

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 Julia Hollingsworth titled "Worst Floods for 50 Years Bring Venice to 'Its Knees' " was posted at cnn.com on Nov. 13, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

The worst flooding to hit Venice in more than 50 years has brought the historic city to its knees, its mayor said on Wednesday.

"Venice is on its knees," Mayor Luigi Brugnaro tweeted. "St. Mark's Basilica has sustained serious damage, like the entire city and its islands."

The crypt of St. Mark's Basilica was inundated for just the sixth time in 1,200 years.

Local authorities in the Italian lagoon city called for a state of emergency to be imposed, as an elderly man was left dead in the floods.

The unnamed man was killed on Tuesday night while he was trying to run electric pumps at his home on the island of Pellestrina, Alessandro Bertasi, spokesman for Venice's mayor, told CNN.

The popular tourist destination was struck by an exceptionally high tide on Tuesday night, which peaked at 187 centimeters (73.6 inches), according to a statement by Venice's government Wednesday morning.

It is the worst flooding in Venice since 1966, when the city was hit by tides up to 194 cm (76.4 inches) high, according to government statistics.

Brugnaro said it would cost hundreds of millions of euros to fix the city, telling reporters at a news conference that the damage was "enormous."

Francesco Moraglia, the Patriarch of St Mark's Basilica Monsignor, also told reporters: "I have never seen something like what I saw yesterday afternoon [Tuesday] at St. Mark's square. There were waves as if we were at the beach."

More rain and strong winds are expected in the coming days, according to Luca Zaia, the President of the Veneto Region.

"It's a real catastrophe," Stefano Bandini, a Venetian taxi driver told CNN. "I have never seen such a high tide accompanied with such a strong, destructive wind."

Bandini explained that when the tide goes over 1.10 centimeters using the canals was prohibited for safety reasons but said many of his colleagues had taken people to check houses and shops. "We want to help each other now," he said.

Andrea Di Masi, deputy director of the luxury hotel Baglioni, said furniture, carpets and pottery were removed from the ground floor on Tuesday as high-tide warnings had been issued.

Venice resident Elisa Aquina Laterza told CNN she lives near the Rialto Bridge. She posted on Twitter a video of sirens that alerted the population about the high tides on Tuesday night.

"Last night after the sirens went off we were without electricity. The windows banged with gusts of strong wind," she said. "It was a night of fear and today we are blocked here at home with reduced public transport."

Laterza said on Monday it was impossible to walk because of the floods. "Today I'll try to venture out to help my neighbors," she added.

People who lived through the 1966 flood say there wasn't the strong wind then that there is now, Laterza said.

"I've only witnessed this historic flood but I must say that the situation is unprecedented and our city is our land and it needs help and support from all," Laterza added.

On Tuesday, the Tide Forecasting and Reporting Center of Civil Protection said that 45% of the city was flooded. Thirty volunteers will be deployed Wednesday to help with the clean-up, it said.

Venice's government announced that after the "extraordinary" tide, it would "submit a request for a state of emergency" to the country's central government. All schools will be closed Wednesday due to the weather conditions, the local government said.

It also asked citizens and businesses to collect evidence of any damage their properties had suffered so they could request compensation.

Only around 53,000 residents live in Venice, which has seen its population dwindle over the past 50 years as it tries to curb over-tourism.

Tides of 140cm (55 inches) or more are known as “acqua alta” in Italian, and generally take place in winter time, according to Venice’s municipality website.



An article by Patrick Galey titled “Medicines Pose Global Environment Risk, Experts Warn” was posted at phy.org on Nov. 14, 2019. Following are excerpts the article.

Residues from billions of doses of antibiotics, painkillers and antidepressants pose a significant risk to freshwater ecosystems and the global food chain, a new analysis said Thursday.

There are growing fears that the unchecked use of antibiotics in both medicine and agriculture will have adverse effects on the environment and on human health.

When animals and humans ingest medicines, up to 90 percent of active ingredients are excreted back into the environment.

Many medicines are simply discarded—in the United States alone an estimated one third of the four billion drugs prescribed each year ends up as waste.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) compared data on concentrations of pharmaceutical residue in water samples worldwide as well as prescribing trends and water purification regulations in various countries.

One study cited in its report estimates that 10 percent of all pharmaceuticals are potentially harmful to the environment—including hormones, painkillers and antidepressants.

The OECD said that antibiotic use for livestock is predicted to rocket by more than two thirds in the next decade, stoking concerns over antibiotic resistance.

Human prescriptions are also set to drastically increase, according to the report.

“We’re seeing constant engineering of new pharmaceuticals and seeing clinical practices evolve to include recommendations of earlier treatment and higher doses,” said the lead report author Hannah Leckie.

Another study cited said “extremely high” concentrations of pharmaceutical products had already been detected in water ways in China, India, Israel, South Korea and the United States.

In Britain alone, ethinyloestradiol, diclofenac, ibuprofen, propranolol and antibiotics are now present in the run-off of 890 wastewater treatment plants at high enough levels to cause “adverse environmental effects”, according to another study.

“The residues of pharmaceuticals have been detected in surface and ground water across the world,” said Leckie.

“However there’s still a lot we don’t know about their occurrence, and know even less about the concentrations we find.”

More than 700,000 people already die each year from drug-resistant infections.

As the global population grows and ages and prescribing rates continue to climb, that figure is set to hit 10 million annually by 2050—higher than the number of people dying from cancer.

“Unless adequate measures are taken to manage the risks, pharmaceutical residues will increasingly be released into the environment as aging populations, advances in healthcare, and intensification of meat and fish production spur the demand for pharmaceuticals worldwide,” the report said.

And the situation is set to get even more acute as climate change increases the spread and frequency of infectious diseases such as malaria and dengue.

Leckie said there was something of a vicious circle when it came to medical prescriptions and climate-related disease.

“Human activity such as population (growth) and transport combined with climate change increases antibacterial resistance . . . and therefore the need for more pharmaceuticals.”



“Eye on the World” comment: The following list of articles consists of headlines of extra articles, which are considered international. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

■ An article by Humberto Fontova titled “Trump Infuriates ‘International Community’ [After the U.S., Israel and Brazil Voted Against a UN Measure That Passed 187-3]” was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 9, 2019.

■ An article by Amir Vahdat titled “Iran’s President: New Oil Field Found With Over 50 Billion Barrels” was posted at apnews.com on Nov. 10, 2019.

■ An article titled “Jordan Retakes Lands [Two Pieces of Land] Leased by Israel in 1994 Peace Accord” was posted at apnews.com on Nov. 10, 2019.

■ An article by Judah Ari Gross titled “150 Rockets Fired at Israel After IDF Assassinate Gaza Terror Leader” was posted at timesofisrael.com on Nov. 11, 2019.

■ An article by Anna Ahronheim, Tovah Lazaroff, Khaled Abu Toameh and Tzvi Joffre titled “After a Quiet Night, a Barrage of [200] Rockets Strike Israel” was posted at jpost.com on Nov. 13, 2019.

- An article titled "China Issues Death Penalty for Shipping Opioid to U.S." was posted at nytimes.com on Nov. 8, 2019.
- An article by Shaun Tandon titled "Uighur Researchers Say China Running More [‘Concentration’] Camps Than Known [Reported at 500]" was posted at afp.com on Nov. 12, 2019.
- An article by Paula Trevisani titled "Brazil Deepens China Ties in About-Face" was posted at wsj.com on Nov. 15, 2019.
- An article by Danille Haynes titled "Hong Kong Man Dies From Injuries During Protest [on Friday, November 8]" was posted at upi.com on Nov. 8, 2019.
- A Reuters article titled "Hong Kong Police Open Fire, Wounding Protester, As Chaos Erupts" was posted at reuters.com on Nov. 10, 2019.
- An article by Ken Moritsugu titled "Tear Gas and Fires: Hong Kong Protests From Morning to Night" was posted at apnews.com on Nov. 12, 2019.
- A Reuters article titled "Hong Kong Readies for More Chaos As Violence Spreads Citywide" was posted at reuters.com on Nov. 13, 2019.
- An article by Jing Yang and Stella Yifan Xie titled "As Hong Kong Universities Become Battle Zones, Mainland Chinese Students Flee" was posted at wsj.com on Nov. 13, 2019.
- An article by Nicola Stow titled "Hong Kong Protesters Fire Flaming Bows and Arrows and Javelins at Cops As China Threatens to Send in Troops" was posted at thesun.co.uk on Nov. 13, 2019.
- A Reuters article by Wayne Cole titled "Australian Jobs Suffer Biggest Drop in Three Years, Argue for More Stimulus" was posted at reuters.com on Nov. 13, 2019.
- A Reuters article by Elaine Lies titled "Japan Monarch Spends Symbolic Night With Goddess to End Throne Rituals" was posted at reuters.com on Nov. 13, 2019.
- An article by Nizar Manek titled "Ethiopia to Charge Dozens Over Coordinated Killings of Officials" was posted at bloomberg.com on Nov. 13, 2019.
- An article titled "Divisions Rife As Germany Marks 30 Years Since Berlin Wall Fell [on Nov. 9, 1989]" was posted at afp.com on Nov. 9, 2019.
- A Reuters article titled "Germany Warns France Against Undermining NATO Security Alliance" was posted at reuters.com on Nov. 10, 2019.
- An article by Pauline Bax titled "Pressure Grows on Britain to Return It’s Last African Colony [Chagos Islands]" was posted at bloomberg.com on Nov. 11, 2019.
- An article by Richard Spillett titled "Fewer Than Half of UK Students Support Freedom of Speech While Nearly As Many Would Rather Ban Controversial Speakers and Create ‘Safe Spaces’ Amid Growing ‘Culture of Conformity’ " was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Nov. 11, 2019.
- An article by Bill Spindle and Krishna Pokharel titled "India’s Top Court Rules in Favor of Hindus in Long Feud With Muslims Over Religious Site [to Build a Mosque on the Precise Birthplace of an Important Hindu Deity, Ram in Ayodhya, an Ancient North Indian City]" was posted at wsj.com on Nov. 9, 2019.



An article by Maya King and Marc Caputo titled “How Deval Patrick Could Torpedo Joe Biden” was posted at politico.com on Nov. 14, 2019. Following is the article.

Deval Patrick looks like the ideal candidate to break Joe Biden’s grip on African-American voters.

He’s just the second elected black governor since Reconstruction and has close ties with former President Barack Obama.

But even as the former Massachusetts governor’s entry into the race is embraced by many black lawmakers and strategists, they question whether his record, relative lack of name ID and late start in a crowded field will impede his ability to make a mark.

“He’s not a national name. Folks in Louisiana aren’t going to be like, ‘oh wow. Deval Patrick joined the race.’ And even at the activist level, there’s no sense that this is someone we can rally behind,” said Cliff Albright, an activist with the group Black Voters Matter, which is active throughout the South.

Albright noted that two other black candidates—California Sen. Kamala Harris and New Jersey Sen Cory Booker—have been running for months and are polling in the single digits. And it’s unclear how Patrick, who works for Boston private equity firm Bain Capital, will play in the South, home to a majority of the Democratic primary’s black voters.

Those familiar with his plans say Patrick hopes to generate momentum out of New Hampshire—which is reached by the Boston media market—and South Carolina, where more than half of primary voters are expected to be African-American.

“Deval Patrick is not wildly progressive. He’s safe to the money people. He’s Cory Booker minus ‘I live in the projects,’” Albright said. “He’s going to come in and do something that Cory Booker can’t do? I don’t get it.”

Prior to holding political office, Patrick served in the Justice Department’s Civil Rights division under President Bill Clinton, a pedigree that his boosters say gives him a track record on the federal level that’s appealing to black voters, who largely support Biden for his experience as vice president in the Obama White House.

Supporters describe Patrick as deeply religious, say he knows biblical scripture well and is at home in church, all of which would be an asset when campaigning in Southern black communities.

If the Harris and Booker campaigns continue to stall, some can envision Patrick emerging as an electable alternative to Biden.

“[Patrick is] eminently qualified, almost as qualified as anyone in the race,” said Johnnie Cordero, co-chair of the South Carolina Democratic Black Caucus. “I don’t think it’s too late. If he’s going to enter, I think it’s wise for him to wait because some of the other folks aren’t doing as well in the polls as they’d like to be.”

Nevertheless, Patrick faces daunting challenges. He has already missed the filing deadlines to get on the primary ballot in two Southern states that will

vote on Super Tuesday—Arkansas and Alabama, where more than half the primary electorate in 2016 was African-American.

It will take tens of millions of dollars to build his name ID and the timing of his entry into the race is also a problem—there are just 81 days until the Iowa caucuses.

Another hurdle: a majority of Democrats have expressed satisfaction with the candidate pool as it currently stands.

“I think we always have to question . . . people who are running: do you have time to prepare? Do you have time to raise the money? Do you have time? Is time on your side?” said Minyon Moore, a Democratic strategist and former Hillary Clinton adviser.

African-American political insiders in Massachusetts have privately expressed concerns that Patrick didn’t endorse Rep. Ayanna Pressley in her 2018 campaign to become the first black woman elected to Congress from Massachusetts. Instead, Patrick backed the white incumbent she defeated in the primary, Mike Capuano.

Pressley has endorsed Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren in the presidential race. Her campaign and strategists declined to comment on the record about Patrick.

Massachusetts state Rep. Russel Holmes, an African-American Democrat, said Patrick could be a force in the primary race if he is able to put together a fundraising operation. He said Patrick’s dynamic speaking style would give the race a jolt.

“I was here when he was elected and still feel there’s no orator, no presenter, no speaker I’ve heard, ever, who can motivate a crowd or get a message across pretty succinctly more than Deval. So I think not only in South Carolina, I think he’ll do well, even in New Hampshire and Iowa and other places,” Holmes said.

“But the big question is going to be still—this comes from me, from my perspective—when it comes down to money. How do you get it done now that he’s joining a race, you know, 10 months afterwards?”

Throughout his governorship Patrick maintained strong approval numbers in Massachusetts. His candidacy would cause a number of influential Massachusetts politicians to make a tough decision between two high-profile home-state politicians—Warren, a progressive frontrunner, and Patrick, a moderate two-term governor.

While Patrick’s name recognition in New England could make him competitive in New Hampshire with the region’s two current favorites, Warren and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, in South Carolina Patrick would need to crack the firewall of black support that Biden is counting on to propel him to the nomination.

“I don’t dislike Biden. Biden isn’t doing what needs to be done,” Cordero said. “Biden’s campaign seems to be based on his belief that he is going to carry the black vote by name recognition and association with Obama. The people he’s strongest with are older African-Americans and diehard Democrats, but he won’t carry the nomination with them alone.”

Biden and Patrick would both have appeal to many black voters due to their Obama connections. But Biden’s role as architect of the 1994 Crime Bill could

present a problem when juxtaposed against Patrick's civil rights and criminal justice work during the same era, especially among younger black voters who are unenthusiastic about Biden and have yet to rally behind a single candidate.

Still, Patrick would face a reasonable amount of scrutiny from those voters, especially those aligned with the activist community.

"People like him. But I also think that people are misjudging this electorate in some ways," said Adriane Shropshire, executive director of BlackPAC, an organization that supports candidates who champion social justice issues.

"Gov. Patrick would have a lot of ground to make up with voters including black voters," she said. "I suppose there's a path in the early states through New Hampshire and South Carolina but he will have to reckon with challenging issues surrounding his record—housing and foreclosure issues, as an example—that black voters will use to evaluate him and he will have to up his profile with those voters with lightning speed."

One advantage for Patrick is that Harris and Booker remain enigmas, according to several black strategists, who say they've been confounded by the two senators' performances to date. But they view Biden as the candidate more imperiled by Patrick's entry.

"[Harris and Patrick] both have these looming obstacles over them but I think this is more of an indictment on Joe Biden than any other candidates in the race," said Bakari Sellers, a South Carolina-based political strategist and Harris surrogate. "The South Carolina firewall is a lot less certain for him than it was for Clinton in 2016 and with Deval in the race it's even more uncertain."

The Biden campaign did not respond to a request for comment.

Patrick is welcome in the race because of the voice he brings for Democrats generally and African-Americans specifically, said Quentin James, the executive director of The Collective, a super PAC that supports black candidates.

But, James said, much will depend on the resources he'll have.

"He'd have to have a MAJOR Super PAC \$\$ behind him at this late stage," James said in a text message to POLITICO.



An article by Victor Davis Hanson titled "Ten Reasons Why Impeachment Is Illegitimate" was posted at [nationalreview.com](https://www.nationalreview.com) on Nov. 12, 2019. Following is the article.

There are at least ten reasons why the Democratic impeachment "inquiry" is a euphemism for an ongoing coup attempt.

1. Impeachment 24/7.

The impeachment "inquiry," supposedly prompted by the president's Ukrainian call, is simply the most recent in a long series of "coups" that sought to overturn the 2016 election and thus preclude a 2020 reelection bid. The pattern gives away the game.

Usually the serial futile attempts to abort the Trump presidency—with the exception of the Mueller Dream-Team debacle—were each characterized by about a month of media-driven hysteria.

We remember the voting-machines-fraud hoax, the initial 2017 impeachment effort, the attempt to warp the Electoral College voting, the Logan Act, the emoluments clause, the 25th Amendment, the McCabe-Rosenstein faux coup, and various Michael Avenatti–Stormy Daniels–Michael Cohen psychodramas.

Ukraine then is not unique, but simply another mini-coup attempt that follows the last failed coup and that will presage another coup to take its place when it too fails to remove Trump.

All of these efforts reflect a desperate effort both to reverse the 2016 election and to preclude a 2020 reelection effort, and, barring that, to drive down the Trump polls to the point of making him delegitimized.

A week after Trump was elected, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that intelligence agencies were withholding information from their president.

“Anonymous,” in a September 5, 2018, New York Times op-ed, bragged of an ongoing “resistance” of high-ranking government officials seeking to stonewall Trump.

As soon as Trump was inaugurated, Washington lawyer and former Obama official Rosa Brooks was publicly raising the possibility of a military coup to remove him. Retired admiral William McRaven recently called for Trump to be gone—“the sooner, the better.”

Mark Zaid, the lawyer for the whistleblower, in his arrogance, long ago at least told the truth when he chose the words “coup” and “rebellion” to characterize left-wing efforts to remove Trump.

He admitted that the coups would fail (given their lack of legality), but that they would still be followed by successive efforts. In a sane world, with this “bomb-shell” disclosure, the entire whistleblower caper would now simply vanish.

2. Whistleblowers Who Are Not Whistleblowers.

The “whistleblower” who prompted this most recent iteration of attempted Trump removal is no whistleblower by any common definition of the noun (i.e., “an individual who, without authorization, reveals private or classified information about an organization usually related to wrongdoing or misconduct).

Whistleblowers generally state that such actions are motivated by a commitment to the public interest.”—Encyclopaedia Britannica).

- He has no incriminating documents, no information at all.
- He does not even have firsthand evidence of wrongdoing, much less proof of suspect conduct within intelligence agencies that alone would prompt a legitimate appeal to the Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community.
- Instead, the whistleblower relied on secondhand water-cooler gossip about an illegally leaked presidential call.

Even his mangled version of the call did not match that of official transcribers. He was not disinterested but had a long history of partisanship in general, and concerning Ukraine in particular.

He was a protégé of many of Trump's most adamant opponents, including Susan Rice, John Brennan, and Joe Biden.

He did not follow protocol by going first to the inspector general but instead caucused with the staff of Adam Schiff's impeachment inquiry.

Neither the whistleblower nor his doppelgänger Lieutenant Colonel Vindman, who both professed strong pro-Ukrainian sympathies during their past tenures associated with the Obama administration, were bothered by the activities of the Bidens or by the Obama decision to stop arms deliveries to Ukraine.

Their outrage, in other words, was not about Ukraine but over Trump.

It is highly unlikely that there are any plans to call the whistleblower or recall Vindman in person before any committee, because their usefulness as instigators of "impeachment" has already passed, and both are now rank liabilities. Their inconsistencies and past partisan affiliations offer only vulnerabilities.

3. First-term impeachment.

The Clinton and Nixon inquiries were directed at second-term presidencies in which there were no more electoral remedies for alleged wrongdoing.

In contrast, Trump is up for election in less than a year. Impeachment then seems a partisan exercise in either circumventing a referendum election or in damaging a president seeking reelection.

4. No Special Counsel Finding.

In the past, special counsels have found felonious presidential behavior, such as cited in Leon Jaworski's and Ken Starr's investigations.

In contrast, Special Counsel Robert Mueller spent 22 months and \$35 million, and yet his largely partisan law and investigative team found no collusion and no actionable presidential obstruction of that non-crime.

We are not just proceeding with impeachment without a special counsel's finding of wrongdoing, but after a special counsel's finding of no actionable wrongdoing.

5. No Bipartisanship.

There was broad bipartisan support for the Nixon impeachment inquiry and even some for the Clinton impeachment. There is none at all for the Schiff impeachment effort, given its overtly partisan nature.

6. Impeachment without High Crimes or Misdemeanors.

There is no proof of any actual Trump crime.

No longer is Nancy Pelosi describing the whistleblower as central to the impeachment inquiry. Asking a corrupt foreign head of state to look into past

corruption is pro forma. That Joe Biden is now a candidate for president and Trump's potential rival does not ensure him exemption from his possible wrongdoing in the past as vice president when his son used the Biden name for lucrative advantage in leveraging Ukrainian money for assumed preferential Obama-administration treatment.

In other words, it is certainly not a crime for a president to adopt his own foreign policy to fit particular countries nor to request of a foreign government seeking U.S. aid, with a long history of corruption, that it ensure it has not in the past colluded with prior U.S. officials in suspicious activity.

A president can appoint or fire any ambassador he chooses, all the more so when one has a known record of partisanship.

It is not a crime to disagree with House Intelligence Committee chairman Adam Schiff when he says that White House officials must testify when he so summons them.

The irony is that while the House politicizes impeachment, the IG of the Justice Department, Michael Horowitz, and lifelong civil servant and federal attorney John Durham are likely to show concrete evidence that the now-exempt Obama administration used the powers of the FBI, CIA, and DOJ, unethically if not illegally, to attempt to destroy the candidacy, transition, and presidency of Donald Trump—still the current object of yet another political coup.

7. Thought Crimes?

Even if there were ever a quid, there is no quo: Unlike the case of the Obama administration, the Trump administration did supply arms to Ukraine, and the Ukrainians apparently did not reinvestigate the Bidens.

As a matter of general policy, Trump has been far harder on Russia and far more concretely supportive of Ukraine than was the Obama administration.

That stubborn fact is ipso facto evidence that if there was any quid pro quo, it was more likely a matter of Biden rather than Trump pressuring the Ukrainians, given the actual quite different results—Again, the Trump administration armed the Ukrainians; Obama and his administration did not

Thought crimes are still not impeachable offenses.

8. Different Standards of Justice.

There is now no standard of equality under the law. Instead, we are entering the jurisprudence of junta politics.

If an alleged quid pro quo is an impeachable offense, should Vice President Joe Biden have been impeached or indicted for clearly leveraging the firing of a Ukrainian prosecutor for dubious reasons by threats of withholding U.S. aid?

Should Barack Obama have been investigated for getting caught on a hot mic offering to be flexible after his reelection on missile defense if Vladimir Putin would give him some space?

In fact, Russia did not embarrass Obama during the subsequent 2012 successful Obama reelection effort, and Obama did shelve joint Eastern European missile-defense plans.

So there is no consistency in presidential audits.

Would the Obama administration have welcomed or even tolerated congressional requests to turn over all its emails, private phone conversations, and memos concerning covert meetings of U.S. and Iranian officials that surrounded the nocturnal transfer of \$400 million in cash for the release of American hostages—with much of such money ending up in the hands of Hezbollah terrorists?

Would the Obama administration have complied with requests for texts and transcripts surrounding its decisions to halt Eastern European missile defense?

9. The Schiff Factor.

Representative Adam Schiff is now de facto chief impeachment prosecutor. He has repeatedly lied about the certainty of impending Mueller indictments or bombshells.

He flat-out lied that he and his staff had no prior contact with the whistleblower. He made up a version of the Trump call that did not represent the actual transcript, and when called out, he begged off by claiming he was offering a “parody.”

He has an unsavory reputation as a chronic selective leaker of classified information in the House Intelligence Committee.

For weeks he has not allowed Republican members of his House Intelligence Committee to have the same freedom to call and cross-examine witnesses as was extended to the then-minority Democrats during the committee’s 2016–07 investigation of FISA, unmasking, and surveillance abuses.

Tradition and protocol argue that the proper place for impeachment inquiries and investigations is the House Judiciary Committee.

Schiff successfully hijacked that committee’s historic role for two reasons

- Number 1: His reputation as a brawling hyper-partisan meant that he would turn the investigation into a proverbial witch hunt and wet the lunatic beak of the progressive base.
- Number 2: He has the ability so far as intelligence chair to selectively block rapid dissemination of transcripts of cross-examinations of witnesses and to use secrecy to massage the conduct of the committee and to selectively release information to the media.

10. Precedent.

The indiscriminate efforts to remove Trump over the past three years, when coupled with the latest impeachment gambit, have now set a precedent in which the out party can use impeachment as a tool to embarrass, threaten, leverage, or seek to remove a sitting president for political purposes to reverse an election.

At best, we have turned a uniquely constitutional republic into a European parliamentary system in which heads of states can be removed from power without national elections.

At worst, we are now a rank banana republic in which coups are an accepted model of political opposition.

The next Democratic president should be prepared, in his first term, for the real chance of facing the same, and apparently now institutionalized, tactics used against Trump.

We are witnessing constitutional government dissipating before our very eyes.



An article by Walter Williams titled “Young People Ignorant of History” was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Nov. 13, 2019. Following is the article.

A recent survey conducted by the Victims of Communism and polled by YouGov, a research and data firm, found that 70% of millennials are likely to vote socialist and that one in three millennials saw communism as “favorable.”

Let examine this tragic vision in light of the Fraser Institute’s recently released annual study “Economic Freedom of the World,” prepared by Professors James Gwartney, Florida State University; Robert A. Lawson and Ryan Murphy of Southern Methodist University; and Joshua Hall, West Virginia University, in cooperation with the Economic Freedom Network.

Hong Kong and Singapore maintained their lead as the world’s most economically free countries—although China’s heavy hand threatens Hong Kong’s top ranking.

Rounding out the top 10 are New Zealand, Switzerland, the United States, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and Mauritius.

By the way, after having fallen to 16th in 2016, the U.S. has staged a comeback to being in the top five economically free countries in the world.

What statistics go into the Fraser Institute’s calculation of economic freedom?

The report measures the ability of individuals to make their own economic decisions by analyzing the policies and institutions of 162 countries and territories. These include regulation, freedom to trade internationally, size of government, sound legal system, private property rights and government spending and taxation.

Fraser Institute scholar Fred McMahon says, “Where people are free to pursue their own opportunities and make their own choices, they lead more prosperous, happier and healthier lives.”

The evidence for his assessment is: Countries in the top quartile of economic freedom had an average per-capita GDP of \$36,770 in 2017 compared with \$6,140 for bottom quartile countries. Poverty rates are lower.

In the top quartile, 1.8% of the population experienced extreme poverty (\$1.90 a day) compared with 27.2% in the lowest quartile. Life expectancy is 79.5 years in the top quartile of economically free countries compared with 64.4 years in the bottom quartile.

The Fraser Institute's rankings of other major countries include Japan (17th), Germany (20th), Italy (46th), France (50th), Mexico (76th), India (79th), Russia (85th), China (113th) and Brazil (120th).

The least free countries are Venezuela, Argentina, Ukraine and nearly every African country with the most notable exception of Mauritius. By the way, Argentina and Venezuela used to be rich until they bought into socialism.

During the Cold War, leftists made a moral equivalency between communist totalitarianism and democracy.

- W.E.B. Du Bois, writing in the National Guardian (1953) said, "Joseph Stalin was a great man; few other men of the 20th century approach his stature."
- Walter Duranty called Stalin "the greatest living statesman . . . a quiet, unobtrusive man."
- George Bernard Shaw expressed admiration for Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin.
- Economist John Kenneth Galbraith visited Mao's China and praised Mao Zedong and the Chinese economic system.
- Gunther Stein of the Christian Science Monitor also admired Mao and declared ecstatically that "the men and women pioneers of Yenan are truly new humans in spirit, thought and action."
- Michel Oksenberg, President Jimmy Carter's China expert, complained that "America (is) doomed to decay until radical, even revolutionary, change fundamentally alters the institutions and values," and urged us to "borrow ideas and solutions" from China.

Leftists exempted communist leaders from the harsh criticism directed toward Adolf Hitler, even though communist crimes against humanity made Hitler's slaughter of 11 million noncombatants appear almost amateurish.

According to Professor R.J. Rummel's research in "Death by Government," from 1917 until its collapse, the Soviet Union murdered or caused the death of 61 million people, mostly its own citizens.

From 1949 to 1976, Mao's Communist regime was responsible for the death of as many as 76 million Chinese citizens.

Today's leftists, socialists and progressives would bristle at the suggestion that their agenda differs little from that of past tyrants. They should keep in mind that the origins of the unspeakable horrors of Nazism, Stalinism and Maoism did not begin in the '20s, '30s and '40s.

Those horrors were simply the result of a long evolution of ideas leading to a consolidation of power in the central government in the quest for "social justice."



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Who's Your Baghdadi Now?" was posted at patriotpost.us on Nov. 9, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

You would think, if you were an American and had the sense you were born with, the execution of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi would be cause for jubilation.

But if you're a Democrat, and therefore lacking the sense you were born with, it is anything but a happy occasion. In fact, one's reaction to the news that not only was the leader of ISIS dead, but his successor was also on the express train to Hell, could serve as a Rorschach test for Americans.

Nancy Pelosi was unable to exhibit unbridled joy because, she complained, President Trump hadn't run the plan past her, Adam Schiff and Jerry Nadler, before greenlighting the mission.

She was also upset because the President had alerted Russia. He did so because the Special Ops would be flying over Russian-held territory in Syria and he didn't want them being shot down. Also, Trump knew that, unlike the Democrats, the Russians can keep a secret.

After eight years of Obama, I say, as an American, not a Republican, that it makes for a nice change to have a Commander-in-Chief who believes in leading from in front.

■ Trump called him a coward

Columnist Max Boot, who takes umbrage at people who question his conservative credentials, expressed his own dissatisfaction, not so much with the operation itself, but with Trump's post-mission statement in which he referred to Baghdadi's cowardice.

Boot actually wrote: "The assertion that Baghdadi died as a coward was contradicted by the fact that rather than be captured, he blew himself up."

Perhaps it was being reminded that Adolf Hitler also avoided capture by committing suicide that caused Boot to remove that sentence from his diatribe later in the day. Also, Hitler only did himself in after marrying his longtime mistress, Eva Braun, so that the two could be joined in death. Baghdadi, on the other hand, killed three of his children in the blast.

■ Max Boot claims to be a conservative

Boot is an interesting figure in so far as he owes his career to the fact that he has billed himself as a Conservative, while in fact he churns out liberal swill.

He writes about "the GOP's checkered past of racism," ignoring the fact that the Klan and Jim Crow laws were invented by the Democrats.

He has also written "I've always been socially liberal and have never engaged in climate denialism." He also boasts that he is no longer opposed to more stringent gun control laws.

Being socially liberal means he favors late-term abortions and open borders and accepts that there are a multitude of genders.

It makes me wonder if it would help my writing career if I claimed to be a Liberal.

■ Shocking headline

But, Boot, dumb as he is, is just one person. *The Washington Post*, on the other hand, is one of the two rags read every morning by our national leaders. They headlined the story: "Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, austere religious scholar at helm of Islamic State, dies at 48."

Except for the age and religion, they could pretty much use the same headline when Pope Francis dies.

Because those on the Left never leave bad enough alone, the next day some dumb schmuck speaking on behalf of the paper said: "It was printed by mistake and shouldn't have been in there."

By mistake? A typo is a mistake. For obvious reasons, an obituary is probably the most closely-edited section of a newspaper. Claiming that cringe-worthy headline was a mistake is akin to saying that the attack on Pearl Harbor was a boo-boo.

■ James Clapper's reaction

James Clapper, one of the Deep State morons suffering the worst from Trump Derangement Syndrome, whined that killing Baghdadi will only make ISIS stronger.

Clapper, a questionable student of history, must have been recalling how much stronger the Nazis of Germany and the Fascists of Italy were after the deaths of Hitler and Mussolini.

Nearly any room that Clapper entered would immediately see a decline in the average IQ. How fortunate that he found a home at CNN, where he can enter every room in the place and not move the needle even a single point.

■ Philip Mudd's reaction

Speaking of CNN, Philip Mudd, a former CIA counterintelligence officer, was telling a CNN host that he found Trump's celebrating Baghdadi's death beneath contempt, claiming he would never relish anybody's death.

Oh, except perhaps Donald Trump's, the man CNN pays Mudd to rail against on a daily basis.

It just occurred to me how fitting his former designation was. Mudd is the living embodiment of counter-intelligence.

■ Freedom to show contempt

At the third game of the World Series, the one played in Washington, D.C., when the P.A. announcer let the fans know that President Trump and the First Lady were in attendance, the boos overwhelmed the applause.

In a way, though, it helps demonstrate the beauty of our system. The federal bureaucrats—the most shiftless, ignorant, over-paid bunch of layabouts in America—can openly express contempt for their boss, in spite of insisting he’s a blood-thirsty despot. I’ve never yet heard of a despot who stands grinning while he’s being verbally assaulted by thousands of people. I don’t think anybody is booing Vladimir Putin, Kim Jong-un or Xi Jinping, on their home turf. Not if they know what’s good for them.

■ Billionaire Steyer spending money

I was flabbergasted to learn that even with all those Democrats vying for the nomination, 78% of the TV commercials have been pitching billionaire Tom Steyer.

I doubt if it will be enough to buy the stiff the nomination, but at least it’s putting a lot of money in circulation. It’s the modern version of trickle-down economics. Or, in other words, Steyer is [peeing] away his money.

■ Obama did not endorse Biden

Joe Biden would have us believe that he personally asked Barack Obama not to endorse him. “We both think it would be better for me to win the nomination on my own.”

Right, Joe. A good strong dose of tough love is just what the doctor ordered.

I hate to be the ogre who breaks the bad news to the old dude, but since he’s such a proponent of self-reliance, I’m sure he wouldn’t want me to sugarcoat the truth. Joe, the reason that Obama isn’t endorsing you is because you’re just another old white Christian guy so far as he’s concerned.

And if that’s not reason enough for the most racist president in American history, you made the mistake of saying a few nice things about segregationist senators—all of them Democrats—when waxing nostalgic a few months ago about a time when the Senate was a far more collegial environment.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “The Deep & Shallow State” was posted at patriotpost.us on Nov. 11, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Much like Dr. Frankenstein, a few years after creating the CIA, President Harry Truman deeply regretted having given it life. In an op-ed piece he wrote after leaving office in 1953, Truman complained that the CIA “has been diverted from its original assignment. It has become an operational and at times a policy-making arm of the Government.”

■ Deep state

In the intervening decades, it has only gotten worse as it devolved under the likes of unrepentant Deep State Never-Trumpers like John Brennan and Michael Hayden.

This isn't to single out the CIA for an extra measure of scorn. It is the fate of every department and agency in the federal government to attempt to become all-powerful and anti-democratic.

In a few cases—most notably the F.B.I. under J. Edgar Hoover—they become personality cults.

But whether it's one of the intelligence agencies, the State Department or even the EPA under Obama, they tend to become gargantuan, power-mad and, of course, ultra-partisan.

■ IRS is partisan

Even the IRS, which purports to be neutral, despised by all equally, has carried on like the enforcement arm of presidents such as Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon and Barack Obama, as we saw when Lois Lerner illegally targeted conservatives at his direction.

■ "Whistleblower" is CIA employee

As you may have noticed recently, the so-called whistleblower who leaked President Trump's phone conversation with his counterpart in Ukraine to the media—a call he apparently never heard—is a CIA employee who had been stationed (planted?) in the White House.

■ Double standard

If it were Obama who was in the Oval Office and this anonymous traitor was a member of the Never-Obama cabal, people like Nancy Pelosi, Maxine Waters and Ilhan Omar would be calling for the whistleblower's arrest. And the only investigation that Adam Schiff and Jerry Nadler would be calling for would be one to ferret out the identity of the senior CIA official responsible for assigning a mole disloyal to the president to such a sensitive position.

■ Schumer's quote

It should be remembered that these are not just the ramblings of a man who happens to believe that Trump is proving to be a great president, who is unfortunately surrounded by an assortment of sharks, spies and schmucks. It was the Senate's own minority leader, Charles Schumer, who early on warned President Trump: "When you mess with the intelligence community, they have ways to ruin you six ways to Sunday."

■ Many various attempts

He wasn't kidding. Consider the fact that we have already seen the Deep Staters try to destroy Trump and his administration through a concocted Russian dossier; discredited FISA warrants; a two-year witch hunt that attempted and failed to tie him to Vladimir Putin; perjured testimony by James Comey and Andrew McCabe; an "insurance policy" cobbled together by Peter Strzok, Lisa Page, Bruce Ohr and Andrew McCabe, to bring down a duly-elected president; and questionable subpoenas and indictments intended to compel Trump's friends and supporters to turn on the man or face impoverishment and imprisonment.

If anything, Sen. Schumer underestimated the amount of corrupt mischief these cursed bureaucrats can cause those who are at odds with their political agenda, whether it involves Russia, China, Iran, North Korea or, most dangerously of all, the United States.

■ Hoax against capitalism

There are many troubling aspects related to the global warming/climate change hoax, starting with the sneaky way they changed the name of the hoax without ever mentioning it was because even some of the hoaxers were reluctant to lie about the non-existent warming. Much better to call it climate change, which would allow them to point to any change—whether things were heating up or cooling off, whether there were more or fewer hurricanes, more or less rain—as proof that we had better get busy doing something, so long as it was to the detriment of the U.S. economy specifically and Capitalism in general.

■ Bamboozling millions

But one of the most pathetic aspects of the multi-trillion dollar con game is proof of how easily it is for those on the Left to bamboozle so many millions of people.

Even after 25 years of there being no discernible change in the planet's climatic conditions or any sign that the sea level is rising the way that Al Gore predicted back in the mid-90s, there are still those who continue spouting nonsense about existential threats to the earth and its seven billion inhabitants.

■ Self-serving hypocrites

If you require additional evidence that they're all a bunch of self-serving, virtue-signaling, hypocrites, you only need to be aware of the fact that the leaders of the climate crusade are constantly traveling to their weather conferences, their next campaign stops and to their Pacific island and Caribbean vacations, on private jets. Carbon footsteps be damned, we have places to be!



"Eye on the World" comment: The following list of articles consists of headlines of extra articles, which involve the United States. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

Deficit

■ An article by Guy Benson titled "Reality Check: After Huge Tax Cuts, Revenues Increased; The Deficit Is Spiking Because of Overspending" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 8, 2019.

■ An article by Niv Elis titled "Federal Deficit Hits \$134 Billion in One Month" was posted at thehill.com on Nov. 13, 2019.

■ An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled "Taxes Down 4.5% in October; Spending Up 5.7%—Monthly Deficit Hits \$134.5 Billion" was posted at cnsnews.com on Nov. 13, 2019.

- An article by Kate Davidson titled "U.S. Budget Gap Hits \$1 Trillion Over Past 12 Months" was posted at wsj.com on Nov. 13, 2019.

Finances

- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled "Trump's Border Wall Request Equals 0.1% of Federal Spending: House Appropriators Offer \$0" was posted at cnsnews.com on Nov. 7, 2019.
- An article by Michelle Chapman and Dee-Ann Durbin titled "No. 1 Milk Company [Dean Foods of Dallas] Declares Bankruptcy Amid Drop in Demand" was posted at apnews.com on Nov. 12, 2019.
- An article by Ron Paul titled "Is the 'Mother of All Bubbles' About to Pop?" was posted at ronpaulinstitute.org on Nov. 11, 2019.
- An article by Joanne Ossinger titled "Some of the World's Richest Brace for a Major Stock Sell-Off" was posted at bloomberg.com on Nov. 12, 2019.
- An article by Fred Imbert titled "Dow Closes at Record High As Disney Pops More Than 7%" was posted at cnbc.com on Nov. 13, 2019.

Trade war

- An article by Steve Karnowski titled "Senate Democrats Assail Trump's \$16 Billion Bailout for Farmers" was posted at apnews.com on Nov. 12, 2019.
- An article by Mike Dorning titled "Democrats Blast Trump Trade Aid As Favoring Southern Farmers" was posted at bloomberg.com on Nov. 12, 2019.

Green New Deal

- An article titled "Fed Says \$500 Billion in Losses Show the Economic Threat of Climate Change [Over the Last Five Years Due to Climate and Weather-Related Events]" was posted at bloomberg.com on Nov. 7, 2019.
- An article by cnsnews.com staff titled "Nancy Pelosi Says 'The Growing Climate Crisis Is the Existential Threat of Our Time'" was posted at cnsnews.com on Nov. 8, 2019.
- An article titled "Britain Faces 'Waste Battery Mountain' As Electric Car Use Surges [One Million Electric Cars Sold in 2017 Alone Will Produce 250,00 Metric Tons]" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Nov. 8, 2019.
- An article by Beth Baumann titled "AOC Draws An Interesting Connection Between White Supremacy and Climate Change" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 10, 2019.
- An article by J.B. Shurk titled "If 11,000 Scientists Can Legitimize Global Warming, What Else Can 11,000 People Make Us Believe?" was posted at americanthinker.com on Nov. 10, 2019.
- An article by Helen Raleigh titled "30 Years After the Fall of the Berlin Wall, Socialism Is Staging a Comeback" was posted at thefederalist.com on Nov. 11, 2019.

■ An article by Timothy Meads titled "Democrat Mazie Hirono: We Should Believe in Climate Change As If It's a Religion, Not a Science" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 12, 2019.

Illegal immigration

■ An article by Ellis Domench titled "Never-Ending Foreign Wars Are Keeping the United States From Fixing the Border Crisis" was posted at thefederalist.com on Nov. 7, 2019.

■ An article by Cortney O'Brien titled "Warren: Yes, I'd Suspend All Deportations to Enforce My Agenda" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 8, 2019.

■ An article by Pat Buchanan titled "Bernie Leads His Party to Open Borders" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 12, 2019.

Comments about weapons

■ An article by Todd Starnes titled "University of Virginia Cancels 21-Gun Salute to Appease Snowflake Students" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 11, 2019.

■ An article by Julio Rosas titled "Bernie Sanders: 'Mandatory Buybacks' of AR-15s and AK-47s Is Unconstitutional" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 11, 2019.

■ An article by Mark Sherman and Dave Collins titled "Supreme Court Lets Sandy Hook Shooting Lawsuit Go Forward" was posted at apnews.com on Nov. 12, 2019.

Comments about Trump support

■ An article titled "Judicial Watch: DNC Colluded With Ukraine to Smear Trump in 2016" was posted at foxnews.com on Nov. 8, 2019.

■ An article by Julia Arciga titled "Nikki Haley: 'There's Just Nothing Impeachable' About Trump's Actions" was posted at thedailybeast.com on Nov. 8, 2019.

■ An article by Susan Jones titled "Sen. Rand Paul: Dems 'Impeaching Trump for Exactly the Same Thing That Joe Biden Did' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Nov. 11, 2019.

■ An article by Jim Hanson titled "Alex Vindman Is Living, Breathing Proof That the Deep State Exists, and It Is Corrupt" was posted at thefederalist.com on Nov. 12, 2019.

■ An article by Tristan Justice titled "Adam Schiff's Star Witness Just Admitted Burisma Should Be Investigated for Corruption" was posted at thefederalist.com on Nov. 13, 2019.

■ An article by Susan Jones titled "Rep. Nunes: Democrats 'Are Blind to the Blaring Signs of Corruption Surrounding Hunter Biden's Well-Paid Position' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Nov. 15, 2019.

Comments about Trump opposition

■ An article titled "[Why Are] Michael Bloomberg, Deval Patrick, Hillary Clinton [Entering the Democratic Race Now]?" was posted at ft.com on Nov. 15, 2019.

- An article by Eliza Relman titled "Michael Bloomberg's Late Entry Into the 2020 Race Is Based on a Widespread Fear Among Democrats That Joe Biden's Campaign Is in a 'Dire' Place" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Nov. 9, 2019.
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- An article by Shawn Langlois titled "Former Bill Clinton Adviser [Dick Morris]: Only One Thing Is Keeping Hillary Out of the 2020 Race ['She's Got to Wait Until Biden Drops Out Because He's Obviously Next in Line']" was posted at [marketwatch.com](https://www.marketwatch.com) on Nov. 2, 2019.
- An article by Nick Givas titled "Ex-Clinton Strategist [Mark Penn]: Don't Rule Out Hillary Run, Amidst News of Bloomberg Entrance" was posted at [foxnews.com](https://www.foxnews.com) on Nov. 10, 2019.
- An article by Lorie Wimble titled "Democratic Power Brokers Forming a Plan to Draft Hillary Clinton" was posted at [noqreport.com](https://www.noqreport.com) on Nov. 6, 2019.
- An article by Monica Showalter titled "Hillary Clinton Taking Calls, Getting Closer and Closer to Running" was posted at [americanthinker.com](https://www.americanthinker.com) on Nov. 10, 2019.
- An article by Abbey Marshall titled "Clinton Says She Is Being Urged by 'Many, Many People' to Run in 2020" was posted at [politico.com](https://www.politico.com) on Nov. 12, 2019.
- An article by Ken Thomas and Sabrina Siddiqui titled "Democrats' Jitters Lead Bloomberg, Patrick to Give Race Second Look" was posted at [wsj.com](https://www.wsj.com) on Nov. 12, 2019.
- An article by Arick Wierson Bradley Honan titled "Michael Bloomberg Is the Antidote to Donald Trump" was posted at [cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com) on Nov. 7, 2019.
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- An article by Amie Parnes titled “Buttigieg Surges Ahead of Iowa Caucuses” was posted at thehill.com on Nov. 15, 2019.
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- An article by Adam Gabbatt titled “The Quest to Find Joe Biden’s Young Supporters—Do They Actually Exist?” was posted at theguardian.com on Nov. 15, 2019.
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- An article by Kharen Martinez Murcia titled “Bill Gates Criticizes Sen. Warren’s Tax Plan: ‘Tax Too Much,’ You Kill Innovation” was posted at cnsnews.com on Nov. 11, 2019.
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- An article by Debra J. Saunders titled “Count on Big Media to Protect Anti-Trump Sources” was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 10, 2019.
- An article by Ben Weingarten titled “The Media Holds a Massive Double Standard About Naming Whistleblowers” was posted at thefederalist.com on Nov. 11, 2019.
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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.”