

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 Mark Nuckols titled "Is Donald Trump a Fascist and a Dictator?" was posted at townhall.com on June 4, 2020. Following is the article.

If you listen to the liberal media, it's Berlin 1933 all over again, or perhaps Moscow 1937, or maybe Madrid 1939.

The liberals are literally wetting their pants, with hysterical cries that American democracy is under the imminent threat of a fascist dictatorship. And of course, that fascist dictator would be none other than President Donald Trump.

Senators complainmm

- Reacting to Trump's speech about mobilizing the military to protect our cities from lawless rioting and looting, California Senator Kamala Harris had this to say: "These are not the words of a president. They are the words of a dictator."
- And Oregon Senator Ron Wyden is heading to the barricades to protect American democracy from mean ole' Fascists: "The fascist speech Donald Trump just delivered verged on a declaration of war against American citizens. I fear for our country tonight and will not stop defending America against Trump's assault."

So, this is it, The End Of America's Democratic Experiment, the moment the lights went out in the City Upon a Hill.

Actual dictatorships

Well, let me assure you that American democracy is alive and well. And understanding this essential fact is easier if you look at some real, actual dictatorships.

I like to think I have some idea of what dictatorship actually looks like as I have spent quite a bit of time in countries that are ruled by undeniably dictatorial regimes, such as Uzbekistan, Belarus, Turkmenistan, Syria, Burma, and China.

I've also spent time in countries that are run by authoritarian quasi-dictatorships like Russia, Kazakhstan, and Venezuela.

In fact, I spent four years working in Russian state media and saw from the inside how such a regime operates.

Uzbekistan is one of my favorite countries in the world. Samarkand and Bukhara were once important outposts on the famed Silk Road from Europe to China, and their architectural heritage is nothing short of stunning.

Uzbek cuisine is equally stunningly delicious. And Uzbeks themselves are some of the friendliest and most hospitable people you'll ever meet.

Anything but free

After the break-up of the Evil Empire, Uzbekistan gained independence. But its people have been anything but free. Former Communist Party boss Islam Karimov won the first ever presidential election in 1991, and was re-elected in 2000, 2007 and 2015 in blatantly rigged elections, each time with more than 90% of the purported vote.

All real opposition parties have been outlawed, their leaders in prison, in exile, or dead. Until his death in 2015, Karimov ruled Uzbekistan for more than 23 years as an absolute tyrant.

A United Nations report described the following.

- Torture by the authorities was "institutionalized, systematic, and rampant."
- The police and security services routinely kidnapped and murdered opposition figures; rape of prisoners was common.
- It is widely rumored that some prisoners were boiled to death.

In 2005, there were widespread protests in the city of Andijan. Police closed all exits from Bobur Square in the city center and deliberately drove the protesters into a trap.

An estimated 800 people were killed by snipers and machine-gun fire.

When I was there in 2007, I knew it was a dangerous topic to discuss. But when I simply asked people, 'Excuse me, how do it get to Bobur Square?' I could see raw fear in their eyes.

No free media

There are no free media.

In fact, when I was there, I could find only one newspaper distributed in the whole country, four pages daily, and mostly devoted to stories extravagantly praising Karimov, one I remember was headlined "President Karimov Receives Phone Call From Ambassador of Qatar."

There are several TV channels, all under government control, and all were dedicated to proclaiming Karimov the best president ever in world history. The internet is strictly regulated, and all websites critical of the regime are blocked. Even private conversations may be monitored for any signs of dissent.

Belarus is much less interesting, except that its capital Minsk is the most perfect example of a city built almost entirely in the Stalinist style of architecture.

Continuous president

Alexander Lukashenko was elected president in that country's first and only free elections in 1994. Since then he has been re-elected in 2001, 2006, 2010, and 2015, always with 80% to 84% of the vote.

I was in Minsk on the eve of the 2010 election. Protests were expected against his one-man rule, mostly peaceful. As I walked around the city's "Independence Square" around dusk, I noticed dozens of buses carrying the fearsome and widely feared OMON (Special Purpose Mobile Police).

Praetorian Guard

These riot police are Lukashenko's Praetorian Guard, loyal only to him and completely beyond any civilian control. And these guys were clearly amped up, already fidgeting with their riot shields and heavy batons, obviously eager to get out and start bashing heads in. Knowing what they were capable of, and not feeling especially heroic, I decided to wait out the rest of the night in the relative safety of my hotel room.

The next day the Central Election Commission dutifully proclaimed Lukashenko the winner with the predictable 80% of the vote (most post-Soviet leaders are elected with around 80%, to seem like an overwhelming victory, but not so overwhelming as to be farcical).

The OMON had arrested hundreds of protesters the night before, many severely beaten. Seven of the main opposition leaders were arrested by the KGB (yes, they still call it that) the day after the election, and an eighth was found dead, officially deemed a "suicide."

Not even close to a dictatorship

So, what does a real dictatorship look like?

Presidents-for-life, elected over and over again in sham elections.

Opposition parties outlawed, and dissidents harassed, imprisoned, tortured, and murdered, or merely exiled if they're lucky.

All media under state control, and all access to opposition views blocked.

Ordinary citizens cowed into submission by police and security services who stand above and beyond any laws.

Plus, rubber-stamp legislatures who allow the dictator to rule by personal fiat, and judicial systems unable and unwilling to defy their employers, who are not the people but their rulers.

Now, as far as I know, Senators Harris and Wyden, as well as former Vice President Biden and the Clintons are not rotting in jail cells in secret prisons.

Stephen Colbert, Chris Hayes, and Don Lemon are still on the air.

Democrats still get elected to office, and Congress does not do Trump's bidding merely at his command.

The *New York Times* and *Washington Post's* websites were still functioning last time I checked this morning, and neither paper was devoted to lavishly praising President Trump.

Labels to scare

In short, Donald Trump is not a dictator, or a fascist. But liberals are desperate to tar him with these brazenly false labels.

"Dictator" and "fascist" are boogie-man words designed to scare people into believing that Trump is a threat to their liberty and freedom, and the only way to save American democracy is to vote for Democrats.

It's downright shameful, and it shows their pathetic ignorance of basic reality. We need to fight their lies with the truth.



An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled "Iran Prepares to Confront Israel in Syria Via Hezbollah" was posted at jpost.com on June 7, 2020. Following is the article.

Iran may be preparing for conflict with Israel in Syria and no longer will accept Israeli airstrikes on its warehouses without a response, a report over the weekend suggested. Veteran journalist Elijah Magnier wrote on the website Medium about whether the "great Middle Eastern war will begin in the Levant" and cited Syria as a potential flashpoint.

Magnier's report is interesting because he asserts that according to "private" sources, Iran is evacuating "sites of the gatherings of its advisers, not for withdrawal or for redeployment, but to find bases within the Syrian Army barracks. Hezbollah has taken over the vacated Iranian buildings. Russia has been informed of the change so that the information would reach Israel."

In mid-May, reports emerged that Iran might be withdrawing some of its forces from Syria, estimated at some 1,000 IRGC personnel. But analysts and US officials rejected this assessment at the time.

The June 6 piece by Magnier provides another view as to what may be happening: "Iran no longer wants to accept Israeli strikes on its warehouses without any response."

An airstrike killed nine Iranian-backed forces in Syria, Radio Farda reported over the weekend. This report also said there were explosions near Masyaf, a Syrian-regime and Iranian facility that has been hit by airstrikes in the past. That airstrike may have taken place on June 4.

Another airstrike, blamed on Israel, was reported overnight on June 7 in the morning. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said some eight warheads fired by "unidentified drones" hit an area near Deir Ezzor. The targets were Afghan and Iraqi Shi'ite militias at the "Meizileh base," reports said.

Iran has been moving its advisers, which Magnier says number a few hundred, to Syrian-regime bases. This would protect them ostensibly because airstrikes would be less likely to hit them there. If there were airstrikes, then the Syrian regime would respond, and this "would most likely drag the US into the battle to support its ally Israel and have an impact on the forthcoming elections," Magnier wrote.

Russia plays a key role because it is coordinating with Israel, he wrote, adding: "It was agreed between Israel and Russia that Moscow and [Russia's airbase at] Khmeimim would be informed of the details of any strike."

Russia plays the middleman, in this view, not part of Iran's "axis of resistance," but telling its Syrian-regime allies what is happening.

"Russia has informed Israeli leaders of this move by Iranian advisers and their presence among the Syrian army units," Magnier wrote.

"Russia warned Israel not to strike the Syrian army under any circumstances and informed them that the Iranian bases have been handed over to Hezbollah."

Hezbollah's special-operations units, Radwan (Al-Ridwan), have not lost a battle in Syria, he wrote. However, the unit did suffer a setback at the hands of Turkey in Idlib in February and March, The Jerusalem Post reported on May 21.

Magnier's article has a larger point. Hezbollah takes seriously the killing of its fighters, he wrote, adding: "Israel's drones make sure these locations are free of Iranian advisers and that the Russian warning reaches those concerned to evacuate human personnel . . . Israel follows the same practice when it attacks Hezbollah cars or trucks, warning drivers and passengers in advance."

Warning missiles are fired, the report said.

But after an incident in Beirut in August 2019 involving drones, Hezbollah sought to retaliate, and it wants to show it has deterrence.

Hezbollah has stockpiled missiles and precision guidance and “drones, land-attack long-range all-weather subsonic cruise missiles . . . long-range anti-ship missiles” and other munitions, Magnier wrote.

Hezbollah believes it has a deterrent and “new rules of engagement” that protect its men in Syria. Nevertheless, wars can start by mistake, the article concludes.



An article by Anna Ahronheim titled “Israeli-Made Smart Shooter System Seen in Syria” was posted at jpost.com on June 7, 2020. Following is the article.

US Special Forces have been pictured training in Syria with the Israeli-made Smart Shooter SMASH 2000 sighting system mounted on their M4A1 carbines.

“Coalition Forces zero Smart Shooter sighting devices during a familiarization range near al-Tanf Garrison, Syria,” read one caption to the photo published to the Defense Visual Information Distribution Service (DVIDS) on May 30.

“Coalition and partner forces regularly train on various weapon systems in a joint effort to help set conditions for the enduring defeat of Daesh [ISIS] in Syria.”

According to Task and Purpose, United States Special Operations Command purchased 98 SMASH 2000 systems from Smart Shooter in March 2019 “to evaluate the capability in an operational environment.”

The system, which is fully developed, manufactured and produced in Israel by Smart Shooter, has been in use by the IDF and available to international forces around the world, with the main customer being the US Special Forces.

Dr. Abraham Mazor, VP BD & Marketing of Smart Shooter told The Jerusalem Post that it was the first time that the company was aware of the fact that the system is in use by customers operating in Syria.

“The US Special Forces bought the system to use in real combat situations,” he said, explaining while the US military for obvious reasons won’t share when and where the system is used “we are proud that the US armed forces appreciate the performance of the system.”

The system is “100% SMARTSHOOTER” Mazor told the Post. The company “is in direct communication” with the United States Special Operations Command (SOCOM), working with them for US Special Forces and the IDF.

“We are proud of this connection,” he said. “We are proud of any of our products that work for increased survivability and safety of the US and Israeli forces.”

Last August the US Air Force tested the cutting edge fire control system at the Beale Air Force Base in California but this seems to be the first time troops have used the system in the war-torn country where troops continue to face threats from ISIS.

In the photos, troops are seen using the system to fire at a box carried by a drone, a known tactic used by IS terrorists against coalition forces.

While the drones and other incendiary aerial devices are cheap and usually toys that can be bought on the civilian market, they are fast and remain a challenge even for skilled sharpshooters.

Like many militaries across the world, the US has been testing various counter-drone systems in combat zones. The SMASH 2000 gives troops a precision anti-drone system on their weapon with built-in targeting algorithms that can track and hit drones flying at high speeds at ranges of up to 120 meters with the first shot.

With the system, the user selects and locks onto the target. As soon as the trigger is squeezed, the system calculates the target's movement and predicts its next location using advanced image processing and algorithms. SMASH 2000 prevents the bullet from being fired until the target is precisely in its cross hairs.

The SMASH 2000 fire control system has been using innovative technologies to help militaries and other security or law enforcement agencies accurately neutralize moving targets. It has a built-in storage system allowing for videos and images to be recorded for training and debriefings.



An article by Betsy McCaughey titled "Funding the World Health Organization Is Money Down a Rat Hole" was posted at townhall.com on June 3, 2020. Following is the article.

President Donald Trump is taking heavy criticism for his announcement on Friday [May 29] that the U.S. is "terminating its relationship with the World Health Organization."

But the evidence is mounting that the \$450 million the U.S. spends yearly on WHO is money down a rat hole.

On Monday, the Associated Press revealed how the WHO lied to the world about China's initial cover-up of the coronavirus outbreak. Those lies, which delayed other countries' responses to the virus, caused hundreds of thousands of needless deaths.

The AP gained access to recordings of internal WHO meetings in January. Those recordings capture WHO officials discussing how to keep China's secretive conduct under wraps, even as WHO kept praising China publicly. That sugarcoating left the world unaware and unprepared for the pandemic about to hit.

Even without this damning new information, Trump would have been right to pull American dollars and prestige out of the WHO. The organization has an abysmal record dealing with previous global diseases, from SARS to H1N1 flu and Ebola.

In the aftermath of the Ebola outbreak in 2014, Harvard Global Health Institute Director Ashish Jha wrote of the growing skepticism toward the WHO because it "often fails to perform when the world needs it most."

Look at how WHO spends its money. Only 4% goes for medical supplies. Double that is spent on air travel, and 10 times that on staff salaries and perks. WHO is a bloated, cushy bureaucracy.

Don't confuse WHO with the American Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders or other organizations delivering care to the sick. On Sunday, Trump's national security adviser Robert O'Brien suggested the U.S. will shift its support to such front-line care.

WHO spends hundreds of millions of dollars a year hosting meetings, paying for business class travel and top hotels, and turning a blind eye when senior staff go "with girlfriends on fabricated missions," according to an AP investigation.

Why should U.S. taxpayers, who kick in \$450 million a year, the most from any nation, pay for global junkets?

In the AP's latest revelations, WHO's top staff are recorded discussing behind closed doors how China is concealing the virus, while publicly praising China for transparency.

China had mapped the genetic makeup of the virus by Jan. 2 but withheld the information until Jan. 11. Worse, it concealed until Jan. 20 that the virus is contagious, even though Wuhan hospitals were flooded with patients. By the time China locked down Wuhan, some 5 million residents had fled, carrying the disease across the world.

"It's obvious that we could have saved more lives and avoided many, many deaths if China and the WHO had acted faster," explains the University of Washington's Ali Mokdad.

Yet, WHO Director-General Tedros Ghebreyesus whitewashed China's deception.

"The speed with which China detected the outbreak, isolated the virus, sequenced the genome, and shared it with WHO and the world are very impressive and beyond words," Tedros announced on Jan. 30. He called it a "new standard of outbreak response."

The communist standard—lie and let hundreds of thousands die. The same thing happened when China tried to hide SARS in 2003.

When Trump suspended WHO's funding in April, Tedros pompously lectured: "Don't use this virus as an opportunity to fight against each other or score political points." Tedros needs to look in the mirror.

He's the one playing politics, barring Taiwan from participating in two emergency coronavirus meetings. Taiwan had some of the earliest cases and was the first to tip off the WHO that the coronavirus was likely contagious. But any concessions to Taiwan infuriate Beijing, and that's where Tedros's loyalty lies.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi claims the president, without Congress's approval, doesn't have the constitutional authority to hold back WHO funding or pull the U.S. from the organization. Let the lawyers haggle over that.

Trump's got the big picture.

WHO is not worthy of U.S. support.

WHO puts politics ahead of the world's health and blows our tax money on travel boondoggles and high living for its staff.



"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.

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- An article by Paul Hannon titled "Second Pandemic Wave Would Inflict Big Economic Cost, Says OECD [Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development]" was posted at wsj.com on June 10, 2020.
 - An article titled "Brazil Coup: Threats Rattle Bolsonaro As Coronavirus Deaths Surge" was posted at dnyuz.com on June 10, 2020.
 - An article by Maayan Jaffe-Hoffman titled "Netanyahu 'Pulls Emergency Brake' As Coronavirus Cases Spike" was posted at jpost.com on June 9, 2020.
 - An article by Aron Heller titled "Settler Leader: Netanyahu Moving Ahead With Annexation Plans" was posted at apnews.com on June 8, 2020.
 - A Reuters article titled "Israel's Top Court Strikes Down Law Legalizing Settlements on Private Palestinian Land" was posted at reuters.com on June 9, 2020.
 - An article titled "Israel Spy Agency Must Stop Virus Phone Tracking: Committee" was posted at afp.com on June 10, 2020.
 - An article by Zhaoyin Feng titled "George Floyd Death: China Takes a Victory Lap Over US Protests" was posted at bbc.com on June 5, 2020.
 - A Reuters article by Lidia Kelly titled "Australia Says China Unresponsive to Its Pleas to Ease Tensions" was posted at reuters.com on June 7, 2020.
 - A Reuters article titled "Japan Declines to Join U.S. and Others in Condemning China for Hong Kong Law: Kyodo [News Agency]" was posted at reuters.com on June 7, 2020.
 - An article by Rob Waugh titled "Passenger Drone That Can Fly at 80 MPH Is Exhibited in China" was posted at yahoo.com on June 8, 2020.
 - An article by Alastair Gale titled "U.S. Sends Aircraft Carriers As China Makes Waves in the Pacific" was posted at wsj.com on June 10, 2020.
 - An article by Neha Lalchandani titled "Up to 10-Year Jail for Cow Slaughter in UP [Uttar Pradesh in Northern India]" was posted at timesofindia.com on June 10, 2020.

- An article by Ruben Munsterman and Ellen Proper titled “Amsterdam [Which Previously Had 19 Million Annual Tourists Bringing in More Than \$6.8 Billion] to Clean Up Sex-and-Drugs Tourism in Post-Virus Reboot” was posted at bloomberg.com on June 9, 2020.
- A Reuters article titled “United Airlines Shuts 3 International Bases [Frankfort, Hong Kong and Tokyo; While Maintaining London] Amid Coronavirus Woes” was posted at reuters.com on June 8, 2020.
- An article by Ross McGuinness titled “Man Who Believed 5G Conspiracy Jailed [in Britain] for Three Years for Phone Mast Arrest” was posted at yahoo.com on June 8, 2020.
- An article by Pennel Bird titled “Why Isn’t There a Vaccine for Bill Gates?” was posted at libertynation.com on June 7, 2020.



“Eye on the World” comment: This publication regularly includes articles from black conservative writers. Following are articles by Walter Williams, Star Parker and Michael Brown.



An article by Walter Williams titled “The True Plight of Black Americans” was posted at jewishworldreview.com on June 10, 2020. Following is the article.

While it might not be popular to say in the wake of the recent social disorder, the true plight of black people has little or nothing to do with the police or what has been called “systemic racism.”

- Instead, we need to look at the responsibilities of those running our big cities.

Some of the most dangerous big cities are: St. Louis, Detroit, Baltimore, Oakland, Chicago, Memphis, Atlanta, Birmingham, Newark, Buffalo and Philadelphia. The most common characteristic of these cities is that for decades, all of them have been run by liberal Democrats. Some cities—such as Detroit, Buffalo, Newark and Philadelphia—haven’t elected a Republican mayor for more than a half-century.

On top of this, in many of these cities, blacks are mayors, often they dominate city councils, and they are chiefs of police and superintendents of schools.

In 1965, there were no blacks in the U.S. Senate, nor were there any black governors. And only six members of the House of Representatives were black.

As of 2019, there is far greater representation in some areas—52 House members are black.

Nine black Americans have served in the Senate, including Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts, Carol Moseley Braun and Barack Obama of Illinois, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Cory Booker of New Jersey, and Kamala Harris of California.

In recent times, there have been three black state governors.

■ The bottom line is that today's black Americans have significant political power at all levels of government. Yet, what has that meant for a large segment of the black population?

Democratic-controlled cities have the poorest-quality public education despite their large, and growing, school budgets.

Consider Baltimore, Maryland. In 2016, in 13 of Baltimore's 39 high schools, not a single student scored proficient on the state's math exam. In six other high schools, only 1% tested proficient in math. Only 15% of Baltimore students passed the state's English test.

That same year in Philadelphia only 19% of eighth-graders scored proficient in math, and 16% were proficient in reading.

In Detroit, only 4% of its eighth-graders scored proficient in math, and 7% were proficient in reading. It's the same story of academic disaster in other cities run by Democrats.

Violent crime and poor education is not the only problem for Democratic-controlled cities.

Because of high crime, poor schools and a less pleasant environment, cities are losing their economic base and their most productive people in droves.

When World War II ended, the population of Washington, D.C., was about 800,000; today, it's about 700,000. In 1950, Baltimore's population was almost 950,000; today, it's around 590,000. Detroit's 1950 population was close to 1.85 million; today, it's down to 673,000.

The population of Camden, New Jersey, in 1950 was nearly 125,000; today it has fallen to 74,000.

St. Louis' 1950 population was more than 856,000; today, it's less than 294,000. A similar story of population decline can be found in most of our formerly large and prosperous cities. In some cities, the population decline since 1950 is well over 50%, and that includes Detroit, St. Louis, Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

Academic liberals, civil rights advocates and others blamed the exodus on racism—"white flight" to the suburbs to avoid blacks.

But blacks have been fleeing some cities at higher rates than whites.

The five cities whose suburbs have the fastest-growing black populations are Miami, Dallas, Washington, Houston and Atlanta.

It turns out that blacks, like whites, want better and safer schools for their kids and don't like to be mugged or have their property vandalized. And like white people, if they have the means, black people cannot wait to leave troubled cities.

White liberals and black politicians focus most of their attention on what the police do, but how relevant is that to the overall tragedy?

According to Statista, this year, 172 whites and 88 blacks have died at the hands of police.

■ To put police shootings in a bit of perspective, in Chicago alone in 2020 there have been 1,260 shootings and 256 homicides with blacks being the primary victims. That comes to one shooting victim every three hours and one homicide victim every 15 hours.

■ Three people in Chicago have been killed by police.

If one is truly concerned about black deaths, shootings by police should figure way down on one's list—which is not to excuse bad behavior by some police officers.



An article by Star Parker titled "Don't Confuse Moral Bankruptcy With Racism" was posted at townhall.com on June 10, 2020. Following is the article.

As more of our political elite joins the mobs in the streets to conflate the death of George Floyd with a general indictment of America as a racist and evil nation, black Americans, more than anyone, will suffer.

Former President George W. Bush has now weighed in to falsely accuse our nation of "systemic racism."

President Bush was born to a life of privilege. Yet he fell victim to alcoholism and turned to faith and religion to take back responsibility and control of his life.

Yet he has insufficient respect for black Americans, most of whom are born into circumstances far more daunting than anything he has ever known, to grant them the privilege of truth and personal responsibility that have served him so well.

It is simply delusional to suggest that there has been hardly any change in the gaps in income and wealth between blacks and the rest of the nation over the more than half-century since the passage of the Civil Rights Act because of "systemic racism."

If there is a racism that accounts for these persistent disparities, it is the racism of big-government liberals. Now we see some Republicans, many business leaders and even some black conservative leaders signing on to this.

It is a racism that says black Americans cannot adhere to the same eternal truths, to the same law, as everyone else and take personal responsibility for their lives.

Let's recall the observation attributed to George Orwell that says, "In a time of deceit telling the truth is a revolutionary act." All Americans today sorely need to hear the truth amidst the deceit that is now rampant.

Why do racial disparities persist in America today?

Listen to Dr. James Heckman, professor of economics and director of the Center for the Economics of Human Development at the University of Chicago, and winner of the Nobel Prize in economics.

In a recent interview, Heckman was asked, "What do you think are the main barriers to income or social mobility?"

His answer: "The main barriers to developing effective policies for income and social mobility is fear of honest engagement in the changes in the American family and the consequences it has wrought. It is politically incorrect to express the truth and go to the source of problems. Public discourse, such as it is, cannot speak honestly about matters of culture, race, and gender. Powerful censorship is at play across the entire society . . . The family is the source of life and growth. Families build values, encourage (or discourage) their children in school and out. Families—far more than schools—create or inhibit life opportunities."

In 1960, a few years before passage of the Civil Rights Act, 61% of blacks over 18 were married. By 2010, 31% were.

In 2015, per Pew Research, 54% of black children compared with 19% of white children were living in a single-parent home.

If black Americans are victims of anything, it is that they live in a country that has become a wasteland of moral relativism.

What government can do is advance policies to encourage the right behaviors. Allow parental choice in education; advance ownership by replacing the payroll tax with personal retirement accounts; implement housing and health care policy that relies on freedom and choice. And purge ethnicity from existing and future law.

Don't tell me I am indifferent to George Floyd's death. Poor police behavior must be punished. A good start is to diminish the influence of police unions.

But the only systemic racism that poisons and divides our country is the insistence of the powerful to see everyone through the lens of race, placing one's race ahead of one's humanity.

The result is the isolation and separation of the "black community" that they claim to care so much about from the community of the nation and the entire community of God.



An article by Michael Brown titled "The Cancel Culture Is Ruthless" was posted at townhall.com on June 7, 2020. Following is the article.

It can happen in a moment of time. One ill-advised tweet. One poorly worded post. One foolish act in public. And that's it. You are branded. You are marked. You are guilty. For life.

Whatever good you've done in the past is forgotten, canceled. However deep and sincere your apology, it will never be enough. You must carry the shame for the rest of your days. Away with you!

Ben Howe, author of *The Immoral Majority*, recounts with horror how he helped spread the video posted by a 37-year-old man named Adam Smith. Smith thought he was doing a good thing by berating a Chick-fil-A worker about her allegedly hateful company, and he proudly posted the video of the encounter.

Howe writes, "I didn't spearhead the charge, but I was one member of a growing Twitter mob. The hunt began immediately. By the next day, Smith's video long deleted, Internet sleuths had located his LinkedIn profile and, in short order, his place of work."

Soon enough, he was fired from his job, and despite posting a public apology to the Chick-fil-A worker, named Rachel, he was fired from other jobs after that once news of his connection to the initial video surfaced.

There is no forgiveness and no redemption in the cancel culture. One wrong move, and you are disqualified forever.

According to Howe, "Smith said this pattern repeated itself in the years that followed, and his family eventually had to resort to food stamps to survive without his income. He says he became suicidal, contemplating driving off a cliff so his wife and children could collect on his insurance policy, but he couldn't bring himself to do it. His life had been completely and seemingly irreversibly destroyed."

This is what today's cancel culture does.

Just ask Drew Brees, longtime quarterback of the New Orleans Saints and one of the most popular players in the NFL. And, to my knowledge, a man never before accused of being racist.

But on Wednesday, all hell broke loose against him when he said that he "will never agree with anybody disrespecting the flag of the United States of America or our country."

He was referring to the practice of some NFL players to kneel down during the national anthem as a sign of protest, and he was expressing his disagreement with it.

Was the statement ill-timed in light of the killing of George Floyd?

Would it have been better not to say something like this at all right now?

Even when pressed for his opinion about players kneeling in protest, could he have said, "Now is not the time to ask that question. I want to focus on the pain and frustration experienced by the black community across America."

Yes, I'm sure he could have held his peace or expressed himself differently. And he recognizes that as well.

So, on Thursday, he issued a lengthy, heartfelt apology, speaking with real humility. Then, some hours later, he issued a second apology.

But that will not be enough for many. They will want Brees's head on a platter, so to say. His career must be over. Away with the man!

Some have called for Brees to be fired, despite his extraordinary career spanning almost two decades. Others have wondered if he will be forced to retire ahead of schedule. And plenty of others will want him to wear this reproach for the rest of his life. Let the names of Brees live on in infamy!

Actually, if you watch the video where he was asked how he felt about players protesting during the anthem, he explained what the anthem meant to him. When he hears the anthem, he said, he thinks of his two grandfathers. Both of them fought in World War II and risked their lives to protect our freedoms and to try to make America and the world a better place. The thought of this, during the anthem, sometimes moves him to tears.

So, for him, when we stand for the anthem, we are pledging our unity together, and that is how we can fix the real problems that still exist in our country.

That was it. That was his great crime. And forever, in the eyes of some, his legacy will be tarnished.

Thankfully, not everyone feels this way.

Joe Horn, himself a black American, said, "People should not be throwing Drew Brees under the bus, and they definitely need to pump the brakes on labeling him a racist. I know Drew Brees. Drew has done a lot to help black families and the black community in New Orleans. If Drew Brees didn't love black families and low-income families he wouldn't have helped the way he has over the years. People that are criticizing him like LeBron James and other celebrities don't know him. They need to check his resume."

"I love my race," Horn said. "And I love New Orleans to death. But I know Drew Brees. And Drew is a good person. And until you have walked beside him and gotten to know him, his wife and family, you definitely have to give him a pass on this one and allow Drew a chance to think about what he said and come back and make this right. And I know he will."

Sure enough, Brees did make things right, loudly and clearly. But will the cancel culture even care? For many, the answer is no. Redemption, for them, is a non-existent word.

Tony Dungy, the greatly loved former coach and now NFL TV commentator, said this: "It may have been not exactly the way he wanted to express it, but he can't be afraid to say that, and we can't be afraid to say, 'OK Drew, I don't agree with you, but let's talk about this, and let's sit down and talk about it.'"

Dungy, who is also black, continued, "We can't just say anytime something happens that we don't agree with, 'Hey, I'm done with that and I'm done with this person'. . ."

Precisely so.

But that is what we are doing to each other, with almost fanatical zeal. And where will it lead?

It will lead to self-destruction. The cancel culture will ultimately cancel itself out, as the judge and jury quickly become the guilty party, and in a moment of time at that. The cancel culture will reap what it sows.

What, then, will it be?

Will you sow understanding, mercy, redemption, and forgiveness?

Or will you sow ruthlessness?

Be careful how you choose today. You will reap the results tomorrow.



An article by Michael Brown titled "We Are on the Precipice of a Very Dangerous Cultural Shift" was posted at townhall.com on June 10, 2020. Following is the article.

In recent days, a number of commentators have compared the year 2020 with 1968. But we have not discussed the larger cultural shift that took place as a result of the counterculture revolution of the '60s.

In short, what was extreme and fringe in that generation became mainstream in the next generation.

Put another way, radicals like Bill Ayers of the Weathermen (who bombed buildings in their anti-war protests) became university professors and even mentors of a president (meaning, Barack Obama). Who saw this coming?

Do you think that radical, anti-family feminists in groups like W.I.T.C.H. imagined a world where legalized abortion would snuff out 60 million lives in the womb?

(W.I.T.C.H. stood for the Women's International Terrorist Conspiracy from Hell—I kid you not—and was founded in 1969.)

Do you think that the 1969 Stonewall Inn rioters, hurling bricks at police and their cars and chanting "Gay Power" and "We Want Freedom Now" envisioned the day when the Supreme Court would change the very meaning of marriage?

(Remember that these gay rioters tended to despise marriage as an antiquated, patriarchal institution.)

Do you think that the transvestite prostitute protesters envisioned the day when university campuses and big businesses would marginalize you if you didn't affirm transgender activism?

In 2000, I wrote a mini-book called The Jesus Manifesto. Looking back at some of the opening lines, it sounds almost quaint today. "The last genera-

tion's counterculture of rebellion has become this generation's establishment of revulsion, and what was unthinkable thirty years ago—daytime talk shows celebrating adultery and incest; homosexual love scenes on major network TV; eleven year-old multiple murderers; massacres in our schools and houses of worship—is a matter of course today. We need a revolution!"

Of course, the "revolution" of which I spoke was a gospel-based, moral and cultural revolution, changing hearts and lives and thereby changing the society. But if that was true in the year 2000, it is much truer in the year 2020, when we stand on the precipice of an even more dangerous cultural shift.

- I'm talking about the rise of mobocracy where the most radical elements of society forcefully impose their will on everyone else.

- I'm talking about the "safe space" culture of the college campuses (with enforced speech codes—even thought codes—and severe penalties for every violation) becoming the national norm.

- I'm talking about an even more extreme shift to the left, but this time, under mob patrol.

- I'm talking about the current culture of *The New York Times*, where the publishing of a contrary opinion piece leads to outrage and overhaul in the editorial department, becoming the national norm. (So much for differing opinions!)

As expressed by Alexandra DeSanctis on the *National Review*, "The result is ideological servitude, a society in which a culturally powerful, tyrannical minority owns the voice of every person willing to go along."

And woe be to you if do you not agree to go along.

Of course, many of us have been warning about this for years.

(When it comes to gay activism, I started warning 15 years ago that those who came out of the closet wanted to put us—meaning, Bible-based conservatives—in the closet.)

But now, with the tragic death of George Floyd, the radical activists have seized their moment.

- You must kneel, or else!

- You must embrace our agenda, or you will be trampled underfoot!

- You must bow down, or we will force you to bow!

- If you don't shout "Black Lives Matter" loudly enough or demonstrate sufficient guilt (in particular, for having white skin), you will lose your job. Or your credibility. Or your peace.

One pastor sent me screen shots of the death threats he has received for taking issue with "queer" aspects of the BLM platform. Not today! The mob is coming your way. (This pastor's home address was revealed as well.)

Synagogues vandalized during the riots in Los Angeles have discovered that some of the rioters are also antisemites (why no public outcry?). As a *Times of Israel* headline announced on June 2, "LA Jews reeling after local institutions looted and burned in Floyd protests. Synagogues, schools and Jewish memorials vandalized with anti-Semitic, anti-Israel slogans, Jewish-owned businesses battered, particularly in Fairfax district." But this is no surprise given that BLM also supports BDS.

And what of BLM goals like this?

- "We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and villages that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable."

- "We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless s/he or they disclose otherwise)."

As for BLM's antisemitic roots, Caroline Glick noted on Israel Hayom that, "BLM was formed in 2014 as a merger of activists from the anti-Semitic Nation of Islam, the anti-Semitic Black Panthers and Dream Catchers. In 2016, BLM published a platform that has since been removed from its website. The platform accused Israel of committing 'genocide' and referred to the Jewish state as an 'apartheid' state. The platform accused Israel and its supporters of pushing the US into wars in the Middle East. The platform also officially joined BLM with the anti-Semitic BDS campaign to boycott, divest and sanction Israel. BDS campaign leader Omar Barghouti acknowledged this week that the goal of the BDS campaign is to destroy Israel. BDS campaigns on US campuses are characterized by bigotry and discrimination directed against Jewish students."

As for America as a whole, just a few days ago, the thought of defunding the police would have been viewed as a silly joke. One week later, and presidential candidate Joe Biden is being tested for his allegiance to this bizarre proposal. (Police reform, where needed, is one thing. Defunding the police is not even a bad joke.)

But shouting "Make America Great Again" and rallying around the flag is not the solution.

- Instead, every one of us must stand up to the mob and refuse to move an inch from our core convictions and values.

I mean in our homes. Our schools. Our neighborhoods. Our places of business. On social media. Wherever we have a voice, we must stand and speak.

Of course, we do abhor police brutality when it occurs.

We do stand in solidarity with victims of injustice.

We do oppose racism.

But we do it our way, not the mob's way.

And we do it based on our values, not those of the radical left.

I recently tweeted: "Rather than bowing the knee to the mobocracy of the far left or the hyper-nationalism of the far right, I say we bow the knee to Jesus, then get His marching orders and obey Him at any cost."

I appeal to you strongly, no I warn you: this is a critical hour in our history.

If we do not push back righteously today, we will have deep regrets tomorrow. And what will we say to our children and grandchildren?

In the famous dictum of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children."

What will it be?



Following are 8 headlines concerning the discussion about Black Lives Matter.

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- Looking back to 2016, an article by Nicole Russell titled "Black Lives Matter's Violence Undermine Its Credibility" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 12, 2016.
 - An article by Jessica Schulberg titled "Black Lives Matter Has Been Doing the Work to 'Defund the Police' for Years" was posted at huffpost.com on June 5, 2020.
 - An article by Susan Jones titled "Niger Innis [Black Political Activist]: BLM Seeks to 'Overthrow Western Civilization' and 'Disrupt' the Traditional 'Nuclear Family' " was posted at cnsnews.com on June 9, 2020.
 - An article by Craig Bannister titled "Candace Owens: #BLM Movement 'Is About Black Anarchy—And I Will Never Bend a Knee to That' " was posted at cnsnews.com on June 9, 2020.
 - An article by Craig Bannister titled "Black Former NFL Player [and Current Ordained Minister, Jack Brewer] on Anthem Protests: 'We're Not Supposed to Bow Down to Anything Other Than God' " was posted at cnsnews.com on June 9, 2020.
 - An article by Hiram Reisner titled "Black Lives Matter Rhetoric Doesn't Match Facts on Police Violence" was posted at insidesources.com on June 10, 2020.
 - An article by Joel B. Pollak titled "Black Lives Matter Targets [Children's Cartoon] Paw Patrol for 'Depictions of Good Cops' " was posted at breitbart.com on June 10, 2020.
 - An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Sister of Slain Federal Officer [David Patrick Underwood on March 29] Asks: Where Is the Outrage Over the Murder of An African-American Cop?" was posted at townhall.com on June 10, 2020.



“Eye on the World” comment: There are hundreds of articles that describe the violence and looting associated with the protests sponsored by many branches of Black Lives Matter. Following are three articles that show three good examples among the many bad examples of Black Lives Matter.



A video and a short article by Chris Flynn titled “Black Lives Matter Organizers React to Violent Fargo Protests [Who Joined Their Peaceful Plan]” were posted at inforum.com on May 31, 2020. Following is the article.

Joseph Lewis and Ritchell Eve Aboah [two young black leaders] came to downtown Fargo on Sunday morning, May 31, to help clean up the damage left by rioting the night before.

Lewis and Aboah, a Fargo City Commission candidate, are Black Lives Matter organizers who helped plan the Fargo Marches for George Floyd protests, an event that remained peaceful through much of Saturday as demonstrators walked to Fargo and West Fargo police stations.

It wasn’t until nighttime that police and protesters clashed and destructive rioting ensued. Aboah and Lewis both condemned the violence, saying the perpetrators were not part of their group.



A video and an article by Kelly Vaughn titled “Utah Black Lives Matter Leaders Condemn Violence and Vandalism at Protest” were posted at kutv.com on June 1, 2020. Following is the article.

Leaders from the Utah Black Lives Matter movement are condemning the violence and vandalism at Saturday night’s protest in Salt Lake City.

They said the demonstration was not organized by Black Lives Matter, and does not represent what they stand for. The leaders in Utah have been clear, saying there can be no more violence.

“Tonight I hope that activists either stay home or hold a peaceful protest,” said Lex Scott, a founder of Black Lives Matter Utah.

Scott said the damage and violence seen in protests damages the reputation of the people working hard for actual change.

She said: “We have seen the damage in Salt Lake City. We have heard people blaming us for that damage. We have not seen people care about black lives, as much as they care about damage to buildings.”

Scott said Saturday night there were thousands of people participating, but they have not seen thousands participate in their official movement.

“Destroying property and setting fires cannot be your only activism.”

In demonstrations across the country you will see posters, signs, shirts that say “Black Lives Matter.” Scott said it is more than a rallying cry for justice, it is an organization with official members in chapters across the country. To join, members here in Utah have to agree to not destroy property or incite violence.

“If we catch any members destroying property or inciting violence they will be removed from the chapter and I will testify against them myself,” said Scott.

Scott said they meet with Salt Lake City police every two weeks, and that they have made strides with de-escalation and implicit bias training, as well as using less than lethal weapons.

But Scott said there is still a lot of work to be done.

She said: “I can work with Salt Lake Police for three years, but what about Ogden police? They don’t have the same reforms. That’s why we need a national uniform police reform bill.”

She said Black Lives Matter Utah is working to change that. She asked those that want to make a difference to sign their change.org petition, “We Want A Police Reform Bill Now.” She said they have half of the 100,000 signatures they need to take the bill to D.C.



An article by Miles Buergin titled “Reno Protest Organizers Condemn Vandals and Looting” was posted at mynews4.com on June 1, 2020. Following is the article.

Local leaders within the Reno Black Lives Matters organization say their message was ‘lost’ after vandals turned their protest into a violent riot last Saturday.

“This is not what the movement is about,” says Dr. Norris DuPree Jr., a local community leader who was at the protest.

He said: “Our message is to make sure African Americans who are being killed across our country are taken seriously. It’s a matter of their lives, not to continue spreading violence.”

Dr. Dupree says he has been working with local law enforcement for several years to bring awareness to minorities and to educate African American youth about the role of police in the Reno community.

He and the group’s demonstrators continue to say several people were not from the Reno area and had different intentions than their original message of peace and justice.

“It’s unfortunate because you got people coming to act violent in a place that isn’t their community,” says Dr. DuPree. “This is our community and when we are able to get our voices heard, that’s when we can find unity with one another.”

The group’s official leaders of the protest chose to not comment on the matter.

However, they do say there are no further planned protests in the Reno area from the local Black Lives Matter group.



Following are 3 headlines that discuss the role of Antifa in the mob riots. It is interesting to note that while AG Barr puts blame on them, some mainstream media reject Antifa involvement—hence allowing increased blame directed back toward Black Lives Matter.

■ An article by Bill Gertz titled “Antifa Planned Anti-Government Insurgency for Months, Law Enforcement Official Says” was posted at washingtontimes.com on June 3, 2020.

■ An article by Alexander Mallin titled “Antifa, ‘Foreign Actors’ Involved in Sowing Unrest and Violence: AG Barr” was posted at abcnews.com on June 4, 2020.

■ An article titled “As Trump Blames Antifa, Protest Records Show Scant Evidence” was posted at kcrj.com on June 7, 2020.



Following are 8 headlines concerning the discussion about “consequences because of criminals, mobs and thugs.”

■ An article by Julio Rosas titled “ ‘Kill a Cop, Save a Life’: Protest Signs in Los Angeles As Demonstrations Continue Unabated” was posted at townhall.com on June 7, 2020.

■ An article by Matt Vespa titled “As the Nation Deals With George Floyd Unrest, Chicago Had Their Bloodiest Day in 60 Years [18 Murders in 24 Hours on May 31]” was posted at townhall.com on June 9, 2020.

■ A collection of Letters to the Editor titled “Don’t Be Flippant About Looting; Many Business Owners Are Devastated by It” was posted at latimes.com on June 9, 2020.

■ An article by Mairead McArdle titled “Minneapolis Manufacturing Company Will Leave City After Plant Burned in Riots” was posted at nationalreview.com on June 9, 2020.

■ An article by James Crump titled “Murders and Shootings Increased Dramatically in New York City Last Week, According to Reports” was posted at independent.co.uk on June 8, 2020.

- An article by Courtney O'Brien titled "Christopher Columbus Is Set on Fire, Beheaded in Major Cities Across the Country" was posted at townhall.com on June 10, 2020.
- An article by Michael Grothaus titled "Map Shows Racist Statues and Monuments That People Want Toppled" was posted at fastcompany.com on June 10, 2020.
- A video and an article by Craig Bannister titled "Seattle Police Chief [Black Woman Carmen Best] Tells Officers She's 'Angry' City Ordered to Abandon Precinct: 'An Insult to You and Our Community' " were posted at cnsnews.com on June 12, 2020.



Following are 15 headlines concerning the discussion about "defunding police."

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- An article by Debra Tash titled "Abolishing the Police Is Becoming a More Popular Idea Among Left-Wingers" was posted at citizensjournal.us on June 4, 2020.
 - An article by Craig Bannister titled "Geraldo Rivera: 'Defund the Police' Is a 'Sick Threat by Effete Punks That Threaten Vulnerable Communities' " was posted at cnsnews.com on June 5, 2020.
 - An article by Eileen F. Toplasky titled "De-Policing: The Handmaiden of Socialism" was posted at americanthinker.com on June 8, 2020.
 - An article by Valerie Richardson titled "Hillary Clinton's 2016 Campaign Spokesman [Brian Fallon]: 'Defund the Police' " was posted at washington-times.com on June 4, 2020.
 - An article by Craig Bannister titled "Actor James Woods Tells Brian Fallon: Don't 'Defund the Police'—Just 'Opt Out' From Their Protection" was posted cnsnews.com on June 5, 2020.
 - An article by Hans Bader titled "By Defunding Police, LA Shows It Doesn't Understand Data" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 5, 2020.
 - An article by Bronson Stocking titled "Mob Turns on Minneapolis Mayor Who Won't Defund Police" was posted at townhall.com on June 6, 2020.
 - An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Ilhan Omar: Dismantle 'Rotten' Minneapolis Police Department; City Council Members Pledge to Do So" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 8, 2020.
 - An article by Dakin Andone, Christina Maxouris and Josh Campbell titled "Minneapolis City Council Members Intend to Defund and Dismantle the City's Police Department" was posted at cnn.com on June 8, 2020.
 - An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "When 'Defund the Police' Is Too Radical for Bernie Sanders" was posted at townhall.com on June 10, 2020.
 - An article by Susan Jones titled "Andrew Cuomo: 'No Police, You Get Looting; That's What You Get' " was posted at cnsnews.com on June 8, 2020.

- An article by Melissa Chan titled "NYC Without Police? Chirlane McCray Says It Would Be 'Nirvana'; Bill de Blasio Doesn't See It Happening for Generations" was posted at time.com on June 9, 2020.
- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Police Union Boss [Mike O'Meara of N.Y.]: 'Stop Treating Us Like Animals and Thugs and Start Treating Us With Some Respect'" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 9, 2020.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "Rep. Clyburn [Black Politician Who Influenced Joe Biden's Victory in S.C.]: 'I'm Very Proud of Most of the Police Departments That I Know About'" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 10, 2020.
- An article by Emma Colson titled "Former NYPD Commissioner Claims 600 Officers Considering Exit From the Force Amid George Floyd Protests" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on June 8, 2020.



Following are 3 headlines discussing the murder of David Dorn.

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- An article by Matt Vespa titled "Horrific Facebook Live Video Captures Retired St. Louis Police Captain [David Dorn] Murdered by Rioters" was posted at townhall.com on June 3, 2020.
 - An article titled "Senator [Josh] Hawley [of Missouri] Introduces Resolution Honoring the Life of Retired St. Louis Police Captain David Dorn" was posted at hawley.senate.gov on June 9, 2020.
 - An article by Sarah Teague titled "Hundreds Gather at St. Louis Church to Honor Ex-Police Captain [David Dorn] Killed in Looting" was posted at stltoday.com on June 10, 2020.



An article by Travis Yates titled "America, We Are Leaving [the Police Force]" was posted at lawofficer.com on June 9, 2020. Following is the article.

This is the hardest thing I have written.

Law enforcement family

I grew up in a law enforcement family. My father worked his way up to the rank to Captain at the Ft. Smith (AR) Police Department.

As I kid I remember going with him on Friday to pick up his check and I was in awe of these super heroes he worked around.

They were funny and fun to be around. Men and women of all races all with the same mission, to make the community safer.

My dad sacrificed a lot and so did my late mother. Whether it was the week long surveillance or wiretap or chasing drug runners across the country, he gave it all for my family and worked plenty of extra details to never let our family be without. Some would call that privilege but where I grew up, it was called hard work.

The kids at school thought it was cool what my dad did and while he sometimes asked me if anyone gave me a hard time, they never did. There was a respect among all—even the kids in shop class.

Joined the force

I didn't grow up wanting to be a cop but one fateful night, as a freshman in college, that all changed.

I went on a ride along and my life's journey would never be the same.

After four years of college my dad wanted me at an agency that respected that education so I moved to Tulsa (Okla.) at 21 years old and never looked back.

I didn't know anyone and all I knew was what I saw my dad do, work hard and treat people with respect. I saw a lot of other cops working hard as well and doing all they could to keep the community safe.

Times have changed

27 years has passed and if you would have told me the condition of law enforcement today, I would have never believed you.

It's not that law enforcement has changed for the worse, but everything around it has.

The mentally ill used to get treatment and now they just send cops. Kids used to be taught respect and now it's cool to be disrespectful.

Blaming police

Supervisors used to back you when you were right, but now they accuse you of being wrong in order to appease crazy people.

Parents used to get mad at their kids for getting arrested and now they get mad at us.

The media used to highlight the positive contribution our profession gave to society and now they either ignore it or twist the truth for controversy to line their own pockets.

Decreased respect

There used to be a common respect among criminals. If they got caught, they understood you had a job to do but now it's our fault they sit in handcuffs rather than their own personal decisions.

If someone attacked a cop, they were seen as such. Now we martyr them and sue for millions.

We used to be able to testify in court and we were believed. Now, unless there is video from three different angles, no one cares what you have to say.

Race wasn't a factor

With all this talk about racism and racist cops, I've never seen people treated differently because of their race. And while I know that cowards that have never done this job will call me racist for saying it, all I've ever seen was criminal behavior and cops trying to stop it and they didn't give a rip what their skin color was.

I've seen cops help and save any type of race, gender or ethnicity you can think of and while that used to mean something, no one cares anymore.

Black cops had it hardest

I've been called every name you can think of and many of them with racial overtones and it's never come from cops.

I've watched African American cops take the brunt of this and even talked one rookie out of quitting after he was berated by a lot of cowards that had the same skin color as him.

I've heard words I never heard before being a cop. Uncle Tom, Cracker, Pig and the N Word just to name a few. I've heard them thousands of times and never once did I see a police officer retaliate.

They just took it.

One of my kids

Despite that, it's been the greatest opportunity of my life to do this job. I would have recommended it to anyone and I secretly hoped one of my kids would do it one day.

They would have been a 4th Generation Cop.

But not anymore

But today, all of that is over. I wouldn't wish this job on my worst enemy. I would never send anyone I cared about into the hell that this profession has become.

It's the only job you can do everything right and lose everything.

It's the only job where the same citizens you risk your life for hate you for it.

It's the only segment left in society where it's cool to discriminate and judge, just because of the uniform you wear.

- You never get to explain.
- You can never reason with them.
- The nasty words have now turned into rocks and bottles and gunfire.

I've watched it happen to those around me and I have seen the total destruction of their life.

This job is a walking a time bomb and you could get canceled or prosecuted on the very next call, even if you do everything right.

Many medical mistakes

No profession has to deal with that.

Doctors kill 250,000 people a year. They call them “medical mistakes” because society understands that they do a very difficult job under high stress and they must make the best possible decision in the moment.

Fewer police mistakes

Law enforcement is tasked with the same and we are highly successful.

Despite the most violent society we have ever seen, less than 1,000 suspects are killed a year. 96% are attacking us with weapons—a few others are attacking us with their cars or their fists and more and more with simulated guns.

I’ve seen cops risk their own lives when they shouldn’t have—just to keep from taking another person’s life.

They never get the credit that other professions get.

Cowards don’t have our backs

Cowards are all around us. From chiefs to sheriffs to politicians, no one has our back.

Now, the little we have, we are told they are going to defund us or even abolish us.

Citizens with a political agenda will reign over us and all you have to do is wake up and put on a uniform to be a racist.

Death threats are routine

This weekend I received death threats for just doing my job. It would have been outrageous a decade ago and made national news.

Now, it’s just a Monday.

There will be more threats, more accusations of racism and more lies told about us.

Previously talked cops out of leaving

I used to talk cops out of leaving the job. Now I’m encouraging them.

It’s over America. You finally did it.

You aren’t going to have to abolish the police—we won’t be around for it.

And while I know, most Americans still appreciate us, it’s not enough and the risk is too high. Those of you that say thank you or buy the occasional meal, it means everything.

You stayed silent

But those of you that were silent while the slow turning of the knives in our backs happened by thugs and cowards, this is on you.

Your belief in hashtags and memes over the truth has and will create an environment in your community that you will never expect.

If you think Minneapolis will turn into Mogadishu and that is far from you, it's coming.

And when it does, remember what your complicity did.

This is the America that you made.



An article by Douglas Herz titled "Dress Rehearsal for Revolution" was posted at americanthinker.com on June 8, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

To those who believe that the riots following the tragic death of George Floyd were unscripted, do I have a bridge for you!

The mayhem perpetrated by radical left-wing groups such as BLM and Antifa were well planned and well supplied. The domestic terrorists learned several important points from their nights of mayhem

1. They have the backing of Democrat politicians.
2. They have the support of the Democrat cadres—guilty white liberals.
3. Bored college kids will turn out in force for the demonstrations/riots to lend energy.
4. Their message, that America is a racist nation that must be fundamentally changed, and that police forces across the nation should be defunded, was resonant and effective.
5. By and large, conservatives went into hiding (except Tom Cotton and President Trump).

To a revolutionary, this is the perfect situation: strong support for the cause with weak opposition.

Consequently, the next riots will not be as limited in scope or as constrained in levels of violence. Leftists sense that their moment is now, while America is weakened by the coronavirus. There is blood in the water.

What is the purpose of the riots? The answer is political power.

The anarchy may be a dress rehearsal for even more destructive riots to come later in the year, forcing governors to close polling stations as unsafe and order mail-in ballots for the general election in November.



An article by Ben Shapiro titled “Woke Chaos and Naked Power” was posted at townhall.com on June 10, 2020. Following is the article.

With the death of George Floyd—a heinous atrocity virtually every American decries—unity should have prevailed.

Americans hate police brutality.

Americans care about black lives.

Americans despise looting and rioting.

Americans want to protect citizens, but preserve the ability of the police to stop crime.

Instead, the country seems to be falling apart. That’s because of the utterly chaotic political and media response to the Floyd tragedy—a response that demands agreement but, most of all, requires compliance. You must kneel.

- You must kneel because you cannot understand. You simply cannot.
- If you have to ask for a definition of systemic privilege, we are told, it’s because your white privilege has blinded you to reality.
- If you point out that not all inequality is inequity, we are told, it is because your latent racism is leeching into your worldview.
- If you defend America’s history, philosophy and culture—or, God forbid, her flag—you must apologize. And, if Drew Brees is any indicator, your wife must also apologize, and your second cousin once removed.

You may not understand what is being demanded of you. You may see the wave of conflicting messages emanating from the press and wonder just what you’re supposed to do.

But the chaos is the point.

You are supposed to be confused. Confusion is a political weapon. Clarity is a shield.

If our media and political class can prevent clarity, they can prevent unity; if they can obscure, they can demand acquiescence.

Thus, we hear messages that are obviously in direct conflict with one another. And, we are told, our inability to square those messages means that we must listen to the woke priesthood that can untangle these Gordian knots.

Thus, we hear that silence is violence, that being non-racist simply isn’t enough and you must actively fight racism.

- But we also hear that speech is violence, that if you oppose policies the political left supports, your words are a form of violence and you must be silenced.
- The only safe path, therefore, is parroting the messages of those initiated in the religion of wokeness.

Thus, we hear that individuals ought not be held responsible for the sins of those in their racial group, and that's why it's so wrong for police to engage in profiling.

But we also hear that white Americans bear full responsibility for the sins of both modern racists and historic racists, and ought to atone on behalf of their race and their country. And if you refuse, you must be considered racist.

Thus, we hear that the police are the greatest threat to black Americans, and that's why they must be defunded. But we also hear that police absence, a product of racism, created the conditions that originally led to higher crime rates in black communities. We can, therefore, blame the police for crime whether they're present or absent in minority communities.

Thus, we hear that the rioting and looting were exaggerated by the media, or that they were largely the product of white antifa members.

But we also hear that rioting and looting are the justified outgrowth of centuries of black rage. You cannot, therefore, oppose rioting and looting too strenuously, lest you be labeled a racist.

Thus, we hear that COVID-19 is so extraordinarily dangerous that anti-lockdown protesters were endangering the lives of other Americans; in fact, they were racist, since COVID-19 has disproportionately affected minority communities.

But we also hear that protesting racism is so extraordinarily important that we can freely ignore all restrictions surrounding COVID-19—and, indeed, that we have an obligation to do so.

Thus, we hear that journalists ought to be treated with the utmost respect because they are doing a difficult job and pursuing facts and the truth; and that harsh words spoken about journalists reflect underlying unease about freedom of the press.

But we also hear that journalists are actually activists and thus have a duty not to be objective; op-ed editors should be fired for the sin of green-lighting pieces opposed by woke staffers.

In the end, our republic runs only so long as we're able to hold some semblance of logical conversation with one another. But the republic isn't running.

Instead, we are battered with logically incoherent nonsense, a variety of messages that carry only one consistent bottom line.

Shut up.

Believe.

Repeat.

The chaos of the moment isn't a bug; it's a feature. And the more confused we are, the less we can possibly hold together, despite the fact that nearly all Americans agree on the most important issues.



An article by Kurt Schlichter titled "More Than Ever, It's Time to Unleash the Power of 'No' " was posted at townhall.com on June 8, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

For way too long, too many conservatives and other normal people have failed to deploy our most potent weapon in the defense of free thought and expression—the utter refusal to go along with the demands of the carnivorous left. As has been said before by me and others, we need to introduce these spoiled brats to the concept of "no."

This is a critical moment, and how we react now will determine if our future is citizenship or serfdom.

Rioting backfired

The Democrats' kinetic operation that was the rioting has failed ended up appalling the voters, and not just Republicans.

The grave strategic error of sending the masked marauders of Marxism marching into limo lib enclaves like Beverly Hills convinced a lot of people who hate Trump that maybe law and order isn't such a bad thing after all.

Defund the police? Yeah, that's a tough sell outside a sociology department. Mansions and BMWs burn just like churches and police cars do.

The rioting was really an information operation, and a failed one. There were two big problems for the furious rioters.

- One was that normal people saw no connection between protesting the treatment of George Floyd and looting big screens from the local Target, except that both disgusted them.
- The second issue was the inability to identify a specific enemy.

There could have been unity

Who exactly was the person supporting the killing of George Floyd? What was the name of the person who said, "Yeah, that was a good thing"? Across the spectrum, liberal to conservative, people were appalled at what they saw on the video.

Even Judge Mom, a former deputy district attorney, said she would have considered charging it as first-degree murder under California law. Talk about unity—America was united in the conclusion that his treatment was a crime.

So, the left had a real problem because there was no individual to apply Alinsky Rule 13 to: "Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it."

Trying to control the narrative

But a larger, more comprehensive information operation is still ongoing, one in which a bunch of pampered SJW stormtroopers, aided and abetted by the weak and frightened elder caste of liberals occupying the heights of the establishment, are attempting to define the tolerable range of ideas and expression within our culture.

In a shocking turn that would surprise only stupid people, the tolerable range of ideas and expression they wish to establish corresponds exactly to the ideas and expressions they agree with. The Venn diagram of what they think and what they allow to be thought is a single circle.

Recommended response

The rest of us are expected to shut up, and thereby concede and recognize their mastery over us. We could do that, sure. Or we could tell them “no.” I’ll go with “no.”

New York Times

Look at what’s happening. You had a U.S. senator articulating a position that polls say 58 percent of Americans agree with, that riots should be suppressed with military force if necessary—and the *New York Times’s* nursery erupted with silly infants babbling that this idea makes them “unsafe.” And worse, the editorial board—which at least used to pretend to hearken to the idea of free expression—folded like one of Eric Swalwell’s cheap, stinky suits.

Think of what would happen if the editors at the NYT said “no” to these glorified interns.

Whining: “Tom Cotton’s mean ideas have me literally shaking! You must withdraw and repudiate this hate crime op-ed!”

Recommended response: “No. Grow up.”

Threat: “I’ll, uh, resign.”

Recommended response: “Fine. I hear there’s a big market out there for whiny adolescent journalists who can’t handle opposing views.”

“So, you’re saying I should apply to CNN?”

Instead of standing up to these tiresome teenyboppers, the NYT pulled a journalistic Sir Robin and bravely ran away. Pathetic. Now it’s established that the paper of record needs to run whatever it wishes to print past a coterie of militant pip-squeaks who will scan it for wokeness.

Beware of the bully

This nonsense is expanding to all of society. You must meet their exacting standards in all things or, well, here comes the mob. But the punch line is that you can’t satisfy them, not ever. There’s no way to appease them because what they say they want—adherence to some amorphous idiot dogma—is not the point.

The point is the bullying. The point is the tyranny. The point is their ability to exercise delicious arbitrary power over you.

Not being bulldozed

But for this scheme to work, you have to be complicit in your own oppression. You have to not say, "no."

It's time to adopt some basic rules for dealing with these sissy savages.

- These rules recognize the underlying premise that absolutely nothing the left does or says in an attempt to control or bar speech is in good faith and therefore you are not required to obey the Marquis of Queensbury rules in responding.
- It's not an argument. In an argument, there is the possibility that a person will change his mind in the face of facts and evidence.
- There is no such chance here because facts and evidence are irrelevant.
- Everything these leftist schmucks say and do is designed with one purpose in mind, to increase his, her or xis power.

Resist their aggression

Your goal is not to prove anything, because you can't. It is to resist being bent to the will of the SJW lynch mob.

1. Never apologize.

You have nothing to be ashamed of and even if you did, apologizing to these creeps only chums the water for the feeding frenzy. Drew Brees apologized and he looks craven, while the giddy horde is walking around with his head on a stick. If he had said, "Hey, a lot of people were upset about what I think about kneeling. Well, that's what I think and you are free to say what you think, but no, I'm not apologizing," they would have moved to a softer target.

2. Reject their demands.

Tell them "no." They will be baffled, since their mommies and daddies—most likely acting through the immigrant nanny who actually raised them—probably never told them "no." LEGO is allegedly taking sets featuring cops and the White House off the market at the demand of these lunatics. It could have said, "Some people feel they can tell us what toys we can sell and what toys your kids can buy. We say that you get to make that decision. No, we're going to keep doing what we please." LEGO blocks would have become the most popular toy in America instead of a symbol of craven submission.

3. Speak truths they want suppressed.

Say what they have agreed cannot be said. For example, we are not supposed to say that the Pennsylvania health official who was responsible for the state's nursing home disaster is obviously a man pretending to be a woman. That's why it is vital to say, "No, he is not a woman." One of the most pow-

erful tools to compelling obedience is the shame and humiliation inflicted upon someone they force to utter a manifest lie. Stand up to them.

4. Laugh at them.

No, scary Tom Cotton is not putting you SJWs in the most perilous of perils by suggesting we use the Army against domestic rioters. Words are not making you unsafe. You clowns. You babies. You're a joke.

5. Buy guns and ammunition.

No, we will not surrender. An armed citizenry deters tyranny, and the idea of you packing heat make these simps wet themselves.

Counting on your politeness

It's time to push back on these punks. They leverage our natural politeness and tendency to try to avoid conflict to take advantage and seize the high ground. Understand that tactic and refuse to play along.

They leave you spinning your wheels by drawing you into trying to reason with them when reasoning is beside the point. You do not owe them a debate. Mock them instead, and stubbornly defy their commands.

Refuse to play along

A strategic information operation like the one designed to control the acceptable (Read "Leftist-friendly") scope of thought and speech in society can only work with your complicity. It fails completely when you refuse to play along.

More than ever today, unleash the power of "No."



"Eye on the World" comment: On June 3, 2020, the *New York Times* posted an article by Tom Cotton at nytimes.com. Within hours, several employees complained loudly—so much so that the *Times* backpedaled on the article. First, we will show the editors' note from the newspaper. Then, we will show the actual article.



After an article by U.S. Senator Tom Cotton (from Arkansas) titled "Send in the Troops" was posted at nytimes.com on June 3, 2020, the *New York Times* included an editors' note on June 5, 2020. Following is the editors' note.



After publication, this essay met strong criticism from many readers (and many *Times* colleagues), prompting editors to review the piece and the editing process. Based on that review, we have concluded that the essay fell short of our standards and should not have been published.

The basic arguments advanced by Senator Cotton—however objectionable people may find them—represent a newsworthy part of the current debate.

But given the life-and-death importance of the topic, the senator's influential position and the gravity of the steps he advocates, the essay should have undergone the highest level of scrutiny.

Instead, the editing process was rushed and flawed, and senior editors were not sufficiently involved.

While Senator Cotton and his staff cooperated fully in our editing process, the Op-Ed should have been subject to further substantial revisions—as is frequently the case with such essays—or rejected.

For example, the published piece presents as facts assertions about the role of “cadres of left-wing radicals like antifa”; in fact, those allegations have not been substantiated and have been widely questioned.

Editors should have sought further corroboration of those assertions, or removed them from the piece.

The assertion that police officers “bore the brunt” of the violence is an overstatement that should have been challenged.

The essay also includes a reference to a “constitutional duty” that was intended as a paraphrase; it should not have been rendered as a quotation.

Beyond those factual questions, the tone of the essay in places is needlessly harsh and falls short of the thoughtful approach that advances useful debate.

Editors should have offered suggestions to address those problems.

The headline—which was written by The Times, not Senator Cotton—was incendiary and should not have been used.

Finally, we failed to offer appropriate additional context—either in the text or the presentation—that could have helped readers place Senator Cotton's views within a larger framework of debate.



An article by U.S. Senator Tom Cotton (from Arkansas) titled “Send in the Troops” was posted at nytimes.com on June 3, 2020. Following is the article.

This week, rioters have plunged many American cities into anarchy, recalling the widespread violence of the 1960s.

New York City suffered the worst of the riots Monday night, as Mayor Bill de Blasio stood by while Midtown Manhattan descended into lawlessness. Bands of looters roved the streets, smashing and emptying hundreds of businesses. Some even drove exotic cars; the riots were carnivals for the thrill-seeking rich as well as other criminal elements.

Outnumbered police officers, encumbered by feckless politicians, bore the brunt of the violence.

In New York State, rioters ran over officers with cars on at least three occasions. In Las Vegas, an officer is in "grave" condition after being shot in the head by a rioter.

In St. Louis, four police officers were shot as they attempted to disperse a mob throwing bricks and dumping gasoline; in a separate incident, a 77-year-old retired police captain was shot to death as he tried to stop looters from ransacking a pawnshop. This is "somebody's granddaddy," a bystander screamed at the scene.

Some elites have excused this orgy of violence in the spirit of radical chic, calling it an understandable response to the wrongful death of George Floyd. Those excuses are built on a revolting moral equivalence of rioters and looters to peaceful, law-abiding protesters. A majority who seek to protest peacefully shouldn't be confused with bands of miscreants.

But the rioting has nothing to do with George Floyd, whose bereaved relatives have condemned violence.

On the contrary, nihilist criminals are simply out for loot and the thrill of destruction, with cadres of left-wing radicals like antifa infiltrating protest marches to exploit Floyd's death for their own anarchic purposes.

These rioters, if not subdued, not only will destroy the livelihoods of law-abiding citizens but will also take more innocent lives. Many poor communities that still bear scars from past upheavals will be set back still further.

One thing above all else will restore order to our streets: an overwhelming show of force to disperse, detain and ultimately deter lawbreakers. But local law enforcement in some cities desperately needs backup, while delusional politicians in other cities refuse to do what's necessary to uphold the rule of law.

The pace of looting and disorder may fluctuate from night to night, but it's past time to support local law enforcement with federal authority. Some governors have mobilized the National Guard, yet others refuse, and in some cases the rioters still outnumber the police and Guard combined.

In these circumstances, the Insurrection Act authorizes the president to employ the military "or any other means" in "cases of insurrection, or obstruction to the laws."

This venerable law, nearly as old as our republic itself, doesn't amount to "martial law" or the end of democracy, as some excitable critics, ignorant of both the law and our history, have comically suggested.

In fact, the federal government has a constitutional duty to the states to "protect each of them from domestic violence."

Throughout our history, presidents have exercised this authority on dozens of occasions to protect law-abiding citizens from disorder.

Nor does it violate the Posse Comitatus Act, which constrains the military's role in law enforcement but expressly excepts statutes such as the Insurrection Act.

For instance, during the 1950s and 1960s, Presidents Dwight Eisenhower, John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson called out the military to disperse mobs that prevented school desegregation or threatened innocent lives and property.

This happened in my own state. Gov. Orval Faubus, a racist Democrat, mobilized our National Guard in 1957 to obstruct desegregation at Little Rock Central High School.

President Eisenhower federalized the Guard and called in the 101st Airborne in response. The failure to do so, he said, "would be tantamount to acquiescence in anarchy."

More recently, President George H.W. Bush ordered the Army's Seventh Infantry and 1,500 Marines to protect Los Angeles during race riots in 1992. He acknowledged his disgust at Rodney King's treatment—"what I saw made me sick"—but he knew deadly rioting would only multiply the victims, of all races and from all walks of life.

Not surprisingly, public opinion is on the side of law enforcement and law and order, not insurrectionists.

According to a recent poll, 58 percent of registered voters, including nearly half of Democrats and 37 percent of African-Americans, would support cities' calling in the military to "address protests and demonstrations" that are in "response to the death of George Floyd."

That opinion may not appear often in chic salons, but widespread support for it is fact nonetheless.

The American people aren't blind to injustices in our society, but they know that the most basic responsibility of government is to maintain public order and safety.

In normal times, local law enforcement can uphold public order. But in rare moments, like ours today, more is needed, even if many politicians prefer to wring their hands while the country burns.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "The Changing Face of America" was posted at patriotpost.us on June 6, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Over the years, I've discovered I have far more memories of my childhood than most other people have of theirs. I believe it's because just after my sixth birthday, my family moved from Chicago to Los Angeles. It was such a dramatic change that it was as if someone had drawn a line across the page. So, unlike kids who grew up in one place, I had two separate sets of memories. If things happened when it was too hot, too cold or it was snowing, I knew it had taken place in Chicago.

■ Trained to take orders

I suspect that the shutdown will draw just such a line across all our lives. I fear too many of us have now been trained to take orders, even those that deprive us of our inalienable freedoms. And as with new taxes and government bureaucracies, once they're allowed to gain a toehold, they never disappear.

In my own case, I have grown accustomed to dividing people between those who are Democrats and those who are Republicans, or, if you prefer, between Liberals and Conservatives. They're them and we're us.

■ Division over the shutdown

But now there is a new dividing line. On one side, there are those who think the shutdown and all the regulations were essentially unnecessary and that draconian safety measures should only have been used to protect the elderly and the infirm; and that the greatest danger was always to the economy, which suited the Democrats just fine.

On the other side of the line are those who have been so successfully brainwashed that they get the heebie-jeebies if anyone sneezes within a hundred yards of them. They believe the changing face of America should be wearing a mask.

So far as they're concerned, they'd like the lockdown to continue until the Second Coming when I suppose Jesus could finally sound the All Clear.

■ One reason—dictatorial powers

There is more than one reason that the Democrats are loving the shutdown. For openers, it provides left-wing governors and mayors dictatorial powers they had always asked Santa Claus to bring them, but, like those earlier requests for ponies and baby sisters, never really expected to receive.

■ Second reason—spending flurry

A second reason is that it has activated the printing presses at the U.S. Treasury, providing Nancy Pelosi and her flying monkeys the golden opportunity to funnel not just billions but trillions of dollars to things like welfare and Planned Parenthood.

■ Third reason—bad economy helps Biden

But, best of all, China's gift to the world has decimated the U.S. economy, which just might make it possible for as shoddy a piece of merchandise as Joe Biden to defeat Donald Trump in November, particularly if the virus allows the DNC to use it as an excuse not to hold presidential debates.

■ Media erroneously blames Trump

Speaking of the virus, I find it amazing that the media, as corrupt as it is, has decided to take a crack at blaming the President for not taking faster action in containing it. I suppose they've been so successful at spreading malicious gossip about Trump for so long, they figure the pinheaded voters will fall for anything. Unfortunately, they're right.

There are people who are responsible for the virus, but one of them is not Trump.

■ Xi Jinping

First of all, there's Xi Jinping who kept the truth under wraps for weeks after the breakout in Wuhan, going so far as to arrest and possibly kill the doctors who wanted to warn the world.

■ Governors

Then there are governors like Andrew Cuomo of New York who, instead of protecting the most vulnerable, made it his policy to move C-19 victims into nursing homes. The man should be facing trial, charged with 5,000 counts of manslaughter.

■ Fauci and Adhanom

Then there's the media's pet poodle, Dr. Anthony Fauci. After all, he's supposed to be the expert when it comes to viruses, not Trump. And yet it was the President who stopped flights from China and then Europe in spite of the World Health Organization and Fauci condemning his action.

In the meantime, in February, Fauci, parroting the WHO's Tedros Adhanom, was telling us that the virus was no big deal and that there was no reason for people to start wearing masks.

As we now know, Fauci prostrates himself at the feet of Adhanom, who, in turn, does the same at the feet of Xi Jinping.

■ Planned Parenthood

As most of you know by now, I am conflicted when it comes to abortions. I detest the procedure, but when I see who's having them performed, I can't say I would be delighted to see all those potential thieves, druggies and welfare junkies, being brought into the world. But I am definitely not conflicted when it comes to Planned Parenthood.

Even its name is a lie. It should be called Planned Non-Parenthood. They don't even suggest to the women coming to the butcher shops they call clinics to take a few days to think it over before becoming accessories to murder.

The merchants of death are too busy performing 365,000 abortions and raking in the money. On top of the \$500 million that Congress tosses their way every year, they collect over a billion dollars in donations and fees, which makes it even less explicable that they "need" half a billion in taxpayers' money. But, then, inasmuch as they also peddle off baby parts when nobody's looking, the evil they perform is exceeded only by their greed.

The latest example of their unquenchable avarice is asking for and receiving \$80 million in bailout money that was earmarked for small businesses. I've never heard of a small business that grosses over \$1.5 billion a year. But, then, I've never heard of a small business that could afford to be one of the major donors to congressional campaigns.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Minneapolis U.S.A" was posted at patriot-post.us on June 8, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

After three days of rioting in the Twin Cities, the buffoonish governor of Minnesota, Tim Walz, typically pandering to the thugs, said: "I don't know what it is like to live the black experience."

In response, I say: "So what?"

On the first chaotic night of the riots, I would have called in the fire trucks to turn their high-pressure hoses on the looters and arsonists. I would then have swept up the soggy mess of humanity and indicted them for arson and theft. I would have done it even though I knew the usual suspects at CNN and MSNBC would conjure up the decades-old images of Southern sheriffs turning hoses on blacks demonstrating for their civil rights. But it would have been a false comparison.

■ Against peaceful demonstrating

In the 60s, those people were peacefully demonstrating, trying to appeal to the consciences of honorable people in the South and elsewhere.

■ Against thuggish opportunists

In Minneapolis, they were thuggish opportunists looking to create mayhem and just maybe go home with a new TV set, like contestants on "The Price is Right."

■ Emasculated police

In Minneapolis, the police who had been emasculated by their chief and the mayor vacated the police station in cars and on foot so that the rioters could vandalize and then burn down the building.

The obvious question is why exactly are the working stiffs in that city still paying taxes earmarked for the cops, their chief and the mayor, if their attitude is to step aside and allow the barbarians to destroy the city with no fear of consequences?

But, then, if the cops aren't even willing to protect their own offices, why would anyone really expect them to protect the homes and businesses of the poor slobs who pay their salaries?

■ Race riot out of control

By the fourth night of rioting, most of the thugs had already forgotten George Floyd's name. Therefore, even the arrest of the cop, Derek Chauvin, didn't cool things down. Race riots always have a life of their own that has nothing to do with the tiny fuse that got it started.

■ Systemic racism

I kept hearing self-serving politicians jabbering away on cable news networks about systemic racism in America. And I agree it exists, but the racists happen to be black.

I'm not saying there aren't occasional white bigots like the father and son in Georgia or the cop in Minneapolis. But for each of them, there are thousands of young blacks in Atlanta, New York, L.A., Denver and Phoenix, as we saw, just looking for an excuse to take to the streets and create chaos and violence, using the mere existence of Whitey or Honky or the Man or whatever epithet is currently in fashion as an excuse.

Perhaps, considering the venom with which they say the word, "Whitey" should henceforth be referred to as the "W-word" in polite society, if such a thing still exists.

■ Many killed in Chicago

Just for the record, over the weekend, 10 black people were killed in Chicago. But their deaths were generally ignored because they were murdered by other blacks and not by Officer Derek Chauvin, who had an alibi because he was busy elsewhere murdering someone else.

■ Police sitting back

You would think by now that city leaders would know what a stupid tactic it is to sit back and let riots simply play out for fear that a pushback by the cops would merely incite further violence. It's fortunate that the folks at the Pentagon don't adopt that practice at time of war.

■ Broken window syndrome

What made New York the safest city in America during Rudy Giuliani's tenure as mayor was that he adopted what he called the broken window syndrome.

He realized that if one building on a block had a broken window and nobody bothered to repair it, soon there would be a lot more broken windows. He knew that nihilism was the predictable next step when people stopped caring enough to fix a window or report a crime or began to lose respect for authority.

■ Stop-and-search

When he then adopted a policy called "Stop and Search," minority politicians raised objections to New York cops stopping and questioning suspicious-looking characters because most of them happened to be either black or Hispanic.

The fact that the cops took thousands of weapons off these characters as a result of asking just a few questions no doubt saved thousands of New York lives, but for the folks pandering for votes that didn't matter. Neither did the fact that most of the decent people of color approved of the thugs being disarmed cut no mustard with the liberal politicians or their cohorts at the NY Times. To them, Giuliani was a Nazi and the cops were the Gestapo.

■ Equal opportunity thug

Not that it really matters, but officer Chauvin, who was used as an excuse by the rioters, is probably not even a racist. After all, in the past he had been cited on more than a dozen occasions for using excessive force while making

an arrest and his victims were both black and white. In short, he was an equal opportunity thug who should have been kicked off the force years ago.

■ Comparative numbers

The so-called medical experts point to 100,000 deaths as proof of how lethal these past four months have been. I'm not impressed.

For one thing, a large percentage of the fatalities took place in old age facilities, where death shows up a lot more frequently than visiting relatives.

For another, these days if anyone dies of anything but a gun shot, it's automatically credited to the virus.

If I'm not as frightened as so many others are, it's not that I'm particularly courageous or that I'm not aware of the fact that at my age, I'm among the likeliest targets of the disease.

■ 10 million people; 2,717 deaths

Rather, it's because I know that there are slightly more than 10 million people in Los Angeles County and there have only been 2,717 deaths attributed to C-19.

■ 3250-1 odds

Some years ago, there were a number of freeway shootings reported on the news. So, my wife would worry whenever I'd drive on the 405 or the 101. I would point out to her that although there had been three or four shootings, there were 10 million of us, not counting tourists, driving on the freeway every day and I liked my odds.

Eventually, she began to calm down. I'd suggest that everyone else should do the same. I mean, there are 325,000,000 of us and only 100,000 people have died. Those are 3250-1 odds. If that's keeping you up nights, you should take something for it.



A video and an article by John-Henry Westen titled "Archbishop Vigano's Powerful Letter to President Trump: Eternal Struggle Between Good and Evil Playing Out Right Now" were posted at lifesitenews.com on June 7, 2020. Following is the letter.

June 7, 2020

Mr. President,

In recent months we have been witnessing the formation of two opposing sides that I would call Biblical: the children of light and the children of darkness. The children of light constitute the most conspicuous part of humanity, while the children of darkness represent an absolute minority.

And yet the former are the object of a sort of discrimination which places them in a situation of moral inferiority with respect to their adversaries, who often hold strategic positions in government, in politics, in the economy and in the media.

In an apparently inexplicable way, the good are held hostage by the wicked and by those who help them either out of self-interest or fearfulness.

These two sides, which have a Biblical nature, follow the clear separation between the offspring of the Woman and the offspring of the Serpent.

On the one hand there are those who, although they have a thousand defects and weaknesses, are motivated by the desire to do good, to be honest, to raise a family, to engage in work, to give prosperity to their homeland, to help the needy, and, in obedience to the Law of God, to merit the Kingdom of Heaven.

On the other hand, there are those who serve themselves, who do not hold any moral principles, who want to demolish the family and the nation, exploit workers to make themselves unduly wealthy, foment internal divisions and wars, and accumulate power and money: for them the fallacious illusion of temporal well-being will one day—if they do not repent—yield to the terrible fate that awaits them, far from God, in eternal damnation.

In society, Mr. President, these two opposing realities co-exist as eternal enemies, just as God and Satan are eternal enemies. And it appears that the children of darkness—whom we may easily identify with the deep state which you wisely oppose and which is fiercely waging war against you in these days—have decided to show their cards, so to speak, by now revealing their plans.

They seem to be so certain of already having everything under control that they have laid aside that circumspection that until now had at least partially concealed their true intentions.

The investigations already under way will reveal the true responsibility of those who managed the Covid emergency not only in the area of health care but also in politics, the economy, and the media.

We will probably find that in this colossal operation of social engineering there are people who have decided the fate of humanity, arrogating to themselves the right to act against the will of citizens and their representatives in the governments of nations.

We will also discover that the riots in these days were provoked by those who, seeing that the virus is inevitably fading and that the social alarm of the pandemic is waning, necessarily have had to provoke civil disturbances, because they would be followed by repression which, although legitimate, could be condemned as an unjustified aggression against the population.

The same thing is also happening in Europe, in perfect synchrony. It is quite clear that the use of street protests is instrumental to the purposes of those who would like to see someone elected in the upcoming presidential elections who embodies the goals of the deep state and who expresses those goals faithfully and with conviction.

It will not be surprising if, in a few months, we learn once again that hidden behind these acts of vandalism and violence there are those who hope to profit from the dissolution of the social order so as to build a world without freedom: *Solve et Coagula*, as the Masonic adage teaches.

Although it may seem disconcerting, the opposing alignments I have described are also found in religious circles.

There are faithful Shepherds who care for the flock of Christ, but there are also mercenary infidels who seek to scatter the flock and hand the sheep over to be devoured by ravenous wolves.

It is not surprising that these mercenaries are allies of the children of darkness and hate the children of light: just as there is a deep state, there is also a deep church that betrays its duties and forswears its proper commitments before God.

Thus the Invisible Enemy, whom good rulers fight against in public affairs, is also fought against by good shepherds in the ecclesiastical sphere. It is a spiritual battle, which I spoke about in my recent Appeal which was published on May 8.

For the first time, the United States has in you a President who courageously defends the right to life, who is not ashamed to denounce the persecution of Christians throughout the world, who speaks of Jesus Christ and the right of citizens to freedom of worship.

Your participation in the March for Life, and more recently your proclamation of the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, are actions that confirm which side you wish to fight on.

And I dare to believe that both of us are on the same side in this battle, albeit with different weapons.

For this reason, I believe that the attack to which you were subjected after your visit to the National Shrine of Saint John Paul II is part of the orchestrated media narrative which seeks not to fight racism and bring social order, but to aggravate dispositions; not to bring justice, but to legitimize violence and crime; not to serve the truth, but to favor one political faction.

And it is disconcerting that there are Bishops—such as those whom I recently denounced—who, by their words, prove that they are aligned on the opposing side.

They are subservient to the deep state, to globalism, to aligned thought, to the New World Order which they invoke ever more frequently in the name of a universal brotherhood which has nothing Christian about it, but which evokes the Masonic ideals of those who want to dominate the world by driving God out of the courts, out of schools, out of families, and perhaps even out of churches.

The American people are mature and have now understood how much the mainstream media does not want to spread the truth but seeks to silence and distort it, spreading the lie that is useful for the purposes of their masters.

However, it is important that the good—who are the majority—wake up from their sluggishness and do not accept being deceived by a minority of dishonest people with unavowable purposes.

It is necessary that the good, the children of light, come together and make their voices heard.

What more effective way is there to do this, Mr. President, than by prayer, asking the Lord to protect you, the United States, and all of humanity from this enormous attack of the Enemy?

Before the power of prayer, the deceptions of the children of darkness will collapse, their plots will be revealed, their betrayal will be shown, their frightening power will end in nothing, brought to light and exposed for what it is: an infernal deception.

Mr. President, my prayer is constantly turned to the beloved American nation, where I had the privilege and honor of being sent by Pope Benedict XVI as Apostolic Nuncio.

In this dramatic and decisive hour for all of humanity, I am praying for you and also for all those who are at your side in the government of the United States.

I trust that the American people are united with me and you in prayer to Almighty God.

United against the Invisible Enemy of all humanity, I bless you and the First Lady, the beloved American nation, and all men and women of good will.

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“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 Kate Davidson and Richard Rubin titled “Federal Budget Deficit Nears \$2 Trillion for Fiscal Year” was posted at wsj.com on June 8, 2020.
- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled “Federal Spending and Deficit Set Records Through May” was posted at cnsnews.com on June 10, 2020.
- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled “Federal Debt Tops \$26 Trillion for First Time; Jumps \$2 Trillion in Just 63 Days” was posted at cnsnews.com on June 10, 2020.

Federal reserve

■ An article by Joy Wiltermuth and Sunny Oh titled “Nasdaq Closes at All-Time High; Dow Less Than 7% Off Record, As Wall Street Looks for Fed to Keep Support Intact” was posted at marketwatch.com on June 8, 2020.

Finances

■ An article by Susan Jones titled “137,242,000: Number of Employed Americans Increases; Unemployed Down; Improvements All Around” was posted at cnsnews.com on June 5, 2020.

■ An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled “Government Employment Dropped 585,000 in May—Hits Lowest Level in 19 Years” was posted at cnsnews.com on June 5, 2020.

■ An article by Craig Bannister titled “Hispanic Unemployment Rate Dips in May As 662,000 More Find Jobs” was posted cnsnews.com on June 5, 2020.

■ An article by Thomas Pallini titled “Delta Says It Will Stop Flying to 11 US Cities Indefinitely” was posted at businessinsider.com on June 5, 2020.

Stimulus checks

■ An article by Jonathan Nicholson titled “Trump Signs [Bipartisan] Bill Changing Paycheck Protection Program Into Law” was posted at marketwatch.com on June 5, 2020.

■ An article by Naomi Jagoda titled “Nursing Homes Under Scrutiny After Warnings of Seized Stimulus Checks” was posted at thehill.com on June 11, 2020.

Green New Deal

■ Looking back to July, an article by Adam Shaw titled “AOC’s Top Aide Admits Green New Deal About the Economy, Not Climate” was posted at foxnews.com on July 12, 2019.

Coronavirus and civil liberties

■ An article by Will Knight titled “Schools Turn to Surveillance Tech to Prevent Covid-19 Spread” was posted at wired.com on June 5, 2020.

■ An article by Esha Dey titled “United Airlines to Require That Passengers Pass Health Checklist” was posted at bloomberg.com on June 10, 2020.

Coronavirus and religion

■ An article by John Bricker titled “South Bay Faith Leaders [in California] Frustrated That Churches and Synagogues Remain Closed [Meaning They Have Restrictive Guidelines]” was posted at sanjosespotlight.com on June 9, 2020.

Coronavirus and sports

■ An article by Jessica Golden titled “PGA Tour Golf Returns on June 11 for First Time Since Coronavirus Hiatus” was posted at cnbc.com on June 10, 2020.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "U.S. Border Patrol Caught 23 Previously Convicted Sex Offenders in May" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 8, 2020.
- An article by Bronson Stocking titled "Judge Rules ICE Can No Longer Arrest Illegal Aliens Near New York Courthouses" was posted at townhall.com on June 11, 2020.

Comments about weapons

- An article by David Sherfinski titled "Gun Sales Surge 80% in May [1.7 Million Guns, an 80% Jump from May 2019], Says [Private] Research Firm [Small Arms Analytics & Forecasting]" was posted at washingtontimes.com on June 1, 2020.
- An article by Adam Ford titled "Chicago Suffers Deadliest Day in 60 Years With 18 Murders in 24 Hours" was posted at disrn.com on June 8, 2020.

Comments about Mail-In Ballots

- An article by Lori Roman titled "If You Can Go to the Grocery Store, You Can Go to the Polls" was posted at townhall.com on June 5, 2020.

Comments about Trump support

- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "McEnamy Pummels Jim Acosta With Facts About the Right Police Have to Defend Themselves" was posted at townhall.com on June 3, 2020.
- An article titled "South Dakota National Guard Quickly Shuts Down Violence As Governor Calls for Swift Action Against Looters" was posted at foxnews.com on June 4, 2020.
- An article by Bronson Stocking titled "AG Barr Responds to Media Lies About D.C. Riots and Trump's [Non-existent] 'Demand' to Send in Troops" was posted at townhall.com on June 7, 2020.
- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Judicial Watch Asks DC Mayor for Permission to Paint 'No One Is Above the Law' on DC Street" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 11, 2020.

Comments about Trump opposition

- An article by Matt Vespa titled "The Left-Wing Mob Is Massive and Ready for War" was posted at townhall.com on June 9, 2020.
- An article by Paul Curry titled "For Democratic Leaders, It Wasn't About COVID-19 Then, and It's Not About BLM Now" was posted at townhall.com on June 11, 2020.
- An article by Sarah Ruiz-Grossman titled "Obama Says We Should Learn 'Impatience' From Young Protesters" was posted at huffpost.com on June 5, 2020.
- An article by Jessica Chasmer titled "Michelle Obama: Graduates, 'Don't Ever, Ever Let Anyone Tell You That You're Too Angry' " was posted at washingtontimes.com on June 8, 2020.

- An article by Maya Lau titled "Looters Who Hit L.A. Stores Explain What They Did: 'Get My Portion!' " was posted at latimes.com on June 5, 2020.
- An article by Sam Dorman titled "Black Twitter Users Mock Dems for Donning Kente Cloth: 'Don't Treat Africans Like We're Children'" was posted at foxnews.com on June 8, 2020.
- An article by Daniel J. Mitchell titled "Poor People and Minorities Are Victimized by Democrat Cities" was posted at townhall.com on June 11, 2020.
- An article by Julio Rosas titled "Cracks Are Starting to Appear at Seattle's 'Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone' " was posted at townhall.com on June 11, 2020.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Mark Levin: Dems Should 'Abolish the Democrat Party' If They Truly Want to 'Purge All Vestiges of Slavery and Racism' " was posted at cnsnews.com on June 11, 2020.
- An article by John P. Wise titled "[Democrat] Governor Beshear [of Kentucky] Announces Plan to Provide 100-Percent Health Coverage for Black Residents" was posted at wave3.com on June 8, 2020.
- An article by Hannah Wiley titled "California Democrats Moving to Reinstate Affirmative Action After Nearly 25 Years [As Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5 Would Repeal Provisions of the 1996 Proposition 209]" was posted at sacbee.com on June 10, 2020.
- An article by Nick Romano titled "Billy Porter Speaks Up for the Black LGBTQ Community: 'Our Lives Matter, Too' " was posted at entertainment weekly.com on June 5, 2020.
- An article titled "Al Sharpton Blasts NFL's Goodell: 'Don't Apologize, Give Colin Kaepernick a Job Back' " was posted at theweek.com on June 9, 2020.
- An article by Emily Tan titled "Snoop Dog on Voting: 'I Can't Stand to See This Punk in Office One More Year' " was posted at spin.com on June 5, 2020.
- An article titled "Chuck Grassley [Republican Senator From Iowa] Is Now Openly Berating Trump on Twitter Over His Watchdog Firings" was posted at theweek.com on June 5, 2020.
- An article by Chris Cilizza titled "One of America's Most Prominent Conservative Columnists [George Will] Wants Republicans to Lose in 2020" was posted at cnn.com on June 2, 2020.
- An article by Jake Lahut titled "Trump's [Former] Chief of Staff of 2 Years [John Kelly] Says He Agrees That Trump Is Bad for the Country" was posted at businessinsider.com on June 5, 2020.
- An article by Devan Cole titled "Colin Powell Says He Will Vote for Joe Biden for President" was posted at cnn.com on June 7, 2020.
- An article by Natasha Korecki and Marc Caputo titled "2 Long Shots [Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and Florida Rep. Val Demings] Rise in Biden VP Search" was posted at politico.com on June 8, 2020.

■ An article by Beth Baumann titled "Biden Senior Advisor: We Know Everyone Wants a Black Female VP, But . . ." was posted at townhall.com on June 10, 2020.

Kamala Harris

■ A letter to the editor by Aidan Maese-Czeropski (of Menlo Park, California) titled "Kamala Harris Poses Pitfalls to Biden As Potential VP Pick" was posted at bostonglobe.com on May 11, 2020.

■ A letter to the editor by Liz Dunn (of Parkville, Maryland) titled "Left Wing's Digs at Kamala Harris Overlook Her Value As a Running Mate" was posted at bostonglobe.com on May 18, 2020.

■ An article by Jeffrey Taylor titled "Kamala Harris' Prosecutor Record May Haunt VP Selection Process" was posted at bloomberg.com on June 6, 2020.

News about the media

■ An article by Marina Medvin titled "Yes, Leftist Media and Politicians Incited Race Riots" was posted at townhall.com on June 3, 2020.

■ An article by Maxwell Tani titled "New York Times Staffers in Open Revolt Over Tom Cotton's 'Send in the Troops' Column" was posted at thedailybeast.com on June 3, 2020.

■ An article by Andrew Kirell titled "Embattled NY Times Opinion Editor James Bennet Resigns After Staff Revolt" was posted at thedailybeast.com on June 7, 2020.

■ An article by Justin Baragona titled "[MSNBC Host] Chris Hayes Slams Cuomo and De Blasio for Trying to 'Gaslight the Public' on Cops Beating Protesters" was posted at thedailybeast.com on June 4, 2020.

■ An article by Bronson Stocking titled "No Shame: Lisa Page [Disgraced FBI Agent Who Worked With Disgraced FBI Agent Peter Strzok] Joins MSNBC As Legal Analyst" was posted at townhall.com on June 5, 2020.

■ An article by Phil Owen titled "Bill Maher: America Gets the 'Abusive Part of Policing But Without the Law-And-Order Part' " was posted at thewrap.com on June 5, 2020.

■ An article titled "Axios Allows Its Reporters to Join Protests [Which Was Previously Taboo to Take Sides on a Story]" was posted at dnyuz.com on June 8, 2020.

■ A video and an article by Matt Vespa titled "Watch CNN's Chris Cuomo Get Totally Owned for Trying to Blame Georgia Primary Election Mess on Racism" were posted at townhall.com on June 10, 2020.

■ An article by J. Clara Chan titled "Disney and T-Mobile Pull Advertising From Tucker Carlson's Fox News Show" was posted at thewrap.com on June 10, 2020.

■ An article by Alexandra Sternlicht titled "Fox New Host Tucker Carlson Cuts Ties With Conservative Media Site 'The Daily Caller' " was posted at forbes.com on June 11, 2020.

General interest

- Looking back to 2019, an article by Meghan Keneally titled “Man [Archie Williams] Exonerated Over Wrongful Rape Conviction After 36 Years” was posted at abcnews.com on March 22, 2019.
- Looking back to April, an article by Kevin Foster titled “Exonerated After Over Three Decades, Singer Archie Williams Will Sue” was posted at kafb.com (Baton Rouge, Louis.) on April 5, 2020.
- Looking back to May, an article titled “Archie Williams Wrongfully Spent Decades at Angola [Louisiana State Penitentiary]; Now He’s a Budding ‘American’s Got Talent’ Star” was posted at theadvocate.com on May 22, 2020.
- An article by Suzanne Rowan Kelleher titled “Yellowstone Had Nearly 300 Earthquakes in May—But It’s No Biggie” was posted at forbes.com on June 5, 2020.
- An article by Dawson White titled “Eight Earthquakes Rattle Oklahoma in Less Than 24 Hours, Geologists Say” was posted at kansascity.com on June 8, 2020.
- An article titled “Hospitals Got Bailouts and Furloughed Thousands While Paying CEOs Millions” was posted at dnyuz.com on June 8, 2020.
- An article by Abid Rahman titled “HBO Max Removes Civil War Epic ‘Gone With the Wind’ ” was posted at hollywoodreporter.com on June 9, 2020.
- An article by Ellie Bufkin titled “Popular Band Takes the Knee, Changes Name to Placate Outrage Mob [‘Lady Antebellum’ to ‘Lady A’]” was posted at cnsnews.com on June 11, 2020.



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.”