

# Eye on the World

## April 4, 2020

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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 Michael Auslin titled “Why China Must Be Held Accountable for the Coronavirus Pandemic” was posted at nationalreview.com on March 31, 2020. Following is the article.

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is waging a ferocious, global propaganda campaign designed to deflect blame for the origin and spread of the COVID-19 outbreak from Wuhan, China. Moreover, Beijing is trying to take advantage of the pandemic to increase its global standing and influence. There are three main reasons why the world must hold the CCP accountable for the first global pandemic in a century.

### **Morality**

The first reason the CCP must be held accountable for the pandemic is that morality demands it.

General Secretary Xi Jinping’s regime has refused to accept responsibility for allowing the epidemic to spread uncontrolled, first in Wuhan, then throughout China, and finally beyond its borders to the rest of the world.

Chinese officials knew of the seriousness of the pandemic as early as December, yet waited weeks to begin restricting travel, allowing millions of Wuhan residents to visit relatives elsewhere in the country and abroad for Lunar New Year celebrations, spreading the virus as they went.

British scientists have argued that if Beijing had acted just three weeks earlier, it could have reduced the spread of the virus by 95 percent.

We also know that in the time before the outbreak's seriousness became apparent outside China, the CCP destroyed laboratory samples and punished the brave doctors and citizens who tried to warn their countrymen and the world about the pathogen, while refusing foreign offers of help.

We are almost certain that Beijing dramatically underreported the number of deaths in Wuhan, and is no longer reporting new infections in China.

Leaked photos have shown huge lines of Chinese waiting for the cremated remains of their loved ones in Wuhan, and widely shared calculations on social media of crematoria activity estimate up to 46,000 deaths in Wuhan alone, far above the country's official death toll of just 3,300. Riots are breaking out as people desperate to leave Wuhan's Hubei province are stopped at internal checkpoints.

In short, the CCP, which for years has claimed to be a responsible member of the global community, showed its true colors when this crisis hit.

It can no longer be denied that Xi's regime is a danger to the world. Justice demands it be held morally culpable for its dangerous and callous behavior.

### **Global governance**

The second reason that Beijing must be held accountable is a political one: The CCP's actions have gravely undermined global political governance.

As legal expert James Kraska has noted, China was morally and legally bound, as a party to the 2005 International Health Regulations, to "provide expedited, timely, accurate, and sufficiently detailed information to [the World Health Organization] about . . . potential public health emergencies" such as the coronavirus.

Instead of doing so in this case, Beijing actively misled the WHO about the crucial fact that the pathogen was transmitted between humans. The result is that Xi can no longer credibly claim the CCP adheres to international law, and that the corruptibility of long-standing intergovernmental organizations such as the WHO is more apparent than ever.

Moreover, despite being portrayed as a selfless provider of medical aid to other affected countries, Beijing is actually reaping hundreds of millions in profits by selling equipment to panic-stricken governments abroad.

Much of that is useless and is being returned by Spain, the Czech Republic, and Malaysia, among other countries. This sort of thing is typical of the least altruistic regime on earth, and worse may be on the way: Xi's government will likely expect political favors from the countries it has "aided" during the crisis, the same way that aid recipient Greece was pressured to block an EU statement on Chinese human rights in 2017.

Those who believe that good global governance, however flawed, is an important tool for maintaining international peace and for contributing to development and growth should be appalled at how the CCP is undermining the liberal international architecture and suborning global institutions to its will. The normalization of such misbehavior cannot be allowed to stand.

## Protecting against the next deadly pathogen

The third reason Beijing must be held responsible is to prevent another pandemic from ravaging the world in the future.

As we saw in the 2014 Ebola outbreak in Dallas, Texas, and are seeing again now, the era of globalization has allowed once-isolated pathogens to leap across national boundaries. Dr. Anthony Fauci of the CDC is among many who have pointed out that Italy has been devastated by the Wuhan coronavirus partly because it hosts a huge number of Chinese tourists as well as workers in the northern manufacturing regions where the virus emerged.

In all, 310,000 Chinese live in Italy, and many returned there after visiting China for the Lunar New Year, spreading the virus to their adopted home country. This was, again, the fault of CCP officials, who failed to implement the proper travel restrictions despite knowing of the outbreak's seriousness.

If Beijing escapes blame for its failure to curb the coronavirus pandemic, its lies, and its attempts to cover up the pathogen's seriousness—or, worse yet, if it actually earns global plaudits for its actions—then no country will feel the need to be honest with the world when another epidemic breaks out, and the same deadly fiasco will repeat itself.

Meanwhile, an emboldened CCP will grow only more aggressive and repressive, having learned that it can fool and bully the world into submission.

Quite simply, if nation states do not understand that there will be repercussions for such malfeasance, then our globalized world will suffer more coronavirus-style pandemics in the future.

Beijing freely chose to deny the truth of COVID-19, and its governing malpractice and incompetence helped unleash a pandemic on the world.

For the sake of morality, political governance, and the future, the world must speak truth to power, remember the facts, and condemn the CCP's actions.



Looking back to August, an article by Nicolas Loris and Kevin Dayaratna titled "The Green New Deal: Less About Climate, More About Control" was posted at [heritage.org](https://www.heritage.org) on Aug. 16, 2019. Following is the article.

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Just how much change would the Green New Deal bring to the economy? Put simply, it would bring it to its knees.

Turns out it's a green-glossed Trojan horse designed to increase government control over the economy.

The Green New Deal isn't a "climate thing" at all. And it would certainly change the economy—for the worse.

If someone asked you to describe the Green New Deal, what would you say?

According to Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., it's a "bold idea" that would "create millions of good-paying jobs" and help "rebuild communities in rural America that have been devastated."

Oh, you thought the Green New Deal was all about fighting climate change? Well, think again. Turns out it's a green-glossed Trojan horse designed to increase government control over the economy.

Just ask Saikat Chakrabarti, chief of staff to Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., the author of the deal. "The interesting thing about the Green New Deal is it wasn't originally a climate thing at all," Chakrabarti said. "We really think of it as a how-do-you-change-the-entire-economy thing."

We know, because when we tried to use the Energy Information Administration's National Energy Model to assess how the plan would affect the economy, the model crashed.

The Green New Deal is big on vision, but sparse on details. For example, it calls for reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 60% below 2010 levels by 2030, with the ultimate goal of reaching net-zero emissions by 2050. But it doesn't say how to get there.

One thing is clear: to meet these goals, Washington would have to force all Americans to reduce their energy consumption and/or switch to "green" energy sources—and fast. And the only way to do that is to impose coercive taxes and regulations.

To assess the economic effects of such a scheme, we started by looking at a carbon tax—the most popular recommendation of those asking government to "nudge" us off of fossil fuels.

Using the Energy Information Administration's model, we tested to see how high a carbon tax would have to go to meet the Green New Deal's emission targets. We ratcheted the tax up to \$300 per ton, which dropped emissions 58% below 2010 levels—but not until 2050.

That left us far short of reaching the deal's targets, but when we tried to push the tax higher, the model crashed. Clearly, the Green New Deal's emission targets are unrealistic. Yet the danger they pose to the economy are far too real.

Before the model's lights went out, we found that a \$300 per ton carbon tax and associated regulations would cost a family of four nearly \$8,000 per year in income lost to higher energy costs, consumer prices and foregone wages. The 20-year cost totals \$165,000.

During that same 20-year period, the tax would siphon off an average of 1.1 million jobs per year and diminish GDP by a total of more than \$15 trillion.

That's a hefty price to pay for getting barely halfway to the net-zero emissions goal.

Is it worth it? After all, proponents of eliminating conventional fuels argue that the cost of climate change dwarfs the cost of climate policy. However, in terms of "climate insurance," eliminating greenhouse gas emissions doesn't get you very far.

To see if this is true, we turned to another tool: the Model for the Assessment of Greenhouse Gas Induced Climate Change (MAGICC). Developed at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, this model assesses how much increases and decreases in greenhouse gas trajectories will affect global temperatures and sea levels.

Running this model, we found that overhauling America's economy—as envisioned in the Green New Deal—would abate global warming by approximately 0.2 degree Celsius by the year 2100. The reduction in sea-level rise would be less than 2 centimeters.

In other words, the Green New Deal offers minimal climate improvement at impossibly high prices.

Chakrabarti is spot on. The Green New Deal isn't a "climate thing" at all. And it would certainly change the economy—for the worse.



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- An article by Sophie Tanno titled "Woman, 90, Dies From Coronavirus in Belgium After Refusing a Ventilator and Telling Doctors: 'I Had a Good Life, Keep This for the Younger' " was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](http://dailymail.co.uk) on March 31, 2020.
  - A Reuters article by Timothy Gardner and Jennifer Hiller titled "U.S. to Send Envoy to Saudi Arabia; Texas Suggests Oil Output Cuts" was posted at [reuters.com](http://reuters.com) on March 20, 2020.
  - An article by Michael Kern titled "Oil Nations Scramble to Beat the Coronavirus" was posted at [oilprice.com](http://oilprice.com) on March 21, 2020.
  - An article by Vladimir Zernov titled "Oil Prices Fall While Russia Calls for Bigger OPEC Deal" was posted at [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com) on March 27, 2020.
  - An article titled "Saudi to Raise Oil Exports to Record Levels As Price War Rages" was posted at [afp.com](http://afp.com) on March 30, 2020.
  - An article by Javier Blas and Brian Wingfield titled "Saudis Start to Unleash Oil Wave Despite U.S. Pressure" was posted at [bloomberg.com](http://bloomberg.com) on March 31, 2020.
  - An article by Tobias Hoonhout titled "Wuhan Residents Dismiss Official Coronavirus Death Toll: 'The Incinerators Have Been Working Around the Clock' " was posted at [nationalreview.com](http://nationalreview.com) on March 30, 2020.
  - An article by Loveday Morris titled "European Leaders Warn Coronavirus Could Lead to the Breakup of Their Union" was posted at [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com) on April 2, 2020.
  - A Reuters article titled "Saudi Intercepts Missiles in Attacks Claimed by Yemen's Houthis" was posted at [reuters.com](http://reuters.com) on March 28, 2020.



An article by Tim O'Donnell titled "How the U.S. Government Is Starting to Keep Tabs on People's Movement Amid Pandemic" was posted at [theweek.com](http://theweek.com) on March 28, 2020. Following is the article.

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The U.S. government has begun to use cellphone data to get a better sense of people's movement in up to as many as 500 cities amid the novel coronavirus pandemic, The Wall Street Journal reports.

The tactic is not meant to track individuals, and names aren't included in the data, but instead is geared toward figuring out where people might be congregating in large numbers as calls for social distancing and lockdowns become the norm across the country.

In doing so, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in conjunction with state and local officials, hope to get an idea of how the coronavirus might be spreading so they can further curb its advance.

The data, which is coming from the less-regulated mobile advertising industry rather than cell phone carriers, could also provide information on whether people are complying with their area's shelter-in-place or stay-at-home orders.

Despite the intentions of the efforts, such projects will undoubtedly raise concerns about government invasion of privacy, and, while even some privacy activists understand the necessity of such efforts, they want stronger safeguards in place.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "The Two Viruses" was posted at [patriotpost.us](http://patriotpost.us) on March 28, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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We have a couple of viruses currently putting Americans at risk. The first is the variety China has exported to the world. The other was on display during the two-man debate carried on CNN last Sunday night. It goes by a variety of names, ranging from liberalism to socialism to communism. Watching Sanders and Biden, a couple of wacky septuagenarians try to convince us that even in their 80s they'll be up to the task of governing this nation, would be laughable if the stakes weren't so serious.

Although they occasionally attacked each other's past voting records, at some point they would break it off, remembering that their real target was Donald Trump.

They spent a good part of the two hours repeating clichés about the coronavirus, but the moderators politely refrained from asking them if they supported free healthcare for all illegal aliens. They also refrained from asking Joe Biden, the self-proclaimed champion of the middle class why he spent so many years lobbying on behalf of the credit card companies, ensuring that they could continue bleeding their customers to the tune of 21% per annum.

If it had been possible to ban the mention of "crisis," "most vulnerable people," "Trump," "Ebola" and "unprecedented," the debate might not have lasted 45 minutes.

### ■ Pandering to women

Even without being asked, Joe Biden vowed to place a black woman on the Supreme Court and also vowed to name a woman to be his running mate. When the challenge was then put to Sanders, the best he could come up with was “In all likelihood, I will pick a female vice-president.”

I assumed he would have checkmated Biden by promising to select not just any female, but a black or Latina woman. Instead, he let his golden chance slip through his fingers. If he were serious about winning this election, he would have tossed caution to the wind and promised, if nominated, to get a divorce from Jane O’Meara Sanders and marry a black or Latina woman.

### ■ Gore predicted even worse

The moderators, for their part, went out of their way not to embarrass the two old codgers. So when Sanders brought up the Green New Deal and yammered on about how climate change would place parts of Florida, Louisiana and South Carolina, under the ocean within seven or eight years, nobody pointed out that in 1995 the weather seer Al Gore predicted even worse things were going to happen before 2005, none of which had come to pass.

### ■ 11 million in 1995

Speaking of 1995, way back then the Democrats were talking about the 11 million illegals living in the shadows. Now, 25 years later, Joe and Bernie are still tossing around that same number, as if nobody else has snuck across the border in the past quarter of a century.

### ■ Not in touch with working class

The fact of the matter is that both of them are insane. Here are a couple of guys who have devoted their lives to avoiding work telling working stiffs that they know what they’re going through. Working stiffs don’t have armies of assistants to drive them around, collect their dry cleaning, write their speeches and be defended by big men with big guns while the two of them prattle on about revoking the Second Amendment.

### ■ Cuba and China

When Biden called Sanders out for praising Castro’s literacy program in Cuba, Sanders doubled down by praising Red China for lifting so many Chinese people out of abject poverty. He added that there’s nothing wrong with praising even the worst authoritarian regimes when they do something right.

### ■ Double standard

Not too surprisingly, it’s not a courtesy he has ever extended to President Trump.

### ■ Take themselves so seriously

Perhaps the worst thing about sitting through the two hour snoozefest is that both of them take themselves so seriously. They carry on as if they—two shmoees without a functioning brain between them—were born to be the leader of the free world.

They were actually born to clean out the cages at the monkey house.

## ■ Andrew Cuomo's advice

In his attempt to come to terms with the coronavirus, New York's governor, Andrew Cuomo, takes a backseat to nobody. Especially not a backseat on a crowded subway. He advises one and all to check a subway car before boarding. If it's crowded, "Wait for a less-crowded one."

Some New Yorkers have, of course, waited a lifetime for that less-crowded one. But it's still good, sound advice, as is "Don't dash out into the street wearing a blindfold, especially during rush hour."

## ■ Empty shelves

After returning from the supermarket this afternoon, it occurred to me that I felt I had not only traveled through time, but space. Suddenly, it was 1959 and I was in downtown Moscow.

Thanks to hoarding and breakdowns in the chain of world commerce, there were empty shelves that were bereft not only of toilet paper and cleaning solvents, but just about everything else, including pasta, bread and canned goods.

Fortunately, most people lined up at the checkout counters with their carts were friendly and good-natured. But we're in the early days yet. I'm wondering how long that will last if they're deprived of athletic competitions, movies, weddings, restaurants, get-togethers with friends, and church attendance.

I think if things continue as they are, people are going to decide that the authorities have been over-reacting to a disease that only seems dangerous to those who are as old as me or have serious pre-existing health problems and will elect to take their chances with the over-hyped virus.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Musing on Religions" was posted at patriotpост.us on March 30, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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My late wife would chide me for always prefacing my remarks on religious matters by stating that I wasn't religious. I would explain that it is a very sensitive area and I thought it was only fair that I lay down my markers on the subject. It wasn't as if I was bragging, the way far too many atheists do, proclaiming their moral and intellectual superiority over believers.

I never even considered identifying myself as an atheist or even an agnostic because I felt they both carried an anti-religious connotation.

## ■ Jewish family

Although born into a Jewish family, my parents weren't religiously observant. My grandparents were, which meant that when they came over at dinner time, they brought their own hard-boiled eggs, apple and celery in a paper



bag. Because ours was not only not a kosher household, but we had bacon in our Chicago ice box, they couldn't even eat off our plates.

As an adult, Judaism never held any appeal for me. It always felt foreign to me, perhaps because it was written in Hebrew and because its most devout followers, men like my grandfather, walked around in black frock coats with very long beards and didn't speak English.

#### ■ Not a Christian

Christianity seemed much more American to me. My first problem with even considering becoming a Christian was the necessity to believe in the virgin birth and all the other things that have to be accepted on faith.

My other problem was the more important one because it was in total conflict with my own belief system. To me, the important lesson that religion bestows is that we should live in a decent, ethical way. That has always been my belief and I have tried to the best of my ability to live according to what I believe are Judeo-Christian precepts.

So far as I'm concerned, if anyone's religion helps him to lead a better life, I'm all for it. If it doesn't, if he merely uses his faith as a disguise to conceal his true nature or employs it as a club to use on others, he's a hypocrite.

Just in case you're wondering, I do believe in a higher power. As hard as it is for me to picture or even imagine what or who it is, it's even more difficult for me to conceive that butterflies, babies, dogs, the Grand Canyon and I, were all just happy accidents. Well, the first four, at any rate. I happen to know that after two sons, my parents were actually trying for a daughter.

#### ■ Contrast

A recent meme put the virus-inspired lockdown of millennials in some perspective: "Your grandparents were asked to fight in a world war. You're being asked to stay home and wash your hands."

#### ■ Chamber of Commerce opposed

I was surprised to hear that the Chamber of Commerce opposed President Trump's "Buy American" initiative, but I suppose I shouldn't have been. That's because so many of its most influential members are multi-national companies whose one and only allegiance is to the bottom line, and, well of course, their CEO's annual bonus.

It doesn't necessarily make them evil. It's simply their nature. They're like the scorpion in that famous fable that stung the frog giving it a piggyback ride across the pond, thus drowning them both.

#### ■ A frame in our life

After I mentioned liking the first 61 books I read by Alexander McCall Smith before hating the 62nd and realizing how fortunate I was that it wasn't the first one I picked up, I heard from Ralph Barnett.

Picking up on my theme that we often make life-changing decisions on the flimsiest of evidence, Ralph Barnett mentioned reading a story where the author suggested we consider the encounters with a person as simply a frame in their life. Comparing it to a frame in a motion picture, the author pointed out that we'd never judge a movie on a single frame. Otherwise, we'd miss out on a lot of good films. And, likewise, a lot of people.

It's true, but how would one put it into practice? If what is revealed in the single frame is a person you immediately dislike for whatever reason, are you supposed to spend more time with him on the chance you were mistaken? At least with a movie, if you miss out on a good one, no big deal. If you hear from reliable sources that it's great, you can always catch it on TV.

#### ■ Tom Brady

A friend of mine is upset because Tom Brady, late of the New England Patriots, has signed to play for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He feels it's a slap in the face of Patriot fans.

Although I'm not a football fan, I let him know it would make a difference to me whether he was moving to Tampa simply for more money or if it was because he really loves to play and the new team was promising he'd be a starter and not just a backup as he'd be with New England.

#### ■ Kirby Puckett

I was reminded that years ago, Kirby Puckett's contract had ended with the Minnesota Twins, and both the Yankees and the Red Sox were courting him with big money contracts. Although at the time I was a Boston fan, I wrote Mr. Puckett a letter.

I pointed out that he had already earned enough money to last his lifetime and the lifetime of his kids, so whether he signed a deal for \$5 million a season or \$10 million a season, between his agent's commission and Uncle Sam, it wasn't going to make that much difference. But if he left the Twins and became a hired gun for either Boston or New York, if he didn't start off hot, he was going to be booed off the field.

However, if he accepted less money to stay with Minnesota, when he quit playing, the fans would be so appreciative, he could get himself elected governor.

He re-signed with the Twins. And although I never heard from him, I knew I had swayed his decision.

He never became governor, but the team did erect a statue of him outside stadium gate 34, the number he wore during his 12 year career, played entirely with the Twins.

#### ■ Retaining sense of humor

Some people have managed to retain their sense of humor even amid the shortages of pasta and toilet paper.

Janet Hooper shared a meme reading: "Tom Hanks survived four years on an island as a castaway. He spent a year in an airport without being able to leave. He caught AIDS in Philadelphia. He was in World War II and saved Private Ryan. He went to Vietnam and rescued Lieutenant Dan. He was on a boat kidnapped by Somali pirates. He survived Apollo 13. He landed a Boeing on the Hudson River. If that son of a bitch dies of the coronavirus, we are all screwed!"

It occurred to Bob Hall that "We are three to four weeks away from finding out everyone's actual hair color."

My friend Dr. Harry Maller let me know "It's not a PanDemic, it's a DemPanic!" And because he's just that kind of guy, he admitted he didn't come up with the line, but spotted it on a web post. But I have every confidence, knowing him as I do, that he would have thought of it if he'd chosen to take time off from saving lives.



An article by Penny Starr titled "Texas Governor Abbott: Church an 'Essential Service'; Practice Social Distancing" was posted at breitbart.com on April 1, 2020. Following is the article.

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Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has signed an executive order that makes churches an "essential service," as protocols are being put in place across the country during the coronavirus pandemic.

Abbott included language to encourage online worship services and told church leaders and parishioners to practice "social distancing" to prevent the spread of the virus if they do gather for services.

Abbott said [the following] in an interview reported on by Click2Houston.

- "I'm unaware of a church that would want its constituents, its parishioners, to be exposed to COVID-19, and I think there's enough public information right now for them to be aware of the practices that are needed to make sure that their members don't contract COVID-19."
- "There has been controversy, particularly in the Houston area, over church closures in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Pastors are in court challenging a stay-at-home order that Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo announced a week ago that restricts churches to online-only services. To that end, Abbott's latest executive order supersedes 'any conflicting order issued by local officials'."
- "At the news conference, Abbott said local officials can still issue more stringent restrictions than the statewide standard as long as they do not conflict with that standard."

Law360.com also reported [the following] on the legal battle over church services.

- "The executive order—which also extends school closures statewide through May 4—comes one day after Fox News guest commentator Dr. Steven Hotze

and three Houston pastors asked the Texas Supreme Court to declare unconstitutional a March 24 order from Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo barring in-person religious services.”

■ “The circumstances presented by coronavirus do not excuse unlawful government infringements upon freedom,” Hotze argued in the emergency petition for writ of mandamus filed with the state’s high court on Monday. “Urgent First and Second Amendment issues of immense statewide significance, arising from the largest county in Texas and affecting residents throughout the Lonestar State, are presented here.”

■ “If religious services cannot be conducted from home or through remote services, they should be conducted consistent with the guidelines from the president and the [Centers for Disease Control] by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation, and by implementing social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19,” the order reads.

Jared Woodfill of Woodfill Law Firm PC, which represents Hotze and the pastors, told Law360 on Tuesday that the ball is now in Hidalgo’s court.

“The big question now is what does Judge Hidalgo do?” Woodfill said. “Is she going to ignore the governor and his comments or abide by them and amend her order?”

Law360.com reported the following.

■ Woodfill said because this lawsuit presents a matter of statewide importance, he took it straight to the Texas Supreme Court, but should the court decline to take it, he’s already preparing several state court lawsuits to challenge the order in Harris County, as well as the orders in Dallas, Montgomery, and Fort Bend counties.

The legal website reported the pastors that joined in the plea to the state’s high court are Juan Bustamante of City on a Hill Church, George Garcia of Power of Love Church, and David Valdez of World Faith Center of Houston Church.

Bustamante alleged in the Law360.com article that a Houston police officer threatened him with jail and a \$1,000 fine “if he did not stop preaching the gospel to his congregation,” according to the petition.



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## Deficit

■ An article by Jeffrey Bartash titled “Trillions in Coronavirus Spending Could Explode Deficits to World War II Levels” was posted at marketwatch.com on March 31, 2020.

## Reactions to coronavirus

- An article by Anna Medaris titled "A 44-Year-Old With the Coronavirus Said He's Had Colds and Flu That Are Worse, But Understands Why It Could Be Deadly" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on March 20, 2020.
- An article by Pat Buchanan titled "Must We Kill the Economy to Kill the Virus?" was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on March 24, 2020.
- An article by Elizabeth Weise titled "8 Strains of the Coronavirus Are Circling the Globe; Here's What Clues They're Giving Scientists" was posted at [usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com) on March 30, 2020.
- An article by Peter Weber titled "Trump Shifted on COVID-19 After Seeing New York Morgue Trucks on Cable News, Listening to Dr. Fauci" was posted at [theweek.com](https://www.theweek.com) on March 31, 2020.
- An article titled "Now Trump Says It's Wrong to Compare Coronavirus to Regular Flu" was posted at [afp.com](https://www.afp.com) on March 31, 2020.
- An article by John Steele Gordon titled "Forget About Returning to Jobs As Usual After Coronavirus" was posted at [nypost.com](https://www.nypost.com) on April 2, 2020.
- An article by Pierre Thomas, Jack Date, Sony Satzman and Eric M. Strauss titled "Disaster in Motion: 3.5 Million Travelers Poured into US As Coronavirus Pandemic Erupted" was posted at [abcnews.com](https://www.abcnews.com) on April 2, 2020.

## Coronavirus and religion

- An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "De Blasio Threatens to Close Churches, Synagogues 'Permanently' for Holding Services" was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on March 30, 2020.
- An article by Tony Marrero titled "Pastor of Tampa Church That Held 2 Large Sunday Services Arrested, Jailed" was posted at [tampabay.com](https://www.tampabay.com) on March 30, 2020.
- An article by Jonathan M. Pitts titled "Baltimore Pastor Vows to Continue Services Despite Coronavirus-Related Restrictions and Visit From Police" was posted at [baltimoresun.com](https://www.baltimoresun.com) on March 31, 2020.
- An article titled "Louisiana Church Packed for Services Again Despite Charges Against Pastor Amid Pandemic" was posted at [cbsnews.com](https://www.cbsnews.com) on April 1, 2020.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "Trump: 'My Biggest Disappointment Is That Churches Can't Meet in a Time of Need' " was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on April 1, 2020.

## Finances

- An article by Megan Henney titled "US Loses 500,000 Millionaires As Coronavirus Pandemic Erodes Fortunes of Ultra-Wealthy" was posted at [foxbusiness.com](https://www.foxbusiness.com) on March 25, 2020.

- An article by Dominic-Madori Davis titled "Billionaires Are Chartering Superyachts for Months at a Time to Ride Out the Coronavirus Pandemic" was posted at businessinsider.com on March 27, 2020.
- An article by Joe Nocera titled "Hamptons Houses Are Now Luxury Coronavirus Bunkers" was posted at bloomberg.com on March 30, 2020.
- An article by Brian Spegele, Craig Karmin and Jenny Stasburg titled "Coronavirus Costing Trump Properties Over \$1 Million Daily in Lost Revenue" was posted at wsj.com on April 2, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Victoria Klesty and Jamie Freed titled "Airlines Face Reckoning As Government Help Comes With Strings Attached" was posted at reuters.com on March 20, 2020.
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### **General interest**

- An article by Maddie Capron titled "Swarm of 650 Earthquakes Rattles Utah, Idaho and California; Experts Say" was posted at kentucky.com on March 30, 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."