international politics..."

The Hamas leader seems predictably optimistic about the prospects of killing Jews and eliminating Israel under a weakened US. Abu Marzouk is so excited about the perceived decline of the US that he believes that now Hamas and the Palestinians can start talking about the "future" of the Middle East.

What future does Hamas and many Palestinians foresee?

The Hamas leaders deserve credit for being transparent about their ambitions and for reminding the world that Hamas remains committed to its 1988 Charter, which explicitly and unambiguously calls on Muslims to wage *jihad* (holy war) to displace both Israel and the Jews.

The charter expresses hatred of Jews by quoting

a *hadith* (saying) attributed to the prophet Mohammed:

"The Day of Judgement will not come about until Muslims fight the Jews, when the Jew will hide behind stones and trees. The stones and trees will say: O Muslims, O Abdulla, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him." (Article 7).

In the charter, Hamas defines its slogan as follows:

"Allah is its goal, the prophet (Mohammed) its model, the Koran its constitution, jihad its path and death for the sake of Allah as the loftiest of its wishes." (Article 8).

The charter lays out the strategies and methods of Hamas as follows:

"The Islamic Resistance Movement believes that the land of Palestine has been an Islamic Waqf throughout the generations

and until the Day of Resurrection. No one can renounce it or part of it, or abandon it or part of it.” (Article 11)

Articles 13 of the Hamas Charter states “There is no solution to the Palestinian problem except by Jihad.”

Last year, Hamas leaders celebrated the US “defeat” in Afghanistan and said it too was a sign of the weakness of the Americans in general and the Biden administration in particular.

In a phone call to congratulate the Taliban “foreign minister” on the “victory” after the US withdrawal from Afghanistan, Haniyeh, the Hamas leader who is currently based in Qatar, expressed hope that the Taliban will support the Palestinians in their war on Israel.

Another Hamas official, Sami Abu Zuhri, also expressed joy over the US “retreat” in Afghanistan.

The statements of the Hamas leaders show that they see the US withdrawal from Afghanistan and failure to take tough measures against Russia as signs of weakness and retreat. As far as Hamas is concerned, the weaker the US the greater are their chances of fulfilling their goal of replacing Israel with an Islamic state.

Palestinian political analyst Akram Atallah also appears to comprehend the perception that the standing of the US has dramatically diminished as a result of the Russia-Ukraine war. Washington’s image in the Arab world has been battered to the point at which even its allies are

beginning to challenge its policies and decisions, Atallah said.

He pointed out that the United Arab Emirates abstained on a US-led resolution to condemn Russia’s invasion of Ukraine at the United Nations Security Council, due to the Gulf state’s frustrations over the Biden administration’s weak response to recent drone and missile attacks on Abu Dhabi by Yemen’s Iranian-backed Houthi militia. Atallah also pointed out that Saudi Arabia recently rejected requests from the US to increase its production of oil in order to reduce prices.

“This reflects the self-confidence of the two [Arab] countries and their ability to challenge and contradict the demands and interests of the US... When two Gulf countries refuse to support the US, this means the image of America in the region is deeply tarnished, and that there is a changing mood. We are not only facing countries that may rediscover their strength, but also rediscover American weakness.

Does America understand that the world is changing and that the wings of an eagle are weakened by factors of natural erosion and time?”

Hassan Asfour, a former Palestinian Authority minister, wrote that he too believes that the US has lost its “central” role in the Middle East. Asfour pointed out that Biden, in his State of the Union speech, did not make any reference to the Iranian nuclear issue and the negotiations in Vienna about reviving the 2015 nuclear deal. “It did not stop here,” Asfour added.

“Biden [in his speech] ignored the Afghanistan issue, especially in light of the confused [US] withdrawal. He was also cautious not to talk about relations with China so as not to provoke it. Biden’s speech confirms with full clarity the loss of a consistent strategic vision with regard to central issues globally. This is a sign of the loss of the prestige of the great country [the US]. Biden’s speech was a message of a historical recognition of



“The Russia-Ukraine war indicates that the era of America’s unipolar role has ended.” - Musa Abu Marzouk.

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the upcoming political defeat and the beginning of the birth of a new international order.” (Khbrpress. ps, March 2, 2022)

Hani al-Masri, a prominent Palestinian political analyst, wrote that America’s “retreat can be seen in several areas in the world, such as what happened in the shameful withdrawal from Afghanistan and its quest to reach an agreement with Iran.”

Ahmed Issa, former Director General of the Palestine Institute for National Security Research, said that the current war shows that Israel can no longer rely on the US to play an influential role in the international arena.

The Americans need to understand that no matter how many gifts they give to the Palestinians, that will not stop Hamas and many others from continuing to hate the US, looking on it as an enemy and chanting, “America is

the Great Satan!”

Some Arabs hate the US because of its support for corrupt Arab dictatorships and its war against Islamist terrorist groups. Others see the US as a country that represents the anti-Muslim “infidels” in the West.

The only way for the Americans to deal with these Muslim extremists is by not showing any sign of weakness or appeasement. The weaker you are and the more you try to appease them, the bigger their appetite becomes to fight against the US.

Fayez Abu Shamala, a political analyst from the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip, also sounded optimistic regarding the growing weakness of the US and its allies. He wrote:

“Today, NATO stands unable to protect its allies and is facing a rising Russian power. Some NATO countries want to be liberated from American hegemony.

The coming days will bring many surprises. We, the Arabs and Palestinians, have nothing to do but watch events with great caution and ponder how to exploit the developments.”

Such voices coming from the Palestinians corroborate claims of the erosion of the US standing, especially among the Arabs. They are responding to an anemic US under the Biden administration that has forfeited its credibility as well as its capacity to stand behind its allies and friends. This US approach does not bode well for the future of the region. The pattern of weakness and inaction are being interpreted as “caution,” and as a green light to pursue *jihadi* and terrorist schemes and establish yet another Islamic fundamentalist state.

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Palestinians participate in a mass rally marking the 34th anniversary of the founding of the Islamic movement Hamas. Jabalia refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip, on Dec 10, 2021.

Thanks Anyway...

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purchases, the house and the Senate were poised to force his hand. Immediately. Yes, it was confidently reported even on the mainstream, which seems to be mostly on the side of deception. Late night phone calls went to the Speaker begging that the legislation be pulled from consideration. That didn't work out, so the Senate majority leader was contacted. No go.

So we got this big announcement. The U. S. will stop buying Russian oil and we're told, "deal a powerful blow to Putin's war machine." Except it won't. Not that it wasn't the right move. China will graciously accept that oil, at discounted prices. India wants it too. It may still end up in our commodity markets. Putin will still make his hundreds of millions per day, and do as he pleases.

It may have come as a surprise to many Americans, but this invasion of Ukraine has been in the works and telegraphed in speeches for years. But the Russian people are apparently not allowed to see what's transpiring. The argument going in was made that, "They're all Russians anyway." If they're all Russians, why blast civilian residential areas? The number has risen to millions of refugees and continues to climb. We see them on our screens, they're unavoidable.

The vision of blown up houses and high rise apartments have been wrenching the guts of Americans. The idea that we were unwittingly supplying some of the money that made that possible, unacceptable. Maybe some of the financial sanctions will work. But holes have been left, and the experts say there are ways around them.

Putin says he's attacking Nazis. The insignia worn by some Ukrainian forces, whether controlled by Zelensky or not, is said to be a Nazi symbol. They don't like foreigners, gypsies or Jews. Have you heard that in the mainstream media? So, at least some of these people begging for help would be vilified, canceled and banned in our own society. Putin is apparently making noises that at least hint at the idea that he just might lash out with nukes against the countries causing difficulties with his "military operation."

It's hard to remember when the debate has been hotter. It's one fiasco after another. Government

officials admit there are bio-labs doing who-knows-what in Eastern Ukraine, then the White House says it's Russian propaganda. Surely that's not what this was about. But look at what Fauci's labs did in China. We won't forget. Some say the little Dr. can't get an interview, but you can't help wondering if that's the last thing he wants. Jets are going to Ukraine from Poland, then they're not. You can hardly keep up, assuming you want to.

Meanwhile, none of this gay nonsense we're drowning in is anywhere to be seen in Russia or China. We're being drowned in this cutesy nonsense, and the bad guys won't tolerate it under their dictatorial control. If that's not a head-scratcher! So we're out to preserve "Western civilization" and "democracy." We sure don't want to live under the despotism of Russia or China, but we've got an avalanche of "leaders" who are fully bought in to gay, trans, and all manner of hideous entertainment. Time to let everybody know, we're not on board. Whether it's a store, an airline, the TSA or the redhead out doing the heavy lifting for the pretender, it's time to stop being so nice. Politely of course. □



Top: Civilians shelter under a bridge in Kyiv. Bottom: First responders comb through the rubble of a destroyed apartment building.



CENTER OF POWER

by Michael Armstrong

We have entered a new era of competition and open confrontation. The last century has been defined along American and European lines. The predominance of the US in world affairs has persisted since the end of World War II. The power of the British Empire was exhausted. Europe was shattered. Both were deeply indebted from the conflict and reliant on the United States against the new threat of Soviet expansion.

The Cold War shaped generations of policy. Real wars were fought in Korea and Vietnam to contain the spread of communism. President Richard Nixon famously opened up trade with China, effectively souring their alliance with the Soviet Union. Another tactical decision that would have questionable future consequences was arming the Mujaheddin in Afghanistan. Other methods, some more and some less nefarious, were used to gain or purchase influence in every corner of the globe.

This ongoing conflict shaped the United States into the premiere world power. The collapse of the Soviet Union from the pressures of competition and

its own serious internal flaws solidified the influence of the US. The phrase “world’s only superpower” was on every tongue. Prestige and credibility come with a great deal of responsibility, and may be even more difficult to maintain than acquire. Decades have gone by. The United States faces renewed challenges from the reinvigorated communist nations of Russia and China. It is worthwhile to examine some of the present realities and past events that will shape the future of this conflict.

The Dollar has been the world’s reserve currency since the Allies adopted the Bretton Woods agreement in 1944. Most European countries had already abandoned their gold standards, printing paper money to meet their wartime needs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt had, in 1933, forced US banks to stop paying out gold. Additionally, he made it illegal for citizens to keep gold currency, requiring them to exchange it for the price of \$20.67 an ounce. While hoarding gold, he flooded the economy with paper money. One year later, the government increased the price of gold to \$35 an ounce, massively

raising the value of its newly acquired reserves.

During the war, as the source of most of the supplies needed by Europe, the United States accumulated the largest stockpile of gold in the world. Bretton Woods pegged the value of other currencies to the Dollar. The Dollar was backed by gold, thanks to the large US reserve, and took the place of gold in the reserves of other nations. While American citizens could not redeem their Dollars for gold, foreign central banks could.

Years later this became a problem. The massive increase in Dollars occasioned by borrowing for war and social programs became a liability, as had the large reserves held by foreign banks. Enough Dollars were abroad to threaten the entire system and in 1971 the link to gold was unceremoniously abandoned. US citizens were again permitted to own bullion in 1974. The Dollar survived the shock and remains the world’s reserve currency to this day. Now, as then, our own monetary policy presents one of the greatest threats to a global system designed to keep us on top.

As a fiat currency the Dollar has no intrinsic value, it is not linked to any commodity. Perception, supply and demand all affect its worth. World reserve currency status helps keep demand high. Business deals all around the world are priced in Dollars, as are important commodities like gold and oil. The perception of the United States as strong and stable increases confidence in the Dollar as a medium of exchange. What could change that?

For years both China and Russia have been attempting to circumvent the Dollar system. Their own bilateral deals are often priced in Euros though recently they tend to be denominated in Yuan. China would love to displace the United States in world finance. Its Belt and Road Initiative can be seen as positioning to help bring that about.

Proverbs 22:7 reads, “The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.” If China should begin to pressure its debtors to handle their business dealings in Yuan are they going to be in any position to say no? It is feared that western sanctions against Russia over the invasion of Ukraine are going to help foster the growth of this system. The levels of Dollars vs Yuan held by Russian banks over the past few years have illustrated that a change is taking place. This helps shield both China and Russia from international sanctions.

Additionally, a new energy supply deal includes a pipeline from the very fields that supply Europe. The route it will take

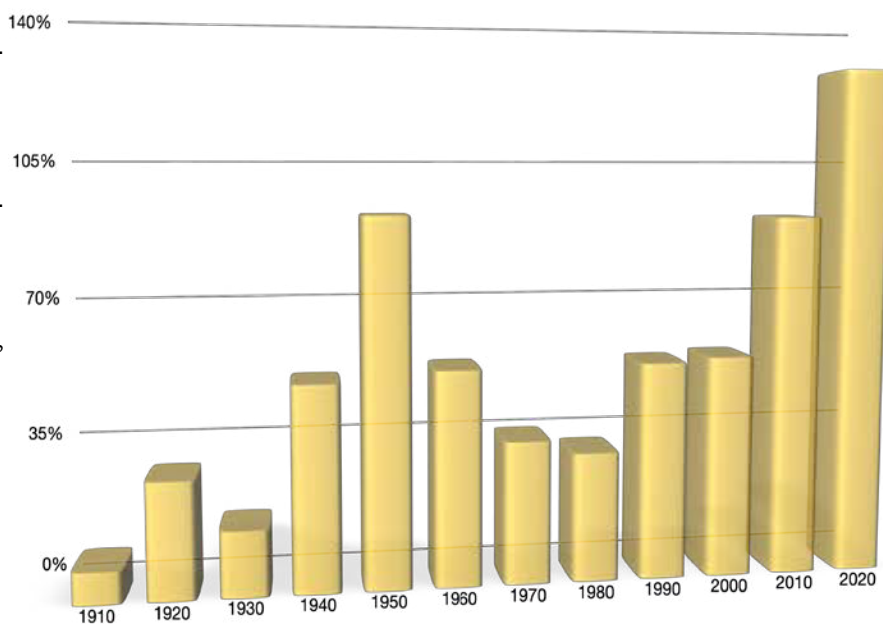
studiously avoids Xinjiang and the sanctions crossing it might entail. The deal was announced before the Olympics along with other statements of unprecedented cooperation.

Many of their financial institutions have claimed they are not worried about sanctions, including potential exclusion from SWIFT. Despite the immediate disruptions and losses, they expect to overcome them quickly and be less susceptible to external pressures in the future. Russia actually maintains a trade surplus with China and recent agreements

have been struck to increase cooperation.

Russia produces enormous amounts of wheat and soybeans as well as possessing abundant natural resources like copper, aluminum, and fossil fuels. China supplies electronics, clothing, and myriad plastic products like we see on our own store shelves. By meeting each others’ needs as much as possible and avoiding using the Dollar as a medium of exchange, they are less likely to suffer from push back over aggressive and unethical foreign policies. Their other

United States Debt as % of GDP



“The system of banking we have both equally and ever reprobated. I contemplate it as a blot left in all our constitutions, which, if not covered, will end in their destruction, which is already hit by the gamblers in corruption, and is sweeping away in its progress the fortunes and morals of our citizens. Funding I consider as limited, rightfully, to a redemption of the debt within the lives of a majority of the generation contracting it; every generation coming equally, by the laws of the Creator of the world, to the free possession of the earth He made for their subsistence, unencumbered by their predecessors, who, like them, were but tenants for life.”

-Thomas Jefferson: Letter to John Taylor dated May 28, 1816.



Putin visited China and met with Chinese leader Xi Jinping on February 4, 2022. According to the *New York Times*, China had requested that Russia delay the invasion of Ukraine until after the completion of the Beijing Winter Olympics.

major trading partners like India and Brazil are forced by necessity to maintain an uncomfortable neutrality.

Take China's handling of its Uyghur population. China knows Islam is not compatible with their atheistic governmental structure. They will not tolerate any religious belief that undermines allegiance to the state. So the Uyghurs are segregated (and worse) to prevent reproduction. They are "reeducated" to undermine their faith and incentivized to recant.

The issue is with religion more than it is ethnicity. The west calls it genocide and yet it does not deter Muslim nations like Saudi Arabia from carrying on a lucrative business with China. Nor are they dissuaded by piecemeal sanctions that avoid the most vital sections of industry by design. Ethics often take a back seat to expedience. It is an extreme example of a government

controlling its population.

While portions of the West still clamor loudly in defense of their freedoms, it is astounding how much will be quietly submitted to in an emergency. The last couple of years are a shocking example of that. Could not economic, military, or humanitarian emergencies yield the same results?

The time of the end described in the Bible pictures centralized control, Godless and despotic, dominating the entire globe. Communist philosophy is eerily reminiscent of this. The Chinese communist party embraced limited capitalism to secure their economic place in the world. They openly admit their "socialist market economy" is but an early phase of the true ideal, a step along the way to real communism. Globalism is also a necessary prerequisite. Read their own literature. It is not a secret.

Historically, the Soviet

Union bitterly resented China's engagement in limited capitalism. Events, however, have borne out China's pragmatism. Russia similarly allowed limited capitalism and has prospered accordingly. They have both cultivated business relationships with their ideological enemies that make them well nigh indispensable.

Russia still benefits from former members of the Soviet Union as well. Some states still rely on fuel rods for Soviet era nuclear reactors that power their cities and only come from Russia. European dependence on Russian gas has become a major issue. It underscores western fragility at this time, complicating an already ticklish situation.

Having already been overburdened with financial largess, emergency intervention over the coronavirus has pushed many economies to the brink of crisis. Inflation is forcing central banks to make decisions that will impact "recovery," if you can call it that. What further fallout will there be from this new conflict?

Both China and Russia have far less debt proportionately. With populations accustomed to totalitarianism, they have not had to contend with the social upheavals many western nations are still experiencing. "Supply chain issues," while economically inconvenient, do not have quite the same impact on the production side of the equation. Take potential sanctions for instance. Which is more painful, Russia not selling gas or Europe not having electricity?

The larger issue at stake

is American, and by extension European, dominance in world affairs. It is a grave error to treat this lightly or discount the positive effects it has had on many other nations. Not that our history is free from error, far from it. Unscrupulous, self-interested individuals always flock to opportunity and this is the land of opportunity...

We do not have to justify every misdeed along the way to embrace and cherish the ideal of liberty in law, however. A healthy republic is an uncommon thing in history. The nation God tried to make out of the tribes of Israel was similar in many ways.

The people were to choose captains of 10s, 100s, and 1000s to represent them. Courts were established where charges and grievances could be brought. While there were positions of special responsibility, all were equally bound by the law. Yet, they could not sustain it.

Such a system cannot last amongst liars or covetous thieves. It cannot prosper with sloth or selfishness. The people soon begged for a king to tell them what to do and protect them. They didn't trust God. They didn't compromise and cooperate. They asked for a ruler! Despotism has been the norm for most of world history whether under the guise of royalty, religion, or raw power. What we have now is an anomaly and it is in jeopardy.

It would be foolish to take it for granted or assume it will continue without a sincere effort from every generation that inherits it. This nation rose on

the backs of those willing to preserve it unto death. No less effort may be required again someday. A play for global prestige and influence is taking place. Despite its shortcomings and departures,

normalization of gender dysphoria. On other issues, such as climate change and social justice, they do not hesitate to turn the self-righteous dogma of the mainstream against itself.



our system is the only one that even pays lip service to liberty of conscience. Will China let you worship as you see fit? Does Russia care about freedom of speech?

Victory will not be handed to a posse of entitled victims. Virtue and diligence need to be impressed on a society long coddled by luxury and vice. Our own blessings have not caused us to rejoice in thankfulness and obedience to God, at least not on the national level. Nor is there much time given to Godly values. Even many churches have adapted their teachings to popular culture.

Ironically, our Godless opponents cling much more tightly to what you could consider Christian values. They have impugned "western decadence" for decades. More recently they have steadfastly refused to embrace homosexuality or the

Many of the actions of our own leaders are enough to cause speculation about which system they would prefer to have come out on top. Prosperity is nothing compared to liberty. The potential for both has motivated masses to flock to this land for generations. Can we endure this new challenge?

We have traded humble self-reliance for entitlements and social programs. New morals have become popular while the old are almost a crime to utter. Industry has been sacrificed on a green altar. It's not that the same products aren't produced, just less cleanly and elsewhere. We have embraced socialism to our detriment while our opponents have engaged in capitalism to their benefit. It is a rather obvious lesson that needs to be learned quickly. The alternative will not be pleasant. □

BIBLE STUDY*by Dr. James & Natalie Ricks*


Death: A Biblical Explanation

WHAT KIND OF THOUGHTS EXIST IN THE DEAD?

Some people claim to have briefly “died” and been to heaven or to have seen glimpses of heaven after a near death experience. We will assume that most people who share such experiences are sincere. That being said, does the Bible give us any insight into this issue?

Ecclesiastes 9:5, “For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, And they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten.” (NKJV).

King Solomon is stating that one should use his time wisely in this life. Therefore, men should make the best of the life we have been given. Thanks to Jesus there is a coming resurrection of the dead. The dead will live again but the Bible says the dead know nothing until that time.

Ecclesiastes 9:9-10, “Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.”

In this book of wisdom and poetic advice, Solomon directs us to try and enjoy our lives because we will have no consciousness, work, or any activity while in the grave. Does this advice agree with other parts of God’s Holy Word? Yes, it does.

Psalms 146:3-5, “Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish. Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God.”

The dead have no plans because they have no consciousness. But any hope we have in the after life rests with the God of Jacob, the God of the Old Testament, the God of the Bible.

Psalms 115:17, “The dead do not praise the LORD, nor any who go down into silence.”

The dead are in a state of silence. They are not having vivid visions of heaven according to what we learn from the Bible.

THE DEAD ARE ASLEEP UNTIL GOD RESURRECTS THEM

The theme of the New Testament and gospel of Jesus is the resurrection. Jesus talked about the resurrection of the dead constantly with His fol-

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lowers, so much that it was common knowledge. Note what His followers said when Lazarus was raised from the dead.

John 11:23-24, “Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ Martha said to Him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.’”

Martha knew the teachings of Christ well enough to know that her brother, a true believer, would be brought back to life and awakened in the resurrection at the second coming of Jesus. She knew this core message of the gospel regarding the Messiah’s future kingdom and raising up of believers to glory. Jesus goes on further to link His entire message to the resurrection of the dead.

John 11:25-26, “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?’”

Jesus of Nazareth is the resurrection. His message is all about gaining eternal life—through Him—and many will be raised from the dead into glory. Believers will be awakened from their spiritual sleep when Jesus returns in glory and splendor. Wow! True believers and martyrs are sleeping during this period, awaiting that glorious day.

Acts 7:59-60, “And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not charge them with this sin.’ And when he had said this, he fell asleep.”

The state of the dead is sleep. They are not aware of anything going on around them until they are raised up by God. Line Upon Line has other programs about these topics for more details. Therefore it can be concluded that those who experience vivid memories of bright lights and heaven must have had dramatic dreams based on their expectations!

Normally people have dreams related to their concerns and the pressures they are under. We can only imagine that if one is in a hospital, facing death, that they would have dreams about what

they thought the afterlife should include while under anesthesia. When awakened after a few minutes of no heartbeat, one might have a memory of vivid dreams related to the after life. The Bible is clear, the dead are asleep and know nothing.

TRUE BELIEVERS ARE AWAKENED FROM SLEEP TO GLORY

The Bible is full of prophecies about the righteous being raised from the dead to receive glory. The book of Revelation describes how followers of Jesus will reign with Him. They will help Him create a paradise on this earth during the millennium. (Note Rev. 5:10) Furthermore, the prophet Daniel remarks on what awaits us as true believers.

Daniel 12:1-3, “At that time.... Every one who is found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Now, in this life is the work of the church to help turn people to righteousness? Believers who repent and learn to love God will have their names written in the book of life. Those people will be raised to shine and glow with glory at the end of this age. Paul also encouraged believers with the same message.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, “...concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus...those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.”

The Apostle Paul explains that those still

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alive at the return of Jesus will not precede those who have fallen asleep. They rise first, then those remaining will be raised to glory. Further, King David, a man after God's own heart, is also asleep in the grave, NOT having heavenly visions. Remember, David's descendant is Jesus the Messiah, so if anyone were seeing glory right after death it would be David.

Acts 13:35-37, "Therefore He also says in another Psalm: 'You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.' For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; but He whom God raised up saw no corruption."

Jesus is the only one yet raised from the dead to spiritual glory, and is the first of the first fruits to God. All others are asleep awaiting glory to come.

1 Corinthians 15:13-14, "But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty."

1 Corinthians 15:19, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable."

1 Corinthians 15:51-52, "Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

True believers should put their focus on being ready, whenever we pass away, to remain in Christ so we won't have to just dream of glory but really inherit it thanks to Jesus OUR SAVIOR.

Philippians 3:10-11, "...that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead."

By any means, we must stay with the Son of God, Jesus, until the end! ☐



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WORLD NEWS BRIEF

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

A BUREAUCRATIC TRANSITION

Switzerland has taken a very progressive turn, relocating their civil registry offices to the land of make believe. Want to change genders? Simply fill out a form! No pesky therapy or messy medical procedures required. Must be 16 years of age to apply. Switzerland is one of over 20 countries worldwide to make the switch that simple. What is surprising is the rapidity with which change has come to the traditionally conservative nation. Gay marriage, and the ability of those couples to adopt children, was only legalized last year.

DISTRACTED

North Korea has capitalized on the world's preoccupation with Russia and Ukraine. Year to date, they have fired more missiles than ever before for a comparable time period. South Korea also claims the North is reopening an underground nuclear test site. This escalation may have multiple aims. A new president is about to take office in South Korea. Yoon Suk-yeol, a conservative, has spoken strongly about increasing security ties with the US as well as purchasing an advanced missile defense system and the potential need for a preemptive strike on North Korea. Kim Jong-un, ever the posturing strong man, may feel the need to assert himself in light of this. He may also be positioning to have something to offer should negotiations resume, possibly stopping weapons testing in exchange for sanctions relief.

ENLARGING THE SCHENGEN ZONE

Croatia, an EU member since 2013, has just been added to the borderless Schengen Area. Including some non-EU members, 27 countries are now part of the area. Allowing free movement across

check-free borders has been essential to European integration. Croatia's effort to join the zone was nearly derailed shortly after it requested admission in 2015. Neighbors threatened to veto Croatia's membership for allowing migrants to penetrate the bloc. Since then Croatia has also been criticized for handling migrants too harshly, reportedly forcing them back over its borders after crossing and not allowing requests for asylum to be made. Regardless, the EU has now deemed it is up to the task of regulating their shared external border.

ISRAELI-JORDANIAN COOPERATION

There has been a rash of new agreements between Israel and its traditionally hostile neighbors following the Abraham Accords. A groundswell of formal relations, private business dealings, and reciprocal tourism have contributed to a reality virtually unfathomable only a few years ago. Previously, even international travelers were not not admitted to most Middle Eastern countries if they had first been to Israel. Not so anymore. One notable development has been the signing of a deal between Israel and Jordan to exchange water for electricity. While potentially unpopular in Jordan, the deal would alleviate serious shortages facing the Kingdom by piping desalinated water across Israel from the Mediterranean coast. Israel procures the vast majority of its freshwater from desalination, a technology it pioneered. In return for water, Jordan will provide electricity from a massive solar facility to be constructed in cooperation with Masdar, a company owned by the UAE.

BLACKLISTING XINJIANG

This province of China is the target of new U.S. sanctions. Xinjiang has become infamous as

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the site of internment and “reeducation” camps for Uyghur Muslims. Reports have been surfacing for years about the inhuman treatment and forced labor they are subjected to. Many major multinational corporations have operations in the region, though that is likely to change in the face of the new sanctions. Intel has already begun to move. Simply sanctioning the region is unlikely to solve the real problem however. The laborers themselves are routinely exported to other areas. While allegedly “voluntary,” workers are maintained in prison-like circumstances. Kept under 24 hour guard and housed onsite, they are segregated by gender, worked long hours, and are unable to leave or communicate freely with the outside world. These sanctions are merely a sop to those outraged about this ongoing atrocity. That so little has been done about it is a testament to China’s growing influence and how dependent so many of the world’s wealthy and powerful are on cheap Chinese labor and products.

NEW GERMAN CHANCELLOR

Angela Merkel’s retirement has shaken up the German political scene. Having been in power since 2005, many believe she would have been victorious in the recent elections had she chosen to run. Her departure, and the failure of the CDU’s new party leader, Armin Laschet, to instill confidence, led to their worst electoral outcome in years. Taking only 24.1% of the vote, the CDU now finds itself in opposition. The SPD, under Olaf Scholz, came out on top with 25.7% of the vote. A new coalition government has been formed with Scholz at the helm by partnering with the Greens (14.8%) and the FDP (11.5%).

Some explanation of what the parties represent may be helpful. The Social Democratic Party (SPD), now on top under Chancellor Olaf Scholz, is considered center-left. Its history is interesting. With Marxist roots it formed the Weimar Republic, stood in opposition to the Nazi’s rise, and continued to be a factor in both East and West Germany. It is both progressive and socialist and is very much in favor of European unity.

The Greens are just that, focused primarily on environmentalism but also devoted to social justice and a federal Europe. The Free Democratic Party (FDP) is a bit of an anomaly. While pro-business

and individual freedom, they embrace government involvement in certain social issues (such as the environment and LGBT) and are alternately for or against more European integration.

The Christian Democratic Union (CDU) is considered center-right. Some of Merkel’s policy choices (like immigration) drove more conservative members of the CDU away. Also in opposition are the Alternative for Germany (AFD) with 10.3%. Considered far-right, they gained popularity during the migration crisis and disapprove of the European Union. The Left (Die Linke) are what they say. Essentially Communist, they are in favor of more government intervention, though not necessarily at the European level. They favor social justice and oppose capitalism. They received 4.9% of the vote in the last election.

As the leading European economy, changes in Germany have repercussions for the entire world. Facing off against Russian and Chinese aggression or renewed migratory pressures may be difficult for a coalition that has largely been built on domestic social issues. Scholz has made sweeping pledges on digitalization, combating climate change, fighting COVID-19, and affirming LGBT rights as well as increasing government spending and making it easier to receive German citizenship. However it plays out politically, the effect on Germany’s leadership role post-Merkel will be an important thing to watch.

RISE OF THE PIG-MEN

Certain animals are genetically more similar to humans than others. White mice, for instance, are routinely used in medical research. Gene editing has taken it a step further. Who can forget the “humanized” mice that were being used in Wuhan? Scientists are now applying that technology to the problem of organ transplants. Pig hearts are remarkably similar to human hearts. An embryo is modified to remove differences that could cause the human immune system to reject the pig heart. This clone is implanted in a mother pig, carried to term, and allowed to mature before the organ is harvested. A man in the United States has already successfully received a heart procured in this manner. (The recipient died two months later, although not because his body rejected the organ.) To reduce the potential complications from

cloning every individual pig, a new breed is being developed in Europe. Though derived from clone parents, the breed will reproduce in the old fashioned way. The impact on the organ transplant business is expected to be enormous. The main objections come from animal rights activists.

OVER STIMULATED

Repercussions from the massive government interventions of recent years are becoming too obvious to ignore. Price pressures and inflation are resulting in reality checks at many central banks. The Bank of England has already raised interest rates to combat this, even as energy suppliers are forced to keep their prices so artificially low that it's literally putting many of them out of business. The alternative would essentially bankrupt the middle class. The European Central Bank has been forced to revise its outlook after its prediction that inflation would drop was soundly refuted by the latest data. January came in at 5.1%. Compare that to their ideal target of 2%. The Bank of England predicts a peak of over 7% this coming summer. The fear is that necessary rate increases will destroy the current feeble economic recovery, the worst case scenario for regulators. Similar pressures are facing the USA.

FOG OF WAR

This phrase, coined to describe the disorientation often experienced by soldiers in battle, might rightly be applied to some of the major foreign policy flip-flops we've been seeing. Having sanctioned Russian oil and gas, the US and allies are scrambling to replace that supply before it is officially cut off at the end of April. Venezuela is likely to benefit immensely. Its massive oil reserves could easily surmount current shortages. Provided he releases some American prisoners and commits to "talks" with opposition parties about "free and honest elections," Maduro could very well save the day, as ludicrous as that seems.

Iran could fill a similar gap for Europe. Negotiations to revive the nuclear deal continue to wind towards a conclusion. Russia hopes to exempt business it does with Iran from sanctions inside of its framework. Iran continues to violate the agreement in new and different ways, even as they work to have

it reinstated. Additionally, they have successfully put a second military satellite into space. The rocket technology this requires is the same that is used for delivering an ICBM. These transgressions may very well be overlooked as Western nations become desperate to ease energy prices. Whatever the necessity of the moment may dictate, the problem itself has been brought about by dependence on unpredictable autocrats. Could a real solution possibly consist of the same thing?

TOO CORNY

Ethanol, it turns out, is not as green as they thought it was. Sure, growing corn to ferment into alcohol to add to gasoline, which would require adaptations in engine technology and harm those not designed to deal with it sounded like a good idea. Never mind it made food more expensive as farmers turned to growing ethanol corn, for which they were subsidized, instead of other crops because we're talking about renewable fuel people! What could be greener? That's why Congress mandated it be added to gasoline in ever increasing amounts back in 2005.

But wait! It turns out all of the intensive processes required to make ethanol are not made up for by the fact that it releases less CO2 than regular gasoline. It's actually worse for the environment! The horror! Apparently the studies that led to its utilizations were wrong. Can that even happen?! Or worse, they were inherently biased by the desire to reach a certain conclusion. Or worse still, they were influenced by other, more worldly, considerations...

HONG KONG LONG GONE

Recent elections have solidified Beijing's control over the former British Territory. Only "patriots" were allowed to run for office after passing official government scrutiny. This new twist, along with the "security laws" enacted over the past couple of years and the excuse the pandemic gave to limiting public gatherings, have left many with little hope for the survival of democracy in Hong Kong. Barely 30% of the population voted, less than half the number from 2016, in what many have called a boycott. That aside, the patriotic winners will be governing as if they were the true representatives of the people. □

DIGITAL PASSPORT SYSTEM HAS QUIETLY ROLLED OUT

More than 200 million Americans now have access to digital vaccine passports, putting their freedom and privacy increasingly at risk.

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Digital vaccine passports have not been issued on a federal level in the U.S., but they're widely available, nonetheless. At least 21 states, along with the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, have rolled out digital vaccine passports, and four more states plan to release them soon. Advertised as a convenient way to store your health records, digital "passports" are poised to become much more than a way to display your COVID-19 shot status.

Already, digital passports are being required to gain access to events and venues that were previously available to everyone, stripping privacy and freedom from those who choose not to use them. Soon, they may merge with your health, financial and digital identity so they can act as a digital passport increasingly necessary to partake in society.

MORE THAN 200 MILLION AMERICANS CAN ACCESS VACCINE PASSPORTS

One of the most prominent names in the digital vaccine passport space is SMART Health Card, a verifiable vaccine

passport developed by the Vaccination Credential Initiative (VCI), which is a "global coalition of public and private stakeholders including Microsoft, Salesforce, Oracle, the Mayo Clinic and other health and tech heavyweights," according to *Forbes*.

According to VCI, they're committed to "empowering" individuals with access to a "trustworthy and verifiable copy of their vaccination records in digital or paper form using open, interoperable standards ... Individuals can then use those verifiable credentials for medical purposes and to demonstrate their health status to safely return to work, school, travel and life." More than a dozen nations already use VCI's SMART Health Cards, including:

- Aruba
- Canada
- Cayman Islands
- Cyprus
- Hong Kong
- Israel
- Japan
- North Macedonia
- Qatar
- Rwanda
- Senegal

- Singapore
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- U.S.

SMART Health Cards, which can be paper or digital, can be obtained from pharmacies, doctor's offices, state immunization registries and any other organization that has your shot records and other health information. It can be stored as a digital file on your phone or computer, allowing you to easily present it, in the form of a QR code.

"For example, you might share it to show your vaccine status for school registration or travel," the SMART Health Card website notes, adding that you may also be asked to present your vaccine passport at your workplace. They also stated, "In the future, you may be able to use your SMART Health Card to share and store other health information."

SIGHTS SET ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Already, more than 200 million Americans can access a digital vaccine passport. Dr. Brian Anderson, co-founder of the VCI,

told *Forbes*, “We’re not going to have all 50 states leveraging this approach. But the vast majority of the vaccinated individuals in the US — over 200 million of them — already have the ability right now to go and get one of these credentials.”

This includes people who received COVID-19 shots at dozens of locations that are part of the retail pharmacy program, such as Costco, Rite-Aid, CVS, Walmart, Kroger, Walgreens and more. Further, as *Forbes* reported:

“[W]hether your state is red or blue, your healthcare provider is increasingly likely to offer a digital vaccination record. More than 100 major health systems and hospital groups across the country now offer SMART Health Cards to patients. These include Kaiser Permanente, Tenet Health, Scripps Healthcare, Cerner and other healthcare heavy hitters.

Big regional healthcare groups in the SMART consortium span the country, from Centra Health in Virginia to UCHHealth in Colorado and from CoxHealth in Missouri to SoutheastHEALTH in Alabama and Georgia.”

Ultimately, the goal is for vaccine passports to be used worldwide, presenting a formidable tool for technocratic control. According to Anderson, it’s not enough that COVID-19 is waning — vaccine passports, he believes, should be here to stay in order for people to travel and work freely:

“Yes, we’re going to get to an endemic phase of all of this, but that doesn’t change the need to continue to protect the citizens of

a nation from highly transmissible and communicable diseases.

Vaccination verification will be increasingly important at an international level. And so if we want to enable all of our citizens from every state to be able to participate in the safe travel across international boundaries and to participate in international commerce, it’d be important for our government officials from every state to enable this.”

DIGITAL IDS CAN BE TIED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, RETAIL AND MORE

Right now, vaccine passports are highlighting access to one facet of your health records — COVID-19 shots — but they’re unlikely to stay that way. Disguised as a tool for convenience and safety, digitized IDs, such as mobile driver’s licenses, are coming and will be embedded into

everyday life and used to control everything from food and sustainability to travel and mobility.

GET Group North America is among those working fervently to create “secure ID credentials,” which includes the release of an international standard for mobile driver’s licenses and mobile IDs (mID). The standards were approved August 18, 2021, for publication, clearing the way for “global ID and Driver’s License Issuers to confidently deploy mDL [mobile driver’s license] solutions, and for Verifiers around the world to implement or adopt mDL readers.”

GET’s Mobile ID also intends to go far beyond a typical driver’s license to act as a digital identity that will tie in to retail, health care, law enforcement and travel sectors. The pandemic accelerated what was previously a gradual transition to digital, using



This screenshot of GET Group’s website illustrates their global reach and goal of creating a unifying digital framework.

the public health dogma that it would be better to not pass physical documents and IDs back and forth.

mDLs and mIDs are also intended to provide a streamlined identification verification system that can be used globally, doing away with different IDs for individual states.

“[E]lectronic authentication can give the mDL verifier confidence in the presented ID without requiring specialized knowledge of the hundreds of card design and security features applicable to the driver’s licenses (and their variants) that are issued by 56 states and territories,” the Secure Technology Alliance wrote. Ultimately, the IDs will also morph into vaccine passports, so that one digital ID will create a digital trail of your every move. Some have speculated that the introduction of digital IDs and vaccine passports in the U.S. is laying the infrastructure for a social credit system.

China’s social credit system, a massive undertaking of government surveillance that aims to

combine 600 million surveillance cameras — about one for every two citizens — with facial recognition technology, has the reported goal of being able to identify anyone, anywhere, within three seconds. As investigative journalist Corey Lynn put it:

“Simply put: the pandemic is to mandate an experimental gene therapy that the CDC likes to refer to as a ‘vaccine.’ That ‘vaccine’ is for purposes of getting everyone onto a vaccine ID passport. The passport is to force everyone into the new global social credit system.

“That system is to bring the global population to full obedience, as the globalists control everyone’s access and spending to anything and everything in life, through the use of the new CBDC (central bank digital currency) system they are building toward.”

HOW DIGITAL PASSPORTS COULD AFFECT YOUR FINANCES

Globally, a unified front is emerging to put systems, including ever-expanding plans for digital currency, vaccine passports

and digital IDs, into place for control and power, like the ability to track — and tax — everything you do.

If you buy the “wrong” products or foods, you could be penalized by being heavily taxed, for instance, and there’s no limit to how high the tax could go or what products or activities could be affected.

“It’s a total enslavement system,” former BlackRock portfolio manager Edward Dowd explained. “And then they can cut off your digital currency if you behave badly, like they do in China ... digital currency and social credit will be tied. If you’re a ‘bad citizen,’ they turn it off and you disappear.”

In the documentary “Cash or Card — Will COVID-19 Kill Cash?” producer Kersten Schüssler also asked some important questions, like what’s at stake if society truly goes cashless? The answer is both your privacy and your freedom.

The World Economic Forum (WEF), for instance, has been vocal about its agenda of moving away from cash and to a digital currency, including in the U.S., for years. But the pandemic led to a drastic acceleration. In Germany, where people have been famously reluctant to embrace payment by card or app, the number of people paying by card increased by 26% since the start of the pandemic.

But keep in mind, the digital footprints or financial data trails that you leave every time you pay by card or mobile app are being watched closely. Information like how much alcohol you drink or



how much you spend on vacation can all be tracked and “sold to the highest bidder.” We’re at a point where once fledgling start-ups have morphed into immense information empires, in control of our information and our privacy is in their hands.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it clear how valuable digital technologies are in acting as a safety net to allow many activities to continue, but because governments haven’t dealt with fundamental issues to protect privacy and digital rights, these information empires continue to own and operate the Internet and global means of communication.

These monopolies lead to uncontrolled power that, in turn, leads people to be even more constrained where they are living in a society based increasingly on surveillance, with digital payments and further surveillance as a necessary part of this plan. Eventually, your entire financial life may also be tied to your digital ID or passport. In a future that describes digital identity systems in our everyday lives, WEF envisions that digital IDs, i.e., vaccine passports, will encompass:

- Health care — to access insurance, monitor health devices and wearables and prove qualifications (for providers)

- Smart cities — to monitor devices that transmit data about energy usage, air quality and traffic congestion

- Telecommunications — for individuals to use devices and service providers to monitor them

- E-government — for individuals to file taxes, vote and



Freedom Trucker Convoy blocking the streets in Ottawa, Ontario.

collect benefits

- Social platforms — for social interactions

- E-commerce — to shop, conduct business transactions and secure payments

- Financial services — to open bank accounts and carry out financial transactions online

- Food and sustainability — to verify the origin of produce and enhance traceability in supply chains

- Travel and mobility — to plan trips and go through border control between countries or regions

- Humanitarian response — to access services and demonstrate qualifications to work in a foreign country

22 WAYS TO STOP VACCINE PASSPORTS

Avoiding vaccine passports and digital IDs of any kind is an important step to stopping the advancement of global totalitarian control. How can they be stopped? Journalist Lynn highlighted 22

steps you can use to opt out of the madness and protect your privacy and freedom:

1. Do not comply, whether or not you’re coerced, bribed, guilted, intimidated or manipulated into complying. “Civil disobedience is necessary.”

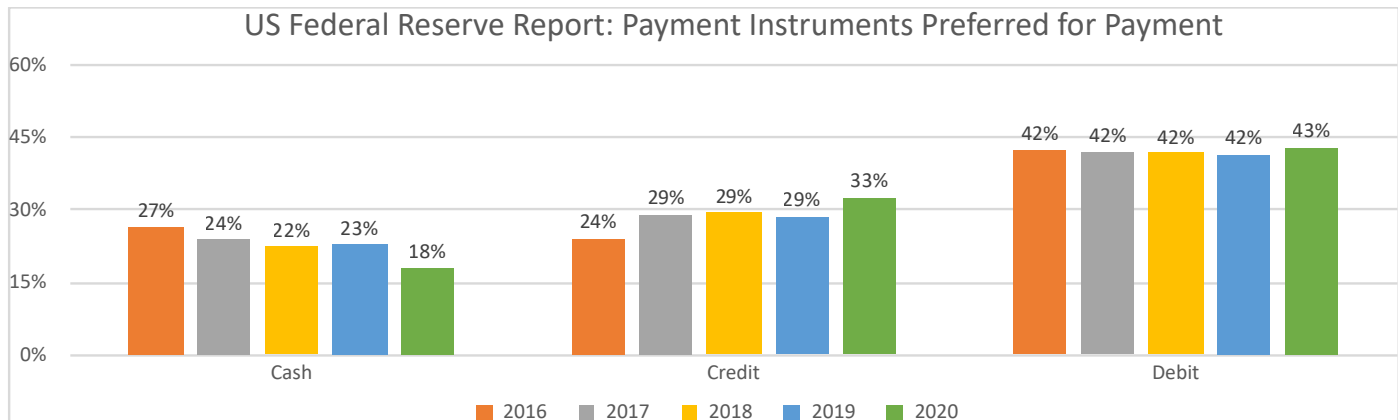
2. Contact your investment adviser or asset manager. Give them a list of companies involved in vaccine passports and pushing the agenda, and tell them you no longer want to support them.

3. Avoid all digital identities and vaccine ID passports offered by banks, driver’s license facilities and other industries as a means of increasing “access” or “convenience.”

4. Tell your friends, family and acquaintances about the real goal of digital identities, which is to “put you on the Blockchain to surveil and control your every move.”

5. Contact your local sheriff. There are 3,081 sheriffs in the U.S., which should be contacted by phone, email and mail. They

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have the power to not enforce illogical or illegal demands.

6. Share messages of truth around your community. You can spread the word using flyers, postcards, stickers or “swag with a message.”

7. Don’t support establishments that require proof of a shot or negative test. If you do, give them a card that reads, “I will not be a human experiment of a gene therapy jab for a virus that has a 99.98% survival rate.”

8. Email your state representative to block vaccine passports and digital IDs. Support and consider donating to those who are taking action against injection mandates and passports.

9. Move your money from large banks to small, family-owned banks and small credit unions. “If 10% of people did this, it would create a huge shift.”

10. Build family or community energy and food systems, as “resilient energy and food supplies will go a long way against their digital financial blackmailing systems.”

11. Boycott Amazon and big box stores that are “building the infrastructure to enslave humanity.”

12. Use cash as much as

possible, as it allows you to avoid being tracked via your bank account and keeps your spending behaviors from being analyzed and used to manipulate industries, supply chains and markets.

13. Leave your cellphone at home and avoid any and all data-tracking apps.

14. Limit the personal data you share online, on paper and anywhere else.

15. Call your senators and demand that they oppose the Federal Vaccine Database Bill H.R. 550, which would allow the development of a federal vaccination registry.

16. Avoid purchasing “smart” products of any kind, such as smart televisions and Alexa devices. “These products are all used for surveillance purposes via audio, some visual, and data aggregating, not to mention potential integrated mind control technologies.”

17. Establish financial security outside the system, such as by learning or teaching trade skills and establishing networking and teamwork opportunities for people to build and work together within their local community.

18. Clear as many debts as you can so you aren’t beholden

to anyone. “Invest in people, learning trade skills, family and community, hard assets, proper schooling for your children — which might mean a local homeschool network — local farmers, any necessary supplies or equipment you feel you need, your health and peace of mind.”

19. Maintain resources — medical, legal and otherwise — to fight the COVID-19 tyranny and stay updated on legal action and legislation against COVID-19 mandates.

20. Be aware that it is not legal to require a person to get injected while it’s still under emergency use authorization. “Though the FDA has approved Pfizer’s Comirnaty jab, Pfizer has chosen to not yet produce it for the U.S., and instead are continuing to supply the EUA jab.”

21. Be there for those who have received the injection and are having adverse events or choosing not to get boosters. “Help them through it and find medical professionals that are aware of what is happening and will assist them.”

22. “Visualize a better future for all, where these corrupt individuals are stopped in their tracks.” □



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LESSON ELEVEN: SALVATION

Salvation is the means by which God, through Christ, saves man from the penalty of sin and gives him eternal life. This process includes one's calling, repentance, baptism, justification, receiving of the Holy Spirit, a life of faith and obedience and final birth into God's kingdom as a spirit being. Salvation is a freely given gift from God through grace, with our ultimate reward being according to our works.

DOCTRINAL OVERVIEW:

The goal of every Christian is to be saved from the death penalty of sin through the sacrifice of Christ and to receive the gift of eternal life in God's family and kingdom. This goal and the process by which it is attained is called salvation. It is the ultimate purpose of life and the explicit reason why mankind was created.

God created man in His image and after His likeness. But the creation process will not be complete until mankind is perfected spiritually—has perfect godly character created in him—and actually enters the God family. God initiates this process by “calling” a person—opening his mind to understand, grasp and be convicted by the truth of the Bible. It is impossible for anyone to come to Christ unless the Father calls him (John 6:44), and God's calling “depends not upon man's will or exertion, but upon God's mercy” (Rom. 9:16).

If one responds to the realization of God's truth by believing it, committing oneself to it and by acting upon it, God will then grant him the miracle of true repentance (Rom. 2:4). Repentance

is the state of mind which an individual attains through seeing and acknowledging his past sinful way of life, and by recognizing that he has broken God's laws (Rom. 3:23; I John 3:4) and resolving to do so no longer. Repentance includes both a deep (“godly”) sorrow over past wrongs (2 Cor. 7:10) and a steadfast determination to change the whole direction of one's life from disobedience to obedience of God. It is accompanied by a profound realization of the need for forgiveness and the help and strength of God to change.

Once a person has repented and professed a sincere faith in the person, message and sacrifice of Christ, he may be baptized by immersion for the forgiveness of sins. This baptism is a type of Christ's death, burial and resurrection, which is our means of reconciliation to God (Rom. 5:10) since He paid the death penalty for our sins. Baptism symbolizes the death and burial of one's old, sinful way of life and the beginning of a totally new spirit-led life of obedience and submission to God. After baptism, the new convert receives the Holy Spirit through the laying-on-of-hands ceremony

performed in accordance with the commands and examples of the apostles (Acts 8:12-17; 19:5-6).

God's Spirit is an absolute necessity for the spiritual creation process of salvation as it serves many functions. It begets one as the son of God; it strengthens him to face trials and tests, to overcome problems and to build godly character, and it converts and changes the person's whole direction of mind from being carnal to being spiritual (Rom. 8). As such, the Holy Spirit is the seed of eternal life within us, which at the resurrection will overtake our mortality with immortality and clothe us with eternal life (Rom. 8:11; 2 Cor. 5:1-5). It is the guarantee to a Christian of eternal life which can only be negated by willful neglect or deliberate rejection.

The sacrifice of Jesus Christ is clearly the focal point of the salvation process. He was "put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Rom. 4:25). We "were reconciled to God by the death of His Son" (Rom. 5:10) and are thereby justified through faith in that reality (Rom. 5:1). Yet salvation must go beyond justifying the past. It must continue into the future throughout one's life. The true Christian is admonished to "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). Indeed, the active participation of Jesus Christ in one's life through His Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for ultimate salvation. As Romans 5:10 concludes, "much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

This whole salvation process is by "grace" (Greek "favor," Eph. 2:8). It is unmerited and freely given by God and cannot in any way be earned. The Christian totally depends upon God's grace initially for the forgiveness of sins he may commit subsequent to baptism. Nevertheless, the individual must meet certain criteria in order to be given this free gift.

First, the person must live by and grow in faith—a total and real conviction. One must have faith that God exists; faith that He will perform all of His biblical promises including that of granting him salvation (Rom. 4); faith that the death of Jesus Christ will pay the penalty for one's sins and reconcile him to God; and faith that the

resurrection of the living Jesus Christ will enable him to attain eternal life.

Furthermore, a Christian must not be disobedient, since continual sin that is not repented of disqualifies one from God's kingdom. (I Cor. 6:9-11). Salvation is surely not earned by obedience, because salvation can in no way be earned (cf Rom. 4:4). Nevertheless, Christ's response to one who asked Him what must be done in order to be saved was that the commandments must be kept (Matt. 19:17). Furthermore, Christ told His disciples that at the resurrection He shall "reward every man according to his works" (Matt. 16:27; Rev. 22:12).

The parable of the talents in Matthew 25 also illustrates why obedience and good works are necessary. Although salvation itself is a totally freely given gift (and hence is "by grace"), our individual responsibilities within God's family and kingdom shall vary according to the way we have lived our lives since baptism. The parable of the talents in Matthew 25 shows plainly that we will receive responsibilities in direct proportion to the way we have conducted our lives.

Today, God is calling a relative few, but now is not the only day of salvation. Every human being who has ever lived shall have an opportunity for the greatest free gift that could ever be imagined. God wants all mankind to receive the opportunity for salvation (I Tim. 2:4) and is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9). To this end, God is infinitely patient and has apportioned a time for all human beings from all times to be called to Him and to the ultimate gift of eternal life in the family of God.

In summary, salvation is by grace, through faith, not earned by obedience but dependent upon obedience, with the degree of our ultimate reward being according to our works. This salvation process is thus one which entails our continuance in God's way and necessitates our endurance to the end (Matt. 10:22; 24:13). Only when that process is complete and we have been born as spirit beings into the family of God shall salvation have been completely and totally achieved. □

SUMMARY: Read these scriptures in your own Bible:

- **John 6:44-God, the Father must call the individual to the Salvation Process.**
- **Romans 9:16-God's calling depends not on man's will or exertion, but God's mercy.**
- **Romans 2:4-God's goodness (calling) leads a person to repentance.**
- **Romans 3:23- We have all sinned (See 1 John 3:4).**
- **2 Corinthians 7:10-Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation.**
- **Romans 5:10-Read of our reconciliation to God.**
- **Acts 8:12-17; 19:5-6-The Laying on of Hands to receive the Holy Spirit.**
- **Romans 8:10-The Holy Spirit in a person changes one from carnal to spiritual.**
- **Philippians 2:5-Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.**
- **Ephesians 2:8-Salvation is by grace—a gift from God.**
- **Romans 4-God's promise of Salvation.**
- **Romans 4:4-Salvation cannot be earned.**
- **Matthew 19:17-The commandments must be kept (this is part of the Salvation Process).**
- **Matthew 16:27 and Revelation 22:12-God will reward everyone according to their works.**
- **Matthew 25-Read the parable of the talents.**
- **1 Timothy 2:4-God wants all mankind to receive an opportunity at Salvation.**
- **2 Peter 3:9-God does not want any one to perish, but to come to repentance.**
- **Matthew 10:22, 24:13-He who endures to the end shall be saved.**

QUESTIONS (ANSWERS BELOW):

1) Which of the following best completes this sentence: "Salvation is the means by which God, through Christ..."

- a) frees mankind from the Law.
- b) confirms individuals to His Kingdom from the moment the process begins.
- c) saves man from the penalty of sin and gives him eternal life.
- d) saves man unconditionally.

2) The Salvation Process includes which of the following:

- a) one's calling.
- b) repentance, baptism and receiving the Holy Spirit.
- c) a life of faith and obedience.
- d) final birth as a spirit being into the Kingdom of God.
- e) All of the above.

3) Which of the following are true:

- a) There is no difference between Salvation and Reward.
- b) Works are not required in the Salvation Process.
- c) I must earn my way into the Salvation Process by being good before my calling by God.
- d) The Salvation Process is free, but I must do works for my ultimate reward.
- e) All are false.

- 4) Which of the following best completes this sentence, "The other goal of every Christian is to receive..."
- a) freedom
 - b) riches or prosperity and good health
 - c) the gift of eternal life.
- 5) In whose image was man created? _____
- 6) The ultimate destiny of mankind is to become spirit beings...[where?]
- a) a little lower than angels.
 - b) equal to the angels.
 - c) in the very Family of God.
- 7) Godly calling begins or is accomplished when...
- a) I open my mind to receive Christ.
 - b) when I accept the sacrifice of Christ.
 - c) when God opens my mind to His truth.
- 8) When we respond to God's calling, the next step (a miracle of God) is _____.
- 9) In repentance we come to see that we have sinned and broken God's Law. True or False?
- 10) Using 2 Corinthians 7:10 as your guide, complete the following:
- a) Godly sorrow worketh repentance to _____ [what?]
 - b) Worldly sorrow worketh _____ [what?]
- 11) _____ is a type of Christ's death, burial and resurrection. It symbolizes the death and burial of one's old sinful way of life. It symbolizes the beginning of a totally new spirit-led life.
- 12) In the Salvation Process, the absolute necessity and key element is the _____ [what?]
- 13) As long as the Holy Spirit remains in a true Christian he or she is guaranteed eternal life. True or False?
- 14) Once you have the Holy Spirit, you can never lose it. True or False?
- 15) The whole salvation Process is a gift, or favor, from God. Ephesians 2:8 refers to this as what five-letter word?
- 16) The Salvation Process requires that we meet certain criteria. True or False?
- 17) Today, now, in this lifetime is the only day of salvation. True or False?
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18) In the Salvation Process, which of the following is required:

- a) have faith that God exists.
- b) faith that God will perform all biblical promises.
- c) faith that the death of Jesus Christ pays for the penalty for one's sins and reconciles us to God.
- d) faith that the resurrection of Jesus will enable us to attain eternal life.
- e) All of the above.

19) Everyone who has ever lived will have an opportunity at eternal life. True or False?

20) Salvation is by grace, through faith, not earned by obedience, but dependent upon obedience. True or False?

21) The degree of our ultimate reward will be according to our works. True or False?

22) The Salvation Process is complete when...

- a) we are called by God.
- b) when we receive the Holy Spirit.
- c) only after much testing and overcoming of sin.
- d) when we are changed to spirit.

LESSON ELEVEN — ANSWERS:

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|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 17. (False) | 10. (a - salvation, b - death) | 1. (c) |
| 18. (e) | 11. (baptism) | 2. (e) |
| 19. (True) | 12. (Holy Spirit) | 3. (d) |
| 20. (True) | 13. (True) | 4. (c) |
| 21. (True) | 14. (False) | 5. (God's) |
| 22. (d) | 15. (grace) | 6. (c) |
| | 16. (True) | 7. (c) |
| | | 8. (repentance) |

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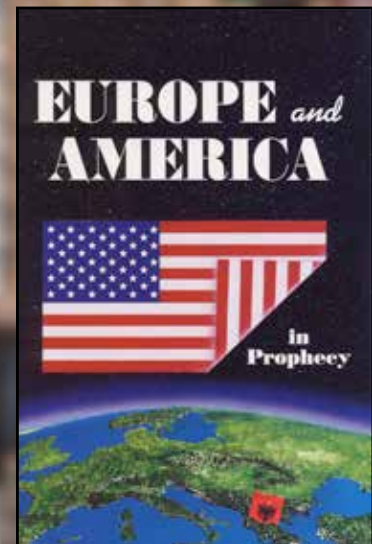
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