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THE MOST POPULAR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS ~ By David Cloud

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FACEBOOK

Facebook is the largest social media site by far. As of September 2019, there were 2.45 billion monthly Facebook users. (This is one-third of the world population of about 7.7 billion.) 1.62 billion log onto Facebook daily, a 9% increase over 2018. 71% of American adults use Facebook (38% use Instagram and 23% use Twitter). 50% check Facebook when they wake up (*The Social Skinny*). 76% ages 18-24 use Facebook; ages 25-29 - 84%; ages 30-49 - 79%. Among youth ages 12-17, 40% use Facebook, but only 10% say it is the social network they most often use.

Facebook was founded by Mark Zuckerberg, who was studying psychology and computer science at Harvard



University. It had a lascivious, devious origin. It began in 2003 as a website called Facemash, which was intended to be used to rate the attractiveness of female student's faces (are they "hot or not"?). Zuckerberg

fraudulently hacked into Harvard's security network and copied student ID images to populate his web site. After a few days, the school shut down Facemash for breach of security and violating individual privacy.

In early 2004, Zuckerberg launched a new website called "The Facebook," which was intended to help students get to know one another better. He was sued by three Harvard seniors who accused him of stealing their ideas for a social network website called HarvardConnection. The lawsuit was eventually settled out of court for 1.2 million Facebook shares (Dominic Rushe, "Facebook IPO sees Winklevoss twins heading for \$300 million fortune," *The Guardian*, Feb. 2, 2012).

Zuckerberg enlisted help from some fellow students, and Facebook was launched in 2005. By 2009, it was the world's largest social networking service. That was the year the "Like" button was introduced.

Facebook is global. 85% of Facebook users are outside of the US and Canada. In 2019, there were 307 million Facebook users in Europe, 17 million in Australia, 17 million in Korea (33% of the population), 74 million in the Philippines (68% of the population), 35 million in Bangkok, 16 million in South Africa (28% of the population), 9 million in Nepal, a number that represents a large majority of the nation's youth.

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Facebook stores approximately 300 petabytes of user data on its computer servers. One petabyte is 1 million gigabytes. "The entire written works of humankind, in every known language from the dawn of recorded history, would occupy approximately 50 petabytes" ("21 Amazing Facebook Facts," Dan Shewan, Nov. 7, 2018). 300 million photos are uploaded daily; 4.75 billion pieces of content are posted daily; 500 million people watch video on Facebook daily.

Female Facebook users have an average of 166 Facebook friends, while men have an average of 145.

Facebook owns Instagram, which is more popular with teens. Thus one company controls the main two social media sites used by all age groups. Facebook also owns WhatsApp and Messenger.

INSTAGRAM

Instagram has 1 billion users (2019). 72% of teens use Instagram. 100 million photos and videos are uploaded daily. Facebook purchased Instagram in 2012.

Teens love Instagram because they can create a profile of themselves, post photos and videos, create broadcast channels like YouTube, document their daily lives, send and receive messages, and follow their favorite celebrities.

"If you walk into any middle school in the United States and stop a random 13-year-old girl and ask her how many followers she has on Instagram, she will tell the exact number as of 5 minutes ago" (Jesse Weinberger, *The Boogeyman Exists*, p. 138).

Instagram suggests friends and celebrities based on what the social media site knows about you.

There is a Snapchat-like feature that lets users send a timed photo or video that disappears after viewing. "It's likely they'll see mature content (including sexy stuff, swearing, and substance use), mean or sexual comments, and hashtags about suicide, anorexia, and other concerning topics" ("Parents' Ultimate Guide to Instagram," Commonsensemedia.org, Mar. 28, 2019).

Instagram's image sharing, with its enhancing filters, is particularly attractive to girls, though guys are attracted to this, as well.

Instagrammers create “an Instagram life, telling their own stories, or at least a stylized and idealized version of it. ... Instagram is the crowning achievement of that decades-long development that we have called the ‘celebrification’ of everyday life and ordinary people, a strategy developed by attention merchants for the sake of creating cheap content” (*The Attention Merchants*, pp. 311, 312, 314).

There is great pressure to pursue likes and to check friends’ updates. Instagram “demands interacting with strangers to make them feel engaged or heard, the way a politician or other public figure might ... ‘This is the hardest part because it takes something money can’t buy, and that is TIME. It takes a LOT OF TIME’” (*The Attention Merchants*, p. 312).

Peer pressure is taken to new heights via social media. Teenagers “pod” together by agreeing to like and comment on one another’s posts. If you don’t aggressively participate in likes, you will be asked to leave the pod.

TWITTER

Twitter, launched in 2006, is “an online news and social networking site where people communicate in short messages called tweets.” It is called “microblogging.” The messages are limited to 280 characters (originally 140), but they can include photos and videos and links to web sites, social media accounts, etc.

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Twitter was co-founded by Jack Dorsey, Evan Williams, and Biz Stone. In 2015, it was announced that Saudi prince Alwaleed Bin Talal had become the second largest Twitter shareholder, but in 2019, Investopedia did not list him in the top three, referring, rather, to Dorsey, Williams, and Peter Fenton (“To 3 Twitter Shareholds,” Investopedia, May 6, 2019).

Twitter defines the age: shallow, immediate, impulsive, frivolous, amusing.

A user’s tweets are received only by those who subscribe to them or go online to view them.

Twitter can be used for person-to-person communication simply by means of tweets and feedbacks. Following is an explanation:

“Think of Twitter as a room full of people, all sitting in a circle. It’s a conversation. When you update your status, you are speaking to the whole group. Everyone can hear what you have to say. **REPLIES** - If you want to direct your comments to one specific person in the circle, but loud enough that everyone else can hear, use the ‘Reply’ function. You address the person by using their Twitter user name preceded by the @ symbol. For example: ‘@spencesmith I get my haircut at Dion’s South in downtown Franklin.’ Everyone who is following Spence and me will see the message, but I am specifically directing it to Spence. (Those who are not following both of us will not see the message.) You can also use the Reply function to refer to someone by name. For example: ‘I’m headed to dinner at Tin Angel with @gailhyatt and @meghmiller. I am looking forward to trying the new menu.’ The thing about replies is that they are ‘clickable links.’ **DIRECT MESSAGING** - If someone who is following me, clicks on one of the names, they will automatically go to that person’s Twitter page. This will give them the opportunity to follow that person, too. **Direct Messages**. Continuing with the metaphor of a conversation with a room full of people, you can also use the ‘direct message’ function. This is like whispering in one person’s ear. They can hear you, but no one else can. You are directing the message to them and only them. For example: ‘d Inobles Can you bring my Business Review notebook down to the cafeteria conference room?’ Twitter direct messages have largely replaced simple text messaging for me and many people I know” (Michael Hyatt, “The Beginner’s Guide to Twitter”).

Twitter is used to broadcast information on any type of subject that people are interested in: business, finance,

manufacturing, crafts, hobbies, history, technology, science, space, humor, music, religion, philosophy, etc.

There are endless educational, interesting, and wholesome recreational accounts, such as @TEDtalks, @mittr_insights (MIT Tech Review), @ThatsHistory, @dayinhistory, @IAM_Shakespeare (tweets the complete works of Shakespeare, line by line), @BrilliantAds, @MerriamWebster, @NASA, @PreschoolGems, @TweetsOfOld, @NatGeoPhotos, @BabyAnimal, @BEAUTIFULPICS, @EarthPicturz @dscovr_epic (earth photos from NASA's DSCOVR satellite).

(We aren't recommending these Twitter accounts, merely mentioning them as examples of what is out there.)

Twitter is used by a myriad of people to document their daily lives for whoever might be interested. Twitter has become the most popular forum for live news and firsthand reports from ongoing events.

It has also become hugely influential in politics. U.S. President Donald Trump's Twitter account is in the top ten most popular, with 71 million followers.

Twitter is above all an entertainment forum. Eight of the top ten Twitter accounts in early 2020 are entertainers: Katy Perry (108 million followers), Justin Bieber (108m), Rihanna (97m), Taylor Swift (85m), Cristiano Ronaldo (82m), Lady Gaga (80m), Ellen DeGeneres (79m), and YouTube (72m). Thus, the majority of Twitter attention is devoted to entertainment, reflecting the shallowness of the age and the omnipresence of the pop culture.

Twitter is hugely addictive because of the endless variety of tweets and because of its "real-time" nature. You can read messages the moment they are published anywhere in the world. "Twitter's strength is real-time. No other social platform comes close on this front" (SocialMediaToday, Mar. 18, 2016).

A large percentage of Twitter communications are poisonous. There is a massive amount of pure hate. Twitter is "filled with rage and arguments" ("Top 20 Most Popular Twitter Accounts," Timesnext.com, Dec. 24, 2019).

"If one wants a barometer reading of a culture in the full flood of terminal decadence, one

need only spend an hour or two on Twitter. One can observe the lynch mobs on the march. One can note the collective pageant of the mentally deficient in full array. One can see how depravity manifests as self-righteous exhilaration" ("Why Twitter Is Bad for Cultural Health," *PJMedia*, Mar. 12, 2020).

Twitter has become a major tracking and monitoring tool by researchers and governments. It is used to track flood damage, earthquake activity, civil unrest, virus outbreaks, predict crime, stock market trends, and many other things.

"Twitter has some porn. Buyer beware. Comments and roasting can be toxic at times. Cyberbullying is the big one [problem] here" (*Smartphone Sanity*).

Twitter allows users to set up multiple accounts with user-assigned names. Thus a teen can set up a Twitter account that does not have his name attached and can invite a list of friends to subscribe to his messages.

He then sends out tweet messages to that list that are sent as text messages to their phones.

In 2020, Twitter began censoring and "fact checking" President Donald Trump. Twitter placed a warning label on two of President Trump's tweets concerning mail-in balloting on May 26 and a tweet about the racial violence in Minneapolis on May 29. Who has appointed Twitter as a speech censor and "fact checker"? There is zero consistency. Twitter allows all sorts of hate-mongering speech and out-and-out lies. If they will censor the president of the United States, they will definitely censor you and me.

SNAPCHAT

Snapchat has 203 million active users (2019). 90% of 13-24-year-olds use it.

It promotes sharing of images and videos that "self-destruct" in 10 seconds. 3.5 billion snaps are created every day. Filters and digital lenses can alter the user's appearance in dramatic ways.

"Snapchat offers the element of instant gratification that attracts teenagers and young adults. It's done a great job so far at giving teenagers a product which they like to play around with."

Snapchat is a major forum for selfies.

Snapchat is a major forum for cyberbullying and sexting.

“Snapchat is full of threats. With disappearing snaps, a culture of sexting, and a very sexually graphic stories section ... there’s nothing quite like Snapchat. ... The disappearing nature has encouraged many to use Snapchat to ‘sext’ without fear of being seen by the wrong eyes ... but as any teen can tell you, images can always be captured via screenshot and distributed to others in a matter of seconds” (*Smartphone Sanity*).

Snapchat is addicting and potentially time-wasting in a multitude of ways.

The ***Snapstreak*** keeps a record of how many days in a row two users have snapped each other. “If you want to start World War III in your home, simply threaten to take away your kid’s phone access for 24 hours so that all their Snapstreaks end” (*Smartphone Sanity*).

Then there are ***Stories***. A Snapchat story is a set of snaps (photos and videos) that document something in an individual’s life and disappears in 24 hours, thus motivating people to access the app endlessly in search of the latest live stories. One user says, “My first experience with a Snapchat Story was in college ... It mostly consisted of lots of pics of alcohol-fueled partying.” The stories of celebrities are particularly popular and addicting.

Live Stories are assembled by Snapchat staff. “Live Stories is one of the main ways of watching content on Snapchat. Just like television, the temporary Stories give the users a glimpse into someone’s life” (Snapfluent). Snapchat Live Stories have been called “the most powerful new social media.” They feature music concerts, travelogues, sporting events, and many other things, **with a major glorification of worldly partying**.

Then there is the ***Discover*** section. It features articles and videos chosen by Snapchat for entertainment value. “[A] great word to describe much of the content in the Discover section is ‘smutty’” (*Smartphone Sanity*).

One Snapchat filter is “gender-swap” which can change the gender of a photo.

“If I were talking to the youth, the one social media that I would address is Snapchat. To me this is the most dangerous because it is geared toward the youth. It is liberal slanted in politics and has a celebrity orientation and sexual orientation, including homosexuality.”

TikTok

TikTok was launched in 2016 and by 2020 had 800 million users. It is the most downloaded Apple app and the sixth most downloaded app in the world. “With 315 million downloads in the first three months of 2020, TikTok set a new record for the most installs by any app in a single quarter” (*Business Insider*, Apr. 16, 2020).

TikTok is especially popular in Asia. It has 124 million users in America, 173 million in China, and 466 million in India. It is also very popular in Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam. As of June 2020, it is the most popular app in the U.S., the U.K., and Spain in consumption time.

41% of TikTok users are aged 16-24, but there is a trend toward increased use among adults.

“TikTok is especially popular among teens, who typically use it to post videos of themselves singing along to their favorite songs, short comedy sketches, or a variety of viral ‘challenges’” (“Does TikTok Allow Strangers,” Snopes.com, Feb. 18, 2019).

TikTok is an app for creating and watching 15 second videos. It is a self-expression forum. “TikTok might be described as a repository of canned content to be conveniently remixed with user-created videos, a viral meme generating machine that makes users feel like rock stars” (“TikTok,” *Forbes*, June 28, 2020).

“It’s very user-centric.” “What makes it so attractive is that practically anyone can become a content provider because of the simplicity of using the app.”

“It is a way to express themselves and create short-form video clips to gain a following and build a community around their passions. It also features some great special effects that users can apply to their videos to make them more unique. You can also cross-post the content on other platforms to share it with more people” (“TikTok app safety,” Internetmatters.org, Dec. 3, 2019).

“TikTok has the video prowess of YouTube, the immediacy of Snapchat, and the concise artistry of Instagram, making it an ample playground for aspiring influencers” (“TikTok Tricks,” *Kim Kimando Show*, Mar. 1, 2020).

“TikTok trends are spilling over onto Instagram, YouTube, and TV shows like *Saturday Night Live*. Its stars are appearing in Super Bowl ads and late-night talk shows. And songs that become popular on TikTok are topping Billboard charts--the music artist Drake recently used TikTok to release his latest single, ‘Toosie Slide’” (“TikTok is breaking download records and taking over pop culture,” *Business Insider*, Apr. 16, 2020).

It was initially launched in China as Douyin, and in 2017 it was renamed TikTok and launched by ByteDance for markets outside of China. ByteDance purchased Musical.ly and merged it with TikTok.

TikTok tries to cannibalize its user’s contacts by asking users to sync their contacts and sending notifications to the contacts announcing new videos.

Like all social media, TikTok has the potential to be a massive time waster. “Sometimes it’s funny, sometimes it’s cringey, but it’s definitely addictive” (“10 TikTok Statistics,” Oberlo.com, Nov. 22, 2019). 90% of TikTok users access the app on a daily basis. Abhay Jani of India is typical. He said that before India banned the app in June 2020, he spent two hours a day watching videos and “enjoyed going own rabbit holes of the Indian internet.” He said, “I mean I was addicted to it” (“This is what it’s like,” *CNN Business*, Aug. 13, 2020)

Like all youth-oriented social media, TikTok is facilitating the sexualization of society.

“The fame-seeking, music-video ethos of the app has given rise to an uncomfortable trend of young teens engaging in sexually suggestive dancing and behavior” (Snopes.com, Feb. 18, 2019).

“[M]ost TikTok users are girls 13 or less who record themselves dancing and lip syncing to their favorite songs, often trying to be the most provocative or daring. ... Now, if you put a whole bunch of videos of pubescent girls dancing to their favorite music on a social network

with recommendation tools it’s going to become a magnet for sexual predators who are likely to try to contact them through the app’s chat feature; what’s more, it even helps users find videos of a certain type. ... the FTC has already fined TikTok \$5.7 million for storing profiles and personal information of children aged under thirteen without their parents’ consent, as well making those profiles public and even for allowing, until October 2016, to share their location... What could possibly go wrong?” (“TikTok: A Lesson in Irresponsibility,” *Forbes*, July 4, 2019).

It was reported in 2020 that TikTok has become a dating app. Users are posting “cute, short videos sharing a little about themselves” with hashtags such as #datemeplz, #someonedateme, #wouldyoudateme, \$reasontodateme, and #plsdateme. These receive millions of views. Interested parties can leave comments, follow them, or send a direct message (DM).

“Users flirt through comments and DMs on TikTok, then they might switch over to another platform (like Snapchat) to talk further, and then make their grand entrance back on TikTok as a new couple” (“TikTok is the Latest Dating App,” Axis.org).

“The possibility of receiving unwanted DMs from older people, even predators, is always within question when it comes to the internet, but openly inviting others to reach out with their interest in dating you obviously leaves a wider chasm for inappropriate behavior to occur” (Axis.org).

TikTok recommends videos based on AI (artificial intelligence) algorithms that study the user’s behaviour, and by swiping down the user keeps watching whatever is offered. “It gives them a sense of mystery and makes them excited ... it’s easy to stay in the loop of watching more and more videos” (“Why Is TikTok Sweeping over the World?” UXDesign.cc, Mar. 13, 2019).

In June 2020, TikTok users signed up for hundreds of thousands of tickets for President Trump’s campaign rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as a prank, tricking the campaign chairman into announcing that more than a million people

had registered and formulating plans for a non-existent overflow crowd.

The United States military banned TikTok from government-issued smartphones and strongly discouraged them from keeping the app on personal devices. This is due to the possibility of TikTok being used by the Chinese government for spying purposes. Reddit CEO and co-founder Steve Huffman, warns, “Because I look at that app as so fundamentally parasitic, that it’s always listening, the fingerprinting technology they use is truly terrifying, and I could not bring myself to install an app like that on my phone. I actively tell people, ‘Don’t install that spyware on your phone’” (“Reddit CEO: TikTok is ‘fundamentally parasitic,’” Techcrunch.com, Feb. 27, 2020).

In July 2020, Liu Lipeng, who worked as a Chinese internet censor for ten years, warned that TikTok is monitoring and policing videos posted by users. He

described ByteDance Technology as “the largest and most terrifying censorship machine” (“TikTok Hires Internet Police to Monitor American Users,” *The Epoch Times*, July 17, 2020). He was interviewed in 2018 for a job as content manager to inspect overseas speech on TikTok. He moved to the United States in March 2020.

In June 2020, the Indian government announced that it was banning TikTok and WeChat and some other Chinese apps and social media services.

The Modi government believes these apps share information with the Chinese government. The app is no longer sold in app stores and the 200 million apps already in circulation no longer operate. TikTok India might eventually be purchased by an indigenous business.

In August 2020, President Trump gave TikTok until September to sell its operation to a U.S. company or be shut down.

THE UNREGENERATE CHRISTIAN AND THE CHIMPANZEE (Friday Church News Notes, September 25, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from Harry Ironside, *Changed by Beholding*: “A great many people make the mistake of trying to live the life before they receive the life. The hardest thing I know is to try to live the Christian life when you do not have it to live. There must be a Christian life first before you can exemplify and manifest it. To try to live a Christian life when you have never been born again is just as hopeless as for a chimpanzee to try and live a human life. I have seen some chimpanzees that could copy things people do in a remarkable way. At a zoo in Philadelphia, they once said to me, ‘Come along and see a couple of your ancestors.’ I went along; there were two trained chimpanzees who had learned to mimic human beings to a remarkable degree. They wore clothes, sat at a table, ate, and drank, and in a clumsy way handled a knife and fork. When they got all through, they settled back and put cigarettes in their mouths, and a keeper lit them,



and they looked to me exactly like a lot of our own people do when smoking cigarettes. ... But although those chimps could do all those things, they did not know anything about real human life. They did not know anything of the principles controlling men and women. They were simply imitators. Many people imitate Christians and try to behave like them. They do not know anything of the power of the Christian life. They have never been born again. ‘Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God’ (John 3:3).”



“These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren” (Proverbs 6:16-19).

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31-32).



Black Lives Matter (BLM), founded by women who claim to be trained Marxists, is praised by prominent politicians, including the highest ranking Democrats in the U.S. Congress and Democratic governors and mayors, painted as a slogan on city streets and professional basketball courts, and taught in public schools. But BLM is not based on eternal truth and is therefore destined for judgment, regardless of how successful it might be in the short term.

America needs the Word of God, not Marxist propaganda which has never built anything good and righteous in its 175 year history but rather has left behind a heritage of mayhem, totalitarian enslavement, and death. “Revolutionary Marxism still holds the record for having deceived, enslaved, terrorized, imprisoned, tortured, and murdered more millions of people than any other ideology. The Leninist and Maoist interpreters of Karl Marx sacrificed *over 160 million* civilians on the altar of global equality. And that’s the conservative estimate” (Christopher Haun, *The Eight Spectres of Karl Marx in the 21st Century*).

America needs to learn about Jesus Christ and the apostles and prophets more than about George Washington or Abraham Lincoln or Martin Luther King, Jr.

The failure of churches over the past 100 years to preach and to teach God’s Word faithfully and without fear and to refute error has created widespread biblical illiteracy with the resulting lack of wisdom and spiritual and moral discernment. It has created a void in which every sort of error propagates.

The Word of God can bring true heart-level change of character, racial harmony, generational accord, economic wisdom, stability in home and government. It teaches mercy, forgiveness, kindness, peace, gentleness, goodness. It teaches true wisdom to mothers and fathers and youth and law enforcement personnel and political leaders.

It is the Word of God that has taught Samuel Armstrong, Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, and a great many other men and women love for their fellow man:

“I learned this lesson from General Samuel Chapman Armstrong [head of the school where Booker T. was educated], and resolved that I would permit no man, no matter what his color might be, to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him. With God’s help, I believe that I have completely rid myself of any ill feeling toward the Southern white man for any wrong that he may have inflicted upon my race. I am made to feel just as happy now when I am rendering service to Southern white men as when the service is rendered to a member of my own race. I pity from the bottom of my heart any individual who is so unfortunate as to get into the habit

of holding race prejudice” (Booker T. Washington, *Up from Slavery*, 1901).

“In the sight of God there is no color line, and we want to cultivate a spirit that will make us forget that there is such a line anyway” (*Up from Slavery*, 1901).

“The man is unwise who does not cultivate in every manly way the friendship and goodwill of his next-door neighbor, whether he be black or white” (*Up from Slavery*, 1901).

“Great men cultivate love ... Only little men cherish a spirit of hatred” (*Up from Slavery*, 1901).

“Keep your hand in that of the Master, walk daily by His side, so that you may lead others into the realms of true happiness, where a religion of hate, (which poisons both body and soul) will be unknown, having in its place the ‘Golden Rule’ way, which is the ‘Jesus Way’ of life, will reign supreme” (George W. Carver, 1927).

Following are some of the great truths of God’s Word that are far wiser than Black Lives Matter doctrine or the 1619 movement.

These are eternal truths. They can be ignored and denied, but they cannot be destroyed and they will not fail.

All men are created in God’s image, and all men have descended from the first man, Adam. There is only one “race” of men.

“So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them” (Genesis 1:27).

“And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring” (Acts 17:26-28).

The Bible does not mention a sin of “racism,” but it does describe and condemn the sins of pride, malice, envy, murder, kidnapping, hateful and hating one another, and many others.

“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness” (Mark 7:21-22).

“Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them” (Romans 1:29-32).

“These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren” (Proverbs 6:16-19).

All men are equally sinners before God and equally condemned.

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

“What then? are we better *than they*? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips: Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet *are* swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery *are* in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes” (Romans 3:9-18).

The nations have been wicked since their origin in the days of Cain and his descendants. Every nation has been corrupted because its citizens are sinners. There has not been a truly righteous, just nation on earth since man’s fall, not even Israel in her heyday during the kingdom of David and Solomon.

The Bible describes many ancient nations--such as Egypt, Elam, Edom, Hittites, Philistines, Canaanites, Phoenicia, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome--and all were unrighteous. All of them practiced slavery. There was no economic equality, no social equality, no equality in justice. America, too, is deeply imperfect, but it is superior to other nations in history in these things. To demand perfection of America is mindless utopianism that ignores the reality of the entire human history.

“And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch. And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech. And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one *was* Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and *of such as have* cattle. And his brother's name *was* Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ. And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain *was* Naamah. And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt. If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold. And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew” (Genesis 4:17-25).

“The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence” (Genesis 6:11).

All men can be saved and changed, reconciled to God and reconciled to their fellow man. This is the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Only the gospel has the power to change men's hearts and create a “new man.”

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved” (John 3:16-17).

“But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the

prophets; Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference” (Romans 3:21-22).

“Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30).

“Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Jesus Christ came to teach men the law of love, and that is the solution for all of man's problems.

“These things I command you, that ye love one another” (John 15:17).

“Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law” (Romans 13:8-10).

“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matthew 6:14-15).

“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you” (Matthew 5:44).

Rage, robbery, rampage, and murder are evil in God's eyes. There is no justification for these things in God's Word. They are never righteous.

“Thou shalt not kill” (Exodus 10:13).

“Thou shalt not steal” (Exodus 20:15).

“Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor

his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's" (Exodus 20:17).

"Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, *It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer*" (Proverbs 28:24).

"A man that doeth violence to the blood of *any* person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him" (Proverbs 28:17).

"My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. And they lay wait for their *own* blood; they lurk privily for their *own* lives. So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof" (Proverbs 1:10-19).

Anarchist movements are prophesied in the Bible and condemned.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. ... But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was" (2 Timothy 3:1-4, 9).

"*There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men*" (Proverbs 30:11-14).

The so-called "nuclear family" is a divine institution. It was created by God at the dawn of man's history. It is composed of a man and a woman who are joined together in holy matrimony, committed to one another for life, plus the offspring of that couple. This institution has been recognized universally for the full length of man's history until this present generation.

"And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matthew 19:4-6).

There will be no utopia on this earth until Christ establishes His kingdom, and it will be a kingdom of truth and righteousness. It will be established by God's almighty power.

"Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son. He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. ... He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor. ... In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. ... Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him. For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight" (Psalm 72: 1-2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14).

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this" (Isaiah 9:6-7).

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other" (Matthew 24:29-31).

Only those who are born again will see Christ's kingdom.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

DIGGING IN THE WALLS

God commanded the prophet Ezekiel to dig in the walls of Israel's temple and observe the evils being done in secret by apostate religious leaders of that day. "Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall ... And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw. ..." (Ezek. 8:7-10).

Ezekiel was then instructed to preach against the errors of the leaders and to tell the people the things he had witnessed.

"Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man. ... Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the Lord had shewed me" (Ezek. 11:4,25).

The hour in which we live is very similar to that of Ezekiel's day. Many of those who profess to be the people of God are apostate. It was prophesied in the New Testament Scriptures that such would be the case in the closing hours of our age. This will culminate in the brief worldwide rule of an utterly apostate Harlot "church" (2 Tim. 3-4; 1 Tim. 4; 2 Pet. 2-3; Jude; Rev. 17).

As in Ezekiel's day much of the apostasy of our hour is hidden from the view of the average Christian. We intend by God's grace to "dig in the walls" of modern ecumenism and to expose and cry out against the things we find. In this section we also report on secular events which are relevant to Christians. May God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to obey. Is the truth of God not worthy of defense?



CLARENCE SEXTON PREACHES THE GOSPEL AT ROBERT TRUMP'S FUNERAL (Friday Church News Notes, September 4, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is Pastor Clarence Sexton's testimony about the funeral of Robert Trump, President Donald Trump's brother, which was held on August 21. This statement is from the Sunday Morning service at Temple Baptist, Aug. 23, which is available online at SermonAudio. "My wife and I met the Trump family on Thursday afternoon and evening and then we went over to the White House on Friday for the funeral service. I had the opportunity to say anything that God put in my heart to say. I was able to give the gospel clearly, to talk about knowing Christ and who Christ is. And when I finished, the President and his family had the kindest things to say. I was invited by Robert Trump's wife, Ann Marie. They have been watching our church services and listening to all that is going on here, and even praying for Catherine, my sister. And when I talked to Robert last before he went to be with the Lord, he said, 'Pastor, I want you to know that I am praying with you for the revival I believe we must have in America,' and my heart was stirred. He was a good man. He told me his faith was in Christ, and I praise God for that. I

want you to continue to pray for them. Pray for our President; he is under lots of pressure. This is the loss of his baby brother and his best friend. ... I want you to pray that God will minister to his heart in the private, secret times of his life." **CONCLUSION:** We don't know what Pastor Sexton preached at the funeral. Hopefully, he preached repentance toward God and faith toward Jesus Christ, as Paul did (Acts 20:21). And hopefully, Robert Trump's faith in Christ was not a mere sinner's prayer, but was a born again conversion that made him a new creature in Christ. That is the only genuine hope of heaven, as Christ Himself said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

JEWS IMMIGRATING TO ISRAEL (Friday Church News Notes, September 4, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The Israeli government estimates that 90,000 Jews will immigrate to Israel in the next 18 months. "The Jewish Agency, Nefesh B'Nefesh, Qalita and other organizations dealing with aliyah have all stated of late that the COVID-19 pandemic has prompted a large spike in the number of Jews expressing interest in immigrating" (*Jerusalem Post*, June 17, 2020). The return of the Jews to their native land in a unconverted condition is a fulfillment of Bible



prophecy. Ezekiel 37:1-14 describes a two-stage resurrection. First, they rise up “but there was no breath in them” (Eze. 37:7-8). Then, they come to life by the Spirit of God (Eze. 37:9-10). The first part of the prophecy is necessary to set the stage for the fulfillment of Daniel’s 70th Week (Da. 9:27). Only a spiritually-blind Israel will make a covenant with the Antichrist.

BLACK LIVES MATTER RIOTERS BURN BLACK BUSINESSES, BEAT A 71-YEAR-OLD MAN, MURDER A MAN WEARING A PATRIOT PRAYER HAT, DEMAND THAT DINERS RAISE A FIST, THREATEN A U.S. SENATOR WITH DEATH, CHANT “DEATH TO AMERICA,” EXPRESS DESIRE TO BURN DOWN THE WHITE HOUSE (Friday Church News Notes, September 4, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - “An elderly man was brutally attacked during a Black Lives Matter riot last night in Kenosha, Wisconsin, after he tried to stop a mattress store from being burned to the ground. ... [Store owners] Pamela Moniz and her husband, Keith McCoy, told *Fox 6 News* that the man was trying to chase them off with a fire extinguisher. ‘They broke his jaw’” (“Rioters Attack Elderly Man” *The Daily Wire*, Aug. 26, 2020). “**Leftist activists cornered a woman at a restaurant in Washington, D.C., early this week and demanded that she give into their demands of joining them by raising her fist.** *Washington Post* journalist Fredrick Kunkle captured the incident on video and shared it on social media,

writing: ‘In a scene that played out several times Monday, a Black Lives Matter protest that began in Columbia Heights confronted White diners outside D.C. restaurants, chanting *White silence is violence!* and demanding White diners show their solidarity. In Adams Morgan, protesters screamed at Lauren B. Victor for several minutes for refusing to raise her fist with them.’ ... *Federalist* journalist John Davidson tweeted: ‘This is insane. These people don’t want to share a republic, they don’t want justice or peace, they don’t want a better world. They want to rule you.’ Leftist journalist Glenn Greenwald tweeted: ‘This is repulsive. And has nothing whatsoever to do with the murder of George Floyd, the horrific shooting of Jacob Blake, or even police brutality generally. It’s about all sorts of other things besides that.’ Policy analyst Brian Riedl tweeted: ‘When I imagine a Democrat ascendancy over the next few decades, these intolerant, woke mobs scare me the most. I tell myself most Democrats are sane & moderate, but I fear these younger generations of Robespierres already dominating campuses, & someday fully

conquering the Dems’” (“Black Lives Matter Activists Corner Woman,” *The Daily Wire*, Aug. 26, 2020). **On the evening of August 28, a Black Lives Matter “defund the police” mob outside the White House attacked Senator Rand Paul and his wife and threatened his death.** He said, “I truly believe this with every fiber of my being, had they gotten at us they would have gotten us to the ground, we might not have been killed, might just have been injured by being kicked in the head, or kicked in the stomach until we were senseless. ... if you defund the police, if America becomes Portland, what’s going to happen is people are going to be pummeled and kicked in the head and left senseless on the curb. ... I mean, we can’t walk down the street in D.C. safely now. That’s how bad it is” (“Rand Paul calls for FBI arrests, investigation,” *Fox News*, Aug. 28, 2020). The mob was chanting, “We’re not going to let you go alive unless you’ll say you’re for criminal justice reform,” meaning their kind of reform which will destroy law and order. **In Chicago, Black Lives Matter organizer Ariel Atkins said she “100 percent” supports the violent looters** who trashed the city and again called it “reparations.” She said, “The whole idea of criminality is based on racism anyway. ... I will support the looters till the end of the day” (“Winning Has Come Through Revolts,” WBEZ radio, Aug. 12, 2020). **In a Black Lives Matter event in Washington, D.C. a BLM leader said, “I’m at the point where, I want to burn the White House down”** (“BLM Activist,” *The Daily Wire*, Aug. 30, 2020). **In Portland,**



Oregon, which has witnessed 100 days of Antifa/Black Lives Matter riots, a young white man wearing a Patriot Prayer hat was shot and killed. Retired Marine Gabriel Johnson, who lives nearby and heard the gunshots, said he was “appalled by all the people in the street celebrating” (“Fatal Portland shooting,” *Fox News*, Aug. 31, 2020). Johnson said, “What we’re seeing is that [Portland Mayor] Ted Wheeler and our city council, even our governor has created an atmosphere of lawlessness and this is the result of it. I hold the city and I hold the mayor responsible. This man’s death is on them.” **On Aug. 26, in Oakland, California, about 700 Black Lives Matter protesters went on a destructive rampage chanting “Death to America”** (@MrAndyNgo, Aug. 31, 2020).

FLORIDA SHERIFF WARNS BLM PROTESTORS NOT TO TRY RIOTING IN HIS BAILIWICK (Friday Church News Notes, September 4, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Florida Sheriff,” *Reformation Charlotte*, Aug. 26, 2020: “In a rare display of support for the right to life and liberty and self-defense upheld by the Second Amendment to the Constitution, one Florida Sheriff has publicly warned protesters to stay out of suburban neighborhoods because



people in his county like guns and will use them. Grady Judd, Sheriff of Polk County, Florida, says he received information from social media that Antifa and Black Lives Matter protesters in his county were planning to ‘take their criminal conduct’ into the neighborhoods. ‘I would tell them if you value your life you probably shouldn’t do that in Polk County,’ he says during a press briefing, ‘because the people in Polk County like guns, have guns, I encourage them to own guns, and they’re going to be in their homes tonight with their guns loaded. And if you try to break into their homes to steal, to set fires, I’m highly recommending they blow you back out of their house with their guns. So leave the community alone.’”

REPUBLICAN RIOTING (Friday Church News Notes, September 4, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - I despise politics. It is dirty, compromising business at best. There is no Godliness Party in America or anywhere else on this corrupt earth (and if there were, it wouldn’t win many elections!). The Republican Party is a moral mess, and both parties spend money like drunken sailors. But when it comes to law and order and freedom of religion and speech, which are very, very big things, the choice between the two parties in America is night and day. Where are the Republican rioters? Where are Republic demonstrators burning down businesses and shooting peaceful protestors and surrounding people to demand that they support Trump or else? Where are the Republican mayors and governors legitimizing riots? Where are the Republican attorneys general and district attorneys who are weak



on punishing violent criminals but are filing charges against peaceful citizens for bearing arms in self-defense? Where are the Republican educators who are removing the names of the Founding Fathers from their schools? Where are the Republican governors who are releasing violent criminals back into the population? Where are the Republican mayors and governors who are backing defunding the police? Where are the Republican politicians who are campaigning on destroying Second Amendment rights? Where are Republicans calling for the death of top Democratic party officials? Where is the Republican cancel culture? Where are the Republicans who are oppressing churches?

A DRY WATERFALL (Friday Church News Notes, September 4, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from creationmoments.com, June 25, 2020: “In eastern Washington State, there is a waterfall, four times larger than the Niagara Falls. So why haven’t you all heard about this magnificent wonder of the world? Because there is no water going over the falls today. The whole jaw-dropping spectacle is dry--hence its name. Yet, it clearly used to be a waterfall. How was it formed, and why is it now dry? There was a devastating flood in the North West



of the United States a long time ago. An inland lake, situated around Missoula, Montana, broke free, and the water poured west across Idaho and into east Washington, where it carved out enormous valleys, called coulees. Then the water flowed south into the Columbia River, where it carved out the Columbia Gorge--but that is another story. At one point, in the Grand Coulee, the water plunged over this cataract, which is nearly five miles wide, and has a drop of 400 feet. The waterfall must have been an awesome sight --even without water, it is impressive today. The depth of the plunge pools at the base of the falls give a measure of the power of the water. The Dry Falls were probably not wet falls for very long. They serve as a testimony to the fact that major geological changes in the Earth's surface do not take millions of years, but can clearly be seen to be catastrophic--just as the Bible informs us in its account of the worldwide Flood. Ref: Oard, M.J. (2004), *The Missoula Flood Controversy and the Genesis Flood* (CRS)."

TWO AMERICAS, TWO WORLDVIEWS (Friday Church News Notes, September 11, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - There are two Americas today. **There is the conservative, traditional America, the America**

of the Founding Fathers, the America deeply influenced by the Bible. American conservatives, regardless of whether or not they are professing Christians, have a worldview that is to various degrees shaped by the Bible, which is the worldview of the nation's founding: the existence of a Creator God, respect for the Bible, private ownership of property ("thou shalt not steal ... though shalt not covet thy neighbour's house ... nor anything that is thy neighbour's"), the sanctity of life ("thou shalt not kill"), the right to defense of life and property (Exodus 22:2-3), the rule of law and order (Romans 13:1-7), equality of justice (Deuteronomy 1:17), the sanctity of the "nuclear family" (Matthew 19:4-6), nationalism as opposed to globalism (protection of national borders, strong national defense), freedom of religion, freedom for churches to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). This is the America of conservative evangelical and fundamentalist Christianity, conservative politics, conservative media, home schoolers, Blue Lives Matter. It is the America of Donald Trump and the Republican Party. **Then there is the leftist America influenced by godless and anti-Christian philosophies** such as Humanism, social Darwinism, economic and cultural Marxism, critical theories, radical feminism, global socialism (a world superstate), intersectionality, queer rights, liberation theology, the Green movement, Islam. This is the America that is propagandized through the public education system, from the elementary school to the university and through many training programs in the federal government. It is the America of the "mainstream

media" such as CNN and the *New York Times*. It is supported to a large degree by big technology (Google, Facebook, Twitter, Apple) and by the nation's largest corporations (Nike, etc.). It is the America of Black Lives Matter and Antifa and "systemic racism" and defund the police and wokeness and the cancel culture and deplatforming. It is the America of the "progressive" element of the Democratic Party, which is rapidly taking over the party. The two Americas are currently fairly equal in size and influence, which is evident in the makeup of the U.S. Congress and in the razor thin margins of the presidential elections. Humanly speaking, the tide is on the side of leftist America because of its domination of the public school system and higher education, among other things. At the same time, those vast numbers of Americans who love the traditional America have many resources, not the least of which is prayer. America is still the world's greatest bastion of biblical Christianity. If even a minority of those Christians would wake up from the slumber of a party lifestyle and live the pilgrim lifestyle that God's Word commands and engage in spiritual warfare, there is no telling what God would do even in these dark times.



OHIO MAYOR SURRENDERS CITY TO JESUS CHRIST (Friday Church News Notes, September 11, 2020,

www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Ashland becomes spiritual hot spot," *Front Lines Ohio*, Aug. 26, 2020: "In the midst of a pandemic and national social unrest, a collaboration of twenty-five churches associated with the local Ashland County Ministerial Association (ACMA) braved August heat asking forgiveness from God during a sacred assembly. ... State Rep. Darrell Kick, one of the assembly speakers, shared about a group of state lawmakers who hold Bible studies before casting their votes at the Statehouse. ... County Commissioner Emmitt Justice at assembly prayed, 'I ask on behalf of the Commissioners and all the county officials that you would forgive us for the rebellion of the people of our land. We have all sinned.' Ashland Mayor Matt Miller prayed, 'As I stand before you tonight, in the bright light of his Son, to the extent I am able, I give this City of Ashland to the Lord Jesus Christ. May this be a land where He rules supreme. May this be a land where His love is genuinely felt by believers and non-believers alike.' Miller stated he believed God's mercy has shielded the community from COVID-19. Ashland County has posted minimal cases in the course of the pandemic. 'The heart of this city is seeking God



... I believe with all my heart that is why God has protected and blessed the City of Ashland during one of the most tumultuous times in my lifetime and the city's history,' the Mayor said. Joel Penton, the Executive Director of Lifewise Academy, prayed for the public schools during the gathering. Penton is partnering with ACMA to bring Bible education to all five public school districts in Ashland County. 'For over two generations the Bible has been removed from the nation's education system and now the country is reaping the harvest,' Penton said. 'However, an Ohio law passed in 2014 allows high school students to receive school credits for Bible classes. In fact, Van Wert, Ohio, has ninety-five percent of their elementary public school students taught from the Bible every week.'"

NORTH VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, SANTA CLARA, BEING FINED \$5,000 A DAY

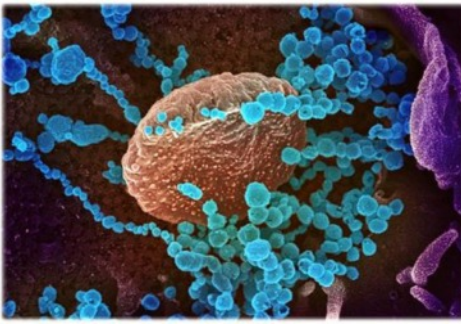
(Friday Church News Notes, September 11, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - North Valley Baptist Church, Santa Clara, California, is being targeted by the city with draconian fines for holding church services, failing to ensure mask wearing and social distancing, and **singing**. As of September 7, the fines totaled about \$60,000 and \$5,000 is added for every assembly (\$10,000 per Sunday), plus a daily fine of \$5,000 even when the church does not meet. The County Counsel is looking for ways to be even more totalitarian. He says, "It appears for the moment that the fines have not stopped them from continuing the gatherings, and we'll be looking at what other options we might have to take" ("Santa Clara



Church," *Mercury News*, Aug. 28, 2020). Pastor Trieber says, "We've had to this day 224 people pass away; 90 plus were in rest homes ... there's not a pandemic here." The pastor said on the church's Facebook account, "We are not closing down this church. I hope you get this message. I know America does not want this to happen in her country and at this church." Associate Pastor Justin Cooper told the *Daily Wire*, "It's really strengthened us as a church, I believe, and we're very unified right now in this decision to go forward. We believe that what happens here will swing across the country. So that's why we're still willing to take our stand here. I believe it's a religious liberty battle and the future of our country, as far as we know it--as far as church is concerned --is definitely at stake."

COVID-19 TESTS DETECTING VIRUS FRAGMENTS THAT AREN'T INFECTIOUS

(Friday Church News Notes, September 11, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Coronavirus cases are mounting but deaths remain stable," by Carl Heneghan and Tom Jefferson of Oxford University, *The Spectator*, Sept. 1, 2020: "At the time of writing, the UK records 1750 new cases daily and one death in a population of 67 million. With a roughly similar population and an average of 602



cases a day, Italy has had just over four deaths a day over the last month. The ratio of cases to deaths is nowhere near what it was at the height of the pandemic. The other notable feature is a shift of cases to a younger population. There can be several explanations for this trend. ... A fourth possible and much more complex explanation is what we call the 'reality problem'. ... **PCR [polymerase chain reaction] is a very sensitive test, which means that it detects the smallest fragments of the virus it is looking for by amplifying the sample millions of times. However, a fragment is not a whole virus, capable of replication and of infecting other human beings.** It is a small part of the viral structure that the PCR primer is looking for, not the whole microorganism. Only whole viruses can infect us. ... You would expect all of this to be reported in a PCR results but it is not routinely done. There is worse news to come. A very sensitive test is vulnerable to contamination with extraneous genetic material (hence the need for suiting up operators). The rapid expansion of testing capacity may have degraded our capacity for sterility by increasing throughput and straining lab staff training. ... Evidence is mounting that a good proportion of 'new' mild cases and people re-testing positives after quarantine or discharge from hospital are not infectious, but are simply

clearing harmless virus particles which their immune system has efficiently dealt with. ... So, we appear to have the reality of viral circulation, probably waning fast and the perceived reality of a misused and simply interpreted genial test."

THREE LEVELS OF STUPID

(Friday Church News Notes, September 11, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - To help our friends analyze events in these days, we have discovered that there are three levels of stupid. There is the normal, run of the mill *stupid*. Then there is *dupid*, which is double stupid. Finally there is *tupid*, which is triple stupid.

DREAM HOME GOES UP IN FLAMES

(Friday Church News Notes, September 11, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Hank Hanson's dream house was one of the 700 homes and other structures destroyed in the massive wildfires in Northern California a couple of weeks ago. What firefighting officials are calling a "lightning siege," some 12,000 lightning strikes have produced more than 500 wildfires. The 13,700 firefighters have not been able to control them. Hanson, now 81-years-old, spent 30 years building his 3,000-square-foot (279-square-meter) dream house nestled in the lovely



mountains of northern California, with a wine cellar, three fireplaces, and indoor and outdoor pools. He says he has no plans to rebuild. "I wouldn't want to do it on a lesser scale, and I don't have time to top the old one" ("California Dream House," *ABC News*, Aug. 23, 2020). Every dream house will burn up eventually, and probably sooner rather than later. The Lord Jesus Christ gave a wakeup call 2,000 years ago pertaining to a man who had made his fortune and planned to live out his life in ease. "And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (Luke 12:20).

"UNCONSCIOUS BIAS" MUMBO JUMBO AT LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

(Friday Church News Notes, September 18, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - "Unconscious bias," also called "implicit bias," is a principle of humanistic psychology that is used widely in education and the workplace and government to break down barriers that might exist to politically correct social issues such as same sex marriage and



transsexuality. It is used in “diversity awareness” programs, and racial sensitivity training. In the U.K., it is required for all civil service employees, including magistrates and police. It is used by Google, Facebook, and a great many other major corporations. To refuse the training is to endanger one’s job and marks one as a potential racist or homophobe, etc. Unconscious biases are “underlying attitudes and stereotypes that people unconsciously attribute to another person or group of people that affect how they understand and engage with a person or group.” Examples are gender bias and race bias. Unconscious bias is foundational to the idea that America is “systemically racist.” A *Courageous Conversation* program in Montgomery County, Maryland, schools teaches that America is systemically racist and defines “racism” as “any act that even **unwittingly** tolerates, accepts or reinforces racially unequal opportunities” (@jackmurphylive, Sep. 8, 2020). So this “racism” or “sexism,” etc., allegedly exists at an “unconscious” or “unwitting” level even though there is no objective evidence of it. On the “racist” side, the claim is that all white people are unconsciously biased against “people of color” even if they have no consciousness of racial bias. Thus, the “unconscious bias” experts claim to have the power to analyze attitudes

that are so secret that they are unknown to the individual himself! It would be ridiculous if it were not treated so seriously. It is brainwashing. It is mind control. It is social engineering. A report in *The Spectator* entitled “The dangers of unconscious bias training,” Aug. 15, 2020, concluded, “We should be very worried about a corporate culture which encourages employers to tinker with their employees’ psyches in whatever manner they see fit, particularly when driven by pseudoscience they barely understand.” Liberty University, founded by Jerry Falwell and led until recently by his son, Jerry Jr., promoted unconscious bias at a program for staff and faculty in March 10 led by Dr. Nanette Lacuesta and at a workshop entitled “Unconscious Bias: A Current Conversation” on September 4 .

BLACK LIVES MATTER CROWD SHOUTS “WE HOPE THEY DIE” OUTSIDE HOSPITAL WHERE DEPUTIES LIE IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER BEING AMBUSHED (Friday Church News Notes, September 18, 2020,

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- The following is excerpted from “BLM Protesters Celebrate Shooting of Two LA County Deputies,” *PJ Media*, Sept. 13, 2020: “Late Saturday night, news broke that an unidentified gunman ambushed and shot two Los Angeles County sheriff’s deputies while they sat in their patrol vehicle. The deputies were taken to a nearby hospital. Late Saturday night they were reportedly ‘fighting for their lives,’ each having been shot [multiple times in the head and elsewhere]. Overnight, things took an even darker turn. Black Lives Matter protesters made it clear that to them the deputies’ lives do not matter, nor do the lives of anyone in the hospital where the deputies are being cared for. They aligned with the cowardly gunman, celebrating the shooting. The BLM protesters gathered at the hospital and chanted ‘We hope they die!’ They also blocked entrances to the hospital emergency room, according to the LA County Sheriffs’ social media. As they blocked the hospital emergency room, the protesters screamed profanities at law enforcement officers and told them they would be killed one by one.”



Update: LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva said on Sept. 14 that the fact that the deputies survived is a “miracle.” One is a 31-year-old mother of a little boy. She was able to get out of the vehicle and apply a tourniquet to the other deputy, which possibly saved his life.

FORMER CHRISTIANITY TODAY EDITOR CONVERTS TO ROMAN CATHOLICISM

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- On September 13, Mark Galli, former Presbyterian pastor and Editor-in-Chief of *Christianity Today* for seven years, was received into the Roman Catholic Church. In an interview with Tod Worner, editor of the Roman Catholic Word on Fire Institute, Galli explained some of the reasons for his conversion. Among other things, it involved reading the writings of Francis of Assisi, Henry John Newman, Robert Barton, John Paul II, St. Teresa of Avila, etc., practicing Roman Catholic contemplative prayer, and studying the church fathers. It also involved messing around with liberal theologians such as Karl Barth. Galli said, “Among the many key turning points, one occurred when I was editing an issue of a magazine called *Christian History*, and the subject of the issue was Francis of Assisi. Naturally, his life of heroic self-denial and absolute infatuation with Jesus deeply impressed me. At the same time, in the evenings, I was reading John Paul II’s encyclical *The Splendor of Truth*. ... I dabbled in Christian mysticism for a while, then Eastern Orthodoxy, and then a theology of radical grace as expressed in certain Lutheran writers and the theologian Karl Barth. ...



Certainly the tradition of Catholic mysticism is most impressive, especially as seen in St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross, among many others. ... As things were becoming more and more clear, I listened to an audio version of [Robert Barron’s] book *Catholicism*, not once but twice. ... I found myself sobbing. I was driving as I was listening, but had to pull off the road because I couldn’t see straight. That was the point I had become converted in heart, and knew I had to figure out the logistics of getting confirmed” (“Why Mark Galli Decided to Become Catholic,” Word on Fire Institute, Sept. 10, 2020). **Galli’s “dabbling” with error is a loud warning to those who have an ear to hear. “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners” (1 Corinthians 15:33).**

CONSERVATIVE CLERGY OF COLOR DEMAND THAT NIKE STOP SUPPORTING BLACK LIVES MATTER (Friday Church News Notes, September 18, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - On September 3, Conservative Clergy of Color sent a letter to Nike President John Donahoe demanding that his company drop its support for Black Lives Matter and condemning the company’s silence in the face of China’s oppression of Uighurs. Conservative Clergy of Color was founded in June 2020 by Aubrey

Shines, Derek McCoy, M.J. Reid, and Francisco Vega, and had about 500 members in August. The letter to Nike stated, “We the leaders of Conservative Clergy of Color have watched with sadness and frustration as the country we love has been torn apart by violence and looting. This civil terror, perpetrated and lead by the Black Lives Matter movement, has turned American against American and possibly set race relations back decades. Black Lives Matter, a movement run by anti-Christian, self-proclaimed Marxists, hijacked legitimate calls for police reform and turned it to their own ends. **This is not a group interested in constructive change; through their vicious campaign to defund police and silence anyone who disagrees with them, they have destroyed livelihoods and gotten innocent children killed.** It is antithetical to the nonviolence that Dr. King and the Civil Rights movement stood for. ... [Nike has] willfully ignored real suffering and oppression abroad. At this very moment, millions of ethnic Uighurs are languishing in ‘reeducation’ camps in western China. They are rounded up for being a minority and forbidden from practicing their faith while being forced to work as slaves in factories. These factories make products for your company that are worn and promoted by dozens of players in various athletic leagues. Yet while this atrocity plays out at



the hands of the Communist Chinese government, you have been silent. **You have been happy to play into the hands of anarchists at home and ignore slavery abroad.** ... We ask you take a hard look at real injustice in the world and to remember that change comes through forgiveness and compassion, not violence.”

NEW INJUNCTION AGAINST MACARTHUR AND GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH (Friday Church News Notes, September 18, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from “John MacArthur Vows to Continue Church Service,” *Reformation Charlotte*, Sept. 10, 2020: “The Los Angeles Superior Court issued a preliminary injunction September 10 against Grace Community Church and Pastor John MacArthur, refusing to follow the U.S. and California State constitutional protections for churches. The ruling fails to apply the appropriate constitutional standard of review. The order prohibits the church from ‘conducting, participating in, or attending any indoor worship services’ and also bans outdoor worship unless onerous restrictions are followed in a heavy-handed move against the internationally known preacher and his congregation. MacArthur and Grace Community Church’s attorneys from the Thomas More



Society said the judge refused to consider their important separation of powers arguments ‘in any meaningful fashion’ and essentially ‘ducked the issue.’ ... Special Counsel Jenna Ellis said, ‘Although this is a temporary setback, we will continue to fight for Pastor MacArthur and Grace Community Church’s constitutionally protected right to hold church.’ ... Grace Community Church held a packed Sunday morning service on September 13. MacArthur began the service by listing the county’s requirements, which if obeyed would make it impossible for the church to assemble. They include no singing, no hugging, temperature checks, no communion, shortening sermons, and maintaining six feet of social distance at all times everywhere.

NORTH VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH CEASES TO HOLD INDOOR SERVICES (Friday Church News Notes, September 18, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from “After threat of injunction, Santa Clara church backs away from indoor services,” *The Mercury News*, Sept. 13, 2020: “A South Bay church has stopped hosting illegal indoor services after the threat of an injunction from the county, ending a weeks-long standoff that captured national attention and ultimately cost the church more than \$100,000 in fines. North Valley Baptist Church in Santa Clara, which has racked up \$112,750 for defying the local public health order with indoor gatherings, brought its Wednesday church service outside this week once Santa Clara County officials said they planned to file a temporary restraining order against the church,



confirmed county counsel James Williams. ... ‘I don’t see how you can justify the complete closure of churches in California,’ said Liberty Counsel’s founder Mat Staver. ‘To suggest that a pandemic can simply erase constitutional rights is frankly a very frightening proposition.’”

AMERICA’S SPORTS GOD TAKING A HIT (Friday Church News Notes, September 25, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- A Gallup poll released on September 8 shows public devotion to professional sports has plummeted in the last year. “30 percent see the sports industry positively, compared to 40 percent reporting a negative image. This year’s survey illustrates a 30 percent decline from American views on the sports industry a year ago, when the corporate sports enjoyed a net positive 20 percent rating, with 45 percent of Americans reporting a favorable opinion compared to 25 percent who said otherwise. Gallup shows sports favorability among Republicans sinking overwhelmingly in



comparison to Democrats, with a 46 percent drop in a positive outlook among Republicans whereas Democrats only saw a 5 percent drop in their favorability towards corporate sports in the last year. Non-white Americans also dropped their support for the industry more steeply than did white Americans” (“Gallup: Public Favorability Towards U.S. Sports Industry Has Collapsed,” *The Federalist*, Sept. 11, 2020).

LOVERS OF PLEASURES (Friday Church News Notes, September 25, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- One of the characteristics of end-time apostasy as prophesied in Scripture is that men will be “*lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God*” (2 Timothy 3:4). This is a perfect description of today’s pleasure mad society. There have never been more avenues for pleasure. Even most professing Christians love pleasures more than God. There is *some* love of God, but there is *more* love of pleasure. Consider the test of time. How much of one’s time is spent on God compared with how much is spent on pleasures? Consider the test of money, energy and enthusiasm. A great many Christians, even in the staunchest Bible-believing churches, are as sports mad as the secular crowd. Christian youth are as much

in love with video games and rock & roll and hip hop and mature-rated movies and social media self-expression as the secular crowd. Consider the typical church’s calendar, which is filled to the brim with entertainment, not only for children and teens, but also for the “senior citizens.” Over the pleasure program is a thin veneer of God. Think of the average evangelical or even “fundamentalist” Christian home. There is a *little* prayer, a *little* Bible, a *little* evangelism, a *little* ministry, perhaps, but there is a *whole lot* of pleasure.

PRO-ABORTION FEMALE BIBLE TEACHER AT SBC PRESIDENT’S CHURCH (Friday Church News Notes, September 25, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

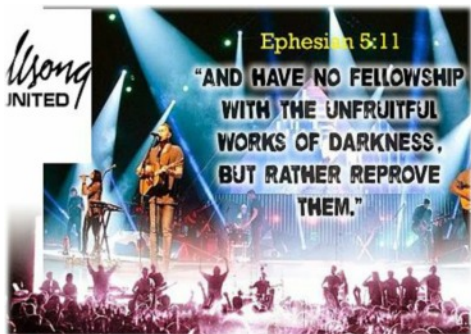
- The following is excerpted from “Pro-Abortion Female Bible Teacher,” *Reformation Charlotte*, Sept. 21, 2020: “Rebecca Shrader refers to herself as a ‘pro-life feminist, pro-choice Christian’ who authored a ‘statement of lament’ for white people to sign denouncing their skin color. Shrader is a small group Bible teacher at J.D. Greear’s Summit Church in North Carolina, and proudly boasts it. [Greear has twice been elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention.] Shrader is a very confused person who believes that she is ‘pro-life’ because she chose not to kill her own children. However, Shrader is continually and adamantly clear that she believes every woman should have the ‘choice’ whether or not to end their own children’s lives. She defends Planned Parenthood and does not believe that life begins at conception. ... So it should come as no surprise that Shrader, a teacher



and member in good standing at the Southern Baptist Convention president’s church, praises one of the most anti-Christ, pro-abortion, pro-sodomy Supreme Court Justices ever to walk the face of this earth, Ruth Bader Ginsburg.”

ALL SCHOOLS IN ENGLAND REQUIRED TO TEACH LGBT-AFFIRMING CURRICULUM (Friday Church News Notes, September 25, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from “All Schools,” *CBN News*, Sept. 9, 2020: “Beginning this month, all schools in England are required to teach an LGBTQ-inclusive curriculum. High schools will educate students on sexual orientation, gender identity, and healthy relationships while primary schools will teach children about different families—including LGBTQ members. The new guidelines indicate that an updated curriculum will allow students to achieve ‘mental wellbeing’ and ‘to know how to be safe and healthy.’ ... Last



November, parents in Birmingham protested against their children learning about LGBTQ equality, arguing that lessons on same-sex relationships go against their religious beliefs. Parents held signs saying ‘My Child My Choice,’ ‘Let Kids Be Kids,’ and ‘Say No to Sexualisation to Children.’ ... Despite the resistance in Birmingham, members of the English Parliament voted 538-21 in favor of the new curriculum to begin in September 2020.”

BLACK LIVES MATTER LEADERS PRACTICE VODOO

(Friday Church News Notes, September 25, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Black Lives Matter Co-Founder,” ChristianNews.net, Aug. 28, 2020: “In an interview posted to social media, Black Lives Matter (BLM) Co-Founder Patrisse Cullors, along with BLM Los Angeles Co-Founder Melina Abdullah, discussed the ‘spiritual’ component of the movement, explaining the practices and ‘rituals’ performed to remember and ‘invoke’ the spirits of deceased African Americans. **‘We speak their names ... [and] you kind of invoke that spirit, and then their spirits actually become present with you,’** Abdullah, a professor at California

State University, stated during the discussion hosted by Fowler Museum at UCLA. Cullors said, ‘In my tradition, you offer things that your loved one who passed away would want, whether it’s honey or tobacco or things like that,’ she said, referring to the creation of an ‘ancestor altar,’ which is sometimes practiced in African cultures. ... As previously reported, in 2018, Abdullah poured libation and summoned the spirits of a number of deceased African American leaders during an event at Hollywood United Methodist Church. She instructed those gathered to declare ‘ashe’ as she made declarations and poured bottled water into a plant. According to the website yagbeonilu.com, ‘ashe’ ... is an ‘African philosophical concept through which the Yoruba of Nigeria conceive the power to make things happen and produce change.’ ... Abdullah said during her recent interview with Cullors, ‘When we first started, I remember us going to the ocean and doing these rituals and really feeding our spirit.’ ... As previously reported, Black Lives Matter was formed by Cullors, Alicia Garza and Opal Tometi in 2013 in response to the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the shooting death of teenager Trayvon Martin. Cullors is a self-described ‘queer’; Garza identifies as lesbian; and Tometi is a self-described feminist. ... the BLM site’s ‘What We Believe’ page also outlines, ‘We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless s/he or they disclose otherwise).’” “There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass

through the fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee” (Deuteronomy 18:10-12).

U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL CALLS MAINSTREAM MEDIA “A COLLECTION OF LIARS”

(Friday Church News Notes, September 25, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-



4143) - The following is excerpted from an interview by U.S. Attorney General Bill Barr with *Townhall*, Sept. 11, 2020: “They’re basically a collection of liars. Most of the mainstream media. They’re a collection of liars and they know exactly what they’re doing. A perfect example of that were the riots. Right on the street it was clear as day what was going on, anyone observing it, reporters observing it, it could not have escaped their attention that this was orchestrated violence by a hardened group of street fighting radicals and they kept



on excluding from their coverage all the video of this and reporting otherwise and they were doing that for partisan reasons, and they were lying to the American people. It wasn't until they were caught red-handed after essentially weeks of this lie that they even started feeling less timid. The press has dropped, in my view--and I'm talking about

the national mainstream media--has dropped any pretense of professional objectivity and are political actors, highly partisan who try to shape what they're reporting to achieve a political purpose and support a political narrative that has nothing to do with the truth. They're very mendacious about it. It's very destructive to our Republic; it's

very destructive to the Democratic system to have that, especially being so monolithic. It's contributing to a lot of the intensity and partisanship. ... I think there are a handful of reporters in the mainstream media that still have journalistic integrity, and there are some, but the overwhelming majority don't have it anymore."



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