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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).



"Eye on the World" comment: Due to a trip out of state, this edition was completed on Sept. 30—and hence it does not have the latest news.



An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Cuba: Don't Question the Appropriateness of Abusive States Sitting on UN Human Rights Council" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 25, 2020. Following is the article.

A Cuban U.N. diplomat on Thursday tried to shut down a non-governmental organization speaker for pointing to the incongruity of Venezuela's Maduro regime being a member of the U.N. Human Rights Council.

The representative of the communist government in Havana, itself a perennial member of the U.N.'s top human rights body, said that questioning the appropriateness of countries holding seats was off-limits.

"We cannot question the candidacies of member-states. It is a lack of respect for the council," said Cuba's Jairo Rodríguez Hernández, after interrupting a statement by Hillel Neuer, executive director of the Geneva-based NGO U.N. Watch. He urged the HRC president, Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger of Austria, to "prevent the speaker from abusing the council."

Neuer had taken the floor to question the suitability of the Maduro regime remaining a member of the HRC when an HRC-mandated fact-finding mission has just reported on severe human rights abuses in Venezuela, including torture, sexual violence, and extrajudicial executions—some amounting to "crimes against humanity."

"By what logic, and by what morality, can a convicted murderer, torturer, and rapist, convicted by this council's own investigators, remain a member of this Human Rights Council?" he asked.

Neuer had already been interrupted once by the Maduro regime's delegate, who called him "out of order," but this time Rodríguez of Cuba started banging on the desk to get the president's attention.

"Once again, this NGO is politicizing the council and he is using abusive language," he said, recalling that HRC's founding resolution in 2006 (resolution 60/251) called for "universality, non-selectivity, [and] impartiality."

"We cannot question the candidacies of member states," Rodríguez continued. "It is a lack of respect for the council. We agree with what Venezuela is saying, and we call upon you to prevent the speaker from abusing the council."

Tichy-Fisslberger called for "appropriate language and appropriate dealing with each other" before allowing Neuer to complete his statement.

As he did so, he invoked article eight of the same HRC founding resolution 60/251, which says, "when electing members of the council, member-states shall take into account the contribution of candidates to the promotion and protection of human rights."

"When will the United Nations remove the Maduro government from this Human Rights Council?" Neuer asked.

Widely considered a major weakness of resolution 60/251 is the absence of any enforceable criteria for membership. That was one the key reason given by the George W. Bush administration for voting against it—and for shunning the council altogether until the Obama administration reversed that policy in 2009.

Questioning the candidacies of HRC member-states was also, in part, what prompted the Trump administration to withdraw from the council in 2018 after unsuccessful efforts to bring about reforms, including preventing rights-abusing autocracies from becoming members.

Then-U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley, who led the reform push, afterwards expressed disappointment that some democracies agreed with the U.S. in private on the need to improve membership standards but "refused to take a stand in public." She said, "It's difficult to say which was worse: the tolerance we encountered for human-rights violators or the hypocrisy of the countries that should have known better."

The Democratic Party's 2020 platform includes a pledge to "rejoin and reform" the HRC.

The lack of mandatory membership criteria has allowed some of the world's most egregious rights violators to be elected onto the 47-seat council, sometimes repeatedly. China, Cuba, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan have held seats on the HRC for virtually its entire existence, serving four three-year terms each. Russia, Libya, Venezuela, Qatar, Egypt, Sudan, and Somalia are among other autocratic regimes that have been members.

A U.N. Watch petition calling for the Maduro regime's expulsion from the HRC has more than 160,000 signatories. The campaign is chaired by Diego Arria, Venezuela's former U.N. ambassador and an opponent of the Maduro regime.



An article by Walter Williams titled "Language and Thought" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Sept. 23, 2020. Following is the article.

Seventeenth-century poet and intellect John Milton predicted, "When language in common use in any country becomes irregular and depraved, it is followed by their ruin and degradation."

Gore Vidal, his 20th-century intellectual successor, elaborated saying: "As societies grow decadent, the language grows decadent, too. Words are used to disguise, not to illuminate."

Sloppy language permits people to get away with speaking and doing all manner of destructive nonsense without being challenged.

Let's look at the concept of "white privilege," the notion that white people have benefited in American history relative to, and at the expense of, "people of color." It appears to be utter nonsense to suggest that poor and destitute Appalachian whites have white privilege.

How can one tell if a person has white privilege?

One imagines that the academic elite, who coined the term, refer to whites of a certain socioeconomic status such as living in the suburbs with the privilege of high-income amenities.

But here is a question: Do Nigerians in the U.S. have white privilege?

As reported by the *New York Post* this summer, 17% of all Nigerians in this country hold master's degrees, 4% hold a doctorate and 37% hold a bachelor's degree, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2006 American Community Survey. By contrast, 19% of whites have a bachelor's degree, 8% have master's degrees and 1% have doctorates.

What about slavery?

Colleges teach our young people that the U.S. became rich on the backs of free black labor. That is utter nonsense. Slavery does not have a very good record of producing wealth.

Think about it. Slavery was all over the South and outlawed in most of the North. I doubt that anyone would claim that the antebellum South was rich, and the slave-starved North was poor.

The truth is just the opposite. In fact, the poorest states and regions of our country were places where slavery flourished: Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, while the richest states and regions were those where slavery was outlawed: Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

Speaking of holding people accountable for slavery, there is no way that Europeans could have captured millions of Africans. They had African and Arab help.

There would not have been much black slavery in the U.S., and the western hemisphere in general, without Africans exchanging other Africans to European slave traders at the coast for guns, mirrors, cloths, foreign alcoholic beverages and gold dust.

Congressional Democratic lawmakers have called for a commission to study reparations, but I have not heard calls to hold the true perpetrators of American slavery accountable.

Should we demand that congressional Democrats haul representatives of Ghana, Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Muslim states before Congress to condemn them for their role in American slavery and demand they pay reparations?

Some of the greatest language mischief is related to terms such as racial "disparities," "gaps" and "disproportionality." These terms are taken as signs of injustice that must be corrected.

The median income of women is less than that of men. Black and Hispanic students are suspended and expelled at higher rates than white students. There are other race disparities and gaps all over the place.

For example, blacks are 13% of the population but 80% of professional basketball players and 66% of professional football players, and on top of that, they're some of the most highly paid players.

To be consistent with leftist ideology, those numbers seem to suggest that there is some kind of injustice toward Asian, white and Hispanic basketball and football players. But before we run off thinking that everything is hunkydory for black players in football, how many times have you seen a black player kick an extra point in professional football?

What should be done to address these and other gross disparities?

How can we make basketball, football, dressage and ice hockey, classical music concert attendance, not to mention incarceration, look more like America?

In general, we should ignore disproportionality. There is no evidence, anywhere in the world, suggesting that people sort out in any activity according to their numbers in the general population.

The best thing that we can do is clean up our language. That will have the added benefit of straightening out our thinking so that we do not permit leftists to get away with making us feel guilty and believing in utter nonsense.

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An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Wiesenthal Center Slams Jewish Democratic Group's Ad: 'Beyond Contempt' to Link Trump to Nazi Era" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 29, 2020. Following is the article.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center on Tuesday slammed a Jewish Democratic organization for a campaign advert juxtaposing footage of President Trump with images from the Nazi era, calling the move "beneath contempt" and urging the group to withdraw the ad.

Criticism of the new Jewish Democratic Council of America's ad has also come from the Republican Jewish Coalition and the American Jewish Committee, both of which called on the JDCA to take it down, while the Anti-Defamation League called it "deeply offensive."

The ad, released on the eve of the first presidential debate between Trump and Joe Biden, shows imagery from Nazi Germany and 21st century America, comparing swastika-waving Germans with what appear to be "Unite the Right" rally participants in Charlottesville in 2017, before juxtaposing footage of Trump speaking with Nazi-era images, including Germans giving the "Sieg Heil" salute at a Nazi rally, and anti-Jewish graffiti on a Jewish-owned business.

"History shows us what happens when leaders use hatred and nationalism to divide their people," the narrator says in part. "Hate doesn't stop itself, it must be stopped."

The SWC denounced the ad.

"Comparing the president of the United States to Hitler and Goebbels is beneath contempt," said the group's associate dean and global social action director, Rabbi Abraham Cooper. "That a Jewish group produced [it] compounds the offense. For 75 years Jews have emphasized the uniqueness of the Nazi savagery, racism, and genocide that mass murdered a third of our people and led tens of millions dead during WWII."

Cooper said Trump and Biden were both "fair game for loud and sustained criticism on their policies, language, and style."

"But invoking of Nazi imagery not only slanders the victims of the Nazis, the candidate, but the tens of millions of Americans who support him," he said. "In 2020, anti-Semitism from the far right, far-left, and Islamists remains a

real threat to American Jews. We need to demand of our candidates accountability on how they will combat it from all quarters."

The SWC is an international human rights group that monitors anti-Semitism worldwide. It is named for Simon Wiesenthal, an Austrian Holocaust survivor who dedicated his life after the war to tracking down fugitive Nazi war criminals.

Promoting her group's new ad, JDCA executive director Halie Soifer tweeted, "Those who say 'it couldn't happen here' aren't paying attention. Trump has eroded the integrity of our democratic institutions, and continues to use hatred to further his political agenda. Vote. Our future depends on it."

The JDCA is targeting Jewish voters in swing states including Florida, Michigan and Pennsylvania with the ad, which it touts as "for the first time explicitly making the connection between the emboldening of white nationalism under Donald Trump and the rise of fascism and hatred in 1930s Germany."

The Republican Jewish Coalition called the ad "despicable."

"Every time someone compares their opponent to a Nazi, it only diminishes the seriousness of Nazism," said RJC spokesman Neil Boylan Strauss in an email. "The repeated accusations that President Trump is a Nazi don't make more people hate him; it makes the Holocaust seem less awful. Diminishing the Holocaust and demeaning the memories of the six millions Jews killed by the Nazis is out of bounds for rational political discourse. The Democrats have fallen far below that standard with their new ad. They owe a retraction and an apology to the American Jewish community they pretend to represent."

The RJC saw the JDCA as resorting to an ad designed to "divide and anger the Jewish community" because on substantive issues important to Jewish voters, the Democrats were losing support.

"JDCA couldn't find a substantive ad message to win back the Jewish voters that they are losing in droves," Strauss said. "Instead, they released a shocking attack ad meant to divide and anger the Jewish community. Democrats can't talk about the disastrous Iran nuclear deal, because their own recent polling told them it isn't popular with Jews. They can't talk about the president's record on Israel, because they know while Biden failed for four plus decades, Trump delivered wins."

The American Jewish Committee also slammed the ad: "The problem of antisemitism in the U.S. is grave. Offensive comparisons between 2020 America and 1930's Germany distract from the urgent need to fight Jew-hatred. They also trivialize the memories of both victims and survivors. [JDCA], take down this ad immediately."

Anti-Defamation League CEO Jonathan Greenblatt said on Twitter the JDCA video was "the latest in growing references to Hitler, Goebbels or other Nazi leaders. This has no place in the presidential race and is deeply offensive to the memories of 6M+ Jews systematically exterminated during the Shoah."

"We have said this many times before, and we will say it emphatically again: the hate + extremism in this race is alarming and should be repudiated un-

ambiguously. Elected leaders who engage in lying, scapegoating, and routinely call for violence should be condemned, full stop. At the same time, we urge leaders & their surrogates to refrain from invoking the Holocaust in the context of the current election. It is not the same. Stay focused on the issues."

The JDCA has not responded to emailed queries about the criticism. But in a video interaction with Holocaust historian Deborah Lipstadt, Soifer drew a distinction between "Holocaust imagery" and "Nazi era imagery," saying the ad used the latter but not the former. Lipstadt agreed that the images used in the video focused on Nazi propaganda, and said if the ad had contained Holocaust images, she would not be taking part in the call with the JDCA.



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

- An article by Stella Morabito titled "Critical Race Theory Is Classic Communist Divide-And-Conquer Tactic" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "Trump Nominated for Nobel Peace Prize for 3rd Time" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Peter Beaumont titled "US Military Increasingly Using Drone Missile With Flying Blades in Syria" was posted at the quardian.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Verity Ratcliffe titled "Saudi Arabia Sends Blue Ammonia to Japan in World-First Shipment" was posted at bloomberg.com on Sept. 27, 2020.
- An article by Kirstein Grieshaber titled "Yom Kippur Synagogue Attack Leaves German Jews Still Uneasy" was posted at apnews.com on Sept. 26, 2020.
- An article by Breitbart London titled "Stabbings Near Former Charlie Hebdo Office [in Paris] Is 'Act of Islamist Terrorism': French Minister" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 26, 2020.
- An article titled "France Vows to Protect Its Jewish Community After Stabbing" was posted at afp.com on Sept. 27, 2020.
- An Victoria Friedman titled "London Cop Killer Suspect Flagged by Government's Extremism Program, Had Islamist Views: Report" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 26, 2020.
- An article by John Hayward titled "At Least 29 Killed in Second Day of Heavy Fighting Between Armenia and Azerbaijan" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Sophie Lewis titled "Australia Begins Disposal of Over 350 Dead Whales After Mass Stranding" was posted at cbsnews.com on Sept. 26, 2020.

■ An article by James Attwood, Valentina Fuentes, Jonathan Gilbert and Michael McDonald titled "No Meat, No Milk, No Bread: Hunger Crisis Rocks Latin America" was posted at bloomberg.com on Sept. 28, 2020.



An article by Ryan Saavedra titled "Chris Wallace Faces Intense Backlash, Including From Colleagues Over Bias During Debate" was posted at dailywire.com on Sept. 30, 2020. Following is the article.

Fox News host Chris Wallace, a registered Democrat, faced intense backlash on Tuesday night for what was widely deemed as bias in the debate in the favor of Democrat Joe Biden and against Republican President Donald Trump.

One of the issues that Wallace was called out for the most was how he appeared to let Biden interrupt Trump but would jump in to interrupt Trump when Trump would talk over Biden.

- Fox News host Brian Kilmeade even noted the discrepancy and called it out on social media, writing: "Why is @JoeBiden allowed to interrupt? @realDonaldTrump is not."
- Fox News contributor Andy McCarthy wrote: "I love Chris Wallace, but he should get out of the way."
- McCarthy added: "Biden doesn't support the Green New Deal. Oh, Wallace got that out of him? No, Trump did. Oh, well, did Wallace clarify what's parts of Green New Deal Biden is against? No, needed to move on ..."

McCarthy added: "Chris Wallace jumps in a second time when Biden having trouble with Trump's questioning."

- Fox News host Greg Gutfeld said that it was "not good" when Wallace reportedly laughed with Biden.
- Bill O'Reilly, who used to be a colleague of Wallace's, wrote on Twitter: "Good line from Trump—he tells Chris Wallace he's debating him, not Joe."

O'Reilly added: "Chris Wallace doesn't have the facts at his command about the Ukraine payments made to Biden's son that Trump brought up. Big mistake by Mr. Wallace."

- Attorney Harmeet Dhillon wrote on Twitter: "Chris Wallace is a disgrace. Republicans need to stop allowing the slanted media to have any role in debates in future years."
- Actor James Woods wrote on Twitter: "Chris Wallace is shamelessly biased. It's a beautiful demonstration of fake news in action. I'm actually glad it's happening, because you can see it for yourself."
- Journalist Yashar Ali, who was Hillary Clinton's co-chair on her 2008 presidential campaign, wrote on Twitter that there was "no doubt" that "Wallace is not doing a good job as a debate moderator."

- Newsweek editor Josh Hammer wrote on Twitter: "Just an inexcusable effort tonight from Chris Wallace. And I say that as someone who is generally a fan of his."
- Federal co-founder Sean Davis wrote on Twitter: "Chris Wallace is now reading Biden's energy plan back to him to remind Biden what's in his plan. I have never, never seen anything like this from a moderator."

Davis added: "Chris Wallace is making very clear that his goal tonight is to run interference for Joe Biden. If he wants to be a deranged NeverTrumper, that's his prerogative, but Wallace is doing everything in his power to tilt the election toward his preferred candidate. Everyone can see it."

■ Ben Shapiro wrote on Twitter: "Chris Wallace, over the course of the night, has moved from moderator to debater."

Conservative commentator Jesse Kelly wrote on Twitter: "Ok, I don't generally nitpick moderators, but Chris Wallace asking Joe Biden about the 'very fine people' thing without bringing up that it's a flat-out lie is an absolute embarrassment."

■ Former Acting Director of National Intelligence Richard Grenell tweeted: "Chris Wallace is supposed to be invisible. He isn't. He's off to a terrible start."

Grenell added: "Chris Wallace doesn't interrupt Joe Biden."

- Commentator Candace Owens tweeted: "Unbelievable. Every person in America knows these riots are being orchestrated by black lives matter and Antifa. Chris Wallace asks the President to condemn white supremacists but did not think to ask Joe Biden to condemn Antifa or BLM."
- RealClearInvestigations Senior Writer Mark Hemingway wrote: "Chris Wallace calling critical race theory 'racial sensitivity training' is totally ignorant of what's being taught. It is racist and anti-American. Appalling."
- Political commentator Harry Khachatrian tweeted: "Chris Wallace chuckling and joking with Biden during the debate, mid-question is grossly unprofessional conduct from a moderator."
- Conservative commentator Ann Coulter wrote: "Every time Trump is nailing Biden, Chris Wallace interrupts. 'That's the next topic!"
- MSNBC host Joe Scarborough wrote: "Where is Chris Wallace? This is a disgrace."
- Former White House doctor Ronny Jackson tweeted: "Fire Chris Wallace! He is an embarrassment to Fox News!!"
- Former CNN host Soledad O'Brien wrote: "HellIlo Chris Wallace??? Looking for a moderator here. Jesus Christ what a fricken mess."
- Leftist Mikel Jollett wrote: "Dear Chris Wallace: You are a national embarrassment."
- Conservative Dana Loesch wrote on Twitter: "Never allow Chris Wallace to moderate another debate again. This was an absolute s**t show. The viewer wasn't even a secondary concern."

- Conservative commentator Kurt Schlichter wrote: "Everybody hates Chris Wallace, and no that's not proof that he's good. It's proof that he sucks."
- Daily Caller Editor in Chief Geoffrey Ingersoll wrote: "Chris Wallace calling critical race theory 'racial sensitivity training' is honestly f***ing sad. This s**t is not circa 1980s corporate hr seminars. Herding whites only into white privilege indoctrination is not 'racial sensitivity.' It's racial insensitivity."
- Conservative commentator Allie Beth Stuckey wrote on Twitter: "I generally like Chris Wallace. This is a HARD debate to moderate. But it's just true that this debate is very clearly two against one."
- Political strategist Chris Barron wrote on Twitter: "Biden/Wallace won the debate. Don't try to spin me with some bs. Fox News just handed the most important debate in history to the left. And they did it on purpose. If you have one set of rules you enforce it on all participants. Chris Wallace failed miserably."
- The Reagan Battalion wrote: "Joe Biden better buy Chris Wallace a beer after he saved his a** so many times tonight."
- National security expert David Reaboi wrote: "Every time Trump is landing blows, Wallace comes to shut it down."
- Hugh Hewitt wrote: "Strong, strong, strong answer by @realDonaldTrump interrupted by Wallace. 'They were teaching people to hate our country and I'm not going to let that happen.' Defining moment."

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An article by Christos A. Makridis, Jonathan Jakubowski and Peter Range titled "How a Pro-Life President Saves Tens of Thousands of Lives" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 25, 2020. Following is the article.

The battle for America's most powerful office just inherited a whole new layer of intensity. On Sept. 18, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed away, creating a new vacancy on the Supreme Court. Ginsburg had been a stalwart advocate and defender of abortion throughout her 27 years on the court.

The vacant seat represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity for the prolife movement to achieve the highly sought-after reversal of Roe v Wade. While only time will tell whether this vacancy will be filled before 2021, the contrast between President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden has never been clearer than it is today on issues of life and liberty.

Some of President Trump's critics have sought to dilute the importance of the presidency to the pro-life cause, arguing that Trump does not deserve praise for his pro-life accomplishments. While such critics are right that abortion rates have declined over the past decade, these numbers reflect a wide array of confounding factors, ranging from a decline in fertility to an increased standard of living.

Biden-Harris presidency would fuel abortion

But even if the abortion rate were genuinely trending in the right direction, that still would not justify supporting the most radical pro-abortion ticket in American history—that of Biden and running mate Kamala Harris.

While former Vice President Biden once supported certain restrictions on abortion, he has adopted a radical position alongside Harris. Their stance goes against even the most basic legislation, like the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which would mandate providing care to an infant who has survived a gruesome abortion procedure and is born alive.

The Biden/Harris ticket also supports abortion through all nine months of pregnancy and repealing the decades-long, bipartisan Hyde Amendment, which keeps federal tax dollars from funding abortions.

A Biden/Harris victory would lead to billions of dollars in abortion funding internationally, the nomination of pro-abortion justices throughout the federal court system including on the Supreme Court, the repeal of the Hyde amendment, leading to millions of dollars of federal funding directly for abortions, which combined would lead to millions of increased abortions over the foreseeable future.

It would also squash the pro-life movement's momentum and advance proabortion forces like Planned Parenthood, a major Harris supporter.

Critics of President Trump, most notably David French, have made several arguments against the importance of the presidential election for pro-life policy. Let's investigate these one-by-one.

Presidents matter to Pro-Life victories

■ French claims presidents are irrelevant to the abortion rate.

This is wrong at face value. For starters, President Trump signed an executive order in April 2017 that allows states to defund Planned Parenthood from federal Title X (family planning) funding, reversing an attempt by the Obama administration to exert federal authority over state policymakers.

President Trump also signed the Protect Life Rule, which ensures compliance with the statutory prohibition on funding programs that use abortion as a method of family planning and no longer permits Title X-funded family planning services at the same location abortion is provided.

Among many other examples, French and his ilk also overlook the fundamental role that the executive office, especially the president, plays in creating a platform on important issues.

Consider, for instance, how President Trump completely shifted the dialogue about China over the past three years. The Obama administration focused on accommodation, hoping the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) would choose a more democratic path.

But the Trump administration pointed out how China was taking advantage of the United States through unequal terms of trade, stealing intellectual property, and opening the country to systemic supply chain risk.

President Trump has followed up with concrete policies, yet he also used the power of the presidency to create a platform for an argument that many pundits dismissed or overlooked.

Why would pro-life issues be any different?

If anything, the fact that life is in part a cultural issue makes the power of the presidency even more important for gaining a platform.

For example, earlier this year, President Trump became the first American president to speak at the annual March for Life, bringing a surge in media attention to the chronically underreported event and expanding the pro-life issue to a broader base of Americans.

Judges absolutely influence changes in law

■ Second, while French concedes that President Trump has appointed many pro-life judges, he argues judges are a force for stability, not change, in abortion law. This is a patently false claim.

While judges uphold the law of the land, unless they are activist judges that subtly try to change the law, court rulings constantly create precedent that leads to changes in policy. In other words, policy does not emerge out of thin air—it is based in part on court rulings.

Biden-appointed judges would be far more likely to strike down the most basic pro-life legislation and uphold the most aggressive pro-abortion legislation.

Moreover, as we can see with Ginsburg's passing, Trump has the opportunity to appoint yet another Supreme Court justice, which could lead to a substantial realignment in constitutional respect on the court.

Conversely, pro-life state legislation would be more often reversed under Bidenappointed judges. Even Planned Parenthood is worried about four more years of a Trump presidency, specifically due to his appointment of federal judges.

During the 2019 state legislative sessions, more than 290 bills restricting abortion have been filed in 45 states.

Why would Planned Parenthood be worried if judges played such an insignificant role?

Federal policy affects state policy

■ Third, some including French say state legislatures have more influence on abortion outcomes than Congress does.

While state legislatures are clearly important, this again overlooks the interconnected nature of federal and state policymaking. Indeed, President Trump's removal of the Obama administration policy that forced states to fund abortion is perhaps the most obvious illustrative example of federal policy affecting state policy.

That doesn't even include the fact that a president can campaign for state policymakers running for Congress or for governor, thereby giving an extra spotlight to politicians with similar values.

And, if President Trump does not win, Biden is on record saying he would abolish the filibuster, which under a Democrat Congress would lead to additional federal actions that direct billions of dollars of federal funding through states to radical leftist policies, including on abortion.

Repealing Roe would absolutely reduce abortions

■ Fourth, it's often argued that overturning Roe v. Wade would not substantially affect the number of abortions.

This is a speculative claim that contradicts much empirical evidence that shows law has the potential to influence culture towards what is good, beautiful, and true—and vice versa.

For example, prior to Roe v. Wade, only a couple of states had abortion laws. States stood on the pro-life side of the pendulum. Although we are in a different country today, it is much easier to make the argument scientifically about the personhood of the unborn child than ever before.

Furthermore, if most of pro-lifers' recent success is in the states, then repealing Roe would allow states to move bills they haven't passed due to the Supreme Court's defense of abortion. Just look at former Ohio Gov. John Kasich's vetoes of heartbeat bills. He justified them by stating that the Supreme Court would overrule him.

State legislatures generally won't act if there is federal protection for a given policy matter. That means overturning Roe v. Wade would lead to significant state action, which could come to at least a 32.8 percent reduction in abortions. While French argues this number is insignificant, over time it represents millions of lives.

Law influences culture

■ Fifth is the argument most people don't want an abortion.

While it would be great if no one actually wanted to have an abortion, the Pew Center reports that 61 percent of adults report that abortion should be legal in all or most cases.

Regardless, we still don't want to set laws that are morally, socially, or economically harmful. Culture and law are intimately linked. Legalizing abortion normalized it. Law creates boundaries to hold culture accountable.

Although culture is usually the catalyst for law, there are plenty of cases in which the opposite has been true. Consider, for instance, the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The CRA ended segregation in public places and banned employment discrimination. While some racism remains, Sen. Tim Scott can now confidently say that his family has moved from "cotton to Congress in one lifetime."

President Trump deserves credit for being the most active pro-life president in our country's history. We don't want to just "limit" abortion or delight in the fact that it is declining according to some estimates.

If we believe that abortion constitutes a brutal murder, then we need to fight for its abolition, period, just like we don't only seek lower numbers of human trafficking, but to abolish human trafficking altogether.

A Trump administration will continue to advance life.

A Biden administration will push us into the dark ages of abortion on demand, no questions asked, even if the baby is just about to be born or has been born alive and survived, as Democrat politicians have openly stated.



An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Denver Bishop: 'Not Possible to Be a Catholic in Good Standing and Support Abortion' or 'Unnatural Sexuality' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 29, 2020. Following is the article.

In a letter to Denver Catholics, Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila said citizens "cannot turn a blind eye to evil," and stressed that it is "not possible" for a faithful Catholic to support abortion, assisted suicide, or "unnatural sexuality."

In his Sept. 25 letter, "Religious freedom is on your ballot," Archbishop Aquila said, "A society that has no common belief in God, and therefore in each person's identity as his beloved son or daughter, will become less human and less tolerant. When there is no God, something or someone becomes god to fill the void, leading to tragedy, and eventual societal collapse."

"Now is the time for us to stand up for the place of full-throated Catholic belief in public life and the valuable contributions of people of faith to society," said the archbishop.

"Essential for every Catholic to fulfill his or her duty as a citizen is knowing where candidates stand on the issues of life, family and religious freedom," he said. "It is not possible to be a Catholic in good standing and support abortion or assisted suicide, to promote unnatural sexuality, or to seek to push people of faith out of the public square."

"Those who do so—Catholic or not—are helping hollow out our culture and contributing to its demise," he added. "The further away we get from a virtuous and moral life the more likely will we look like Greece or Rome when they fell, or like Venezuela today."

"Every Catholic needs to inform themselves on where each candidate stands on these issues by reading news outlets that cover these topics," said the archbishop, "such as Catholic News Agency or the National Catholic Register." Also in his letter, the archbishop said, "For the sake of our Church and our society, we must respond by defending the right to religious freedom, both when we vote and through our own personal witness."

"The American Founders recognized that our self-government relies on a virtuous people," he said. "The increase in intolerance and violence we see today underscores this. John Adams addressed the need for virtue directly in a 1798 letter to Massachusetts militia officers, writing, 'Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Archbishop Aquila's message echoes that of Tyler, Texas Bishop Joseph Strickland, who tweeted on Sept. 5 that he strongly supported the YouTube sermon by Fr. James Altman. In that video, Fr. Altman explained that, "You cannot be Catholic and be a Democrat" because of the Democratic Party's policies that are contrary to Catholic Teaching—the party is pro-abortion, pro-gay marriage, pro-gay adoption, pro-IVF, and pro-fetal tissue research.

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An article by John Binder titled "Peter Navarro: Trump Up Against 'Four Corners' of America—Hollywood, Silicon Valley, Wall Street, NBA" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 28, 2020. Following is the article.

President Trump is up against the "four corners" of America, including Hollywood's elite, Wall Street executives, Silicon Valley tech giants, and the National Basketball Association's (NBA) athletes siding with China against the United States, White House trade adviser Peter Navarro says.

Navarro made the comments in an interview with *Philadelphia Inquirer* columnist Joseph DiStefano, saying that Trump has transformed the Republican Party into a defender of the working class.

"It is in many ways a reflection of the class warfare we're seeing," Navarro said when asked why the suburbs voted for Democrats in the 2018 midterm elections. "Donald Trump has turned the Republican Party into the party of the working class."

Navarro continued: "We're up against the four corners of the country. That's Hollywood, Silicon Valley, Wall Street, and the NBA. They all see their fortunes rise with China. There's too many people in the global elite in this country who want to make a fast and big buck in China, and they don't care about blue-collar Americans. You see the NBA athletes, they are elite activists trying to take the high moral ground in the USA, but they just 'shut up and dribble' in China."

Indeed, Democrat presidential candidate Joe Biden is being supported by some of the nation's most powerful billionaires—including Michael Bloomberg, Tom Steyer, George Soros, Stephen and Susan Mandel, Eric and Wendy Schmidt, and George and Judy Marcus.

Biden's record on China, as Navarro noted, dates back to the 1990s when he favored normalizing United States trade relations with the communist country and supported their entering the World Trade Organization (WTO).

That record has made Biden a favorite with Wall Street, who is pouring their money behind his campaign while he reportedly promises them in private conversations that he will usher in the status quo that voters rejected in the 2016 presidential election.

Navarro, in the interview, also touted Trump's agenda to tighten the nation's labor market by reducing immigration so that jobs are prioritized for tens of millions of unemployed Americans.

"We had the unemployment rate down to 3.5 percent. That's the first time we saw blue-collar wages and wages for Hispanics and blacks go up," Navarro said. "That's what we need to have a prosperous and stable society."

"You know President Trump put a moratorium on foreign visas to the end of the year," Navarro continued. "I am not going to worry about opening the door to more immigration until we get unemployment back to 3.5 percent."

While Trump signed executive orders to halt a number of foreign visa programs to shore up scarce jobs for Americans, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Silicon Valley's elite are suing the administration to ensure they can continue importing thousands of foreign workers while 20 to 30 million Americans are jobless or underemployed.

The issue has locked up support for Biden amongst tech elites who see his potential presidency as a route to keeping foreign visa pipelines open, even at times of mass unemployment. Most recently, 24 winners of the Turing Award, considered the Nobel Peace Prize for computer science, endorsed Biden, citing his plan to reopen foreign visa pipelines and expand legal immigration levels beyond their already historically high rates.

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"Eye on the World" comment: Did you notice how early the vote-by-mail scheme was presented by politicians? Notice the following three headlines.

- Looking back to March, an article by Ella Nilsen titled "Voting by Mail Could Get a Boost During the US Coronavirus Outbreak" was posted at vox.com on March 17, 2020.
- Looking back to March, an article by Rachel Orey titled "CARES Act Just a First Step in Preparing for November Elections" was posted at bipartisanpolicy.org on March 26, 2020.
- Looking back to March, an article by Rachel Orey titled "CARES Act Breakdown: \$400 Million in Election Funding" was posted at bipartisanpolicy.org on March 26, 2020.

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Looking back to April, an article by Margaret Menge titled "Commentary: The Massive Vote-By-Mail Fraud Scheme" was posted at myjournalcourier.com on April 24, 2020. Following is the article.

The First Amendment lawyer famous for Citizens United has taken up arms against a new foe: all-mail voting.

Jim Bopp Jr. filed two lawsuits in federal court this week—one in Nevada and one in Virginia—to stop officials in those states from mailing out ballots to everyone on the voter rolls, not just those who request them.

"I don't use the word 'voters," he says, "I use the word 'people on the registration rolls' because many of them are ineligible to vote. They're not voters. They're people that are on the registration rolls that are ineligible to vote."

As the covid-19 pandemic gripped the nation, Democratic officials and activists began pushing states to switch to voting by mail, eliminating in-person voting altogether—and probably permanently.

But organizations that have spent years reviewing the voter rolls in many states estimate that more than 20 million of the names nationwide are duplicates, people who have moved away, are deceased, non-citizens or felons who have not had their voting rights restored.

"Democrats have been trying to register everybody in the country and then fight purging the rolls of ineligible people, and now they want to mail ballots to every single one of them," Bopp said. "It's just like, talk about the most massive fraud scheme in the history of America. Makes Tammany Hall looks like a bunch of pikers, or the Pendergast Machine in Kansas City look like they didn't even know how to steal elections."

Earlier this month, Bopp filed a brief in New Mexico on behalf of the organization True the Vote and individual voters, whose votes could have been canceled out by the votes of ineligible voters if the court sided with plaintiffs—county clerks who wanted ballots mailed to everyone, not just those who'd requested them.

"What the parties request this court to do here is little else than pure anarchy that robs both the legislature and the eligible, registered voters of New Mexico of the authority and protections afforded each under the New Mexico (Constitution) and the United States Constitution," the brief reads.

Bopp argued that the rights of voters were "imperiled" by the plaintiffs' request and that the plaintiffs have attempted to "entice" the court to "utilize the national emergency created by the covid-19 virus as a guise to usurp the constitutionally delegated authority of the legislature and overrule and replace current election laws with robust protections against voter fraud with a court-created scheme of mail-in balloting."

The Supreme Court of New Mexico sided with Bopp and denied the request for ballots to be sent to all names on the rolls.

But now the push is on for all-mail voting in the November presidential election as well. About a half-dozen states have already legalized it.

"They are bringing suits all over the country to impose it through court orders," Bopp said. "All-mail. Their ideal is all-mail."

All-mail voting is not the same as absentee voting as voting absentee involves the voter requesting an absentee ballot, usually by mail, with a signature.

Some states have more stringent requirements than others. In Kansas, for example, people requesting an absentee ballot are required to send a copy of a driver's license or state ID with the application for an absentee ballot.

Bopp continued: "Part of the problem with this discussion is, we are familiar with absentee ballots, and that does involve quote mailing a ballot, end of quote. But there are numerous safeguards, the most important of which is the prior application. You have to apply. You have an audit trail, and all sorts of things. And that's why a lot of these Democrats and liberal activists don't like absentee ballot. They want wholesale mailing out without application because it eliminates half the fraud protection."

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Looking back to May, an article by John Fund titled "Mail-In Ballots Are a Recipe for Confusion, Coercion and Fraud" was posted at national review.com on May 10, 2020. Following is the article.

Enormous pressure is being mounted to use our current crisis as an excuse to transform how we vote in elections.

"Coronavirus gives us an opportunity to revamp our electoral system," Obama's former attorney general, Eric Holder, recently told Time magazine. "These are changes that we should make permanent because it will enhance our democracy."

The ideas Holder and others are proposing include requiring that a mail-in ballot be automatically sent to every voter, which would allow people to both register and vote on Election Day. It would also permit "ballot harvesting," whereby political operatives go door-to-door collecting ballots that they then deliver to election officials. All of these would dramatically reduce safeguards protecting election integrity.

But liberals see a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to sweep away the current system. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi insisted that a mandatory national vote-by-mail option be forced on states in the first Coronavirus aid bill.

She retreated only when she was ridiculed for shamelessly using the bill to push a political agenda. But Pelosi has promised her Democratic caucus that she will press again to overhaul election laws in the next aid bill.

If liberals can't mandate vote-by-mail nationally, they will demand that states take the lead. Last Friday, California's governor, Gavin Newsom, signed an

executive order requiring that every registered voter—including those listed as "inactive"—be mailed a ballot this November.

This could be a disaster waiting to happen. Los Angeles County (population 10 million) has a registration rate of 112 percent of its adult citizen population. More than one out of every five L.A. County registrations probably belongs to a voter who has moved, or who is deceased or otherwise ineligible.

Just last January, the public-interest law firm Judicial Watch reached a settlement agreement with the State of California and L.A. County officials to begin removing as many as 1.5 million inactive voters whose registrations may be invalid.

Neither state nor county officials in California have been removing inactive voters from the rolls for 20 years, even though the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed last year, in Husted v. Randolph Institute, a case about Ohio's voter-registration laws, that federal law "makes this removal mandatory."

Experts have long cautioned against wholesale use of mail ballots, which are cast outside the scrutiny of election officials.

"Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud," was the conclusion of the bipartisan 2005 Commission on Federal Election Reform, chaired by former president Jimmy Carter and former secretary of state James Baker.

That remains true today. In 2012, a Miami–Dade County Grand Jury issued a public report recommending that Florida change its law to prohibit "ballot harvesting" unless the ballots are "those of the voter and members of the voter's immediate family."

"Once that ballot is out of the hands of the elector, we have no idea what happens to it," they pointed out. "The possibilities are numerous and scary."

Indeed. In 2018, a political consultant named Leslie McCrae Dowless and seven others were indicted on charges of "scheming to illegally collect, fill in, forge and submit mail-in ballots" to benefit Republican congressional candidate Mark Harris, the Washington Post reported. The fraud was extensive enough that Harris's 900-vote victory was invalidated by the courts and the race was rerun.

Texas has a long history of intimidation and coercion involving absentee ballots.

The abuse of elderly voters is so pervasive that Omar Escobar, the Democratic district attorney of Starr County, Texas, says, "The time has come to consider an alternative to mail-in voting." Escobar says it needs to be replaced with "something that can't be hijacked."

Even assuming that the coronavirus remains a serious health issue in November, there is no reason to abandon in-person voting. A new Heritage Foundation report by Hans von Spakovsky and Christian Adams notes that in 2014, the African nation of Liberia successfully held an election in the middle of the Ebola epidemic.

International observers worked with local officials to identify 40 points in the election process that constituted an Ebola transmission risk. Turnout was high,

and the United Nations congratulated Liberia on organizing a successful election "under challenging circumstances, particularly in the midst of difficulties posed by the Ebola crisis."

In Wisconsin recently, officials held that state's April primary election in the middle of the covid-19 crisis. Voters who did not want to vote in-person, including the elderly, could vote by absentee ballot.

But hundreds of thousands of people cast ballots at in-person locations, and overall turnout was high. Officials speculated that a few virus cases "may" have been related to Election Day, but, as AP reported, they couldn't confirm that the patients "definitely got [covid-19] at the polls."

In California, the previous loosening of absentee ballot laws have sent disturbing signals.

In 2016, a San Pedro couple found more than 80 unused ballots on top of their apartment-building mailbox. All had different names but were addressed to an 89-year-old neighbor who lives alone in their building. The couple suspected that someone was planning to pick up the ballots, but the couple had intercepted them first.

In the same election, a Gardena woman told the Torrance Daily Breeze that her husband, an illegal alien, had gotten a mail-in ballot even though he had never registered.

"I think it's a huge deal," she said. "Something is definitely wrong with the system."

The Los Angeles Times agrees. In a 2018 editorial it blasted the state's "overly-permissive ballot collection law" as being "written without sufficient safeguards." The Times concluded that "the law passed in 2106 does open the door to coercion and fraud and should be fixed or repealed." It hasn't been.

John Lieberman, a Democrat living in East Los Angeles, wrote in the *Los Angeles Daily News* that he was troubled by how much pressure a door-to-door canvasser put on him to fill out a ballot for candidate Wendy Carrillo. "What I experienced from her campaign sends chills down my spine," he said.

What should also spook voters who want an honest election is a report from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. It found that, in 2016, more mail ballots were misdirected to wrong addresses or unaccounted for than the number of votes separating Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. She led by 2.9 million votes, yet 6.5 million ballots were misdirected or unaccounted for by the states.

It would be the height of folly for other states to follow California's lead.

In the Golden State, it already takes over a month to resolve close elections as mail-in ballots trickle in days and weeks after Election Day. Putting what may be a supremely close presidential election into the hands of a U.S. Postal Service known for making mistakes sounds like a recipe for endless litigation and greatly increased distrust in our democracy.

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An article by Ben Shapiro titled "Why I'm Leaving California" was posted at creators.com on Sept. 30, 2020. Following is the article.

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My family and my company are leaving California.

It's heartbreaking.

My parents moved to California four decades ago. I grew up here. For 33 of the 36 years I've spent on this planet, I've lived here. I was born at St. Joseph's in Burbank; I attended elementary school at Edison Elementary; I went to college at UCLA. I co-founded a major media company here, with 75 employees in Los Angeles. I met my wife here; all three of my kids are native Californians.

This is the most beautiful state in the country. The climate is incredible. The scenery is amazing. The people are generally warm, and there's an enormous amount to do.

And we're leaving.

We're leaving because all the benefits of California have steadily eroded—and then suddenly collapsed. Meanwhile, all the costs of California have steadily increased—and then suddenly skyrocketed. It can be difficult to spot the incremental encroachment of a terrible disease, but once the final ravages set in, it becomes obvious that the illness is fatal. So, too, with California, where bad governance has turned a would-be paradise into a burgeoning dystopia.

When my family moved to North Hollywood, I was 11. We lived in a safe, clean suburb. Yes, Los Angeles had serious crime and homelessness problems, but those were problems relegated to pockets of the city—problems that, with good governance, we thought could eventually be healed. Instead, the government allowed those problems to metastasize.

As of 2011, Los Angeles County counted less than 40,000 homeless; as of 2020, that number had skyrocketed to 66,000. Suburban areas have become the sites of homeless encampments. Nearly every city underpass hosts a tent city; the city, in its kindness, has put out port-a-potties to reduce the possibility of covid-19 spread.

Police are forbidden in most cases from either moving transients or even moving their garbage. Nearly every public space in Los Angeles has become a repository for open waste, needles and trash. The most beautiful areas of Los Angeles, from Santa Monica beach to my suburb, have become wrecks.

My children have personally witnessed drug use, public urination and public nudity. Looters were allowed free reign in the middle of the city during the Black Lives Matter riots; Rodeo Drive was closed at 1 p.m., and citizens were curfewed at 6 p.m.

To combat these trends, local and state governments have gamed the statistics, reclassifying offenses and letting prisoners go free. Meanwhile, the police have become targets for public ire. In July, the city of Los Angeles slashed police funding, cutting the force to its lowest levels in over a decade.

At the same time, taxes have risen. California's top marginal income tax rate is now 13.3%; legislators want to raise it to 16.8%. California is also home

to a 7.25% sales tax, a 50-cent gas tax and a bevy of other taxes that drain the wallet and burden business.

California has the worst regulatory climate in America, according to CEO Magazine's survey of 650 CEOs.

The public-sector unions essentially make public policy, running up the debt while providing fewer and fewer actual services. California's public education system is a massive failure, and even its once-great colleges are now burdened by the stupidities of political correctness, including an unwillingness to use standardized testing.

And still, the state legislature is dominated by Democrats. California is not on a trajectory toward recovery; it is on a trajectory toward oblivion. Taxpayers are moving out—now including my family and my company.

In 2019, before the pandemic and the widespread rioting and looting, outmigration jumped 38%, rising for the seventh straight year. That number will increase again this year.

I want my kids to grow up safe. I want them to grow up in a community with a future, with more freedom and safety than I grew up with. California makes that impossible.

So, goodbye, Golden State. Thanks for the memories.

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An article by Walter Williams titled "Think About SCOTUS Justices Like You Do Football Refs" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 29, 2020. Following is the article.

The United States Constitution's Article 2, Sec. 2, cl. 2, provides that the president of the United States "shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the Supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States."

President Donald Trump has nominated Amy Coney Barrett, who will replace the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg as U.S. Supreme Court justice. Barrett currently serves as United States Circuit judge of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The 7th Circuit serves the Midwestern states of Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

It is now the Senate's job to decide whether to confirm Barrett's appointment as an associate justice on the Supreme Court.

In thinking about the Senate's criteria for making its decision, we might ask what is the role of a U.S. Supreme Court justice?

A reasonable answer is to recognize that our Constitution represents our rules of the game. It dictates what is and is not permissible behavior by government and its citizens. Therefore, a Supreme Court justice has one job and one job only, namely, that of a referee.

A referee's job, whether he is a football referee, baseball umpire, or a Supreme Court justice, is to know the rules of the game and to ensure that those rules are evenly applied without bias.

Do we want a referee or justice to allow empathy to influence their decisions?

Let us answer this question using this year's Super Bowl as an example.

The San Francisco 49ers have played in seven Super Bowls in their franchise history, winning five times. On the other hand, coming into the 2020 game, the Kansas City Chiefs had not won a Super Bowl title in 50 years. In anyone's book, this is a gross disparity.

Should the referees have the empathy to understand what it is like to be a perennial loser, not winning a Super Bowl in five decades?

What would you think of a referee whose play calls were guided by empathy or pity?

Suppose a referee, in the name of compensatory justice, stringently applied pass interference or roughing the passer violations against the San Francisco 49ers and less stringently against the Chiefs.

Would you support a referee who refused to make offensive pass interference calls because he thought it was a silly rule?

You would probably remind him that it is the league that makes the rules (football law), not referees.

Supreme Court justices should be umpires or referees, enforcing neutral rules.

Here is a somewhat trivial example of a neutral rule from my youth; let us call it Mom's Rule.

On occasion, my sister and I would have lunch in my mother's absence. Either my younger sister or I would have the job of dividing the last piece of cake or pie. Almost always an argument would ensue about the fairness of the cut.

Those arguments ended when Mom came up with a rule: Whoever cuts the cake gives the other person the first choice of the piece to take. As if by magic or divine intervention, fairness emerged and arguments ended. No matter who did the cutting, there was an even division.

This is what our society needs—the kind of rules whereby you would be OK even if your worst enemy were in charge. Despite the high stakes of bitterly fought football contests, most games end peaceably, and the winners and losers are civil. It is indeed a miracle of sorts that players with conflicting interests can play a game, agree with the outcome, and walk away as good sports.

That "miracle" is that it is far easier to reach an understanding about the game's rules than the game's outcome. The same conflict-reducing principles should be a part of a civilized society.

An article by Michael Brown titled "When MSNBC Compares Trump to Hitler" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 25, 2020. Following is the article.

This past Wednesday morning, Donny Deutsch, a frequent guest on MSNBC and a former program host, claimed that there was "'no difference' between President Donald Trump's rhetoric and what 'Adolf Hitler preached' in Germany in the 1930s."

He added, "And we're here and what is the difference between Adolph Hitler and Donald Trump? I'm not saying there is a Holocaust but when you look at the tactics, that is where we are right now."

This is as outrageous as it is ignorant, and Deutsch needs to be called on the carpet for his ugly and inflammatory comments.

As stated by the National Council of Young Israel, "To in any way liken President Trump to Adolf Hitler, who is arguably the most heinous anti-Semite in world history, is unequivocally repugnant, and trivializing the Holocaust to make a cheap political point on television is a tremendous insult to the victims and their progeny."

Joe Scarborough, who hosted the interview with Deutsch, is also to be faulted for going along with Deutsch rather than stopping him in his tracks. It is also inexcusable that Deutsch, himself Jewish, called out Jews who support Trump.

What was Deutsch's fundamental argument?

He said, "But what was going on in the early '30s Germany? Basically you had a destruction of belief in the free press, you had blurring between the executive branch and the Justice Department, you have creating an other, whether it's Muslims, whether it's Mexicans, whether it's congressmen who weren't born in this country, and then you have the destruction of free elections."

But Deutsch is hardly the first to make the Trump-Hitler comparison.

In fact, I devoted an entire chapter of my book Evangelicals at the Cross-roads: Will We Pass the Trump Test? to a major statement by the International Bonhoeffer Society (IBS) which made comparisons between Nazi Germany and America today, mentioning Trump by name but not Hitler. The statement explicitly called for "ending Donald Trump's presidency."

Obviously, I can't duplicate here everything laid out in the book, but let's put aside inflammatory rhetoric and look at the simple facts.

Can a valid comparison be made between Trump and Hitler and between America today and pre-World War II Nazi Germany?

Absolutely, categorically not.

Contrasting behavior

Trump has been our president for the last four years. During this time he has not done the following.

- He has not imprisoned his political opponents
- He has not overruled the Supreme Court or Congress.
- He has not launched aggressive new wars in other parts of the world.
- He has not shut down the dissenting press (although he has certainly sought to expose "fake news").

In stark contrast, within months of Hitler coming into power in 1933, the following occurred.

- The Dachau concentration camp was opened for political dissenters.
- Hitler announced some of his conquest and expansion plans.
- The first boycott of Jewish businesses was implemented.

As for targeting the Jews, the Yad Vashem website explains, "In September 1935 the 'Nuremberg Laws' were passed, stripping the Jews of their citizenship and forbidding intermarriage between Jews and non-Jews. Jews were banned from universities; Jewish actors were dismissed from theaters; Jewish authors' works were rejected by publishers; and Jewish journalists were hard-pressed to find newspapers that would publish their writings. Famous artists and scientists played an important role in this campaign of dispossession and party labeling of literature, art, and science. Some scientists and physicians were involved in the theoretical underpinnings of the racial doctrine."

Pro-Israel actions

How do we even contrast that with Trump's pro-Israel actions?

- Moving our embassy to Jerusalem.
- Seeking to broker a peace plan with the Palestinians that was strongly pro-Israel.
- Forging historic peace treaties with the UAE and Bahrain.

And what of the fact that Ivanka and Jared are practicing Jews, meaning that Trump's own grandchildren are Jewish?

Pro-Christian actions

When it comes to the treatment of the Christian community, Trump has fought tirelessly to defend religious liberties, both at home and abroad.

Again, in stark contrast, already in 1933, Nazi church leaders were calling for all pastors to make a personal oath of loyalty to Hitler while demanding that all baptized Jews be expelled from the churches.

For those who claim that Trump's Christian supporters will follow him no matter what, those same supporters challenged him when he pulled our troops from Syria, with Pat Robertson even issuing a public warning.

Can you imagine what would happen if Trump changed his stance on abortion or religious liberty?

Fighting for the "least of these"

Speaking of abortion, rather than starting a campaign to put to death "the least of these" (as Hitler did in 1939, euthanizing the mentally ill and disabled), Trump has been a courageous opponent of abortion, thereby fighting for the life of "the least of these."

Helping minorities

As for Trump's alleged racism, the corollary of his purported white nationalism, why is it that he has been steadily growing in popularity in the Black community?

And why were so many Black voices heard at the recent RNC?

As I noted in Evangelicals at the Crossroads, a March 4, 2020 op-ed piece in the *New York Times* discussing a major survey of 40,000 black voters (from March-December, 2019) indicated that "Trump's favorability rating among black voters overall increased from 7 percent in 2016 to 18 percent in 2019 . . ."

Think back to the viral video of an Ethiopian immigrant leading in prayer at a 2019 Young Black Leadership Summit at the White House following the president addressing the packed room of young Black leaders.

Could you imagine a world in which Hitler held a Young Jewish Leadership Summit?

And what of Trump's actions in prison reform, funding of historic Black colleges, and helping drop the unemployment rates for all Americans, including Blacks and other minorities?

Trump's flaws do not equal Hitler

How can this possibly be compared to the actions of a murderous madman like Hitler?

I have no desire to deny Trump's many flaws or to downplay the divisive nature of his rhetoric. But to compare him to Adolf Hitler, also comparing his followers to Hitler's Nazis, is simply obscene, not to mention a terrible slight on Hitler's victims. Deutsch should be ashamed of himself.

(For all who want to defend Deutsch's words, including Deutsch himself, my phone lines are open. I'd be more than happy to debate this with you on the radio. The light will quickly dispel the darkness.)



"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.

News about the media

■ Looking back to August, an article by Charlie Spiering titled "Donald Trump: 'My Biggest Opponent' Is 'Corrupt Media,' Not Joe Biden" was posted at breitbart.com on Aug. 17, 2020.

- An article by Tony Daniel titled "[Byron York's Book] 'Obsession' Uncovers the Plot to Impeach Trump" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Tim Graham titled "Biden Keeps a Lid on Liberal Media" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Tucker Carlson [of Fox News] Names the Rich CEO's Funding Supplies, Bail for Louisville Rioters" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Peter Weber titled "Late Night Hosts Joke Darkly About Trump's Plans to Steal the Election" was posted at theweek.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "CBS Anchor [Gayle King] Calls Out Pelosi for Using Word 'Hencemen' to Describe Trump's Supporters" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "CNN Host [Don Lemon]: I Wasn't Really Saying We Need to Blow Up the System; Let's Check the Transcipt" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Joel B. Pollak titled "Fact Check: CNN Falsely Claims Trump 'Refuses to Call Out White Supremacists' " was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Geraldo Rivera: 'Are the Biden Campaign and NYT in Cahoots?' With Trump Tax Story" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Matthew Boyle titled "Kayleigh McEnany: Media 'Desperately Trying to Smear' Trump, Who Has Already Donated \$1.4 Million of Salary to Government" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 28, 2020.
- An article by John Carney titled "Fact Check: Trump Paid Tens of Millions of Dollars in Taxes" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Joel B. Pollak titled "Kamala Harris Gave 1.1% of Income to Charity in 2019" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.

Tragedies of lock-down

■ An article by Canela Lopez titled "[Marital] Cheating Has Gone Into Over-drive After Slowing at the Start of the Pandemic, According to Infidelity Dating App Ashley Madison" was posted at businessinsider.com on Sept. 29, 2020.

Finances

- An article by Charlie Spiering titled "Donald Trump Announces Comprehensive 'Platinum Plan' [Including Creating 500,00 Black-Owned Businesses and Increasing Access to Capital Investments] for Black Americans" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Jon Fingas titled "US Slaps Trade Restrictions on China's Top Chipmaker" was posted at engadget.com on Sept. 26, 2020.

■ An article by Amanda Holpuch and Nina Lakhani titled "New York Restaurants Face Make-Or-Break Moment As Indoor Dining Arrives" was posted at theguardian.com on Sept. 27, 2020.

Green New Deal

- Looking back to 2019, 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.
- An article by John Binder titled "Joe Biden Ditches Bernie Bros at Debate: Denounces Medicare for All, Defund the Police, Green New Deal" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Robert Kraychik titled "Fact Check: Joe Biden Claims to Not Support Green New Deal" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Sean Moran titled "Joe Biden: No More Coal or Oil Plants in America" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Penny Starr titled "EPA Administrator Pans Newsom's Electric Car Mandate: 'You Can't Keep the Lights on Today' "was posted at breitbart. com on Sept. 29, 2020.

Coronavirus and civil liberties

- An article by Scott Morefield titled "What If Our Medical Overlords Reacted to a Common Cold Like They Have to Coronavirus?" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 28, 2020.
- An article by Simon Kent titled "'Star Trek' and 'Discovery' Star Jason Isaacs: People Who Don't Wear Masks Should Be in Prison or 'Hanging in the Streets'" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.

Coronavirus and religion

- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled "San Francisco Will Allow Only 1 Person in Cathedral With Capacity of 3,000" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Judge Grants California Church [Pastored by John MacArthur] Trial to Defend Constitutional Right to Worship" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Sarah Kramer titled "Churches, Christian Schools, and a Pro-Life Ministry Standing Up to Virginia's Alarming New Law" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 29, 2020.

Coronavirus and sports

■ An article by Jabari Young titled "NFL Postpones Titans-Steelers Week 4 Game After Positive Covid-19 Tests [on Titans' Squad]" was posted at cnbc.com on Sept. 30, 2020.

Protests and sports

■ An article by Graeme Massie titled "ESPN Cuts Off Analyst Jalen Rose As He Calls for Arrest of Cops in Breonna Taylor Case" was posted at independent.co.uk on Sept. 24, 2020.

Comments about police "misconduct"

- An article by Joelle Goldstein titled "Former NASA Astronaut Says Getting Stopped by Police As a Black Man Is Scarier Than Going to Space" was posted at people.com on Sept. 2, 2020.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Kentucky Governor Says '99.9% of People Could Be Doing It [Protesting] Right' in Louisville Protests—Despite 143 Arrests, 2 Officers Shot" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 24, 2020.
- An article by Kelsey Bolar titled "Justice for Breonna Taylor Isn't Indicting Police Officers for Acting in Self-Defense" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Joshua Espinoza titled "Kentucky AG to Release Recording of Breonna Taylor Grand Jury Proceedings" was posted at yahoo.com on Sept. 29, 2020.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Bronson Stocking titled "ICE Blasts Los Angeles County for Harboring Criminal Aliens" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 28, 2020.
- An article by Neil Munro titled "White House: Border Wall Grows 10 Miles Per Week" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.

Comments about weapons

■ An article titled "32 Shot, 7 Killed in Chicago Weekend Violence, Including 2 Stabbing Victims" was posted at suntimes.com on Sept. 27, 2020.

Comments about Mail-In Ballots

- sLooking back to June, an article by Erica Werner titled "Treasury Sent More Than 1 Million Coronavirus Stimulus Payments to Dead People, Congressional Watchdog [Government Accountability Office] Finds" was posted at washing-tonpost.com on June 25, 2020. [Just as dead people receive government checks, dead people can also receive government mail-in ballots.]
- Looking back to August, an article by Katie Pavlich titled "Fauci: There's No Reason People Can't Vote Safely in Person" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 14, 2020.
- Looking back to September, an article by Kyle Olson titled "Report Finds Nearly 350,000 Dead Voters Still on Rolls, Double-Voters 'Casting Multiple Ballots' " was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 19, 2020.
- An article by Joshua Caplan titled "Virginia: 1,000+ Voters Receive Two Absentee Ballots" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 25, 2020.

- An article by Andrea Widburg titled "James O'Keefe of Project Veritas Exposes Massive Minneapolis Voter Fraud" was posted at americanthinker.com on Sept. 28, 2020.
- An article by Joshua Caplan titled "Nearly 100,000 Brooklyn Voters Got Wrong Ballot Return Envelopes" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.

Comments about Supreme Court

- An article by Susan Dominus and Charlie Savage titled "The Quiet 2013 Lunch That Could Have Altered Supreme Court History [When Barack Obama Hinted That Ruth Bader Ginsburg Could Retire]" was posted at nytimes.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Jamie Smith titled "The Death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Pushed Me to Join the Satanic Temple" was posted at huffpost.com on Sept. 24, 2020.
- An article by Kylee Zempel titled "The Satanic Temple Is in Fact Emblematic of the Leftist Worldview" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Amy Furr titled "Left-Wing Pundits, Activists Condemn SCOTUS Nominee Amy Coney Barrett" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 26, 2020.
- An article by Shane Goldmacher, Katie Glueck and Thomas Kaplan titled "Joe Biden's Court Vacancy Plan: More Talk of Health Care and the Pandemic" was posted at nytimes.com on Sept. 19, 2020.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "Sen. Cruz: SCOTUS Nomination Is About Free Speech, Religious Liberty, 2nd Amendment—Not Health Care" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Joshua Caplan titled "Amy Coney Barrett: "I Love the United States and I Love the United States Constitution" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 26, 2020.
- An article by Dr. Susan Berry titled "Women Leaders Praise Trump Nomination of Amy Coney Barrett: 'Role Model for Women and Girls Across Country' " was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 26, 2020.
- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Amy Coney Barrett: Your 'Fundamental Purpose in Life' Is to 'Know, Love and Serve God' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 28, 2020.
- An article by Joy Pullman titled "The Left Hates Amy Coney Barrett Because She Disproves All Their Lies About Women" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 28, 2020.

Comments about court-packing

■ An article by John McCormack titled "Senate Democrats Want to Wait Until November 4 to Reveal Their Court-Packing Plan" was posted at national review.com on Sept. 29, 2020.

- An article by Mairead McArdle titled "Biden Refuses to Say Whether He Backs Packing Court, Ending Filibuster" was posted at national review.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Matt Palumbo titled "Kamala Harris Refuses to Say If She Supports Packing the Supreme Court" was posted at bongino.com on Sept. 29, 2020.

Comments about 1st presidential debate

- An article by John Binder titled "Joe Biden Ditches Bernie Bros at Debate: Denounces Medicare for All, Defund the Police, Green New Deal" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "Biden: 'I Don't Support the Green New Deal': Trump: 'You Just Lost the Radical Left' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Joel B. Pollak titled "Fact Check: Chris Wallace Falsely Implies Trump Never Condemned White Supremacists" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Ryan Saavedra titled "Chris Wallace Faces Intense Backlash, Including From Colleagues Over Bias During Debate" was posted at dailywire.com on Sept. 30, 2020.
- An article by Jacqueline Feldscher titled "Chris Wallace Faces Criticism for Letting Candidates Run Wild in First Debate" was posted at politico.com on Sept. 30, 2020.
- An article by Natasha Korecki and Alex Isenstadt titled "Biden Campaign Faces Questions About Whether He Should Skip Next Debates" was posted at politico.com on Sept. 30, 2020.
- An article by Clea Skopeliti titled "Presidential Debate: Biden's Team Selling 'Will You Shut Up, Man' T-Shirts After Retort to Trump" was posted at independent.co.uk on Sept. 30, 2020.

Comments about Trump support

- An article by Sean Davis and Mollie Hemingway titled "'Trump Was Right': Explosive New FBI Texts Detail Internal Furor Over Handling of 'Crossfire Hurricane' Investigation" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 24, 2020.
- An article by Robert Kraychik titled "Tom Cotton Confident Trump Will Peacefully Transfer Power in 2025" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Alexander Watson titled "AG Barr: 'Separation of Church and State Does Not Mean Separation of Religion and Civics' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Emily Jashinsky titled "Kelly Loeffler's Bill to Protect Female Athletes Is a Sign the GOP Finally Figured Out the Culture War" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 25, 2020.

- An article by Kyle Olson titled "Trump Campaign Claims Over 2.2 Million Volunteers: 'Largest Grassroots Movement' in History" was posted at breitbart. com on Sept. 26, 2020.
- An article titled "Candace Owens: Democrats Want Black Americans Dependent on Government Policies" was posted at foxnews.com on Sept. 27, 2020.

Kamala Harris

- Looking back to August, an article by Samuel Smith titled "Biden Taps Kamala Harris As Running Mate; 'Most Pro-Abortion Ticket' in US History, SBA [Susan B. Anthony] List Says" was posted at christianpost.com on Aug. 11, 2020.
- An article by Kyle Morris titled "Kamala Harris Skipped Covid Relief Vote, Now Says 'Congress Needs to Act' " was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Kristan Hawkins titled "Catholic Voters Can't Ignore Abortion or Kamala Harris' Religious Bigotry in 2020 Election" was posted at usatoday. com on Sept. 28, 2020.
- An article by Matt Palumbo titled "Kamala Harris Refuses to Say If She Supports Packing the Supreme Court" was posted at bongino.com on Sept. 29, 2020.

Comments about Trump opposition

- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Geraldo Rivera on Trump-Russia: 'Nobody Feels Sorry for Him, I Get That; But He Was Wrongly Treated in This Whole Thing' "was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 28, 2020.
- An article by Joel B. Pollak titled "DNI [Director of National Intelligence] Ratcliffe Declassifies Intel Suggesting Russia Alleged Hillary Clinton 'Plan' to Frame Trump for Collusion" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Pam Key titled "Hillary Clinton: Trump's Reality Show Presidency About to Be 'Canceled' "was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Tim O'Donnell titled "'Doom-and-Gloom' Ads Attacking Trump Are Backfiring, Democratic Strategist [Jess McIntosh] Argues" was posted at theweek.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Awr Hawkins titled "18 of Top 20 Cities With Projected Highest Murder Rates Have Democrat Mayors" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- Looking back to September, an article by CNSNews Staff titled "Pelosi: 'The Three Most Important Issues Facing Our Country and Congress; Our Children, Our Children, Our Children' [Says a Democratic Leader Who Supports Abortion]" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 3, 2020.
- Looking back to September, an article by CNSNews Staff titled "Nancy Pelosi: 'When You Start Flirting With Endangering Our Children, Them's Fighting Words' [Says a Democratic Leader Who Supports Abortion]" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 18, 2020.

- An article by Brittany Bernstein titled "Black Lives Matter Removes Language About Disrupting the Nuclear Family From Website" was posted at nationalreview.com on Sept. 21, 2020.
- An article by Kyle Olson titled "Chicagoans Blast Black Lives Matter: 'Not An Authentic Black Movement'" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Warner Todd Huston titled "Charles Barkley, Shaaquille O'Neal Face Backlash for Saying Defunding Police Is Bad for Black Communities" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Valerie Richardson titled "Biden's Claim About Attending Historically Black Delaware State Refuted by University" was posted at washingtontimes.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Penny Starr titled "Democrat Oregon Governor Kate Brown [Finally] Declares State of Emergency in Portland for 1st Time Over Antifa Counter-Protest" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Charlie Spiering titled "Fact Check: Joe Biden Claims Donald Trump Told People to Inject Bleach Into Their Arms" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Bronson Stocking titled "Newsom Signs Bill Assigning Inmates Based on Gender Identity" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 27, 2020.
- An article by Robert Kraychik titled "Ibram Kendi: 'Too Many White People' Believe They Can't Be Racist If They Adopt Black Children" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 26, 2020.
- An article by Robert Gearty titled "Atlanta Activist Spent \$200,000 in Black Lives Matter Donations on House, Personal Expenses: FBI" was posted at foxnews. com on Sept. 26, 2020.
- An article by Warner Todd Huston titled "Jennifer Anniston Promotes Video of Director Comparing Republicans to Nazis" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Nicholas Rice titled "Julia Louis-Dreyfus Announces Virtual Veep Reunion in Support of Joe Biden's Presidential Campaign" was posted at people.com on Sept. 26, 2020.
- An article by Ben Kew titled "Josh Brolin: 'We're Not a Better Country' Under Trump" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.
- An article by Robert Kraychik titled "John Legend to Hillary Clinton: If We Don't Elect Joe Biden, Trump's Damage May Be Irreversible" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 29, 2020.

General interest

■ An article by Chris Melore titled "Average American Recorded by Security Cameras 238 Times Each Week, Study Shows" was posted at studyfinds.org on Sept. 23, 2020.

- An article by Kristina Wong titled "10 Disturbing Revelations From FBI Special Agent William Barnett on the FBI's Michael Flynn Probe" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 25, 2020.
- An article by Grace Hauck titled "Cars Have Hit Demonstrators 104 Times Since George Floyd Protests Began" was posted at usatoday.com on Sept. 27, 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."