

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 Ben Flighty titled “22 Countries Condemn Chinese Detention Centers for Ethnic Minorities” was posted at theowp.org on July 14, 2019. Following is the article.

Earlier this week, the envoys for 22 countries signed a letter to the U.N. Human Rights Council condemning Chinese detention centers where over one million people from the Uyghur minority ethnic group are thought to be detained in the Xinjiang region.

The letter calls on China to immediately halt these programs and release all detained people. China has a worrying track record of cracking down on religious and cultural freedoms, and the ongoing mistreatment of the Uyghur people by one of the most powerful states in the world threatens basic human rights.

Tensions between the Chinese government and the Uyghurs have been heightened since 2009, when ethnic riots resulted in deadly conflicts between the Uyghurs and Han Chinese (the majority ethnic group in China). Since then, systematic detention of the Uyghurs has robbed them of their identities and their rights.

The issue has gained significant attention in Western media over the years, however this letter is an official recognition that there is a human rights issue at hand which requires U.N. intervention. The letter was signed by the 22

envoys individually, making it much harder for China to simply dismiss the international criticism it is facing.

John Fischer, the Geneva Director for Human Rights Watch, said that the statement is important not only for Xinjiang's population but for people around the world who depend on the U.N.'s leading rights body to hold even the most powerful countries to account.

China has consistently denied allegations of mistreatment in the camps, insisting that they are only vocational training centres where people learn new skills. Despite this defensiveness, China has also resisted pressures to let U.N. officials visit the camps and assess allegations.

In response to the recent letter, Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said: "the Chinese government and Chinese people are best qualified to speak on Xinjiang issues, and we do not allow any other countries or powers to interfere."

Additionally, ambassadors from 35 countries (mostly from Asia and the Middle East) have penned an opposing letter which praises China's advancements in human rights.

The effectiveness of the U.N. Human Rights Council has been questioned since U.S. withdrawal last year, and the existing divide where only some U.N. members are taking active steps to oppose blatant human rights violations shows there is much more to be done to hold China accountable.

The consequences of a significant proportion of the international community to allow detainment of minority citizens on the basis of their religious, ethnic, or cultural identities is a most dangerous precedent.



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- An article by Aron Heller titled "Netanyahu Makes History As Israel's Longest-Serving Leader" was posted at apnews.com on July 17, 2019.
 - An article by David D. Kirkpatrick titled "U.K. Offers to Return Seized Iranian Oil Tanker" was posted at nytimes.com on July 13, 2019.
 - An article by Sebastien Roblin titled "Russia Didn't Shoot Back When Israeli F-16s Blew Up a Syrian Military Complex" was posted at nationalinterest.org on July 16, 2019.
 - An article titled "Putin's Huge Military Buildup Leaves Industry With Debt Hangover" was posted at bloomberg.com on July 15, 2019.
 - An article by Shannon Van Sant titled "UN Human Rights Council to Investigate Abuses in Philippines' Antidrug War" was posted at npr.org on July 11, 2019.

- An article titled "Terror Attack on Somali Hotel Leaves 26 Dead" was posted at apnews.com on July 13, 2019.
- A Reuters article by Alexandra Alper and Karen Freifeld titled "U.S. Firms May Get Not to Restart Huawei Sales in Two to Four Weeks" was posted at reuters.com on July 14, 2019.
- An article by Yanan Wang and Alice Fung titled "Hong Kong Protests Find New Purpose and Momentum" was posted at csmonitor.com on July 16, 2019.
- An article by Min Joo Kim titled "North Korea Hints It May Resume Nuclear Testing, Accuses U.S. of Reneging on Pact" was posted at washingtonpost.com on July 16, 2019.
- An article by Amir Vera and Jessie Young titled "Ebola: DR Congo Confirms First Case in City of Goma on Border With Rwanda" was posted at cnn.com on July 15, 2019.



An article by Natasha Bach titled "What Trump's New Abortion Restrictions Mean for Planned Parenthood" was posted at fortune.com on July 16, 2019. Following is the article.

The Trump administration is officially wading into the abortion debate, announcing Monday that family planning clinics receiving Title X funds can no longer refer women for abortions.

The "Protect Life Rule" as it is known, was allowed to stand by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in June. The three-judge panel called the rules a 'reasonable' interpretation of the law, explaining in their ruling that "Title X is a limited grant program focused on providing pre-pregnancy family planning services—it does not fund medical care for pregnant women."

It also prohibits taxpayer-funded health clinics from advocating, encouraging, or promoting abortion.

The Department of Health and Human Services reportedly now plans to begin enforcing the law, taking effect immediately. Any taxpayer-funded clinic that continues to refer women to abortion providers will be forced to forfeit their funding. HHS will also reportedly require that these clinics remain physically and financially separate from abortion providers.

The move is largely seen as a blow against Planned Parenthood, which noted following the June ruling that "Trump's gag rule...blocks access to care through the program at Planned Parenthood by imposing cost-prohibitive and unnecessary 'physical separation' requirements."

They further noted that the rule could force many clinics out of the Title X program, which would disproportionately impact low-income women—many

of whom are seeking access to other care, such as cancer and STI screenings and affordable birth control.

Planned Parenthood and several other organizations are suing the administration in federal court, but HHS has claimed that there is no judicial order that would prevent them from enforcing the rule while it is being litigated.

Also on Monday, the organization—alongside nearly 80 others—introduced the Blueprint for Sexual and Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice, “a proactive policy agenda for a future where individuals are free and equal and have autonomy over their bodies, no matter where they live.” The blueprint is a response to what the organizations call the “increasingly hostile attacks on reproductive autonomy and rights.”

The American Medical Association, as well as a number of other major medical associations, public health organizations, and lawmakers have opposed the Trump administration’s rule.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “It’s Called Projection” was posted at patriopost.us on July 13, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

In the world of psychoanalysis, when someone falsely accuses people of doing bad things that they don’t do but which he or she does regularly, the shrinks call it projecting.

When left-wingers are guilty of doing it, it’s called business as usual.

For instance, because those masked savages in Antifa have the audacity to pretend that because their name identifies them as anti-Fascist, we’re supposed to believe that anyone they attack must be, as the group insists, Fascists.

For one thing, anyone in this country who wears a mask in public, even if he claims to be on his way to a Halloween party, is clearly up to no good. And any mayor, such as Portland’s Mayor Edward Wheeler, who orders the city’s cops to stand down while the thugs attack a gay Vietnamese-American journalist named Andy Ngo because he happens to be a conservative, should be arrested by federal marshals. And any cop who accepted the order should at the very least be suspended without pay.

■ Those on the Left are racist

But those on the Left are notorious for this sort of misdirection. Consider the way they pretend that everybody aside from themselves are racists. Yet, they are the ones who never stop dwelling on race. They are the politicians who never stop pandering to blacks, pretending that blacks are oppressed by white people. Yet even honest blacks know that any group that fails to raise their own children in two-parent homes, that fails to pursue education, that engages in large-scale crime and is constantly blaming others for their own

failures, will forever constitute the underclass of a society in which legal immigrants from Asia, Africa and Latin America, constantly out-perform them.

One of the most outlandish bits of left-wing projection takes the form of identifying Israel as an oppressive nation and President Trump as an anti-Semitic Nazi.

■ Hatred of Jews

Generally, the Left doesn't come right out and express its hatred of Jews, instead preferring to explain it's only Israel's policies they find objectionable, even if they can't quite specify which policies those are. Would it be the fact they allow Arabs to serve in their legislature; that they pay reparations to Arabs and Muslims who have suffered collateral damage when Israel has responded to missile fire from their neighbors; or might it just be enough that they are America's allies?

As for President Trump, if he had an anti-Semitic bone in his body, is it likely he would have his orthodox Jewish son-in-law advising him on foreign policy; that he would have his Jewish (by conversion) daughter advising him on domestic policy; or that he would have his three Jewish grandchildren in his will?

■ "60 Minutes"

On the advice of a friend, I recorded and watched a recent "60 Minutes," something I hadn't done in at least a decade.

Of the three segments, I thought the most interesting was the one devoted to 99-year-old Benjamin Ferencz, who is the last of the attorneys who prosecuted Nazis at Nuremburg.

A lively and amusing fellow, barely five-feet tall, Ferencz has spent most of the years since Nuremburg giving speeches and starting organizations in the naïve hope that wars will one day be a thing of the past.

I won't speak for others, but, frankly, I'm sick and tired of movies, books and well-intentioned people, alerting me to the fact that wars are bloody affairs in which many wonderful people are killed and maimed. What I object to, aside from being lectured to as if I were as brainless as any of the 20 morons currently running for the Democratic nomination, is that there is often no option to war.

What, I would like to ask Mr. Ferencz, would he have suggested the world do about Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany? Were good men supposed to just stand by while the Japanese conquered all of Asia, enslaving hundreds of millions of people and turning all the women who didn't happen to be Japanese into whores to serve the sexual needs of its soldiers?

How many more Jews, Catholics, Gypsies and cripples, had to be murdered before Mr. Ferencz would have said "Enough"?

The fact is, he tried to enlist in both the Air Force and the Marines, but at his height, only the Army would accept him.

■ Churchill suggested

I'm sure he would say that World War II was a just war. But what would his position have been when Winston Churchill suggested to FDR that the Brits and the Americans in 1945 push the Soviet Union back to its original borders, and FDR demurred?

■ Enslaved by Stalin

But demur he did, and before you could hum the opening bars of the "Internationale," the Soviet anthem, hundreds of millions of Poles, Hungarians, Lithuanians, Czechs and Bulgarians, were being enslaved by Stalin.

■ Pacifism

People always have the option of not going to war. All they have to do is roll over for those who wish to put them in chains.

To me, pacifism is merely virtue-signaling by those who don't care about other people being turned into beasts of burden and only become concerned when its their own necks being measured for yokes.

■ Noble Peace Prize

It is the reason I very much despise the Noble Peace Prize. It isn't simply because it has been bestowed on the likes of Woodrow Wilson, Henry Kissinger, Le Duc Cho, Yasser Arafat, Kofi Annan, Jimmy Carter, Al Gore, Barack Obama and on several occasions, to the U.N., but because of the entities that never received recognition.

■ R.A.F. and American military

I refer to the R.A.F. and the American military, although they did more to oppose evil and bring about peace than a division of diplomats and a battalion of pacifists.

■ Living with a dog or living with a wife

Bob Hunt sent me a list of 14 reasons why some men might prefer living with a dog to living with a wife. I'm not saying that's true in my case, even though I do have a dog and I no longer have a wife. As usual, I'm merely a conduit.

The later you are, the more excited your dog is to see you.

Dogs don't take it personally if you call them by another dog's name.

Dogs like it if you leave a lot of stuff on the floor.

A dog's parents never visit.

Dogs agree that you have to raise your voice to get your point across.

You never have to wait for a dog; they're ready to go 24 hours a day.

Dogs find you amusing when you're drunk. (For one thing, you're far more likely to drop food on the floor in that condition.)

Dogs like to go hunting and wishing.

A dog will never wake you up in the middle of the night to ask: "If I died, would you get another dog?"

If a dog has babies, you can place an ad in the paper and give them away.

A dog will let you put a studded collar on it without calling you a pervert.

If a dog smells another dog on you, it won't get mad. It will just think it's interesting.

Dogs like to ride in the back of a pickup truck. (And if it sits inside, it won't tell you how to drive or complain if you get lost.)

If a dog leaves, it won't take half your stuff with it.

Mr. Hunt suggests you test his theory by locking your dog and your wife in the garage for an hour. Then open the garage and see which of them is happy to see you.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Sneaks & Sneakers" was posted at patriotpост.us on July 15, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Partly I was amused, mainly I was disgusted, when I heard Democrats dismiss President Trump's call for a citizenship question to be included on the census as constituting a purely political stunt.

The fact is, the only really consequential question on the form is who within our borders is here legally. That's because the census determines how many congressional districts each state is allocated in the House of Representatives and what could be more political than that?

The final count is always 435, but it's the census that determines how that number is divided among the 50 states. Clearly, if illegal aliens are counted, it gives an unfair advantage to states like California, Texas, New Mexico, Nevada and Arizona and those that boast of their sanctuary status, such as New York and Illinois.

It makes a mockery of our claim to be a sovereign nation.

■ Supreme Court

Furthermore, the fact that the Supreme Court, by a 5-4 vote, ruled against the administration, deciding that it saw no compelling reason to find out if the noses being counted were the noses of actual citizens, makes a mockery of the Court.

■ John Roberts a disappointment

Chief Justice John Roberts has shown once again that he takes his marching orders not from the U.S. Constitution but from the editorial pages of the Washington Post.

It was George W. Bush who, while no doubt suffering a brain freeze, replaced Chief Justice Rehnquist with this fruit loop.

■ Republicans chose liberals

The problem isn't so much that Democrats Bill Clinton and Barack Obama appointed the liberal likes of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor. Rather, the tragedy is that Republicans like Richard Nixon and the Bushes saddled us with the liberal likes of Warren Burger, Harry Blackmun, David Souter and John Roberts.

■ Trump understands

Fortunately, we now have a man in the White House who realizes that these lifetime appointments are the legacy that live on long after he will have packed up, turned off the lights and handed over the keys to the front door.

Nike seems to have decided on a marketing strategy that calls for targeting consumers who despise America.

■ Nike

Why else would the company pull its patriotic red, white and blue, shoes off the market two days prior to the 4th of July?

Why else would they listen to Colin Kaepernick's complaints about the 13-star American flags that adorn the backs of those shoes? But that's all it took for Nike to put out a press release explaining that it took the action "Based on concerns that it could unintentionally offend and detract from the nation's patriotic holiday."

It does raise the question why a corporation would have anything to do with the racist lunkhead Kaepernick. Who's on their board of directors? Al Sharpton? Jesse Jackson? Louis Farrakhan?

Why on earth would any decent American buy Nike products? If it were up to me, the next shipment of Nike sneakers from the sweatshops of China, Vietnam and Thailand, would be tossed into Boston Harbor.

■ New breed of cockroach

It seems that a new breed of cockroach that is impervious to not only every brand of bug spray on the market, but even to radiation, has come into existence.

■ Examples of socialism

In its ability to survive every possible assault, it reminds me of Socialism. No matter how many times, and no matter in how many places, it fails miserably, it exhibits mind-boggling survival skills.

Even when people see its undeniable shortcomings when compared to Capitalism, as was clearly evident when you compared the lives of East Germans to West Germans or the lives of North Koreans to South Koreans or the lives of pre-Hugo Chavez Venezuelans to post Hugo Chavez Venezuelans,

there are always those who deny the obvious and insist that the only problem with Socialism is that it's been mishandled by Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini, Pol Pot, Mao, Castro, Guevara and Maduro.

■ Candidates continue to promote socialism

They would have you believe that all that Socialism needs to flourish is to be placed in the enlightened hands of people like Bernie Sanders, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Kamala Harris, Peter Buttigieg, Cory Booker, Kirsten Gillibrand, Ilhan Omar or Bill De Blasio.

The reason that Socialism is so difficult to stamp out is because there are so many stupid, greedy people, who have been convinced that it is their inalienable right to take whatever other people have.

■ Promising free health care

It's not that they don't realize that when Democrats talk about single payer health care or government-funded abortions, they're talking about money coerced from taxpayers, but since 50% of the population and 100% of illegal aliens don't pay income taxes, they don't care. As someone once said, "When you take from Peter to pay Paul, don't expect Paul to complain about it."

■ Pander to the black base

Speaking of Peter, it was as predictable that Mayor Buttigieg would claim the South Bend police force is filled with racists as it was that Barack Obama would claim that every police department in America was a coven filled with white Klansmen.

It's in the Democratic playbook that whenever the opportunity arises, always pander to the black base.

In a rare bit of good news, Navy Seal Ed Gallagher was found not guilty by a military tribunal of murdering a Muslim terrorist.

Something it's high time the Pentagon began to understand is that these days killing Muslim terrorists should be the mission statement for the U.S. military.

■ Blaming Trump

The only social problems the Left cares about are those they feel they can somehow lay at the feet of President Trump. I swear, if Trump came out against cancer, his enemies in Congress, Hollywood and the media, would spring to the defense of cancer, celebrating it for thinning the herd and making room for more illegal aliens.

I saw one of the knuckleheads who calls MSNBC home berate President Trump because when he met with Kim Jong-un, the North Korean flag was placed next to the American flag.

How strange that nobody at the network was the least bit miffed that not a single American flag was present at either of the Democratic debates.

■ Addiction to cigarettes and to pot

It turns out that tobacco giants Philip Morris and RJ Reynolds are actually funding the legalize pot movement in America.

To tell you the truth, I'm ashamed to admit I was shocked to discover that the same folks who profited off making nicotine addicts out of millions of Americans are now filling their coffers by promoting our addiction to weed.

Just when I get to thinking I am the most cynical person in the nation, I find I'm a rosy-cheeked Pollyanna compared to politicians, media giants and corporate CEOs.



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Deficit

■ An article by Niv Ellis titled "WH Projects \$1 Trillion Deficit for 2019" was posted at thehill.com on July 15, 2019.

Finances

■ An article by Josh Dzieza titled "'Beat the Machine': Amazon Warehouse Workers Strike to Protest Inhumane Conditions" was posted at theverge.com on July 16, 2019.

Green New Deal

■ An article by Tara Golshan titled "Bernie Sanders and AOC Want Congress to Declare a National Emergency Over Climate Change" was posted at vox.com on July 9, 2019.

■ An article by the editorial board titled "Now It's a Climate 'Emergency' " was posted at wsj.com on July 14, 2019.

■ An article by Derrick Hollie titled "AOC's Green New Deal Would Cost \$600,000 Per U.S. Household" was posted at nationalinterest.org on July 16, 2019.

Illegal immigration

■ An article by Elliott C. McLaughlin titled "ICE Has Begun Raids to Round Up Undocumented Immigrants, Official Says" was posted at cnn.com on July 15, 2019.

■ An article by Katherine Bach titled "Guatemalan Court Blocks Signing of 'Safe Third-Country' Agreement" was posted at newsy.com on July 15, 2019.

■ An article by David Sharp titled "Africans Flee to South America on Dangerous Journey to U.S." was posted at apnews.com on July 16, 2019.

Comments about weapons

■ An article titled “President Pretender [Eric Swalwell] Who Campaigned on Gun Control First to Call It Quits” was posted at nra-ila.com on July 15, 2019.

Comments about Trump support

■ An article by Jessie Hellmann titled “Trump Administration Begins Formally Enforcing New Abortion Restrictions” was posted at thehill.com on July 15, 2019.

■ An article by Tucker Carlson titled “When AOC, Ilhan Omar and the ‘Squad’ Are Talking, Democrats Are Losing” was posted at foxnews.com on July 16, 2019.

■ An article by Henry Olsen titled “Democrats Should Confront Their Revolutionaries Before It’s Too Late” was posted at washingtonpost.com on July 16, 2019.

■ An article by Alex Moe and Jane C. Timm titled “In Lopsided Vote, House Kills Effort to Impeach Trump” was posted at nbcnews.com on July 17, 2019.

Comments about Trump opposition

■ An article by Rachael Bade and Mike DeBonis titled “‘Outright Disrespectful’: Four House Women Struggle As Pelosi Isolates Them” was posted at washingtonpost.com on July 10, 2019.

■ An article titled “AOC Claims Pelosi ‘Singling Out’ Congresswomen of Color” was posted at cnn.com on July 12, 2019.

■ An article by Paul Steinhauser titled “Biden Proposes Big Change to ObamaCare, in Bid to Save It From ‘Medicare-For-All’ Crowd” was posted at foxnews.com on July 15, 2019.

■ An article by Matt Rosoff titled “Tech Investor and Trump Supporter Peter Thiel Thinks Elizabeth Warren Is the Most ‘Dangerous’ Democratic Candidate” was posted at cnbc.com on July 15, 2019.

■ An article by Joshua Caplan titled “Mitt Romney: Trump’s ‘Go Back’ Comments ‘Destructive,’ Has ‘Failed Badly’ at Uniting U.S.” was posted at Breitbart.com on July 15, 2019.

■ An article by Caitlin Byrd titled “Mark Sanford, SC Republican, Former U.S. Rep, Considers Presidential Run Against Trump” was posted at postandcourier.com on July 16, 2019.

Kamala Harris

■ An article titled “Kamala Harris Might Be Surging—But Her Record Will Soon Catch Up With Her” was posted at theguardian.com on July 15, 2019.

Robert Francis (Beto) O’Rourke

■ An article by Kyle Olson titled “Beto Bottoms Out: O’Rourke at 0% in New Hampshire Poll—Was at 6.4% in April” was posted at theamericanmirror.com on July 16, 2019.

News about the media

- An article by Joe Concha titled "CNN, MSNBC Say 'Racist' More Than 1,100 Times Regarding Trump 'Go Back' Tweet Since Sunday" was posted at the-hill.com on July 16, 2019.
- An article by Charles M. Blow titled "Trump's Tweets Prove That He Is a Raging Racist" was posted at nytimes.com on July 14, 2019.
- An article titled "Seth Meyers Goes Off on Anyone Who Won't Call Trump 'Racist' " was posted at thedailybeast.com on July 15, 2019.
- An article by Mary Papenfuss titled "Trevor Noah Compares Trump to Hitler in Dig at President's Racist Tweet Defense" was posted at huffpost.com on July 16, 2019.

General interest

- An article by Heath Allen titled "Multiple Issues Reported at Pumps During New Orleans Rain, Flooding Event" was posted at wdsu.com on July 16, 2019.
- An article by Christopher M. Matthews titled "Neighbors Face Off Over Texas' Other Lucrative Resource: Water" was posted at wsj.com on July 16, 2019.
- An article titled "Beachgoers Form Human Chain to Help Swimmers Caught in Rip Current at Florida Beach [Panama City Beach Had 40 Water Rescues on July 14]" was posted at yahoo.com on July 15, 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."