

Eye on the World

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Luke 21:34-36—"But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man" (Weymouth New Testament).



An article by David Axe titled "Russia and America Are Taking Turns Probing Each Other's Air Space" was posted at nationalinterest.org on May 22, 2019. Following is the article.

Six Russian Tu-95 heavy bombers and several Russian Su-35 fighters probed U.S. air-defenses on May 20 and May 21, 2019, prolonging a period of aerial tension between the Moscow and Washington.

U.S. Air Force F-22 stealth fighters and supporting aircraft on both days peacefully intercepted the Russian planes. "The Russian bombers and fighters remained in international airspace and at no time did the aircraft enter United States or Canadian sovereign airspace," North American Aerospace Defense Command reported.

"Two pairs of F-22s and an E-3 airborne early warning and control system from North American Aerospace Defense Command positively identified and intercepted a total of four Tupolev Tu-95 bombers and two Su-35 fighters entering the Alaskan Air Defense Identification Zone on May 20," noted the command, which also is known by its Cold War acronym "NORAD."

“Specifically, two of the Russian bombers were intercepted by two F-22s, and a second group of bombers with Su-35 fighters was intercepted later by two additional F-22s, while the E-3 provided overall surveillance.”

Incursions the next day followed a similar pattern.

“Two pairs of F-22 fighter jets, each with an E-3 airborne early warning and control system aircraft, from the North American Aerospace Defense Command positively identified and intercepted Russian Tu-95 bombers and Su-35 fighter jets entering the Alaskan Air Defense Identification Zone on May 21,” according to the air-defense command.

“Specifically, two Russian bombers entered the ADIZ and were intercepted by two F-22s while an E-3 provided overall command and control. The bombers exited and then re-entered the Alaskan ADIZ accompanied by two Su-35 fighter jets. NORAD committed an additional two F-22s and E-3 to relieve the initial intercept aircraft. A KC-135 air-to-air refueling aircraft supported both of NORAD’s intercept teams.”

Russian incursions in recent months have been more frequent than average. “NORAD has intercepted an average of approximately six to seven Russian sorties [annually] entering its ADIZ since Russia resumed long-range aviation patrols in 2007,” the command explained.

“This is the fourth and fifth intercepts this year and the second day in a row that Russian bombers have flown into the Alaskan ADIZ.”

NORAD urged the public not to worry. The command “employs a layered defense network of radars, satellites and fighter aircraft to identify aircraft and determine the appropriate response. The identification and monitoring of aircraft entering a US or Canadian ADIZ demonstrates how NORAD executes its aerospace warning and aerospace control missions for the United States and Canada.”

It’s worth noting that U.S. forces conduct similar air operations near Russian air space.

The U.S. Air Force in early March 2019 deployed five B-52 bombers from Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana to the United Kingdom. Some of the B-52s flew mock nuclear attacks on Russian soil.

At least two of the B-52s that deployed to the United Kingdom were nuclear-capable models, identifiable by a special fin that the Air Force added in order to comply with the New START treaty that limits the number of U.S. and Russian nuclear-delivery systems.

But it was one of the non-nuclear-capable B-52s, serial number 60-0024, that initially flew a mock cruise-missile attack on Russia’s Kaliningrad exclave on March 14, 2019, according to Steffan Watkins, an independent imagery analyst. Observers can track military flights via their transponders and radio traffic.

“USAF Boeing B-52H 60-0024 . . . took off from Barksdale AFB [on] 2019-03-14 [at] 01:30 Zulu [time], flew over [Canada] and conducted a mock

nuclear cruise missile strike on the Russian Federation, only turning around 60 nautical miles from Russian air space [at] 11:10 Zulu, landing at RAF Fairford [at] 13:32 Zulu," Watkins tweeted.

On March 28, 2019, five B-52s joined a pair of Royal Norwegian Air Force F-16AMs and a lone two-seat F-16BM for a mission over the Norwegian Sea.

"The deployment is clearly meant to be a signal of the U.S. military's strategic capabilities to America's 'great power' competitors, primarily Russia," Joseph Trevithick wrote at The War Zone.

"Though the Air Force has regularly sent small detachments of B-52s to the United Kingdom for training exercises throughout Europe over the years, having six of the bombers there at once is the single largest deployment of the [B-52s] to the region since the invasion of Iraq in 2003," Trevithick continued, citing Military.com.

The next time a Russian bomber appears near the U.S. coast, remember that American bombers are just as likely to appear off the Russian coast. Mutual displays of aerial might by nuclear-capable warplanes is a routine, if chilling, fact of life for the United States and Russia.



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- An article titled "Iranian Missiles on Small Boats Spotted in Persian Gulf: US Officials" was posted at yahoo.com on May 16, 2019.
 - A Reuters article titled "Defiant Iran Says It Can 'Easily' Hit U.S. Ships; Works to Counter Sanctions" was posted at reuters.com on May 17, 2019.
 - An article titled "The Latest: Saudis Want Washington to Launch Strikes on Iran" was posted at apnews.com on May 17, 2019.
 - An article titled "Brexit Failure Forces British Prime Minister Theresa May to Announce Resignation" was posted at cnn.com on May 24, 2019.
 - An article by Steven W. Mosher titled "China's New 'Social Credit System' Is a Dystopian Nightmare" was posted at nypost.com on May 18, 2019.
 - An article by David Axe titled "Report: Poland Is Buying 32 F-35 Fighters (And Russia Won't Like It)" was posted at nationalinterest.org on May 21, 2019.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Lady Justice Is Peeking" was posted at patriotpost.us on May 18, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

The reason that the symbol of American justice is always shown wearing a blindfold while holding a scale is because the ideal in this democratic republic is that all are equal under the law.

The scales are supposed to be tipped only by the truth, not because the accused is black or white, religious or agnostic, young or old, citizen or immigrant, or male or female.

I hesitated to mention rich or poor because, even in this land of liberty, the wealthy will always have an advantage because, at the very least, they can afford better lawyers and bigger bribes.

But more and more often, the social engineers lurking in the political arena and the legal system, are lifting the Lady's blindfold, compelling her to put her thumb on the scales just like a crooked butcher at the meat market.

Just the other day, the newly-elected D.A. of Dallas, Texas, announced he will refuse to prosecute those who steal what he refers to as "necessary items."

John Creuzot mentioned food, clothing, baby formula and diapers. He added that he will stop prosecuting those driving with suspended licenses.

Aside from the fact that a district attorney is being paid to prosecute criminals, not to legislate, this schmuck is encouraging scofflaws to rob grocers and drug store owners and to make their getaways in cars they have no legal right to be driving.

On top of all that, some people really, really, really need cigarettes, gasoline, booze and pharmaceuticals. Others need a whole lot of cash.

If the folks in Dallas don't dump this jerk asap, Texans aren't the folks I thought they were. Also, "Big D" will come to stand for "Dummies."

■ Opioid epidemic

Speaking of drug stores, I think it's time I weigh in on the so-called opioid epidemic that people like Tucker Carlson are always going on about.

For one thing, I got sick and tired years ago hearing everyone being blamed for the widespread use of illegal drugs in this country, except for those guilty of creating the ever-growing market for heroin, cocaine, crystal meth, ecstasy, marijuana and all that other sh*t.

The scumbags in places like Afghanistan, Colombia and Mexico, are merely providing the poison. If tens of millions of Americans weren't lining up to buy the stuff, the suppliers would be forced to start growing potatoes and selling tamales.

As I see it, there are two main problems with the over-hyping of the opioid crisis. One, it's a denial that most of those overdosing on heroin are people who got themselves hooked on heroin, not innocent people who got hooked on pain pills for actual pain and moved on to heroin.

The other, even more serious problem, is that a great many people, many of them military veterans who are actually having to deal with war-related injuries, are being denied the pharmaceuticals they desperately need because doctors and pharmacists are terrified of being arrested on drug charges.

Having suffered a great deal of physical pain in recent months because of my torn rotator cuff, I was grateful to have meds to deal with it. I was lucky. They did the job they were meant to do. But if my pain had started up again when I finished my limited supply of meds, and my choice had been getting hooked or dealing with the constant pain that denied me the ability to sleep, I would have signed up for addiction without thinking twice about it.

■ In need of nannies

The government's time would be better spent passing legislation and building a wall that would finally put an end to the endless flood of foreigners looking to jump aboard the American gravy train and quit pretending we're all a bunch of babies in need of political nannies.

■ Bullying the majority into compliance

In England, they're taking America's cue when it comes to pandering to the sexually bewildered. The Government Equalities Office (GEO) is going the extra mile to do away with anti-homophobic, biphobic and transphobic, bullying, (which I doubt is any bigger a problem over there than it is over here), by providing primary and secondary schools with special materials.

The program is intended to change the language and make kids more accepting of what their religion and their common sense tell them is abnormal behavior—or else!

In other words, England's elitist flimflammers will eliminate the possible bullying of the few by bullying the great majority into compliance.

■ Decline of masculinity

Apparently over the past 40 years, American males have experienced a 50% decrease in their sperm count. Frankly, I had assumed it was just me.

I'm not sure how they found this out, but the decline is blamed on exposure to certain pesticides, obesity, smoking, booze and an increasingly sedentary life style.

Moreover, a lower sperm count apparently leads to a shorter life span. I'm not sure how that works, as I would think that not having children would tend to increase one's longevity.

My own suspicion is that even more than booze and nicotine, the single biggest cause for the decline is Alan Alda. I don't think that it's a coincidence that it was just about 40 years ago, that he became the new symbol of what an American male was supposed to be...sensitive, caring, tolerant. In short, a guy who at least paid lip service to the notion that his wife's hobby of photography was every bit as important as his acting career.

Before that, American boys wanted to grow up to be men like the ones that John Wayne, Gary Cooper and Humphrey Bogart, portrayed: tough, decent and courageous.

Suddenly, thanks to Alda, you had willowy young men at rock concerts holding lighted candles and swaying side to side.

And—voila!—40 years later, you have Peter Buttigieg running for president and promising to make his wife, a junior high school drama teacher named Chasten Glezman Buttigieg, his First Gentleman.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “Biden Being Biden” was posted at patriot-post.us on May 20, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

I have concluded that all those jokes that people make about blondes would work even better if told about Joe Biden.

Just the other day, he thought his calling Donald Trump “a clown” was the epitome of wit and originality. But even if it had been, nobody would have noticed because what was attention-grabbing about his statement was his announcing that British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had phoned him to express her concerns about the President.

It would have been headline news if true since Mrs. Thatcher died six years ago. Moreover, the Iron Lady—now that’s a nickname for you!—was Ronald Reagan’s biggest booster and would, I suspect, have appreciated her fellow Conservative.

Biden did later correct himself, identifying the caller as Teresa May. But, for most people, receiving a high-five from Mrs. May would be comparable to getting a pat on the back and an “attaboy” from Angela Merkel, Emmanuel Macron or Justin Trudeau.

■ Polls can be misleading

Speaking of Biden, apparently he shouldn’t take too much comfort from the national polls that show him riding high. Apparently, when it comes to the all-important early-voting states, he’s not doing nearly as well.

In the national poll, it’s Biden (38.3%), Sanders (16%), Warren (7.8%), Buttigieg (7.2%) and Harris (7.2%). In Iowa, however, it’s Biden (23.7%), Sanders (19.7%), Buttigieg (11.3%), Harris (7.7%), Warren (7.3%). It’s even worse for Biden in New Hampshire, where he holds a tiny one percent lead over Sanders, 20.3% to 19.3%, followed by Buttigieg at 12.7%, Warren 7.3% and Harris 5.7%.

■ Higher than Obama

The best poll news, though, is that Trump's approval ratings stand at 46%, no doubt due to a flourishing economy, whereas at this same point in Obama's first term, he topped out at 44%.

■ U.N. and climate change

According to the worrywarts at the U.N., one million species of animal and plant life will soon be made extinct thanks to climate change.

I will withhold judgment until I find out if skunks, black mambas, sea serpents, spinach, rutabagas and kale, are on the endangered list.

■ Did Schiff lie?

Adam Schiff, who is leading the pack of congressional curs screaming for Trump's scalp claimed he had seen the Mueller report and reported that it proved conclusively that Trump had colluded with Russia to steal the 2016 election.

He didn't say he predicted, expected or even prayed, that Mueller's report would prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the President had committed treason. He simply reported what he had read with his own eyes.

But it is now obvious that he lied. So, why is he still the chairman of the House Select Committee and why hasn't he, at the very least, been censured by his congressional colleagues or been recalled by his constituents?

■ Stolen from Hillary?

Because I'm not a sexist, I believe in giving female politicians equal time. Which brings us to Hillary Clinton. During her speaking tour, she stopped over in L.A. long enough to say: "You can be the best candidate and run the best campaign and they can still steal the election from you."

It received a lot of applause, especially considering the low turnout for these appearances.

On the other hand, if I had been in the audience, I would have been moved to applaud that particular stolen election.

■ Stolen from Abrams?

At the same time, a few thousand miles to the east, Stacey Abrams was still insisting that she had won the Georgia gubernatorial race that in fact she had lost by more than 50,000 votes.

Even long after these crazy women lose elections, they continue to dwell in the Valley of Denial, clutching at delusional straws, which are the only ones that Liberals haven't yet outlawed here in California.

■ More people talking about UFOs

Tucker Carlson has been disclosing a great many news items relating to Navy and airline pilots reporting sightings of UFOs.

In the past, I never put much stock in reports of flying saucers hovering in the sky before zooming off at several thousand miles an hour. The reason I scoffed wasn't because I tend to be a scoffer by nature. At least that wasn't the only reason. It was because, invariably the sightings were attributed to drunks in places like Georgia and Mississippi.

It made no sense that after traveling great distances through space, they would only make their presence known to guys named Bubba and Jimmy Joe, a couple of sots who hadn't been sober since Jimmy Carter's administration.

But, now, I'm beginning to take an interest, and I'm wondering if this explains how the likes of Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, landed in America.

■ Insulting black people

Because you can never insult Joe Biden enough, I'm bringing him back for an encore.

In South Carolina, last weekend, he told a predominantly black audience that the GOP was planning to pass a bill aimed at curtailing their right to vote. Or as he put it: "We've got Jim Crow sneaking back in. I mean it!"

The question that pops to mind is who is more despicable—an old dude so desperate to be president he would blithely slander half the people in the nation he hopes to lead—or black voters who are so determined to be treated like babies that they'd support such a weasel.

■ De Blasio joins the list

It seems that just when you thought the list of Democrats seeking their party's presidential nomination in 2020 couldn't get any dopier, Bill De Blasio has decided to toss his hat in the ring.

Stop laughing. I'm being serious.

I guess he assumed that if a guy named Buttigieg who was once the mayor of a small city in Indiana and happens to be married to another guy could be riding high in the polls, a guy who is the mayor of the nation's biggest city and is married to a black woman who used to be a lesbian (although it's hard to imagine that De Blasio could be the reason for any woman's switching teams), will run roughshod over the competition.

Would I be surprised if he were to garner the nomination? A little bit, but I wouldn't be shocked. After all, his is the party that over the past 30 years served up Michael Dukakis, Bill Clinton, Al Gore, John Kerry, Barack Hussein Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

■ In the wrong hands

Although Mayor De Blasio hasn't announced a platform, he has said that while there's plenty of money in this country, "it's in the wrong hands."

It's a sentiment with which I wholeheartedly agree. Where he and I part company is when it comes to which hands are the wrong hands. De Blasio is referring to yours and mine. I'm referring to the grimy hands of political Liberals and the greedy paws of those bottom feeders they bribe in exchange for their votes.



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Finances

- An article by Julia La Roche titled "Walmart Plans New 300-Acre Headquarters [in Bentonville, Arkansas] to Attract Top Talent" was posted at yahoo.com on May 17, 2019.
- An article by Fred Imbert titled "Dow Rises Nearly 100 Points, But Posts Longest Weekly Losing Streak Since 2011" was posted at cnbc.com on May 24, 2019.

Tariffs

- An article titled "Trade Standoff Between U.S., China May Be Settling in for Long Run" was posted at marketwatch.com on May 22, 2019.
- An article titled "The Latest: China Tariffs to Cost Average US Household \$831" was posted at apnews.com on May 23, 2019.

Green New Deal

- An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "Trump Administration Pulls Nearly \$1 Billion From California's High-Speed Rail Project" was posted at townhall.com on May 17, 2019.
- An article by Max Zahn and Andy Serwer titled "'I Love AOC' But Her Criticism of Capitalism Is 'Headline Porn,' Says Mark Cuban" was posted at yahoo.com on May 24, 2019.

Illegal immigration

- An article titled "New Mexico County [Sierra County] Rejects Migrant Relocation, Asks Trump to Close Border" was posted at apnews.com on May 21, 2019.
- An article by Ann Coulter titled "Four Myths the Media and Politicians Tell You About Our Border Crisis" was posted at thehill.com on May 20, 2019.

Comments about weapons

- An article by Annie Sweeney, Celilia Reyes and Sarah Freishat titled "More Than 34,000 Illinoisans Have Lost Their Right to Own a Gun; Nearly 80% May Still Be Armed" was posted at chicagotribune.com on May 23, 2019.

Comments about Trump support

■ An article titled "Mark Cuban Says 'Nobody' Can Beat Trump in 2020 'Right Now' " was posted at foxnews.com on May 15, 2019.

Comments about Trump opposition

■ An article by Timothy Meads titled "Bernie Sanders Calls for \$60K Base Salary for All Teachers, End for For-Profit Charter Schools in New Education Plan" was posted at townhall.com on May 19, 2019.

■ An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "Gillibrand: I Wouldn't Detain Any Illegal Aliens, I'd Free Them All Into the US" was posted at townhall.com on May 20, 2019.

■ An article by Ed Mazza titled "Brit Hume Slams Trump, Praises Pete Buttigieg's 'Raw Political Talent' " was posted at huffpost.com on May 20, 2019.

■ Looking back to April, an article by Curtis M. Wong titled "Chasten Buttigieg Wants to Make History As First Man 'To Pick Out White House China' " was posted at huffpost.com on April 8, 2019.

■ Looking back to April, an article by Karma Allen and Kendall Karson titled "2020 Hopeful Pete Buttigieg Says He and Husband Want a Child" was posted at abcnews.com on April 16, 2019.

■ An article by Daniel Strauss and Elena Schneider titled " 'He's White, Male and Gay': Buttigieg Hits Obstacles With Black Voters" was posted at politico.com on May 15, 2019.

■ An article by Timothy Meads titled "Mitt Romney Doesn't Support the Alabama Abortion Law" was posted at townhall.com on May 19, 2019.

■ An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Blame Game: Clapper, Brennan and Comey Start Turning on Each Other As Barr Turns Up the Heat" was posted at townhall.com on May 16, 2019.

Kamala Harris

■ An article titled "Could Kamala Harris Be the Anti-Biden?" was posted at washingtonpost.com on May 23, 2019.

Robert Francis (Beto) O'Rourke

■ An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "O'Rourke Suggests [Georgia] Gubernatorial Race Was Rigged Against Stacey Abrams [Who Lost by Roughly 54,000 Votes]" was posted at townhall.com on May 15, 2019.

■ An article by David Siders titled "Beto O'Rourke: I'd 'Absolutely' Do a Fox Town Hall" was posted at politico.com on May 20, 2019.

News about the media

■ An article by John Nolte titled "ESPN President Takes a Knee—'Fans Do Not Want Us to Cover Politics' " was posted at Breitbart.com on May 21, 2019.

General interest

- An article by Rob Bailey-Millado titled “Men Are Afraid to Mentor Women After #MeToo and It Hurts Us All: Study” was posted at nypost.com on May 17, 2019.



Isaiah 55:6-11—“Seek you 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.”