

Eye on the World

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Luke 21:34-36—"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."



An article titled "1 Million Fish Dead in Bolivian Ecological Disaster" was posted at bolivabella.com on Aug. 3, 2010.

It said: "Over 1 million fish and thousands of alligators, turtles, dolphins and other river wildlife are floating dead in numerous Bolivian rivers in the three eastern/southern departments of Santa Cruz, Beni and Tarija. The extreme cold front that hit Bolivia in mid-July caused water temperatures to dip below the minimum temperatures river life can tolerate."



An article by Anton Doroshev and Lucian Kim titled "Muscovites Flee Worst Heat 'In 1,000 Years'; Death Rate Doubles" was posted at bloomberg.com on Aug. 9, 2010.

It said: "More than 104,400 people flew out of Moscow yesterday, topping the previous 2010 record of 101,000, according to the Federal Air Transportation Agency."

The article quoted Alexander Frolov, head of Rosgidromet, the federal weather service, as saying: "In 1,000 years, neither we nor our ancestors have observed or recorded anything like this sort of heat."



An article titled "Russia Declares State of Emergency at Urals Nuclear Town" was posted at timesofindia.com on Aug. 9, 2010.

It said: "Russian authorities on Monday declared a state of emergency in Ozersk, home to major nuclear reprocessing plant Mayak, due to wildfires burning around the Urals town, officials said."



A Reuters article by Peter Apps titled "Grain Price Rise May Fuel Mideast, Europe Unrest" was posted at alertnet.org on Aug. 11, 2010.

It said: "Rising grain prices from Russia's drought and fires will pressure populations already hit by the financial crisis and could stoke unrest—particularly in the Middle East, North Africa and parts of Europe.

"Wheat prices have risen by nearly 70 percent since June after Russia suffered its worst drought in 130 years and are at their highest since 2008, when the last major food price rally sparked protests and riots in a string of emerging nations."



An article titled "UN Says Pakistan Floods Worse Than 2004 Tsunami" was posted at Breitbart.com on Aug. 9, 2010.

It said: "The United Nations said Monday that massive floods in Pakistan had affected 13.8 million people and eclipsed the scale of the devastating 2004 tsunami, as anger mounted among survivors."

It later said: "He [Maurizio Giuliano, a spokesman for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs] said the 13.8 million affected outstripped the more than three million hit by the 2005 earthquake, five million in the tsunami and the three million affected by the Haiti earthquake."

When the article claimed that so many people were affected adversely, it was not referring only to the number of deaths.

The article pointed out: "The United Nations estimates 1,600 people have died in Pakistan's floods. About 220,000 were killed by the December 26, 2004, tsunami in Southeast Asia."

However, the article later said: "The United Nations estimated that up to 500,000 people are homeless and 1.4 million acres of agricultural land [has been] destroyed in central Punjab province, but said damage was worst in the northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province."



An article titled "China Landslide: More Than 700 People Confirmed Dead" was posted at BBC.co.uk on Aug. 10, 2010.

It said: "More than 700 people are now known to have died in a massive landslide in north-west China—making it one of the deadliest incidents so far in the country's worst flooding in a decade.

"A frantic search is continuing for the more than 1,000 people still missing."



An article titled "Radical Cleric Bashir Accused of Terrorism, Could Face Death Penalty" was posted at france24.com on Aug. 11, 2010.

It said: "Controversial Indonesian cleric Abu Bakar Bashir has been charged with planning high-profile assassinations and attacks targeting foreigners at luxury hotels in Jakarta, police said Wednesday."



An article by Martin Chulov titled "Fears of al-Qaida Return in Iraq as US-Backed Fighters Defect" was posted at guardian.co.uk on Aug. 10, 2010.

It said: "Al-Qaida is attempting to make a comeback in Iraq by enticing scores of former Sunni allies to rejoin the terrorist group by paying them more than the monthly salary they currently receive from the government, two key US-backed militia leaders have told the Guardian.

"They said al-Qaida leaders were exploiting the imminent departure of US fighting troops to ramp up a membership drive, in an attempt to show that they are still a powerful force in the country after seven years of war."



An article titled "Osama bin Laden's Former Cook Sentenced to 14 Years" was posted at france24.com on Aug. 12, 2010.

It said: "Ibrahim al-Qosi, a former cook for al Qaeda figurehead Osama Bin Laden who has spent more than eight years detained in Guantanamo Bay, was handed a 14-year sentence on Wednesday."



An article titled "Lawyer in Iran Stoning Case Asks for Asylum in Norway" was posted at bbc.co.uk on Aug. 8, 2010.

It said: "Iranian lawyer Mohammad Mostafaei, who has been defending a woman facing death by stoning in Iran, has sought asylum in Norway."

He had previously sought asylum in Turkey.



An article by Coco Liu titled "Chinese Seek Anti-Terrorism Training for Work Abroad" was posted at globalpost.com on Aug. 10, 2010.

It said: "Anti-terrorism training isn't just for the pros anymore. As China's

economy grows overseas, Chinese workers are seeking anti-terrorism training to combat adversity abroad and the personal security consulting business is thriving at home.”



A Reuters article by Chris Buckley titled “China PLA Warns U.S. Over Fresh Military Drill in Region” was posted at yahoo.com on Aug. 12, 2010.

It said: “China’s People Liberation Army demanded a tough response to U.S. plans to send an aircraft carrier to naval exercises near its coast, saying that ‘respect’ was at stake.”



A Reuters article titled “China Says to Maintain Trade Cooperation With Iran” was posted at yahoo.com on Aug. 6, 2010.

It said: “Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang told the visiting Iranian Oil Minister on Friday that Beijing would maintain cooperation with Tehran on existing projects, after the United States called on Beijing to observe sanctions.”



A Reuters article by Luke Pachymuthu and Vladimir Soldatkin titled “Russia’s LUKOIL Resumes Gasoline Supply to Iran” was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 11, 2010.

It said: “Russian oil giant LUKOIL . . . has resumed gasoline sales into Iran in partnership with China’s state-run firm Zhuhai Zhenrong, even as the United States urges the international community to be tough with Tehran.”



An article by Jonathan J. Levin and Jens Erik Gould titled “Mexico Ex-President Fox Call for Drug Legalization” was posted at bloomberg.com on Aug. 9, 2010.

It said: “Former Mexican President Vicente Fox said his country should legalize the production and sale of drugs in order to curb rising cartel-related violence.

“Legalizing narcotics would curtail funding to organized crime groups, who are using profits from the drug trade to consolidate power, Fox wrote yesterday on his personal website.”

It later said: “The drug war has killed 28,000 people in Mexico since late 2006, when President Felipe Calderon entered office vowing to take on the cartels, according to data from the government intelligence agency, known as CISEN. That’s keeping tourists away and limiting foreign direct investment, Fox said.

"Fox said in a July 28 interview with Bloomberg Television that the U.S. as well as Mexico were responsible for the violence."

The article quoted Mr. Fox as saying: "What is happening is that this huge market of the United States in drug consumption, the largest in the world, is generating the weapons that are sold to Mexican cartels, and is generating the money that is laundered in the United States and brought to Mexico."

It later said: "More than 90 percent of weapons used in violent crimes in Mexico are brought in illegally from the U.S., according to the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives."



An article titled "Mexico Police Detain Their Own Commander at Gunpoint" was posted at bbc.co.uk on Aug. 8, 2010.

It said: "More than 200 federal police agents raided the hotel where their commander was staying and accused him of planting drugs on police officers to blackmail them into carrying out extortion."



An article titled "Lebanon Defiant Over US Aid Freeze" was posted at aljazeera.net on Aug. 12, 2010.

It said: "The Lebanese defence minister has said that the country will refuse military assistance from the US should any aid come with conditions that weapons not be used against Israel."



A Reuters article titled "Iran Launches Four Home-Made Submarines" was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 8, 2010.

It said: "Iran showed off four new domestically made small submarines Sunday that Tehran said would bolster its defence capability as it vows to confront any military threat from countries opposed to its nuclear program."



An Associated Press article titled "Iran Digs Mass Graves for US Troops" was posted at jpost.com on Aug. 10, 2010.

It said: "In a morbid show of bravado, Iran has dug mass graves for US troops should the United States decide to implement Adm. Mike Mullen's contingency plan to strike Iran, a former commander of the Revolutionary Guard said."

The article mentioned that the "graves have been dug in Iran's southwestern Khuzestan province, where Iran buried Iraqi soldiers killed during the ruinous 1980-88 war between the Islamic republic and Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's regime."



An article by Tzvi Ben Gedalyahu titled "Atlantic Monthly: Israeli Strike on Iran Likely After Next July" was posted at israelnationalnews.com on Aug. 11, 2010.

It said: "There is a better than 50-50 chance that Israel will attack Iran after next July, but many Israeli officials think a better solution to the Iranian nuclear threat would be an American strike on its nuclear facilities, *Atlantic Monthly's* Jeffrey Goldberg writes."

The article quoted Mr. Goldberg as saying: "Uzi Arad, and the Israeli defense minister, Ehud Barak, will simultaneously telephone their counterparts at the White House and the Pentagon, to inform them that their prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, has just ordered roughly one hundred F-15Es, F-16Is, F-16Cs, and other aircraft of the Israeli air force to fly east toward Iran—possibly by crossing Saudi Arabia, possibly by threading the border between Syria and Turkey, and possibly by traveling directly through Iraq's airspace, though it is crowded with American aircraft.

"Israel would get only one try. Israeli planes would fly low over Saudi Arabia, bomb their targets in Iran, and return to Israel by flying again over Saudi territory, possibly even landing in the Saudi desert for refueling—perhaps, if speculation rife in intelligence circles is to be believed, with secret Saudi cooperation. These planes would have to return home quickly, in part because Israeli intelligence believes that Iran would immediately order Hezbollah to fire rockets at Israeli cities."

The article quoted an Israeli general as saying: "If the choice is between allowing Iran to go nuclear, or trying for ourselves what Obama won't try, then we probably have to try. Our time would be better spent lobbying Barack Obama to do this, rather than trying this ourselves. We are very good at this kind of operation, but it is a big stretch for us. The Americans can do this with a minimum of difficulty, by comparison. This is too big for us."

This article quoted one Israeli policy maker as saying: "We don't believe that he [Barack Obama] is the sort of person who would launch a daring strike on Iran. We are afraid he would see a policy of containing a nuclear Iran rather than attacking it."

The article quoted one Arab foreign minister as saying: "Iran will continue on this reckless path, unless the administration starts to speak unreasonably. The best way to avoid striking Iran is to make Iran think that the U.S. is about to strike Iran."

The article concluded by quoting Mr. Goldberg as saying: "Based on months of interviews, I have come to believe that the administration knows it is a near-certainty that Israel will act against Iran soon if nothing or no one else stops the nuclear program; and Obama knows—as his aides, and others in the State and Defense departments made clear to me—that a nuclear-armed Iran is a serious threat to the interests of the United States, which include his dream of a world without nuclear weapons."



An article by James Kirkup, Harry Wallop and Louise Gray titled "Business Facing a Wave of Green Taxes" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Aug. 10, 2010.

It said: "Companies that fail to register their energy use by next month will be hit with fines that could reach £45,000 under the little-known rules . . . Surveys have shown that thousands of businesses are unaware they are supposed to be taking part, or even that the scheme exists at all."



An article by Peter Nicholas and Katherine Skiba titled "Lavish Obama Vacation in Time of Economic Turmoil Raises Eyebrow" was posted at seatletimes.com on Aug. 7, 2010.

It said: "As the U.S. economy endures high unemployment and a jittery stock market, President Obama has preached sacrifice and fiscal discipline. But the pictures coming out of a sun-splashed Spanish resort this week may be sending a different message."

It later said: "Critics portrayed the foreign getaway as tone deaf to the economic anxiety back home."

It later said: "The danger for the Obamas is that the trip may feed perceptions they are out of touch with struggling American families, said Chris Wilson, a Republican pollster."

[Eye on the World comment: Maybe they don't know how their actions are coming across to people in these tough times. Or maybe they view themselves as entitled and just don't care what the populace thinks.]



An article titled "Activists Say Tea Party Imposters Infiltrating Elections" was posted at foxnews.com on Aug. 8, 2010.

It said: "As the midterm election nears, allegations are surfacing across the country that Democrats are exploiting conservatives' faith in the Tea Party name by putting up bogus candidates in November—the claim is that those 'Tea Party' candidates will split the GOP and clear the way for Democratic victories."



An article by Dennis Cauchon titled "Federal Workers Earning Double Their Private Counterparts" was posted at usatoday.com on Aug. 10, 2010.

It said: "Federal workers have been awarded bigger average pay and benefit increases than private employees for nine years in a row. The compensation gap between federal and private workers has doubled in the past decade."

It later said: "Public employee unions say the compensation gap reflects the increasingly high level of skill and education required for most federal jobs and the government contracting out lower-paid jobs to the private sector in recent years."



An article by Erika Lovley and Marin Cogan titled "Cruel Summer: House Vacations Nixed" was posted at politico.com on Aug. 9, 2010.

It said: "While few voters will have sympathy for disrupting lawmakers' vacations, the act of calling the entire House back into session is a massive logistical lift, launching hundreds of expensive, last minute flights at taxpayer expense and forcing the Capitol complex to staff up at a higher level and increase the Capitol Police presence."

The article quoted Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah) as saying: "I'm disappointed to say the least. I think one of the problems Congress is suffering from right now is not enough time to listen to constituents, so it's a little frustrating that Speaker Pelosi has chosen to interrupt the time working in our districts to make us fly back to Washington to basically vote on one bill. This is not the greatest way to run Congress or the country."



An editorial by Michelle Malkin titled "The Left's Special Interest Human Shields" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Aug. 11, 2010.

It said: "House Speaker Nancy Pelosi deserves a swift rap on the knuckles for hiding underneath the desk of the American schoolteacher. In a cynical ploy to evade accountability for the Democrats' continued fiscal recklessness, Pelosi accused opponents for the \$26 billion public employee union bailout bill of 'demeaning' teachers—and nurses, police officers and firefighters. Pelosi took great offense at Republican leaders who called out the Big Labor special interests pushing the emergency summer rescue. But if they walk, talk, spend and lobby like special interests, let's call them what they are."

It later said: "My opposition to the so-called "Edujobs" (more accurately: the BigGovJobs bill) stems not from meanness, but from compassion for millions of dues-paying school employees being used as special interest human shields."



An article by Marcy Gordon titled "Watchdog Panel Cites Global Impact of US Bailout" was posted at myway.com on Aug. 12, 2010.

It said: "The \$700 billion U.S. bailout program launched in response to the global economic meltdown had a far greater impact overseas than other countries' financial rescue plans did on the U.S., according to a new report from a congressional watchdog.

"Billions of dollars in U.S. rescue funds wound up in big banks in France, Germany and other nations."

It later said: "If the U.S. had gotten more data on which foreign banks would benefit the most, the government might have been able to ask those countries to share some of the cost."



An article by Kara Spak titled "Bill Ayers to Retire From UIC" was posted at suntimes.com on Aug. 5, 2010.

It said: "Bill Ayers, a former member of a radical anti-Vietnam War group whose connections to President Obama became a campaign issue in 2008, is retiring from the University of Illinois at Chicago after more than two decades of teaching there."



An article titled "Germany Shuts 9/11 Plotters Mosque in Hamburg" was posted at bbc.co.uk on Aug. 9, 2010.

It said: "German police have shut down the Hamburg mosque where the 9/11 hijackers met before their suicide attacks on the US in 2001. Police said they believed the Taiba mosque was again being used as a meeting point for extremists. The cultural association that runs the mosque has also been banned.

"A German intelligence report last year said radical Muslims had travelled to military training camps in Uzbekistan after associating at the mosque."



An article by Evan Hill titled "Survey: Arabs Lose Faith in Obama" was posted at aljazeera.net on Aug. 11, 2010.

It said: "Arab opinion of the United States and its president Barack Obama has dimmed in the past year, while the popularity of Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the Turkish prime minister, has skyrocketed, according to an annual survey released by the US-based Brookings Institution on Thursday [Aug. 5]."



An editorial by Larry Elder titled "Is Obama Winning the Hearts and Minds of the Arab and Muslim World?" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Aug. 12, 2010.

The article mentioned how then-presidential candidate Barack Obama in 2008 projected how many in the Arab world might look at him by saying: "This is a guy who spent some time in the Muslim world, has a middle name

of Hussein, and appears more worldly and has called for talks with people, and so he's not going to be engaging in the same sort of cowboy diplomacy as George Bush."

The article also mentioned that a 2008 Zogby International poll surveyed the "friendly" Arab countries of Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. The results showed that 83 percent viewed the United States "somewhat" or "very" unfavorable.

It continued: "Enter President Barack Hussein Obama, a man with a keen and learned understanding of the Arab world—a man who promised to restore our image through outreach based on mutual respect and understanding. Bush, Obama believed, governed with a swagger and aggressiveness that alienated friends and hardened the hearts of enemies. To forge a 'new beginning' and find 'common ground,' Obama apologized for America's 'mistakes.' "

It later said: "Obama's first presidential meeting with a foreign leader was not with that of Great Britain—our closest ally, whose prime minister stood down opposition within his own party to join the effort in Iraq. Obama met with Palestinian National Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, the leader of the Fatah party, to stress the importance of restarting the Israeli-Palestinian 'peace process'—which Obama considered essential to moderate Arab and Muslim views.

"Obama chastised Israel for building 'settlements' in east Jerusalem—even though, pre-Obama, the Palestinian leadership had already accepted construction in that area as part of any future deal. Obama gave his first presidential sit-down interview to Al-Arabiya television network, where he asked 'countries like Iran . . . to unclench their fist.' He hoped to deter Iran from obtaining a nuclear bomb, something candidate Obama called a 'game changer' and 'unacceptable.' "

It later said: "Now, 20 months into the Obama presidency, the question is: How does the Arab and Muslim world now view America? What percentage in the same six Arab nations—compared with Bush's last year in office—now views the United States 'very unfavorably' or 'somewhat unfavorably'?

"The answer: 85 percent—2 points higher than Bush."



An editorial by Ed Koch titled "Memo to Obama: Why Amnesty for Illegal Aliens Is Not the Solution" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Aug. 3, 2010.

It said: "Immigration is the issue that will dominate the November elections.

"On one side of this contentious issue are those who believe as I do that the Obama administration has exactly the same goal as its predecessor, the Bush administration, which is to provide amnesty and a 'path to citizenship' for our illegal alien population, now estimated at between 11 million and 20 million.

Supporters of amnesty often say the alternative is to put millions of aliens into boxcars and send them back to Mexico and other Latin American countries, where most of them are from, creating the Nazi-like and totally unacceptable image of Jews on their way to the crematoria. It is a false argument. No one I know who opposes amnesty supports such an approach.

“What I and many others urge is crackdown on American employers who knowingly hire illegals. They usually do so in order to have a docile workforce that is afraid of being deported and is therefore fearful of complaining about workplace conditions and illegal, below-minimum-wage salaries. If such employers were prosecuted and upon conviction received prison sentences, even as low as six months to one year, I believe the message would hugely deter future such breaches in the law. White collar criminals—predator employers—don’t fear civil penalties and fines—the cost of doing business—as much as they fear serving time behind bars. Were the jobs to disappear, I believe that illegal aliens, many here to work and send much of their paychecks back to their families in Mexico and elsewhere, would go home.

“We can also attract illegal aliens to join a going home program by offering to pay their airfare and even offering them a reward of \$1,000 or more, payable one year later on proof they had remained in their own country for at least a year after their return. However, if amnesty is provided, we will simply be continuing a failed policy.”



An editorial by Jack Kelly titled “We’re Nearly at Kryptocracy” was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Aug. 10, 2010.

It said: “The majority on the Supreme Court was reaching the ‘desirable’ result in the landmark case of *Brown v. Board of Education*, his clerk said to Justice Stanley Reed.

“This observation was irrelevant and dangerous, Justice Reed replied, because if judges voted for results merely because they privately struck the judges as desirable, the Court would overstep its jurisdiction and set the country on a path to kryptocracy.

“Kryptocracy is government by unelected judges who substitute their policy preferences for those of elected officials and citizens. Two recent decisions suggest we may nearly be there.”

Mr. Kelly referred to federal district judge Susan Bolton on July 28 blocking the enforcement of Arizona’s immigration (which had won overwhelming approval in the state legislature) and to federal district judge Vaughn Walker on Aug. 4 ruling that Proposition 8 (which was approved by the voters in the 2008 election) violated the U.S. Constitution.

Mr. Kelly said: “In both cases, the legal reasoning was specious.”

Mr. Kelly later wrote: "Our Founding Fathers were really smart guys. But they made a big mistake when they granted life tenure to federal judges. That's set the stage for krytocracy.

"Their reasoning was sound enough. The Founders didn't want politics intruding into judicial decisions. So they said Congress couldn't cut the pay of judges, and granted them tenure so they couldn't be replaced wholesale after each election.

"But life tenure coupled with judicial review has permitted the federal judiciary to become a krytocracy. Liberal judges said the Constitution was a 'living document,' and then proceeded to disembowel it."

Mr. Kelly quoted Thomas Jefferson as saying: "The great object of my fear is the federal judiciary. Advancing its noiseless step like a thief over the field of jurisdiction until all shall be usurped from the States and the government be consolidated into one."

Mr. Kelly continued: "The Founders can't really be blamed for the abuse of judicial review, because the Constitution makes no provision for it. This was a right asserted by Chief Justice John Marshall in *Marbury v. Madison* (1803).

"It's probably too late to do much about judicial review. But it's not too late to do something about life tenure.

"I've argued for term limits for Members of Congress. If they were restricted to 12 consecutive years in office, they'd be more likely to represent us, less likely to represent special interests. But that would require a constitutional amendment. So while we're at it, we should abolish life tenure for federal judges, and replace it with 12-year terms. Judges could serve more than one term, but they'd have to be renominated by the president, reconfirmed by the senate."

Mr. Kelly quoted Jefferson as writing in 1823: "Let the future appointment of judges be for four or six years, and renewable by the President and Senate. This will bring their conduct at regular periods under revision and probation."

Mr. Kelly concluded: "If we're to preserve our democracy, we must restore the preeminence of the elected branches of government."



An editorial by Dennis Prager titled "Black Murders Eight Whites; Media Blames Whites" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Aug. 10, 2010.

It said: "The title of this column seems unbelievable, but it is in fact what happened in America this past week. And almost no one has noticed. After 50 years of being inundated with stories of white racism, and being taught in college that in this white-dominated society, only a white can be a racist, the American public has been properly brainwashed into accepting the otherwise incredible: A black man murdered eight white people at his place of work

because they were white, and the media story is about the murderer's alleged experiences of racism."

Mr. Prager gave a variety of quotes from various media sources.

He later wrote: "One terrible consequence of this liberal attitude toward black violent crime is that too many blacks come to believe that less is expected of them morally than from whites. And the truth is that most Americans on the left do expect less from blacks.

"But saying any of this gets us nowhere because it is simply labeled racism. If you don't believe me, check leftists' reactions to this column on the Internet.

"Most liberal leaders want an honest dialogue about race as much as they want to honestly describe the murders in Connecticut."



An editorial by Walter Williams titled "Is Profiling Racist?" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Aug. 3, 2010.

Mr. Williams showed some common-sense examples where profiling a situation helped solve problems.

He wrote: "Pima Indians of Arizona have the world's highest diabetes rates. With knowledge that his patient is a Pima Indian, it would probably be a best practice for a physician to order more thorough blood glucose tests to screen for diabetes.

"Prostate cancer is nearly twice as common among black men as white men. It would also be a best practice for a physician to be attentive to—even risk false positive PSAs—prostate cancer among his black patients.

"What about physicians who order routine mammograms for their 40-year and older female patients but not their male patients? The American Cancer Society predicts that about 400 men will die of breast cancer this year.

"Because of a correlation between race, sex and disease, the physician is using a cheap-to-observe characteristic, such as race or sex, as an estimate for a more costly-to-observe characteristic, the presence of a disease. The physician is practicing both race and sex profiling. Does that make the physician a racist or sexist?

Should he be brought up on charges of racial discrimination because he's guessing that his black patients are more likely to suffer from prostate cancer? Should sex discrimination or malpractice suits be brought against physicians who prescribe routine mammograms for their female patients but not their male patients? You say, 'Williams, that would be lunacy' "

He later said: "What about when a black hails a taxicab and the driver passes him up and picks up a white passenger down the street? Is that racism?

Many people assume that it is but it might not be any different from a physician using race and sex as an estimator for some other characteristic.

“Ten years ago, a black D.C. commissioner warned cabbies, most of whom are black, against picking up dangerous-looking passengers. She described dangerous-looking as a ‘young black guy . . . with shirttail hanging down longer than his coat, baggy pants, unlaced tennis shoes.’ She also warned cabbies to stay away from low-income black neighborhoods. Cabbies themselves have developed other profiling criteria.

“There is no sense of justice or decency that a law-abiding black person should suffer the indignity being passed up. At the same time, a taxicab driver has a right to earn a living without being robbed, assaulted and possibly murdered. One of the methods to avoid victimization is to refuse to pick up certain passengers in certain neighborhoods or passengers thought to be destined for certain neighborhoods.

“Again, a black person is justifiably angered when refused service but that anger should be directed toward the criminals who prey on cabbies. Not every choice based on race represents racism and if you think so, you risk misidentifying and confusing human behavior.”

In conclusion, Mr. Williams quoted Jesse Jackson, who once said: “There is nothing more painful for me at this stage in my life than to walk down the street and hear footsteps and start thinking about robbery—then look around and see somebody white and feel relieved.”



Isaiah 55:6-11—Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.