#### FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

## COP27 AND THE UNITED NATIONS' GLOBAL CONTROL PROGRAM

The United Nations' COP27 conference in Egypt, Nov. 6-18, is the latest major event in the global push for draconian steps to stop "man-made climate change." COP stands for Conference for Parties, referring to the states that have signed the United Nations Convention on Climate Change. U.S. President Joe Biden and Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin will address the 40,000 attendees. Perhaps Putin will make the point that the wholesale destruction of the Ukraine is good for the climate.



Man-made climate change is a modern myth which has been exposed by many scientists, but it is a perfect vehicle to increase the UN agenda toward a one-world government. The UN wants the power to force nations to comply with its demands: replacing reliable fossil fuel energy with unreliable, insufficient wind and solar, replacing the internal-combustion engine with electric, dramatically decreasing the use of fertilizer and the number of

cattle, etc. (thus risking food shortages and famine), providing "loss and damage" funding to developing nations for harm allegedly caused by climate change (i.e., cyclones, floods), and paying billions of dollars annually to a Green Climate Fund. (Always follow the money trail.) Climate fervor is "earth worship." It is the hysteria of those who do not believe in the almighty Creator God and His revelation to mankind. God's Word tells us how the earth began and how it will end, and it has nothing whatsoever to do with climate change. Man did not make the earth, and man could not save the earth, even if it were dying. Man is dependent upon God, who alone has the power to sustain the universe.

# THE UNITED NATIONS: A NEW AGE TOWER OF BABEL

Prominent at COP27 are representatives of the world religions. There are 100 "faith leaders" and 40 religious sessions. A prominent theme is interfaith unity and world peace. The logo for COP27 combines the natural rays of the sun with the spiritual rays of ancient Egyptian sun worship (Aten). The official explanation is that "the sun of Aten, with its rays ending with hands, expresses the generosity of nature that gives us means of living, luxury and prosperity. In the middle, a new horizon stretches to express hope for a better world." Note that the glory due to the Creator God is given to Aten and "nature." During COP27, some of the religious leaders will climb Mt. Sinai to announce a new edition of the Ten Commandments with earth worship at its heart. The new commandments are called "Ten Universal Principles for Climate Justice" or "The Ten Principles of Climate Repentance." Number 2 is "creation manifests divinity."

### THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY

The United Nations is merely one aspect of the "mystery of iniquity," which is the devil's program to put the man of sin on the throne of this world. The mystery of iniquity is under God's sovereign control and cannot succeed until God allows. The timing of the revelation of the Antichrist is in God's hands. See 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12. In the meantime, God has given His redeemed people their marching orders in Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:44-48; and Acts 1:8, and as ambassadors of Christ and priests of God and strangers and pilgrims, that is the business we are to occupy ourselves with until the Rapture. The preaching of the gospel, the building of sound churches, and the establishment

of fruitful Christian homes is our business. We should know what is happening in the world, but to focus on conspiracies and signs is misguided. "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (2 Thessalonians 2:7-10).

### LANCASTER BAPTIST OF LANCASTER, CA INFLUENCING INDEPENDENT BAPTISTS IN CANADA TOWARD CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Contemporary Christian Music is a dangerous bridge to the world and to the "broader church" with all of

its ancient and end-time heresies. We have given irrefutable evidence of that in various reports, books, and video presentations. We have also demonstrated that Lancaster Baptist Church of Lancaster, California, is at the forefront of popularizing Contemporary Christian Music among Independent

Baptists. A pastor recently sent the following testimony: "I agree with you that Lancaster has had an undeniable influence on music in Independent Baptist churches. Pastors who ignore or even deny it have their head 'stuck in the sand.' This influence is

even noticed here in Canada. This past September a national IFB preachers conference was held at a

church in British Columbia where the pastor is a West Coast graduate. Though I was not in attendance, I did watch via livestream and was saddened to see contemporary music and worship styles so clearly flaunted in a group that is generally the most conservative in Canada."

For multimedia education on these issues, see the video presentations "CCM: A Bridge to Dangerous Waters" and "Lancaster's Role in the Downgrade,"

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## INSTAGRAM BANS PROLIFE STUDENT GROUP

In October 2022, Instagram banned Students for Life at Auburn University for posting a simple announcement that "March for Life Sign-ups Are Live." "We were banned permanently for a regular post promoting the March for Life,' Samuel Hass, a board member of Students for Life at Auburn University, told Young America's Foundation. 'This is a scary reminder how much power these corporations wield over our lives, he continued. ... Unfortunately, these unilateral decisions by big tech companies have become increasingly common. Young America's Foundation's official account has been suspended by TikTok on multiple occasions simply for posting content that falls out of step with the Left's gender ideology. This routine censorship of ideas that leftist corporations determine to be objectionable goes directly against the principle of the First Amendment, and must be stopped" ("Pro-life Student Group Permanently Banned, Young America's Foundation, Oct. 14, 2022).



#### BOY WINS MISS AMERICA REGIONAL COMPETITION

A boy claiming to be transgender won the 2022 regional Miss America competition in Derry, New Hampshire. The Miss Greater Derry pageant winner is qualified to enter the Miss New Hampshire contest, which is the state level competition for the national Miss America pageant. Brian (which he pronounces Bree-Ann) Nguyen, who not only is not a "miss" but is also obese, announced on Instagram, "My Social Impact Initiative is #QueensAre Everywhere. This is a media movement that helps the next generation develop self-confidence, realize their potential, and become the leaders of their destiny. ... I am ecstatic to be the FIRST transgender woman to be a Miss America local titleholder, and I hope to make everyone proud and become the first to walk the Miss America stage." The Miss America pageants aren't modest by biblical standards and we aren't defending them, but that isn't the point. The point is that Miss America is for "misses" not "misters." The trans movement is brazen rebellion to the Creator who made mankind "male and female," and they need to be told that it won't turn out well for them if they do not repent and turn to Jesus Christ for miraculous, transformative, undeserved salvation. On a practical level, who in their right mind would chose an obese boy over a bunch of pretty girls in a beauty contest? What did the poor girls think when they so stupidly lost their chance to win a scholarship and progress to the Miss New Hampshire pageant? They should speak out. In 2021, a "transgender" male named Kataluna Enriquez won the Miss Nevada USA pageant. On a better note, in February this year, a federal judge ruled that the Miss United States of America pageant can maintain their rule that contestants "be natural born female[s]." The operators of this pageant had enough sense to reject a male who tried to enter the contest, and he lost his lawsuit. Everyone needs to speak out against this insanity.

## TIKTOK IS CHINA'S DIGITAL FENTANYL

The following is excerpted from "TikTok," Fox News, Nov. 11, 2022: Tristan Harris, Center for Humane Technology warns, "In China's version of TikTok, if you are under 14 years old, they show you science experiments you can do at home, museum exhibits, patriotism videos, and educational videos, and they also limit [use] to only 40 minutes per day. Now, they don't ship that version of TikTok to the rest of the world. It's almost like they recognize that technology is influencing kids, so they make their domestic version a spinach version of TikTok, while they ship their opium version to the rest of the world." Brendan Carr, FCC Commissioner, says, "I think it is a very smart move to ban TikTok. TikTok is China's digital fentanyl. A lot of people look at TikTok and think it is just a fun application for sharing dance videos or other funny videos, but that is just a sheep's clothing. Underneath, it operates as a very sophisticated surveillance app. It is pulling everything from search and browsing history, potentially keystroke patterns, biometrics including faceprints and voice-prints. Up to now, we have been told by TikTok officials, 'Don't worry. All of this is stored in the U.S., or stored outside of China.' But this summer there was a blockbuster story that internal communications from TikTok said everything is seen back in China. That is a risk for espionage, foreign political influence, and other activity. There was a report that officials of ByteDance, the parent of the app in Beijing, are attempting to surveil the location of specific Americans through this app. There are real, serious dangers here."



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