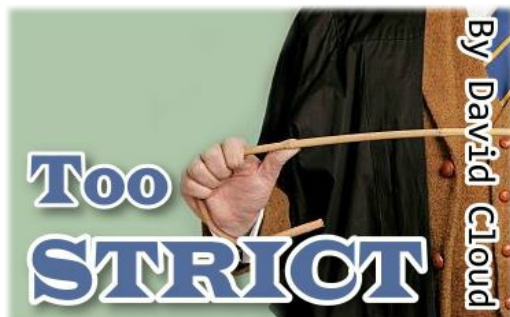


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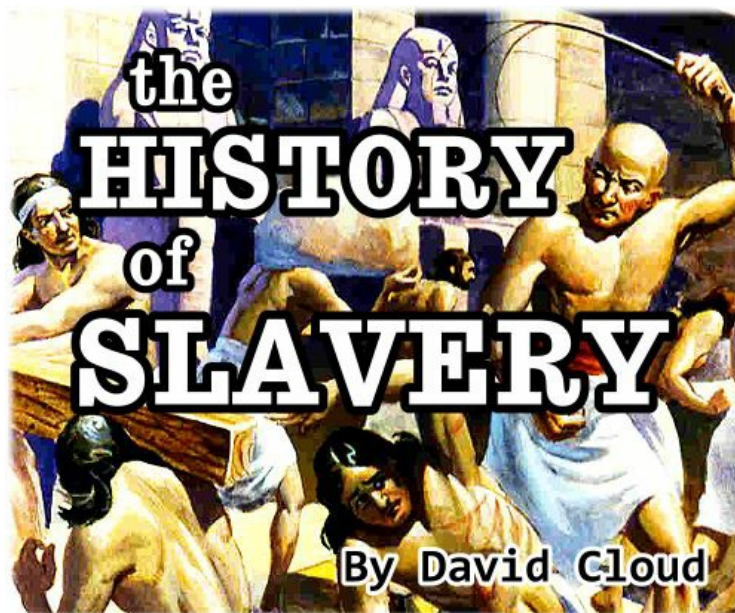


THE HISTORY OF SLAVERY ~ By David Cloud

Slavery has been practiced since the fall of man. It is not a product of "racism"; it is not an issue of skin color; it is a product of man's sinful heart. The Lord Jesus Christ described man's condition with perfect accuracy and uncovered the fundamental issue:

"And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. 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: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man" (Mark 7:20-23).

When men believed the devil's lie and chose sin over God, they became slaves, slaves not only to sin but slaves physically. History is filled with the sad accounts of men being enslaved by their fellow men and treated as mere cattle, from the slaves under the brutal whips of ancient



pharaoh to the serfs of 17th century Europe to the dirt poor classes of modern Asia and Africa.

Slavery has been practiced by the white man, the black man, the red man, the yellow man, and every other kind of man.

Slavery was practiced by the Babylonians, the Hittites, the Assyrians, the Egyptians, the Greeks, the Persians, the ancient Brits, the Danes, the Romans, the African kingdoms, the South American kingdoms, the Chinese, Indians, Mongols, Mughuls, Burmese, Native Americans, the Muslim kingdoms, Spanish, British, and Americans. It is still practiced in some places.

BABYLONIAN king Hammurabi (ruled c. 1792-1750 BC) enslaved multitudes. “At the basis of it lay the slave population, the necessary condition of all economic activity in antiquity. Slaves were employed upon the farms, by the manufacturers and in the temples. The sources of the supply were various. War furnished many; others had fallen from the position of free laborers; still others were purchased from abroad, or were children of native bondsmen” (George Goodspeed, *A History of the Babylonians and Assyrians*, 1902, Kindle Locations 876-879).

Ancient **EGYPT** practiced slavery on a massive scale. Egypt infamously enslaved the entire nation of Israel. The Midianites knew there was a ready market in Egypt for

slaves such as Joseph (Ge. 37:28). This type of thing happened continually in ancient times. “Travellers were easily and often illegally captured in foreign lands where nobody knew them, and sold into slavery; and there was often no one they could appeal to for help” (“Slavery,” reshafim.org). Women were purchased for the harems of the Pharaoh and other nobility. Pharaoh Amenhotep III ordered 40 “very beautiful concubines without blemish” from Syria. Multitudes became slaves as prisoners of war.

Ancient Egyptian monuments describe large numbers of slaves taken in battle. For example, Ramses III wrote, “I laid low the Meshwesh, the Libyans, the Esbet, the Keykesh, the Shai, the Hes and the Beken. ... I carried away those whom my sword spared, as numerous captives, pinioned like birds before my horses, their wives and their children by the ten thousand, their cattle in number like hundred thousands” (James Henry Breasted, *Ancient Records of Egypt*, Part IV).

Thutmose III returned from a campaign in Canaan with almost 90,000 prisoners. Many slaves were sent to work in the gold and copper mines of Nubia and Sinai, where they were worked to death under harsh conditions in the terrible heat. Other slaves worked on “the estates of the pharaohs, the nobility and the priests.” “Pharaoh Seti I announced on the Wadi Halfa stela how he had endowed Min-Amen’s temple at Buhen, so that *his storehouse was filled with male and female slaves from the captivity of his majesty*, L.P.H. Ramses III is said to have given 113,000 to the temples during the course of his reign” (“Slavery,” reshafim.org). “If a [slave] stole so much as an animal hide he could be whipped with 100 lashes and stabbed five times in the back, and then be sent back to work” (“Spear injuries show worker life in ancient Egypt,” *USA Today*, Oct. 13, 2015).

The wealthy included their slaves in lists of valuable assets. The children of slaves belonged to their masters, and slave families were passed from generation to generation by inheritance.

A large portion of ancient **CHINESE** society consisted of slaves. Qin Shi Huang, emperor of the Chin Dynasty, castrated captives “to mark them and make them slaves” (“The 25 most ruthless leaders of all time,” *Business Insider*, Feb. 4, 2016). The Great Wall was built largely by slaves and there was no concern for the cost in human lives. It is said that “every stone cost a human life” (*A Brief History of Chinese and Japanese Civilizations*).

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The Phoenician city-state of **CARTHAGE** gained control over tribes and cities along the African coast and far inland, enslaving the populations.

Slaves formed a large portion of the ancient **Greek** population. Many were chattel slaves who were called by Aristotle “an animate or ensouled piece of property.” Slaves were obtained by warfare, kidnapping, and piracy. They were bought and sold like other pieces of property. The price of the slave depended on his or her education, skill, appearance, and health. “The majority of well-to-do Athenians probably owned two or three slaves, whereas the wealthy possessed between ten and twenty. ... Nikias, one of the richest men in Athens in the late fifth century BC, owned 1,000 slaves, whom he leased out to fellow citizens at the rate of one obol per slave per day” (Garland, *Daily Life of the Ancient Greeks*, p. 70). Slaves had no practical legal rights. They were often starved, beaten, abused, even killed, depending on the whim of the master. “A runaway slave was branded with a hot iron upon capture.”

The **SPARTANS** enslaved an entire large tribe of people, the Helots. They were the property of the state and were assigned to Spartan citizens. There were possibly seven helot slaves for each Spartan. They were forced to do the agricultural and household work and any manual labor, freeing the Spartans to devote themselves to military training. Helot farmers gave half their produce to the Spartans. They had “an altogether cruel and bitter condition.” The poet Tyrtaios described the Helots as “asses worn down with great burdens.” They were forced to wear a dogskin cap and were beaten each year so they would not forget they were slaves. They were degraded in many ways, such as being forced to get drunk and dance and sing to entertain the Spartans.

PHILIP OF MACEDON (382-336 BC) razed at least 35 Greek cities to the ground, enslaved women and children by the tens of thousands, killed prisoners taken from defeated armies.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT enslaved hundreds of thousands. He destroyed the great city of Thebes, killing 6,000 of its citizens, selling 30,000 as slaves. When he destroyed Tyre in 332 BC, he sold 30,000 men, women, and children into slavery. He did the same to many others.

In the **ROMAN EMPIRE**, as many as 35% of the population were slaves, and their condition was often

terrible. The city of Rome had a population of one to two million, half of whom were slaves (Henry Burton, *The Biblical World*, Vol. 3, 1894).

After Rome destroyed Jerusalem and Israel’s temple in AD 70, more than a million Jews were killed or sold as slaves. Slaves were considered property and had no legal rights under Roman law. They were called *res* (a thing, an object) and *res mortales* (a mortal thing). On the farm, slaves were called *instrumentum vocalis* (a talking tool). Farm slaves were branded on the forehead, chained together in teams of ten, and guarded by a foreman with a whip.

Slaves could not own property or legally marry. They could be punished as the owner pleased, tortured, raped, castrated, prostituted, even executed. Runaways were treated as thieves (having stolen themselves from their masters) and suffered terrible tortures as warnings to others. When the slave revolt under Spartacus was defeated in 71 BC, 6,000 of them were crucified along the Appian Way to Rome and their bodies left to rot on the crosses for months.

Children born of slaves were the property of their owners. Many were worked to death under cruel conditions. Consider the Egyptian mines. “Egypt’s gold and quicksilver mines were worked by slaves, criminals and prisoners of war, including women, elderly men and children. Young men hacked the quartz loose. Older men broke the quartz into fragments. Children dragged the quartz to the grinders, powered by women who like others worked without rest, walking in circles and pushing levers that rotated a shaft. According to the Greek writer Agatharchides, in the mid-100s BCE, relief came only with death, which these miners welcomed” (“Privilege, Poverty and Failed Revolutions,” *Macrohistory and World Timeline*, www.fsmitha.com). This description refers to the time of the Greek Empire, but nothing of significance changed under the Romans.

ISLAM was a slaving people since Mohammed, who took one-fifth of the slaves for himself. Muslims turned slavery into a major industry for over a thousand years. It was a “Muslim gold rush.” “Slave taking rapidly burgeoned into a major industry” (Robert Davis, *Christian Slaves*, p. 140).

Between 698-709, Muslims defeated the black **Berber tribes** of northwestern Africa, selling 60,000 into slavery. “Islamic Spain became the hub of a vast new slave-trade.

Hundreds of thousands of European slaves, both from Christian territories and from the lands of the pagan Slavs, were imported into the Caliphate, there to be used as concubines (if female) or to be castrated (if male) and made into harem guards or the personal body-guards of the Caliph” (Emmet Scott, *Muhammad and Charlemagne Revisited*).

Between 712 and 1193, **Muslim armies raided India** in subsequent waves of attacks. They demolished temples, robbed, murdered, raped, and enslaved millions. For example, in 1001 AD Sultan Mahmud of Ghazni took 500,000 slaves from Jayapala, including thousands of children. In the days of Mughal ruler Babur (r. 1526-1531), slave markets were set up at Kabul and Qandahar “where caravans came from India carrying slaves (*barda*) and other commodities to sell at great profits” (M.A. Khan, *Islamic Jihad*, p. 216).

Mughal governor Said Khan Chaghtai “possessed 1,200 eunuch slaves.” Shah Jahan (builder of the Taj Mahal) had a harem of 5,000 concubines. The magnificent Mughal buildings were constructed largely through slave labor. “[I]t is the great multitude of enslaved Indians who supplied unconditional labor, with Muslim masters on watch with whips in their hands. ... Sultan Alaaddin accumulated 70,000 slaves, who worked continuously in building. ... Sultan Firoz Tughlaq assembled 180,000 slaves for his services” (M.A. Khan. *Islamic Jihad*, pp. 229, 230).

The Ottomans were major slavers. An estimated one-fifth of the population consisted of slaves. Most towns and cities had a slave marketplace called an *Esir*. It is estimated that over 28 million Africans were enslaved in the Muslim world in the past 14 centuries” (“A Focus on the African Slaves in the Arab World,” *African Echo*, Sep. 18, 2015). Another four million white Europeans were enslaved (Robert Davis, *Christian Slaves, Muslim Masters*).

The Ottomans also traded in slaves in the region of the Black Sea. An estimated three million Europeans from this region were enslaved between the 14th to the 17th centuries (Alan Fisher, “Muscovy and the Black Sea Slave Trade,” *Canadian American Slavic Studies*, 1972, Vol. 6, pp. 575–594).

The Ottomans also purchased white slaves from **the Vikings**. They lived in North Europe in modern Sweden

and Denmark and conducted pirate raids between the eighth to the eleventh centuries. They are called Norse and Scandinavians. They raided throughout the British Isles, western and northern Europe. They traveled east as far as the Volga River in Russia where they sold white European slaves to the Muslims, particularly white women for the harems (M.A. Khan, *Islamic Jihad*, pp. 322, 323).

Beginning in the 8th century, **Muslims took over the ancient African slave trade** that had existed since the Egyptian pharaohs. “The African continent was bled of its human resources via all possible routes. Across the Sahara, through the Red Sea, from the Indian Ocean ports and across the Atlantic. At least ten centuries of slavery for the benefit of the Muslim countries (from the ninth to the nineteenth). ... Four million slaves were exported via the Red Sea, another four million through the Swahili ports of the Indian Ocean, perhaps as many as nine million along the trans-Saharan caravan route, and eleven to twenty million (depending on the author) across the Atlantic Ocean” (Elikia M’bokolo, “A Hundred and Fifty Years after France Abolished Slavery,” *Le Monde diplomatique*, April 1998).

Beginning in the eighth century, Arab traders on the Swahili Coast in east Africa bought Zanj (Bantu) captives from the interior of Africa (present-day Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique) and sold them to Muslims in Egypt, Arabia, Persia, India, and elsewhere. Eventually tens of thousands of slaves were captured and sold every year. “A 10th-century caliph of Baghdad had 11,000 slaves at his palace” (“Human Cargo,” *New York Times*, Mar. 4, 2001).

Slaving continued on the East Coast of Africa until the 19th century. Under Omani Arabs in the 19th century as many as 50,000 slaves were passing through Zanzibar each year (“Swahili Coast,” *National Geographic*, Oct. 17, 2002).

Northern Africa became the base for the Muslim Barbary pirates. They operated throughout the Mediterranean and into the Atlantic from their bases in Morocco, Algiers, Tunis, and Tripoli. These states were a part of the Ottoman Empire, and the sultans in Constantinople received a portion of the slaves and stolen wealth. They were “the recognized overlords of the Mohammedan world” (Brian Kilmeade, *Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates*, p. 36). From the 16th

to the 19th century, they captured an estimated 1 to 1.25 million white Europeans (Robert Davis, *Christian Slaves*).

This doesn't include those captured by Morocco and other raiders. It was called "Christian stealing."

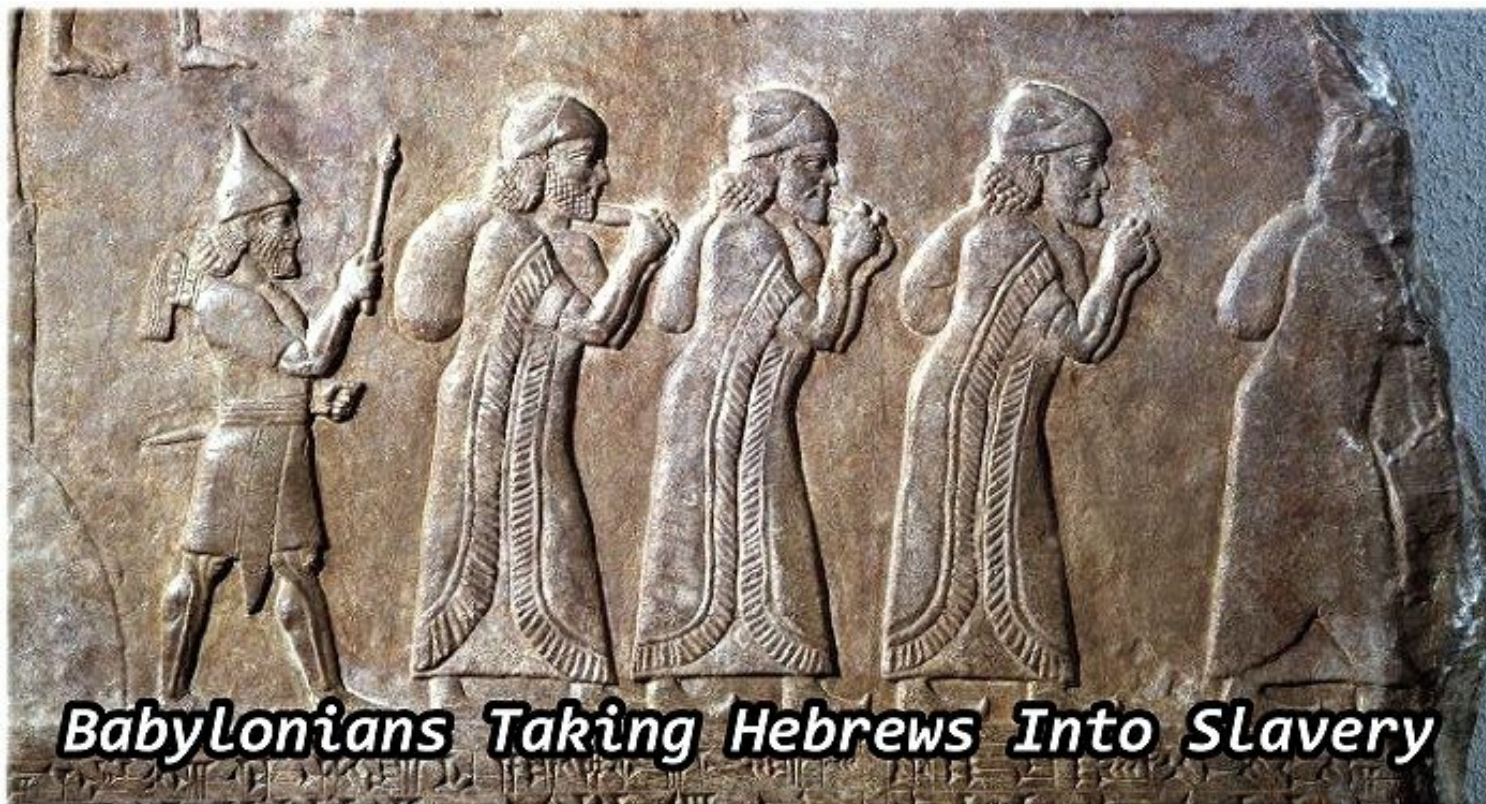
Slavery is still practiced widely in Sudan and Mauritania. In the latter, slavery has existed since the Arabs conquered it in the 12th century. Though abolished in 1981, the law is not enforced. Estimates of slaves in Mauritania today "range from 100,000 to more than a half-million." Slaves "are used for labor, sex and breeding. The property of their masters, they are passed down through generations, given as wedding gifts or exchanged for camels, trucks, guns or money. ... According to a Human Rights Watch/Africa report, routine punishments for slaves in Mauritania--for the slightest fault--include beatings, denial of food and prolonged exposure to the sun, with hands and feet tied together. More serious infringement of the master's rule (in American slave-owning parlance, 'getting uppity') can lead to prolonged tortures known as 'the camel treatment,' in which the slave's body is slowly torn apart; the 'insect treatment,' in which tiny desert

insects are inserted and sealed into the ear canal until the slave is driven mad; and 'burning coals,' a torture not fit to describe in a family newspaper" ("Arabs Have Black Slaves Today," *Israel National News*, Mar. 29, 2013).

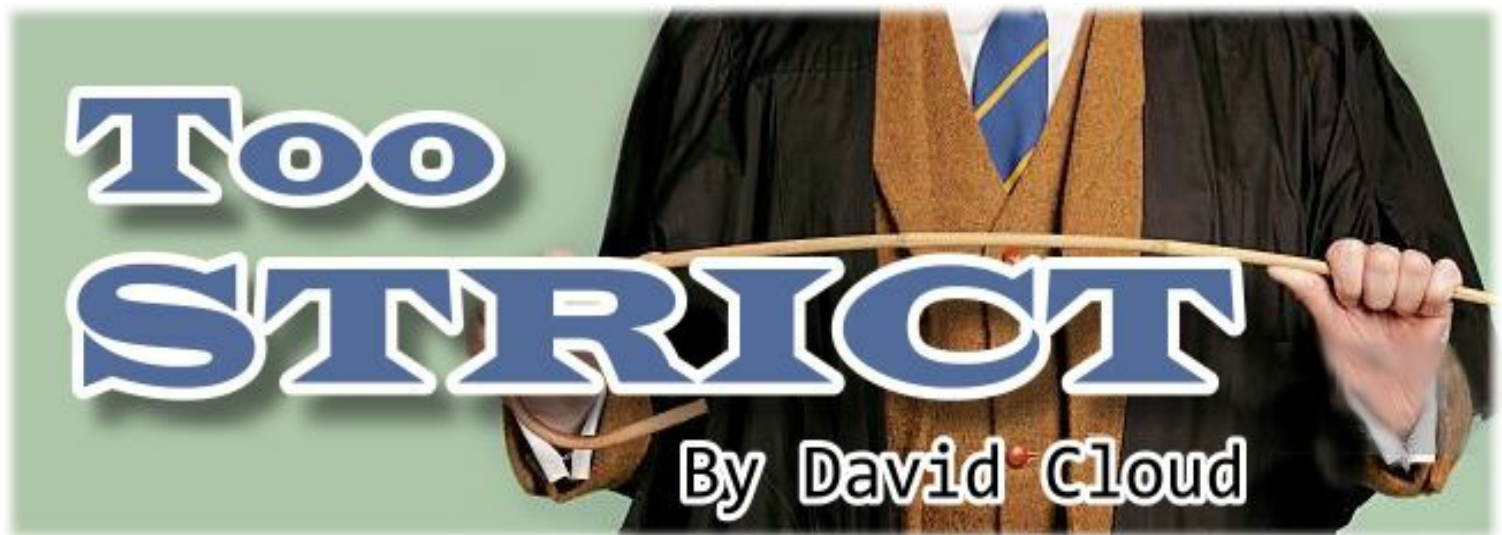
The **ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE** of the 15th to the 19th centuries was a continuation of this ancient, global practice. In the 1440s, the Portuguese began trading in gold and slaves from the western coast of Africa. The first 200 slaves were brought to Portugal in 1444. This was the beginning of the wretched slave trade which corrupted western nations for four hundred years.

Historically, **women** were basically slaves in most nations and under most religions. Of Hindu women in India in former times, the Flemish painter Frans Solvyns said, "While their husband lives they are slaves, when he dies they must be ready to resign in the most cruel manner a life of which they never tasted the enjoyments [referring to the practice of wife burning called *sati*]" (Robert Hardgrave, Jr., *The Representation of Sati: Four Eighteenth Century Etchings by Baltazard Solvyns*).

Slavery is a fact of man's wretched history, and it is a reflection of man's fallen condition.



Babylonians Taking Hebrews Into Slavery



The individual, home, and church that seeks to take the Bible seriously in Christian living is widely criticized today, even in “Christian” circles. “They are too strict. They are too serious. They need to lighten up. We shouldn’t be fanatics.”

But how is it possible to obey the following Scriptures without being exceedingly “strict” in doctrine and living?

“... teaching them to observe **ALL THINGS** whatsoever I have commanded you” (Mt. 28:20). This is Christ’s description of a New Testament church. A church that doesn’t take “all things” seriously is not obeying Christ.

“Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in **ALL THINGS**, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you” (1 Corinthians 11:2). This passage deals with hair length, head coverings, and the Lord’s Supper, which are widely considered to be “non-essentials,” yet Paul praised the church for remembering him in **ALL** things.

“Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a **LITTLE LEAVEN** leaveneth the whole lump?” (1 Corinthians 5:6).

“And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in **ALL THINGS**. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible” (1 Corinthians 9:25).

“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do **ALL** to the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31).

“Give **NONE OFFENCE**, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God” (1 Corinthians 10:32).

“Let **ALL THINGS** be done unto edifying” (1 Corinthians 14:26).

“Let **ALL THINGS** be done decently and in order” (1 Corinthians 14:40).

“For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in **ALL THINGS**” (2 Corinthians 2:9).

“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).

“... let us cleanse ourselves from **ALL** filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (2 Co. 7:1).

“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in **ALL THINGS**, which is the head, *even* Christ” (Ephesians 4:15).

“Let **NO** corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers” (Ephesians 4:29).

“And have **NO FELLOWSHIP** with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*” (Ephesians 5:11).

“Do **ALL THINGS** without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world” (Philippians 2:14-15).

“Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man **PERFECT** in Christ Jesus” (Colossians 1:28).

“Children, obey *your* parents in **ALL THINGS**: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord” (Colossians 3:20).

“Servants, obey in **ALL THINGS** *your* masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men” (Colossians 3:22-23).

“Prove **ALL THINGS**; hold fast that which is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Paul instructed Timothy, “that thou mightest charge some that they teach **NO** other doctrine” (1 Ti. 1:3). That is a most strict standard of holding to sound doctrine and separating from false doctrine.

“Even so *must their* wives *be* grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in **ALL THINGS**” (1 Timothy 3:11).

“That thou keep this commandment **WITHOUT SPOT**, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Ti. 6:14). A spot is a small thing. Everything will be judged at Christ’s judgment seat. God’s people are to have their eyes on His coming and on pleasing Him in all things, not pleasing themselves and living for this world.

This epistle contains commandments about such things as the woman’s modest apparel and her role in ministry (1 Ti. 2:9-14), which are widely considered to be “non-essentials,” but Paul does not treat them as non-essentials.

“**ALL SCRIPTURE** is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be **PERFECT**, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

“But watch thou in **ALL THINGS**, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make **FULL PROOF** of thy ministry” (2 Timothy 4:5).

“In **ALL THINGS** shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity” (Titus 2:7).

“Not purloining, but shewing **ALL** good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in **ALL THINGS**” (Titus 2:10).

“Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in **ALL THINGS** willing to live honestly” (Hebrews 13:18).

“Wherefore lay apart **ALL** filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls” (James 1:21).

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself **UNSPOTTED** from the world” (James 1:27).

“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in **ALL MANNER** of conversation” (1 Peter. 1:15).

“Wherefore laying aside **ALL** malice, and **ALL** guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and **ALL** evil speakings” (1 Peter 2:1).

“*Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in **ALL** holy conversation and godliness” (2 Peter 3:11).

“Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, **WITHOUT SPOT**, and blameless” (2 Peter 3:14).

KARL MARX'S VIOLENT, BLASPHEMOUS DELUSIONS

By David Cloud



The following is excerpted from: “The Dead End of Communism,” *The Epoch Times*, www.theepochtimes.com/n3/the-dead-end-of-communism.

It was at the crossroads of history, with the rise of industrialization and the decline of monarchs, when mankind was offered a Faustian bargain: Abandon your traditions and morals, and enter a new age. The promise was “heaven on earth,” and the cost was to partake in a movement to destroy morals and religious belief—and to destroy anyone who stood against this new future.

The ideas of communism, and the various schools of thought at its foundation, had already seeped deeply into the societies of Europe ahead of the 1917 October Revolution in Russia. Provocateurs presented it as a way out of the suffering of this world—with dreamy tales of an end to poverty and hunger, and a future of earthly delights.

Behind the offer were other intentions, however, and these are made clear by looking at the histories of Karl Marx and others credited with laying the foundations of communism.

In his early poem “Invocation of One in Despair,” Marx wrote about his will to create a new system. He states: “So a god has snatched from me my all ... /Nothing but revenge is left to me!”

To exact this revenge, Marx states in the poem that he will “build [his] throne high overhead.” Of this throne,

he writes: “Cold, tremendous shall its summit be./For its bulwark—superstitious dread,/For its Marshall—blackest agony./Who looks on it with a healthy eye,/Shall turn back, struck deathly pale and dumb;/Clutched by blind and chill Mortality/May his happiness prepare its tomb.”

Marx had many similar writings, many of which suggest his goal in using communism was never to help humanity, but instead to enact a sort of vengeance against heaven.

In his 1839 play “Oulanem,” believed to be named for a backward pronunciation of “Emmanuel,” an alternative biblical name for God, Marx begins with, “Ruined! Ruined! My time has clean run out! The clock has stopped, the pygmy house has crumbled. Soon I shall embrace eternity to my breast, and soon I shall howl gigantic curses at mankind. ... If there is a Something which devours, I’ll leap within it, though I bring the world to ruins—the world which bulks between me and the abyss, I will smash to pieces with my enduring curses.”

In the book “The Making of Modern Economics,” Mark Skousen writes that a pact with the devil is a central theme in “Oulanem,” and the play “reveals a number of violent and eccentric characters.” Skousen notes that “Marx’s fixation with self-destructive behavior was prevalent through most of his life.”

Just like his character Oulanem, Marx shows in his writings a desire to not only destroy himself, but to destroy humankind along with him.

In his 1841 poem “The Player” (also translated as “The Fiddler”), Marx writes, “Look now, my blood-dark sword

shall stab/Unerringly within thy soul./God neither knows nor honors art./The hellish vapors rise and fill the brain/Till I go mad and my heart is utterly changed.” He continues, “See this sword—the Prince of Darkness sold it to me,” and, “Ever more boldly I play the dance of death.”

An analysis of the above poem from biographer Robert Payne, in his 1968 book “Marx,” states, “Marx is here celebrating a satanic mystery, for the player is clearly Lucifer or Mephistopheles [a Faustian devil], and what he is playing with such frenzy is the music which accompanies the end of the world.”

He continues, “Marx clearly enjoyed the horrors he depicted, and we shall find him enjoying in very much the same way the destruction of whole classes in the ‘Communist Manifesto.’ He was a man with a peculiar faculty for relishing disaster.”

“There can be very little doubt that those interminable stories were autobiographical,” wrote Payne. “[Marx] had the Devil’s view of the world, and the Devil’s malignity. Sometimes he seemed to know that he was accomplishing works of evil.”

However bizarre Marx’s early writings were, his stated claims and goals were not far from the reality of what he created: a system that in a single century took an unprecedented number of lives.

Estimates vary, but according to combined research from historians, including Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, Jung Chang, and Jon Halliday, and numbers collected by “The Black Book of Communism,” published by Harvard University Press in 1999, the number is close to 150 million deaths.



WHY IS GREENLAND CALLED GREENLAND?

(Friday Church News Notes, October 2, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from creationmoments.com, April 7, 2020: “Why is Greenland called Greenland? Most people are familiar with the reasons for the name. During the Medieval period, there is a lot of historical evidence to show that global temperatures were higher than they are today. Therefore, Greenland had quite a lot of green during the time when Vikings were colonizing it. As the Medieval period ended, however, the planet became a lot colder, sinking into the famous ‘little ice age,’ which was at its depth during Victorian times, when it was common for the Thames River in London, England, to freeze over, and for annual ice fairs to be accommodated by London Bridge. From Victorian times onward, average world temperatures have been on the rise again. But this dome- and dip-shaped graph did not fit with the upcoming paradigm of the 1990s onward which suggested that the Earth’s average temperature must be getting warmer due to industrial emission of so-called greenhouse gases, especially carbon dioxide. So researchers produced the infamous hockey stick graph. The right hand side of this temperature-time graph showed a sharp rise in temperature from about 1910 onward. The ‘handle’ of this hockey stick shape



was flat, not showing a Medieval warm period; the warmth of northern climes, like Greenland, or even England being attributed to a misleading local effect. Listeners should remember that the earlier dome graph still has more evidence to support it. Besides, God has told us that our seasonal temperature variations will remain while the earth endures. ‘While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease’ (Genesis 8:22). Ref: Montford, A.W., *The Hockey Stick Illusion*, London: Anglosphere.”

Memory Verse Journal

By David Cloud

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“Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper” (Psalm 1:1-3).

If there is one thing we can do to strengthen the churches it is to seriously strengthen the biblical depth of the congregation. “For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil” (Heb. 5:13-14). In my experience and observation, the vast majority of church members even in the most conservative churches are not serious Bible students. They are not skillful in God’s Word and do not have their senses exercised. If the people would become skillful in God’s Word, they would be more spiritually minded, more serious in prayer, more faithful to the house of God, more separated from the evil things of the world, wiser in every aspect of living, wiser in building godly homes and training their children, more zealous for the salvation of souls and the fulfillment of Christ’s Great Commission. The Word of God has the power to do all of this.

The goal of the memory verse journal is to help the believer hide God’s Word in his heart (Psalm 119:11) and to meditate on it in an effectual, practical way. God doesn’t want His people to read and memorize the Scriptures in a robotic or parroting fashion. Everything is to be done with understanding. See Psalm 47:7; 1 Corinthians 14:15, 19; Colossians 1:9; 3:16.

Meditating on a verse or passage of God’s Word effectually begins with understanding its meaning. This requires the application of the fundamental principles of Bible interpretation (e.g., context, comparing Scripture with Scripture, defining the words, literal vs. allegorical, understanding figures of speech) and the wise use of Bible study tools (e.g., dictionary, concordance, *Treasury of Scripture Knowledge*, commentary). A basic education in these things can be obtained from [The Effectual Bible Student](#). This 12-hour video course, accompanied by a printed manual, is available for free viewing and download from www.wayoflife.org. It is also available for purchase on DVDs. The more the child of God invests in pursuing this type of education, the better he will understand the Bible.

Memorization and meditation go together. By memorizing a verse, the believer can then meditate on it as he goes about his daily life. He can ask himself, what does this verse mean? What are its main lessons? What does this mean for my daily life?

The journal is accompanied by a five-year weekly memory verse program (one or two verses per week). The verses are carefully selected for edification and exhortation.

The journal and the weekly memory verse program can be used by individuals, families, classes, and churches.

Whoever is overseeing the memory verse journal program should teach the students to do the following things:

1. Print a copy of the worksheet for each week of the program. We print out 52 copies of the worksheet and bind them together with the introduction and memory verse list. That makes a one-year journal.
2. Each week, the first thing is to write out the memory verse. The act of writing has an important role in memorization.

3. Memorize the verse as quickly as possible, the first day preferably. This is so the student can meditate on it throughout the rest of the week. Memorization and meditation aren't the same, but they are intimately associated.
4. Use the journal daily, trying to add more answers to the questions. Don't be content with spending only a few minutes each week answering the questions. The more you put into this, the more you will get out of it.
5. First answer the questions as best as you can on your own. Only after you have done your best should you get ideas from others.
6. After you have tried your best, don't hesitate to seek help if you don't understand something. Take the initiative to learn. Don't be content with not

understanding. Be a zealous Bible student, and it will pay great dividends.

7. Get a partner to whom you can repeat your memory verse each week. You can discuss the journal together and learn from one another.

In our church, each week in the main service we have someone read from their journal from the previous week to give the people ideas about how to answer the questions. We choose individuals who are most capable of performing this task. We urge all of the people to bring the journals to the service and jot down new ideas they get from others. Then, as a congregation we repeat together the verse for the coming week several times.

Memory Verse Journal

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The Mobile Phone and the Christian Home and Church

A Youth Discipleship Course

by David W. Cloud

Many Christian homes and churches are losing a frightful percentage of their young people to the world.

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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?



PRAYER MOVEMENTS IN AMERICA (Friday Church News Notes, October 2, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Various prayer movements are springing up in America. Most recently there was **Repentance Sunday** (Sept. 27) called by some 50 churches and ecumenical ministries, including Matt Chandler of Village Church in Flower Mound, Texas; Gabe Lyons of Q Ideas in Nashville; and Francis Chan of Crazy Love Ministries. Organizers announced it as "an opportunity as the Christian church to practice what Revelation 2 and 3 require, a return to our first love, seeking forgiveness of our personal and corporate sins." But how about obedience to sound doctrine and non-conformity to the world and separation from heresies and renunciation of the apostasy of 2 Timothy 4:3-4 and earnest contention for the faith? Then there was **The Return: National and Global Day of Prayer and Repentance** in Washington, D.C. (Sept. 26). We don't need a prayer movement, and we certainly don't need to join hands with the "rock & roll, renounce separation, bear with all things, judge not" crowd. But God's people do need to pray. If these times do not drive churches to take prayer more seriously, I don't know what would.

Let's wake up and get on "praying ground" and pray! God has promised to answer. "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Timothy 2:1-3).

ACCORDING TO LATEST CDC STATISTICS, COVID

SURVIVAL RATE FOR UNDER 50 SIMILAR TO THE FLU (Friday

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- On September 25, 2020, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control announced the latest Covid-19 survival statistics and it is good news. For those younger than age 50, the death rate is .02%.

Ages 0-19: 99.997%

Ages 20-49: 99.98%

Ages 50-69: 99.5%

Ages 70+: 94.6%

CHRISTIANS ARRESTED IN IDAHO FOR SINGING HYMNS WITHOUT MASKS - OUTDOORS

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- The following is excerpted from



“Idaho Christians Arrested,” *PJ Media*, Sep. 24, 2020: “It seems Moscow, Idaho, is going the way of its Soviet namesake, arresting a group of unmasked Christians who had peaceably assembled outside the city hall to sing psalms and protest an extension of the city’s masking order. On Wednesday, Moscow’s Christ Church ... announced that a ‘Psalm Sing’ would be held outside city hall that afternoon. On Tuesday, the city council extended the mandatory masking order, set to expire on October 6, until January, **despite the fact there have been no deaths, or even hospitalizations, due to the COVID-19 virus in Latah County.** ... According to local reports, more than 150 people were in attendance at the gathering to sing psalms and hymns--in beautiful four-part harmony, I might add--though [Pastor Douglas] Wilson believes the number was closer to 300. Fifteen minutes into the gathering--during the very first song--police began to arrest the peaceful psalm singers for failing to wear masks as mandated by the Moscow City Council. Latah County commission candidate and host of the CrossPolitic show Gabriel Rench was led away in handcuffs as the group sang, ‘Some always trust in chariots, others trust in horses, but we recall our Lord and God,’ lifting their voices to proclaim Psalm 20. David Shannon, aka Chocolate Knox, said on the CrossPolitic show that Moscow police

stood by and did nothing when Black Lives Matter held a Defund the Police rally in July--in front of the police station--violating both masking and social distancing orders. ‘No one was arrested,’ he said. ‘No one. Zero people.’”

LAW AND ORDER IN FLORIDA

(Friday Church News Notes, October 2, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis is providing law and order leadership for his state in these troublous times. The following is excerpted from “Sheriff Uses Pictures to Explain,” *Daily Caller*, Sept. 22, 2020: “The sheriff of Polk County, Florida, used visual aids to help explain the difference between a peaceful protest and a riot during a press conference Monday after Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis unveiled new legislation to address violent riots and attacks on police officers. Sheriff Grady Judd took the stage armed with three sets of pictures to help reporters, attendees and Floridians differentiate between riots and peaceful protests. ‘I can tell you folks, so that there is no misunderstanding today, this is a peaceful protest,’ Judd said, holding an image of a large group of protesters congregated peacefully in front of a building. ‘This is a riot,’ he continued, holding an image of what appears to be a vehicle on fire amid a pile of rubble. ‘We can tell the difference. The governor can tell the



difference. Our law enforcement officers can tell the difference,’ he said. ‘In the event you didn’t get that, let me show you something,’ Judd said as he whipped out a second set of images. ‘This is a peaceful protest,’ he said, flashing an image showing a protester holding up a sign that reads in part *protest peacefully*. ‘This is looting,’ he continued, holding another image showing a man carrying items while running. ‘If you loot, the next thing you can try to steal is something off of your food tray at the county jail, because you’re going to jail, that’s a guarantee,’ Judd said. ... DeSantis introduced legislation Monday that would charge anyone involved in an assembly of 7 or more people where property is destroyed or someone gets injured would face felony charges. It also makes it a felony to block roadways and destroy public property, which includes toppling monuments. The legislation would also defund any cities or local government that tries to defund their police department. If a state employee participates in a violent protest or disorderly assembly, they would lose their state benefits under the new legislation.”

BLACK LIVES MATTER RIOTS THE MOST EXPENSIVE IN U.S. HISTORY

(Friday Church News Notes, October 2, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Cost of Recent Riot Damage,” *Townhall*, Sep. 16, 2020: “[A] new assessment first reported by Axios shows the financial cost of the rioting is on its way to at least \$2 billion, making it the most expensive in history. ‘The vandalism and looting following the death of George Floyd at the hands of the Minneapolis



police will cost the insurance industry more than any other violent demonstrations in recent history, Axios has learned. That number could be as much as \$2 billion and possibly more, according to the Insurance Information Institute (or Triple-I), which compiles information from PCS as well as other firms that report such statistics. The protests related to George Floyd's death are also different because they are so widespread. "It's not just happening in one city or state--it's all over the country," Loretta L. Worters of the Triple-I tells Axios. "And this is still happening, so the losses could be significantly more" ("Exclusive: \$1 billion-plus riot damage," *axios.com*, Sep. 16, 2020). Worse, the communities hit the hardest may never recover. South Los Angeles still lives with the consequences of the 1992 riots."

JUDGE RULES THAT MACARTHUR'S CHURCH ENTITLED TO TRIAL (Friday Church News Notes, October 2, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- The following is excerpted from "Another MacArthur Victory," *Reformation Charlotte*, Sept. 24, 2020: "Attorneys for Pastor John MacArthur and Grace Community Church prevailed in yet another hearing today in Los Angeles Superior Court, arguing that MacArthur and the Church are entitled to a full trial on the merits of their challenge to the constitutionality of the government shut-down orders and the preliminary injunction. Los Angeles County has sought to shut down the church and hold MacArthur in contempt, but Thomas More Society attorneys argued that a final determination on the constitutionality of the orders must occur before the county could seek contempt against MacArthur for merely holding church. ... Thomas More Society Special Counsel Charles LiMandri stated, 'This ruling prevents Los Angeles County's attempted rush to judgment in its continued prosecution of Pastor John MacArthur and Grace Community Church for courageously exercising their First Amendment rights. We are ... very gratified that the judge's ruling today reflects that he appreciates the importance of the constitutionally protected rights at issue in this case.' MacArthur declared, 'We are holding church. The Lord Jesus requires us to meet together and we will continue to do that because we are commanded to and because it is our right. I'm very grateful to Judge Beckloff for providing full due process and recognizing the importance of these constitutional protections. The reality is that the county cannot show that their order is even rational, much less necessary. They have also applied their orders arbitrarily and discriminatorily against churches and

we enjoy a heightened protection in America to hold church. I'll continue to stand firm and we will continue to fight to protect religious freedom for the church.'"



BLACK LIVES MATTER EMPLOY MAFIA TACTICS TO DEMAND THAT BUSINESSES SUBMIT TO THEIR AGENDA

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- The following is excerpted from "Immigrant Business Owner Battles BLM Activists," *The Daily Wire*, Sep. 30, 2020: "In video captured by a *Daily Caller* reporter, Louisville business owner Fadi Faouri--who immigrated to America as a teen without knowing the language and with only '\$100 in his pocket'--is leaning against his store window with gun in-hand when activists swarm him and ask for his verbal support of Black Lives Matter and agreement that 'Breonna Taylor matters.' The businessman refuses to promote the radical activist group and emphasizes that he 'doesn't see color,' but looks as people as 'human beings.' ... Mr. Faouri told the *New York Post* that he's been protecting his storefront for months and was trying to move his location. The place he was leasing, however, was burned down by rioters last week, just as he was finishing up the renovations. ... 'Every night we have a new store that got looted. They break in, they take whatever and go.

They walk away.’ ... ‘They cannot force me to say something I don’t want to say,’ he said. ‘They try to force me to do stuff that I don’t want to do, and I will not do.’ ‘If I made it in this country with no language whatsoever when I came in, and \$100 in my pocket, nobody has any right to say they can’t make it in this country,’ the businessman said, adding, ‘There’s a different way and better ways to handle this. What they’re doing, they’re doing it wrong.’ ... According to a report from the *Courier-Journal*, dozens of businesses in NuLu, a small commercial district in downtown Louisville, have been hit with race-based demands from activists. As laid out by the outlet, the activists’ list of demands include the following: Employ more black people; purchase more inventory from black retailers; undergo diversity training. Activist Phelix Crittenden outlined three ‘rankings’ local businesses can score: ‘A’ for ‘Ally,’ ‘C’ for ‘Complicit,’ and ‘F’ for ‘Failed.’ ... While some business owners have already signed ‘contracts’ to comply with the demands and acknowledge alleged gentrification of the area, some business owners are standing firm. Restaurateur and Cuban immigrant Fernando Martinez, for example, slammed the activists for their ‘mafia tactics.’ ‘There comes a time in life that you have to make a stand and you have to really prove your convictions and what you believe in,’ Martinez said in a Facebook post. ‘All good people need to denounce this. How can you justified (sic) injustice with more injustice?’ ‘If you and I can sit down as human beings that we are without screaming at each other, without calling each other names, without offending each other, we can come to an understanding,’ Martinez

told a protester. ‘How is destroying our business going to bring any justice?’”

CHINESE CHRISTIAN BOOKSELLER SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON

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- The following is excerpted from International Christian Concern, Oct. 1, 2020: “A Chinese Christian online bookstore owner, Chen Yu, was charged with ‘illegal business operations’ on September 27. He was sentenced to seven years in prison and fined 200,000 RMB (\$29,450 USD). ... Chen will also have his iPhone confiscated. Additionally, the 12,864 Christian books from his bookstore will be destroyed by the Linhai City Public Security Bureau. ... Gina Goh, ICC’s Regional Manager for Southeast Asia, said, ‘The sentence for Mr. Chen Yu shows how the Chinese government is increasingly frightened by all things religious. From religious symbols, Chinese couplets, to Christian books, anything that features religious elements is no longer tolerated by the Chinese Communist Party. The disproportionate sentencing of Christians, such as Early Rain Covenant Church pastor Wang Yi and Chen Yu, under the same charge implies that the crackdown against

Christianity will only intensify. The US government and international community should continue to stand up to the tyranny in Beijing.’”

CONGRESSIONAL STUDY PAINTS SHOCKING PICTURE OF THE STATE OF MARRIAGE IN AMERICA

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- The following is excerpted from “Media Ignores Congressional Report,” *The Epoch Times*, Aug. 25, 2020: “Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah), the Joint Economic Committee (JEC) chairman, told *The Epoch Times* on Aug. 24, ‘Everything comes back to the family. The family is the foundation of our society and, if the institution of marriage is suffering, then everything is suffering. Repairing the institution of marriage should be our top priority.’ ... ‘Researchers have well established that children raised by married parents do better on a wide array of outcomes. They have stronger relationships with their parents, particularly with their fathers. They are also much less likely to experience physical, emotional or sexual abuse,’ the meticulously documented report states. They have better health, exhibit less aggression, are less likely to engage in delinquent behavior, have greater educational achievement, and earn more as adults. They are also far less likely to live in poverty. Among the effects of the decline is a steep increase in the number of **children born to unwed mothers, which climbed to 40 percent of all births in 2018 from 5 percent in 1955**, according to the latest available federal data. Moreover, according to the report, **‘over two-thirds of births to black**

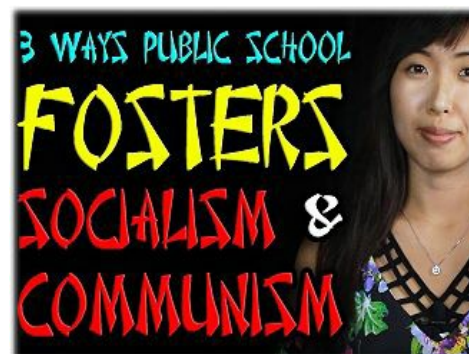


women (69 percent) are to unwed mothers, and over half (52 percent) of births to Hispanic women are.' The figure for non-Hispanic white women is 28 percent. ... With more illegitimate children living with one parent comes steadily worsening quality of life indicators, including higher crime rates, lower educational attainment, more poverty, and less hope for the future, especially among black and Hispanic children trapped in failing inner-city public schools. ... 'The means-tested welfare system consists of more than 80 programs that provide cash, food, housing, medical care, and social services to poor Americans,' it says. 'Most all of these programs penalize marriage, such that when household income rises, welfare benefits decrease.' Removing such disincentives is where Lee hopes to refocus federal policy. 'I think the first thing the federal government should do is to stop harming the institution of marriage,' he told *The Epoch Times*. 'Marriage was much better in America before the federal government started creating incentives to undermine it. We need to focus on ending those federal disincentives to marriage.'"

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The welfare state has definitely been destructive to the family. But we must not forget the apostasy and lukewarmness and worldliness of the churches. Examine the spiritual and moral and doctrinal condition of the

churches in a community and you will find a fundamental cause of the social ills that predominate in those communities. Add to that the influence of the filthy hip-hop culture and pornography and the godless brainwashing of the public school system and the victimization mentality and you have the top elements in the destruction of the home in America.

SOCIALISM IN THE U.S. PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Friday Church News Notes, October 9, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - "A 2018 study of more than 8,600 tenure-track professors by Brooklyn College professor Mitchell Langbert found registered Democrats outnumber Republicans at 51 of America's leading liberal arts colleges by a ratio of 10.4 to one. As important as bias on college campuses is, it's only one piece of the puzzle. Much of the problem goes back much further, to K-12 schools, where only 27 percent of teachers identify as Republicans, according to a national survey by the Education Week Research Center. Not only are K-12 teachers more likely to vote for Democrats and favor left-wing causes, socialist ideas permeate nearly every aspect of government-run schools. ... From their earliest days, young students are taught by modern state curriculum standards to be cogs in the societal wheel rather than independent thinkers. The educational focus is often placed on performing well on standardized tests and memorizing facts, not learning how to make difficult moral choices or cogent arguments with classmates. ... In many public schools, teachers are outright hostile to conservative ideas and openly embrace radical



left-wing positions like single-payer health care. Given the state of the current educational system, it's not surprising that many young people identify with the collectivist principles of the far left and not with the rugged individualism that has been the foundation of American life for centuries. Our children aren't being taught the same principles the American Founders were taught when they were kids; children today don't even read the same books the Founders read. Is it any wonder then that they don't think the same way John Adams and Thomas Jefferson did?" ("America's Public Schools Have Become Socialist Indoctrination Factories," *Townhall*, Jan. 28, 2019). **CONCLUDING NOTE:** The main book that is *not* read in America's schools today that *was* read in former times is the Bible. Prior to the 20th century, the Bible wielded a major influence in the lives of the vast majority of Americans regardless of religious affiliation or profession. *The New England Primer*, the most important textbook in America from 1690 to 1790, and which continued to be published until the 1930s, was filled with quotations from the Bible. The introduction to the 1900 edition said, "The *New England Primer* ... contributed, perhaps more than any other book except the Bible, to the molding of those sturdy generations that gave to America its liberty and its

institutions.” Beginning in 1783, Noah Webster’s *Blue-Back Speller* educated generations of American children, selling nearly 100 million copies. It, too, was packed with quotations from the Bible. Webster’s 1828 *An American Dictionary of the English Language*, the nation’s most popular dictionary, was filled with references to the King James Bible. Webster’s influence on American education was so great that he has been called “The Schoolmaster of the Republic.” From 1836 to 1960, at least 120 million copies of the *McGuffey Readers* were sold, and they, too, had strong biblical content. William McGuffey was a Christian whose passions were “education and preaching the gospel.” By the use of the Bible itself and Bible-based textbooks, Americans of the 17th through the 19th centuries were steeped in Scripture from a young age, and this had a large influence on society even among the unsaved. In 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court ridiculously ruled that devotional Bible reading in public schools is unconstitutional. But before the Bible was removed from the public schools, it was removed, in a practical sense, from most churches and Christian homes.

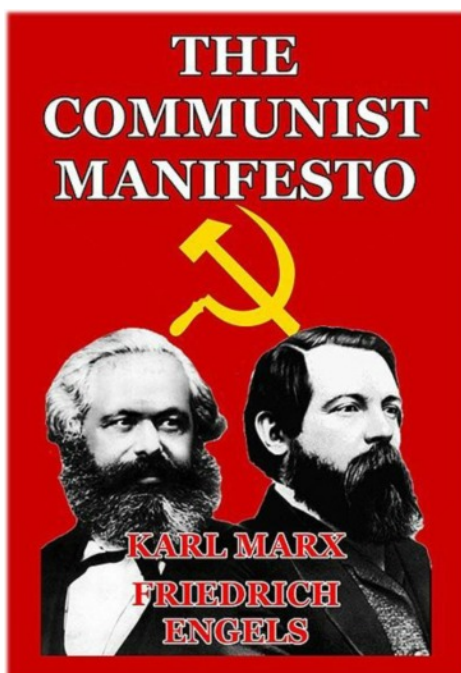
CAMPUS CRUSADE’S APOSTASY (Friday Church News Notes, October 16, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Campus Crusade for Christ is an “evangelical” interdenominational ministry with 25,000 workers in nearly 200 countries. (The name was changed to “Cru” in 2011.) Never really sound theologically, the organization has moved ever farther from God’s Word. Founded by Bill Bright, Campus Crusade was



radically ecumenical from its inception. In 1969, Bright said, “We do not attack the Roman Church. We believe God is doing a mighty work in it and will no doubt use millions of Roman Catholics to help evangelize the world” (*The Post & Times Star*, Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 30, 1969). By the 1970s Campus Crusade had several Catholics on staff (James Hefley, *A Prejudiced Protestant Takes a New Look at the Catholic Church*, 1971, p. 122). In an interview with *Wittenburg Door*, June-July 1978, Richard Quebedeaux said, “In Ireland, Campus Crusade is registered as a religious order. ... And they work entirely within the Catholic church there with Catholics...” Now Campus Crusade is promoting the philosophy that Christians can be homosexual in dress and desire, as long as they don’t engage in homosexual activity. For example, in July 2019, Cru student leader Grant Hartley of California, who uses the hashtag #LGBTQinChrist, tweeted the following quote from Rachel Gilson, “There is no command in scripture to be straight; there is a command to be faithfully single or faithfully married, and you can do either of those without being straight.” Gilson is a Cru staff director in Boston (“Campus Crusade Teaching Kids That It’s Okay to be Gay,” *Reformation Charlotte*, July 30, 2019). God’s Word plainly condemns

homosexuality in every aspect, including its “vile affections” and “burning lust” (Ro. 1:26-27).

MARXISM, THE NEW LEFTISM, CRITICAL THEORY, ETC., IS SIMPLY A WAR AGAINST GOD AND HIS HOLY LAWS (Friday Church News Notes, October 16, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - **Karl Marx** wrote, “Communism abolishes eternal truth, it abolishes all religion, and all morality” (*The Communist Manifesto*). **Herbert Marcuse**, father of the New Left, called for a “cultural revolution in the sense that the protest is directed toward the whole cultural establishment, including the morality of the existing society” (“Reflections on the French Revolution,” cited from Michael Walsh, *The Devil’s Pleasure Palace: The Cult of Critical Theory and the Subversion of the West*, 2015). **Antonio Gramsci**, founder of the Italian Communist Party and one of the founders of cultural Marxism, said, “One must speak for a struggle for a new culture, that is, for a new moral life that cannot but be intimately connected to a new intuition of life, until it becomes a new way of feeling and seeing reality,” and, “Socialism is precisely the religion that must overwhelm Christianity” (*Gramsci’s Political Thought: Hegemony, Consciousness, and the Revolutionary Process*, 1981). **Saul Alinsky**, communist-leaning community organizer who influenced Barack Obama, honored Lucifer in *Rules for Radicals*. In the front of the book he said, “Lest we forget at least an over-the-shoulder acknowledgement to the very first radical ... the first radical known to

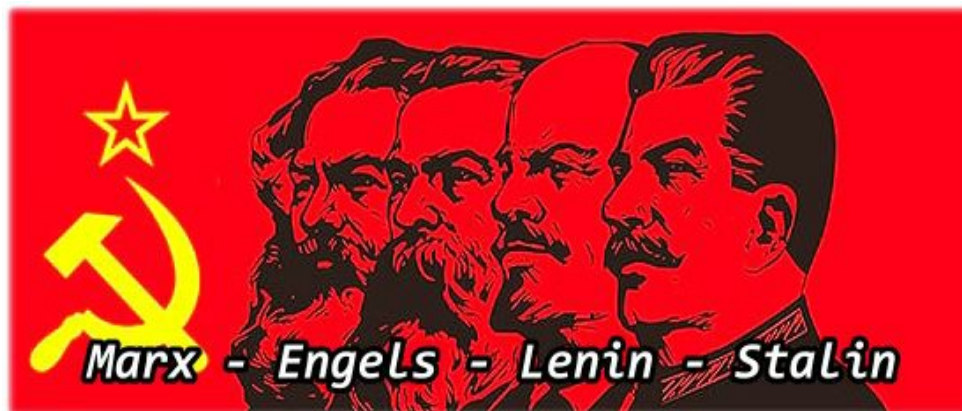


man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom.” Alinsky’s book has been called “the bible of the far left.” **Kate Millett** influential feminist, said, “A sexual revolution would require perhaps first of all an end of traditional sexual inhibitions and taboos, particularly those that most threaten patriarchal monogamous marriage: homosexuality, ‘illegitimacy,’ adolescent pre- and extra-marital sexuality” (*Sexual Politics*, 1979). Following is a chant led by Kate Millett in a consciousness-raising group in New York City in 1969: “And how do we make Cultural Revolution? By destroying the American family. How do we destroy the family? By destroying the American Patriarch. And how do we destroy the American Patriarch? By taking away his power. How do we do that? By destroying monogamy. How can we destroy monogamy? By promoting promiscuity, eroticism, prostitution and homosexuality” (cited by Kate Millett’s sister Mallory Millett who

attended the meeting, “Marxist Feminism’s Ruined Lives,” *Frontpage* magazine, Sep. 1, 2014).

THE FRANKFURT SCHOOL, CULTURAL MARXISM, CRITICAL THEORY (Friday Church News Notes, October 16, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from Christopher Haun, *The Eight Spectres of Karl Marx in the 21st Century*: “In the 1930s, a group of professors at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Frankfurt in Germany (‘the Frankfurt School’ for short) developed their own unique strains of Western Marxism. While they preferred to call their theory ‘the critical theory of society’ their work has become more commonly known as ‘Cultural Marxism.’ They were keenly aware of the fact that the German workers did not revolt as Marx had predicted. But the fact that Marxism had failed its first and biggest test wasn’t enough to make them abandon Marx. They remained Marxist at the core and sought to salvage Marx’s vision for the dissolution of the evil ‘capitalist’ systems that dominated Europe and the United States and plagued the world. **Max Horkheimer defined their critical theory of society as (1) ‘a theory**

dominated at every turn by a concern for reasonable conditions of life,’ (2) a theory which condemns existing social institutions and practices as ‘inhuman,’ and (3) a theory which contemplates the need for ‘alteration of society as a whole.’ In harmony with Marx, the Frankfurt School theorists taught that everything in Western society is so evil that every facet of it needs to be ruthlessly criticized, weakened, and destroyed. The rise of the Nazi movement in Germany forced these professors to flee their German homeland. The National Socialists were competing with Marxist Socialists and the Frankfurt theorists were definitely recognizable as Marxists. They were also all Jewish. So in 1935 they fled Germany and made Columbia University of New York their base of operations. ... Although sympathetic to Marx’s war on inequality among socio-economic classes, these ‘cultural Marxists’ instead focused on other cultural areas where people groups encounter inequality. They saw power inequalities in the clash of cultures ... races ... religions ... family ... gender ... and sexual orientation. ... The chief weapon in their ideological arsenal was criticism. The Frankfurt School made it academically fashionable to subject every old truth claim to ‘new



criticism' or 'critical theory.' Quite in harmony with Marx, every established authority and every established belief must be questioned, challenged, critiqued, doubted, ridiculed, marginalized, weakened, subverted, destroyed, and replaced. Beginning with criticism, Marx's spectre can proceed to liberate all the peoples of the world from the oppression of Classical civilization and Judeo-Christian culture. **Herbert Marcuse** was one of the most influential and best known theorists of the Frankfurt School. He taught his brand of cultural Marxism into the 1970s at Columbia University, Harvard, Brandeis, and the University of California, San Diego. He is now widely regarded as the father of the New Left movement, the most influential 'radical philosopher' of the 1960s, and a major inspiration for the Hippie Movement, the student movement, and the civil rights movement."

THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION

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- The following is excerpted from the

[Way of Life Commentary Series](#) on Romans: "The sons of God have 'the Spirit of adoption' (Ro. 8:15). The "***spirit of bondage again to fear***" is the spirit of living under the law and being condemned by the law for every infraction in thought and deed. It is to live under the darkness and fire of Mt. Sinai, as described in Hebrews 12:18-21. It is to live under the curse of God, 'for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them' (Gal. 3:10). What a bondage! But the believer has '***the spirit of adoption.***' Our curse fell upon Christ, and in Christ we are adopted children. We are sons in God's family. We know God as '***Abba***,' which is an intimate, tender term like 'Papa.' What an amazing and wonderful thing it is for a sinner to be able to call the thrice holy Creator God '***Abba***! Jesus called the Father Abba (Mr. 14:36), and God's redeemed children call Him Abba. This was God's plan and purpose in redemption. His Father heart accomplished redemption for the purpose of enlarging His family. Note that it is by the Spirit "whereby we cry, Abba." Compare Galatians

4:6, 'And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.' It is the Spirit of Jesus crying out to the Father through His redeemed people. Note that we '***cry***, Abba.' This is the Greek *krazo*, which is a strong, passionate crying out. It is

the blind men crying out to Jesus for healing (Mt. 9:27), the disciples crying out for fear when they saw Jesus walking on the water (Mt. 14:26), Peter crying out to Jesus to save him when he was sinking in the storm (Mt. 14:30), the Canaanite woman crying out for healing for her demon possessed daughter (Mt. 15:22-23), the people crying out to Pilate, 'Let him be crucified' (Mt. 27:23), the angels crying out with loud voices in the day of the Lord (Re. 7:2; 10:3; 14:15; 18:2; 19:17). **To cry 'Abba, Father,' by the Spirit is no half-hearted, lukewarm thing. Salvation is a very, very big thing, and those who are saved are dramatically changed and they have a new and passionate relationship with God.** The world is passionate for the lusts of the flesh, and the lusts of the eyes, and the pride of life; it cries out for pleasure pastimes such as rock concerts, gambling, sports, and video games. But God's people are passionate about God. Their chief enthusiasm is God, which is the purpose for which they were created. We observe, too, that 'cry' is present tense, which indicates that calling on God as Abba Father is their way of life, not something they do sometimes when they are in trouble."

DRESSING FOR THE LORD IN PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH

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- David Cloud's book *Dressing for the Lord* is available in Spanish and in Portuguese.

https://www.wayoflife.org/foreign_1_language_books/Tripa_BUENA.pdf
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7m1LP5B580&list=PLyPn7gENmPpu4rIYO6cLFy_4L3tBK43O3

"waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Rom. 8:23).



BEWARE INTELLECTUALS

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- “One of the principal lessons of our tragic century, which has seen so many millions of innocent lives sacrificed in schemes to improve the lot of humanity, is--beware intellectuals. Not merely should they be kept away from the levers of power, they should also be objects of particular suspicion when they seek to offer collective advice” (Paul Johnson, *Intellectuals: From Marx and Tolstoy to Sartre and Chomsky*, 1989).

EUTHANASIA’S SLIPPERY SLOPE IN THE NETHERLANDS

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- The following is excerpted from “Dutch government backs euthanasia for under-12s,” *The Guardian*, Oct. 14, 2020: “The Dutch government will permit doctors to euthanise



Minister Hugo de Jonge

terminally ill children aged between one and 12 after months of debate within the ruling coalition. The country’s health minister, Hugo de Jonge, said a change in regulations was necessary to help ‘a small group of terminally ill children who agonise with no hope, and unbearable suffering’ ... Belgium became the first country to allow for voluntary child euthanasia in 2014 when it legislated to allow euthanasia in cases where the young patient was terminally ill and in great pain. Two Belgian children aged nine and 11 became the first to be euthanised in 2016 and 2017. Intervention to end a life is also already legal in the Netherlands for children older than 12 if consent is given by the patient and their parents. Babies up to a year old may also have their lives ended with parental consent. The group of children referenced by the planned regulation currently may only be given palliative care or have their nutrition withheld to speed up their death under the current rules with doctors facing prosecution if they take any other action to end a life. ... Since 2002 doctors have been able to euthanise adults in the Netherlands in cases where it is regarded as a voluntary and well considered request in the context of unbearable suffering from which there is no prospect of improvement, or alternative remedy. Last year there were 6,361 cases of euthanasia in the country--just over 4% of the country’s total deaths. Of those, 91% were for terminal medical conditions. The remainder of euthanasia cases involve severe psychiatric illness.”

BLACK LIVES MATTER/ANTIFA TARGET BUSINESSES IN PORTLAND THAT REFUSE TO SUPPORT



THEIR AGENDA (Friday Church News Notes, October 23, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from “Rioters Trash Portland Restaurant,” *PJ Media*, Oct. 14, 2020: “On the day Yelp introduced a new ‘racist behavior’ wokeness rating, antifa and Black Lives Matter activists in Portland were seen on Twitter soliciting names of ‘non-friendly’ businesses that support police, singling them out as targets. By Sunday’s pre-planned ‘Day of Rage,’ rioters had trashed one of the explicit targets, a black-owned downtown Portland cafe. Portland antifa watcher Andy Ngo showed screenshots of the tweets calling for retribution against the Heroes American Cafe, owned by John Jackson. One antifa-associated Twitter account responded, ‘Heroe’s American Cafe on S Park blocks gives profits to their heroes cops [sic].’ Ngo noted that not only did antifa and BLM militants bash the windows of the cafe, but shot it up. ‘Antifa rioters shot inside the Heroes American Cafe in downtown Portland last night during their mass rampage. Antifa has taken issue with the business for putting photos of first responders on its walls & added the cafe to its list of places to target.’ ... *Fox News* reports that Jackson, a veteran of both the Army and Marines, won’t be intimidated. ... Jackson will have the last word. Not only are people of good

will planning to eat at his restaurant as never before, but he told *Fox News* that the attack ‘solidified my Trump vote. I’m done with this weakness and we need some real strong leadership.’ Day of Ragers also targeted the Oregon Historical Society, bashing windows and ripping out several historical items, leaving them trashed on the street.”



POLL FINDS THAT A MAJORITY OF WHITE AMERICANS BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO GENDERS (Friday Church News Notes, October 23, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Black voters far more likely than white,” *Just the News*, June 25, 2020: “A new *Just the News* Daily Poll with Scott Rasmussen found 62% of Black U.S. voters said there are only two genders, biological male and females, while 49% of whites and 51% of Hispanics said the same. Thirty percent of black voters said there were ‘other gender identities,’ compared to 44% of whites and 39% of Hispanics. Among U.S. voters overall, and of all races, just 51%

believe there are only two genders while 41% believe there are other gender identities. ‘This is a pretty significant measure of a massive cultural shift,’ Rasmussen said. ‘As on many other questions, there is a significant gap between voters under 45 and their elders. A majority of older voters believe there are just two genders. Younger voters are evenly divided.’”

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS REMOVING NAMES OF FOUNDING FATHERS

(Friday Church News Notes, October 23, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Forty-four schools in the San Francisco School District are being renamed, including those named after the nation’s founding fathers. The list includes eight schools named after George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Paul Revere, and Francis Scott Key (composer of “The Star Spangled Banner”) (“Dianne Feinstein Elementary on List of ‘Inappropriate’ School Names,” *The Daily Wire*, Oct. 16, 2020). The name of any person who fails any one of the following criteria is to be removed: “Anyone directly involved in the colonization of people; slave owners or participants in enslavement; perpetrators of genocide or slavery; those who exploit workers/people; those who directly oppressed or abused women, children, queer or transgender



people; those connected to any human rights or environmental abuses; those who are known racists and/or white supremacists and/or espoused racist beliefs.” This level of insanity is a judgment of God on a wicked nation. “lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom *is* in them?” (Jeremiah 8:9).

CHINA’S PREMIER ACKNOWLEDGES 600

MILLION PEOPLE LIVING ON \$35 A WEEK (Friday Church News Notes, October 23, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- The following is excerpted from “China’s Premier Acknowledges Serious Economic Crisis,” *The Epoch Times*, May 30, 2020. Since China has no freedom of speech and no free press and the internet and social media are constrained, when a Chinese leader admits that things are not well, they are probably *much* worse than he admits. “Chinese leader Xi Jinping said during his 2020 new year’s message that his goal was for China to become a ‘moderately prosperous’ society in the coming year. But Xi’s target seemed out of reach, according to Li’s latest comments. ... When a reporter asked Li about China’s plans for eliminating poverty and growing the middle class, Li answered: ‘Our average annual income is 30,000

yuan (\$4,198). But there are 600 million people whose monthly income is only 1,000 yuan (\$140).’ China’s population is 1.439 billion. 600 million is roughly 41.7 percent of the total population. ... The premier also admitted that the pandemic has done serious damage to China’s economy, using the analogy of ‘a big car driving on a road covered with thorns.’ Beijing will cut down on expenses, and has also ordered local governments to do the same, he said. Li also announced that the central government will issue national debt and local government bonds--valuing 2 trillion yuan (\$280 billion) in total--to prop up the economy.”

BLACK LIVES MATTER FUNDING (Friday Church News Notes, October 23, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- The Black Lives Matter movement is awash in funding by leftist foundations that strangely seek to destroy the very nation that made them rich. Billionaire George Soros has given more than \$33 million in grants to Black Lives Matter through his Open Society Foundation, and the Ford Foundation and Borealis Philanthropy announced a campaign in 2016 aimed at raising \$100 million

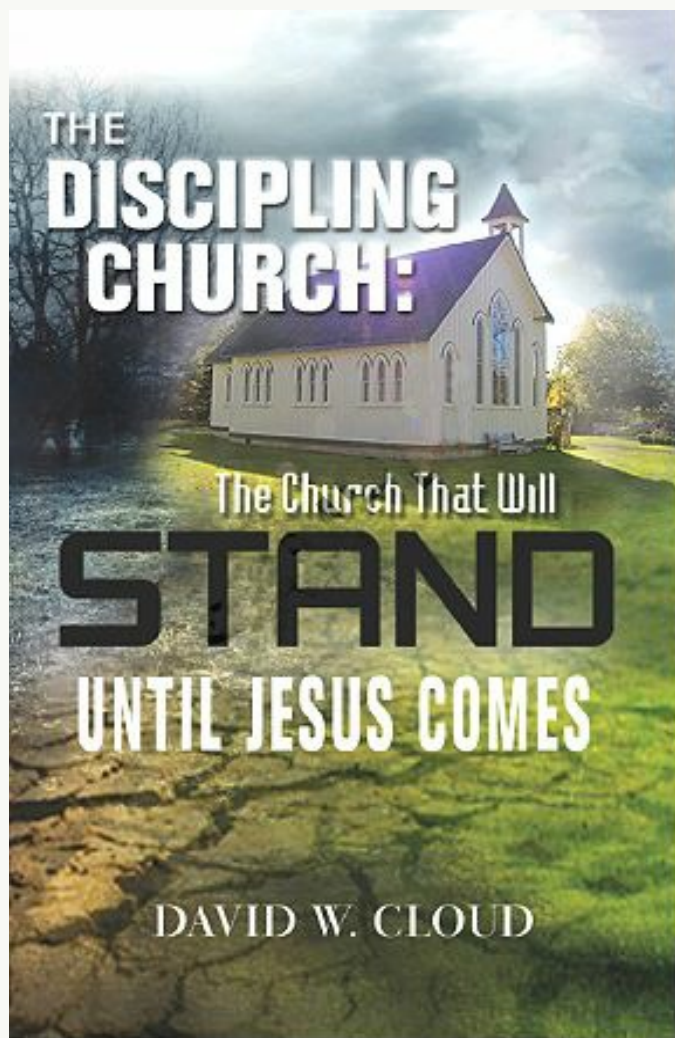
for the **Black-Led Movement Fund** (BLMF) (“Black Lives Matter cashes in,” *Washington Times*, Aug. 16, 2016). **Movement for Black Lives** (M4BL), which is closely associated with BLMF, “demands” racial reparations, defunding the police, defunding jails and prisons, decriminalization of drug offenses and prostitution, end to pretrial detention, reduction in military expenditure, end of surveillance of communities, universal health care, free abortions, free education with a focus on “special protections for queer and trans students,” free daycare, free meals for students, rent cancellation, mortgage cancellation, debt cancellation, acceptance of looting and destruction of property, and support for “queer, trans, gender nonconforming, intersex.” Then there is the **Black Lives Matter Global Network**, which is the recipient of millions of dollars in funding from Airbnb, Amazon, Cisco, Dropbox, Fitbit, Gatorade, Microsoft, Nabisco, Unilever, Tinder, and others. The BLM Global Network’s mission includes replacing the “nuclear family structure” and promoting the LGBT agenda (“These 18 Corporations,” *The Daily Signal*, July 7, 2020).

A BETTER KIND OF “WOKE” (Friday Church News Notes, October 23, 2020, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- We received the following communication recently: “I am writing this e-mail from Budapest, Hungary, Europe to thank you for the effort you put in the books you have published and shared. It was God’s providence how I stumbled into this and with a divine goal that I must be more strong for future challenges such as church ministry and

eventually starting my own family. I constantly save your books on my desktop as if there is no internet tomorrow! I find this bookstore a treasure trove and it is not possible to express with words how much you helped me! I think in the last month I downloaded or purchased 30-35 ebooks and have dug deep in the topic of New Evangelicalism, Emerging Church, discipling church, CCM, and women’s service unto God. I started with the book *Separation: Its doctrine and practice* and I feel God guided me to this book first. I can’t express my gratitude to God how happy I am that I got rid of this evangelical dark yoke that makes countless kinds of pressure on the shoulders among Christians in Christian ministry, dating, dressing, worship, way of thinking, attitude in church, path of ministries, ecumenical fellowships and more. I have to say, since I was born again in 2013 I had in these topics many many fears and burdens and I never had a peace of conscience, neither assurance in these things. ... Hungary has done almost completely secular. In ‘better days’ it was 65% Catholic and 20% Protestant country, but nowadays the atheism grows. ... Anyway I wanted to thank you for the whole package about the Christian world. I feel myself woke up from a deep dream that I always felt there is something wrong about.”





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