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Constitutional Crisis

by Mark Armstrong

WHAT happens when those authorized and commissioned to prosecute Federal crimes are the criminals? When some uncompromised members of Congressional committees begin to unravel their sedition: their defrauding of a secret FISA court with bought and paid for disinformation; when top law enforcement personnel are caught in constant communication as to how desperate they are to bring down a duly elected president; when the ultimate enforcers of Law are themselves deeply involved in a conspiracy to break it... What do you call that? A Constitutional Crisis, that's what!

Congress has the power to gather evidence, compel testimony and may well succeed in proving a criminal conspiracy among top officials at the FBI and the Department of Justice. But then what? The ordinary process would be to make a criminal referral to one of these agencies for prosecution. But the bosses at the agencies are not about to prosecute themselves, or their closest colleagues.

Couldn't the President fire

the crooks and replace them with other prosecutors not implicated in the shenanigans? That's precisely what the mainstream media has been salivating about for weeks and months! "The President surely WANTS to fire Mueller. He surely WANTS to fire Rosenstein, and that would be just like the Saturday Night Massacre of Watergate fame. That would mean the dreaded "Constitutional Crisis" of their dreams. "It's not the crime that brings a president down, it's the cover-up!" They say that by the thousands of repetitions in the mainstream "news" media with no shame at all.

The problem is that the mainstream "news" media has been an active participant in the conspiracy. They've been hyperventilating over leaks from "highly placed government officials" all day and night for over a year. We weren't told who the "information" came from, but the sodomites and the anchor desks certainly knew.

How convenient that a brand new shoe would drop every night for over a year, 20 minutes before the newscast was to begin,

each one designed to cast guilt of "Russian Collusion" on the Trump campaign and subsequent presidency. We'll see it proven shortly, that the conspirators themselves, those in the topmost positions in the FBI and DOJ were the source of the information coming from "highly placed government officials." Some of it has already been proven, in their own words, from their own internal communications.

It's really something when the audience KNOWS what the story is while the presenters carry on whistling past the graveyard, making up one scandal, one crisis after another while ignoring the 800 pound gorilla in the studio. But they sneer, squint intently, pout and flirt while rolling their eyes and laughing derisively at every weak, outnumbered "Trump defender" on the set.

But now there are indictments. And it's really BIG. It proves "The Russians" were messing around in the U. S. before, during and after the election of 2016! It's a huge deal that justifies over a year of breathless impeachment talk. Hour after hour of raised

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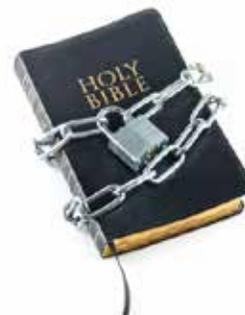


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EXPLOSION

OVER THE WASHINGTON SWAMP

by Gary Gindler, with permission by American Thinker

ON Friday morning, President Trump declassified the memo prepared by the Intelligence Committee of the House. This document was originally marked “Top Secret.” Of course, there is nothing new for the inquisitive reader in this memo. Everything that is described there has long been widely discussed in America. But none of the participants in these discussions have ever had any evidence. Now this evidence, gathered during the closed sessions of the Intelligence Committee, has become public.

As a result, we know that the chain of events associated with the case of Trump’s “criminal collusion with Putin” looks like this:

- Trump’s political opponents during the primaries hired the firm Fusion GPS, which specializes in opposition research, to dig up some dirt on Trump
 - After Trump won the primaries, Fusion GPS lost the customer, but just for a short while
 - The new customers of the dirt on Trump become the Hillary Clinton campaign and the DNC
 - The new customers requested dirt on Trump from

Fusion GPS, not only in the American domain but also in the international arena

- To add international dimension, Fusion GPS hired a subcontractor—former resident of British intelligence in Moscow Christopher Steele, known for his open anti-Trump beliefs

- Christopher Steele hired some former agents of the Russian intelligence services (against whom he once fought during the Cold War)

- The agents of Russian intelligence services concoct a dirty file on Trump (linguistic analysis confirmed that this dossier was written in “Russian English” with minimal editing by native English speakers)

- It is still unclear as to what extent these Russian agents were the “former” agents of the Russian intelligence services (that is, to what extent this dossier is fiction, and to what extent is it the deliberate work of the KGB/FSB disinformation effort)

- Trump’s dossier, compiled by the Russians, gets to the FBI through the Assistant Deputy Attorney General Bruce Ohr, who

received it from his wife. At that time, she was working for Fusion GPS and was a part of the anti-Trump research team

- The FBI used this dossier as one of the key arguments in the secret intelligence court FISC to obtain a warrant to wiretap the Trump campaign

In other words, the Obama administration used a dossier concocted by Russian agents to legitimize its surveillance of their political opposition.

According to the memo, FBI leaders knew precisely where the dossier came from, but in the application to the FISC, they presented the dossier as a proven fact, and not as opposition research. It was not just a mere bureaucratic mistake—the FBI used the dossier in such a way not once, but at least four times.

As a result, the Trump campaign was under surveillance by the FBI before the elections, after the elections, and even after the inauguration of President Trump.

Also, it became clear from the memo how the sale of this dirty product was conducted. Christopher Steele organized a “leak” of

information from the dossier to the media. The article published in *Yahoo! News* added some missing details, so it appeared like independent confirmation of the Russian dossier.

In other words, the FBI submitted false information to the FISC about the authenticity of the Trump dossier. And as a “confirmation,” they used an open publication organized by the authors of the dossier themselves.

Corruption in the highest echelons of power of the Obama administration is now no secret to anyone.

American intelligence agencies, like all other intelligence agencies around the world, have always been content with the level of “Gray Eminences.” They were very close to any political power, but they have never formally become the heads of state. So, it was since ancient times, and it became an unwritten tradition until Putin came to power in Russia.

The coming to power of an intelligence officer aroused envy in all intelligence services in the world. After all, they consider themselves to be real rulers, and whoever is currently formally at the head of the state is unimportant. An additional irritant was that Putin came to power legally (meaning that if his coming to power was a coup led by intelligence agencies, then it was bloodless).

The first director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, was at the helm for almost 50 years. During this time, the FBI turned from a small agency that dealt with federal crimes to one of the leading political forces of Washington. Hoover

transformed the FBI from a criminal investigation agency into a criminal and political investigation agency. The files he collected over the years (both real and imaginary) made the FBI a powerful lever of political influence.

Probably, Hoover could have become president if he wanted to. But he played the role of the “Gray Eminence” until the end. However, Putin violated the unofficial taboo.

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Since the 1930s, thanks to the “active measures” of the Soviet intelligence services of the OGPU-NKVD-KGB-FSB, many American institutions have picked up the virus of socialism (in schools, universities, Hollywood, the State Department, etc.)

But during Cold War, an unusual “exchange of viruses” took place—the KGB picked up the virus of American pragmatism and capitalism, and the FBI/CIA picked up the virus of socialism.

The American virus turned out to be so strong that the intelligence services of Russia succeeded in what the intelligence services of all countries dreamed about—gaining political power in their country.

The Soviet virus was strong enough for the entire Democratic Party to be affected, but the CIA and the FBI were only partially infected. Another significant difference is that the American virus spread from the bottom up, that is,

from rank-and-file Soviet agents to the top-level officers. On the contrary, the Soviet virus propagated from top to bottom, that is, the neo-Marxist worldview was implanted in America by appointing political activists, donors, and agitators of the Democratic Party to critical high-ranking posts.

Eventually, the coming to power of Putin pushed the top of the preconditioned American intelligence services to the idea of a

bloodless coup to remove the unwanted President Trump from the Oval Office. They showed such scrupulous tactics in this matter to ensure all their steps were based on formal legal grounds. They did not dare install the “listening equipment” without the court’s warrant.

But the Washington swamp miscalculated. The publication of the memo removes the veil only over one episode of the war that U.S. intelligence agencies are waging against the sitting president. Soon, other memos will follow, including the expected report of the Inspector General about power abuses at the FBI.

The Watergate scandal lasted more than two years, while this Obamagate outrage is a little more than a year. The explosion of the memo over the Washington swamp is only the first blast. It’s not going to be a long wait for more bombshell revelations in this matter. □

WHAT I LEARNED IN THE PEACE CORPS IN AFRICA: **TRUMP IS RIGHT**



by Karin McQuillan, with permission by American Thinker

THREE weeks after college, I flew to Senegal, West Africa, to run a community center in a rural town. Life was placid, with no danger, except to your health. That danger was considerable, because it was, in the words of the Peace Corps doctor, “a fecalized environment.”

In plain English: s*** is everywhere. People defecate on the open ground, and the feces is blown with the dust—onto you, your clothes, your food, the water. He warned us the first day of training: do not even touch water. Human feces carries para-

sites that bore through your skin and cause organ failure.

Never in my wildest dreams would I have imagined that a few decades later, liberals would be pushing the lie that Western civilization is no better than a third-world country. Or would teach two generations of our kids that loving your own culture and wanting to preserve it are racism.

Last time I was in Paris, I saw a beautiful African woman in a grand boubou have her child defecate on the sidewalk next to Notre Dame Cathedral. The French police officer, ten steps from her,

turned his head not to see.

I have seen. I am not turning my head and pretending unpleasant things are not true.

Senegal was not a hell-hole. Very poor people can lead happy, meaningful lives in their own cultures’ terms. But they are not our terms. The excrement is the least of it. Our basic ideas of human relations, right and wrong, are incompatible.

As a twenty-one-year-old starting out in the Peace Corps, I loved Senegal. In fact, I was euphoric. I quickly made friends and had an adopted family. I relished the feeling of the brotherhood of man. People were open, willing to share their lives and, after they knew you, their innermost thoughts.

The longer I lived there, the more I understood: it became blindingly obvious that the Senegalese are not the same as us. The truths we hold to be self-evident are not evident to the Senegalese. How could they be? Their reality is totally different. You can’t understand anything in Senegal using American terms.



Take something as basic as family. Family was a few hundred people, extending out to second and third cousins. All the men in one generation were called “father.”

Senegalese are Muslim, with up to four wives. Girls had their clitorises cut off at puberty. (I witnessed this, at what I thought was going to be a nice coming-of-age ceremony, like a bat mitzvah or confirmation.) Sex, I was told, did not include kissing. Love and friendship in marriage were Western ideas. Fidelity was not a thing. Married women would have sex for a few cents to have cash for the market.

What I did witness every day was that women were worked half to death. Wives raised the food and fed their own children, did the heavy labor of walking miles to gather wood for the fire, drew water from the well or public faucet, pounded grain with heavy hand-held pestles, lived in their own huts, and had conjugal visits from their husbands on a rotating basis with their co-wives. Their husbands lazed in the shade of the trees.

Yet family was crucial to people there in a way Americans cannot comprehend.

The Ten Commandments were not disobeyed—they were unknown. The value system was the exact opposite. You were supposed to steal everything you can to give to your own relatives. There are some Westernized Africans who try to rebel against the system. They fail.

We hear a lot about the klep-



tocratic elites of Africa. The kleptocracy extends through the whole society. My town had a medical clinic donated by international agencies. The medicine was stolen by the medical workers and sold to the local store. If you were sick and didn't have money, drop dead. That was normal.

So here in the States, when we discovered that my 98-year-old father's Muslim health aide from Nigeria had stolen his clothes and wasn't bathing him, I wasn't surprised. It was familiar.

In Senegal, corruption ruled, from top to bottom. Go to the post office, and the clerk would name an outrageous price for a stamp. After paying the bribe, you still didn't know if it would be mailed or thrown out. That was normal.

One of my most vivid memories was from the clinic. One day, as the wait grew hotter in the 110-degree heat, an old woman two feet from the medical aides—who were chatting in the shade of

a mango tree instead of working—collapsed to the ground. They turned their heads so as not to see her and kept talking. She lay there in the dirt. Callousness to the sick was normal.

Americans think it is a universal human instinct to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. It's not. It seems natural to us because we live in a Bible-based Judeo-Christian culture.

We think the Protestant work ethic is universal. It's not. My town was full of young men doing nothing. They were waiting for a government job. There was no private enterprise. Private business was not illegal, just impossible, given the nightmare of a third-world bureaucratic kleptocracy. It is also incompatible with Senegalese insistence on taking care of relatives.

All the little stores in Senegal were owned by Mauritians. If a Senegalese wanted to run a little store, he'd go to another country. The reason? Your friends and

relatives would ask you for stuff for free, and you would have to say yes. End of your busi-

ness. You are not allowed to be a selfish individual and say no to relatives. The result: Everyone has nothing.

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The more I worked there and visited government officials doing absolutely nothing, the more I realized that no one in Senegal had the idea that a job means work. A job is something given to you by a relative. It provides the place where you steal everything to give back to your family.

I couldn't wait to get home. So

arriving on our shores with a visa.

For the rest of my life, I enjoyed the greatest gift of the Peace Corps: I love and treasure America more than ever. I take seriously my responsibility to defend our culture and our country and pass on the American heritage to the next generation.

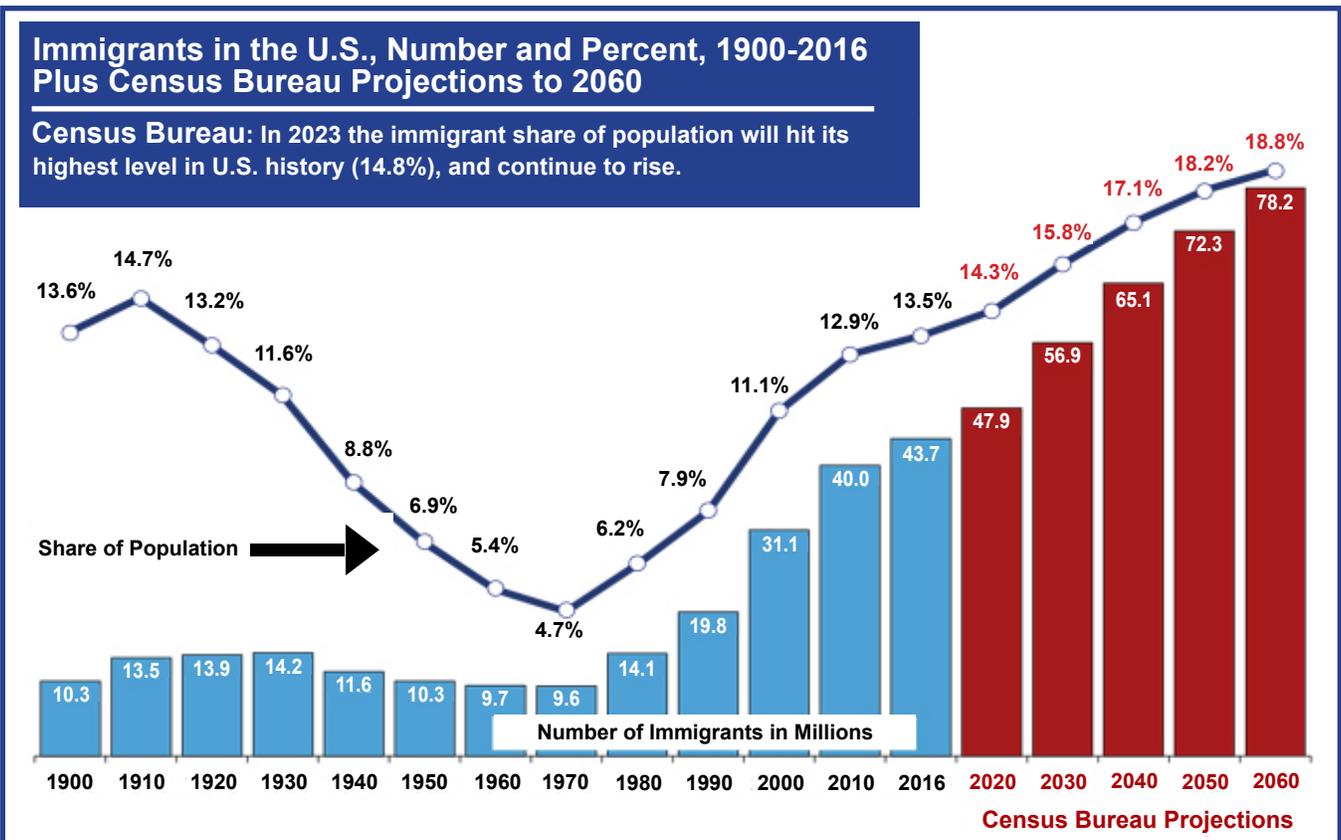
African problems are made worse by our aid efforts. Senegal is full of smart, capable people. They will eventually solve their own country's prob-

lems. They will do it on their terms, not ours. The solution is not to bring Africans here.

We are lectured by Democrats that we must privilege third-world immigration by the hundred million with chain migration. They tell us we must end America as a white, Western, Judeo-Christian, capitalist nation—to prove we are not racist. I don't need to prove a thing. Leftists want open borders because they resent whites, resent Western achievements, and hate America. They want to destroy America as we know it.

As President Trump asked, why would we do that?

We have the right to choose what kind of country to live in. I was happy to donate a year of my life as a young woman to help the poor Senegalese. I am not willing to donate my country. □





VATICAN: CHINA BEST EXAMPLE OF CHURCH'S SOCIAL DOCTRINE

Bishop says Beijing 'has defended the dignity of the human person'

by World Net Daily, WND.com

WASHINGTON—Conservative Catholics are expressing shock at Pope Francis' zeal in embracing the totalitarian government of China by first agreeing to replace underground church leaders with state-chosen hacks and now with a top Vatican official saying "those who best realize the social doctrine of the church are the Chinese."

Bishop Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo, an Argentinian, is Pope Francis' chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences told Vatican Insider that China is exercising global moral leadership in the defense of human dignity.

On a recent trip, Sorondo said: "I found an extraordinary China; what people do not know is that the central Chinese principle is 'work, work, work.' ... As Paul said: 'He who does not work does not eat.' You do not have shantytowns; you do not have drugs; young people do not have drugs. There is a positive nation-

al consciousness—they want to show that they have changed; they already accept private property."

Continuing in his lavish praise of Chinese-style Communism, Sorondo said "they [the Chinese] seek the common good, subordinate things to the general good." China, he added, has "defended the dignity of the human person" and, in the area of climate change, is "assuming a moral leadership that others have abandoned."

Contrasting China with the U.S. under President Trump, the bishop asked, "How is it possible that oil multinationals manage Trump?"

The comments come in the wake of the Vatican's move, following 18 months of negotiations with leaders in Beijing to plot a normalization of relations, to replace two loyal, Chinese bishops with two state-backed bishops who had been excommunicated when they were consecrated illicitly. The two that have been reportedly asked to step aside are

88-year-old Peter Zhuang Jianjian and 70-year-old Joseph Guo Xijin. Replacing them are two bishops of the Chinese Politburo – Huang Bingzhang and Vincent Zhan Silu, handpicked by the Chinese Communist Party.

Criticism within the church has been heavy.

Cardinal Joseph Zen, the 86-year-old retired bishop of Hong Kong, wrote an open letter posted on Facebook, saying the Vatican is "selling out" struggling Catholics. The Vatican, he said, has deferred to a "fake" Chinese structure.

Steve Mosher, a Catholic with decades of experience in China, including being tossed in jail, asked: "Why should the Catholic Church participate in its own dissolution and destruction? Why would we do this?" He told EWTN's Raymond Arroyo that the Vatican's negotiating strategy is "simply negotiating the surrender of the underground Church" to a false church created by China's atheists.

As to the recent comments by Sorondo, Catholic author Paul Kengor wrote: “That, of course, is a jaw-dropper. You couldn’t find a radical leftie at the Huffington Post or even The Nation who would dare drop that whopper.”

Kengor points out that China accounts for half the world’s female suicides and still practices population control and forced abortion.

“Let’s be candid about this, as this is a dire moment that demands frank talk,” writes Kengor. “These are the thoughts of a

person who is ideologically unhinged. Pope Francis has warned of the corrupting force of ideology; our always-candid pope condemns ideological ‘fanatics.’ Well, here’s a bishop close to Francis whose ability to comprehend reality has been corrupted by ideology.”

Kengor quotes George Neumayr, former editor of Catholic World Report, as telling him: “I wrote about the pope’s capitulation to the Chinese communists in my book, *The Political Pope*.’ The most recent developments were telegraphed by the pope

years ago. I also wrote about the bishop. ... He has been a Vatican gateway for the (George) Soros crowd and very much reflects the pope’s thinking. He is the one who set up the Bernie Sanders invite to the Vatican and made a point of telling everyone that Sanders was the only presidential candidate invited. ... His academy is overflowing with socialists and communists.”

Kengor, who calls Sorondo, “an old Argentinian friend of Francis who’s part of his inner circle,” believes the pope is deeply influenced by his ideas. □

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PALESTINIANS: HAMAS AND FATAH UNITED AGAINST TRUMP



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HAMAS and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas’s ruling Fatah faction are continuing to contest control of the Gaza Strip.

However, the two rival parties are prepared to lay aside their differences and work together to foil US President Donald Trump’s plan for peace in the Middle East, the details of which remain unknown.

Thwarting Trump’s peace plan has become a top priority for Hamas and Fatah. This is a mission that seems to be much more important than alleviating the suffering of the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, where 65% of families live under the poverty line.

Although the details of the Trump plan still have not been made public, Palestinians across the political spectrum say they will never accept any peace initiative presented by the Trump administration. Whatever the peace plan will be, the answer is No.

In the eyes of the Palestinian leaders, the US administration has shown unprecedented “hostility” towards the Palestinians.

The Palestinians are not only

voicing strong opposition to Trump’s plan, which is known as the “deal of the century.” Hamas and Fatah are now saying that they will do their utmost to thwart it.

They say they see the plan as being as a “conspiracy aimed at eliminating the Palestinian cause and national rights.” It is not clear why the Palestinians are opposed

Mediterranean Sea. As Hamas leaders repeatedly affirm, the goal is to “liberate all of Palestine,” meaning all of Israel.

The Palestinians have not presented precisely how they intend to foil Trump’s plan, if and when it is made public. At the very least, street protests and strong condemnations of the US, Israel

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to a plan the details of which have not yet been made public.

The Palestinian rejection to the plan is evidently based on unconfirmed media reports and rumors.

In any event, the Palestinians know that no US peace plan would comply with their demands.

Abbas’s Fatah is demanding 100% of the territories Israel secured in 1967, namely the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip.

Hamas, for its part, is demanding 100% of everything, from the Jordan River to the

and any Arab country that accepts the peace plan can be expected.

Hamas and Fatah, however, are still quarreling over the “reconciliation” agreement they signed in Cairo in November 2017.

According to Hamas, the agreement has failed because of Abbas’s refusal to lift the sanctions he imposed on the Gaza Strip last year.

The sanctions include the forced retirement of thousands of Palestinian Authority civil servants and the suspension of social assistance to hundreds of families. In addition, Abbas has

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refused to pay Israel for electricity and fuel supplies to the Gaza Strip.

Turning the tables, however, Abbas and his government hold Hamas responsible for hindering the implementation of the “reconciliation” accord, which was achieved under the auspices of Egypt.

Hamas’s refusal to disarm and cede military and political control of the Gaza Strip is the main

for power than about the well-being of their people in the Gaza Strip.

The arm-twisting between the two rival parties is spurring intense suffering in the Gaza Strip, where a number of hospitals have been forced to close down as a result of severe shortage in medicine and generator fuel.

While Fatah and Hamas are continuing to hurl abuses at each

to support each other and join forces in the war on the US administration’s plan.

Former Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal has gone so far as to praise Abbas for his staunch opposition to the “deal of the century.” The former Hamas leader said that his movement would even support Abbas in a standoff with the US administration.

In statements published on February 17, Mashaal said that Abbas was “the strongest party that is obstructing” Trump’s plan. The Palestinians, Mashaal added, will be the only ones to stand against the plan.

Mashaal said that he was even prepared to forgive Abbas for punishing the Palestinians of the Gaza Strip—all for the sake of thwarting the US peace plan.

“In spite of the measures he’s imposing against the Gaza Strip and Hamas, the best solution would be to support Abbas in his opposition to the plan,” he said. “Trump’s ‘deal of the century’ won’t pass as long as the Palestinians categorically reject it.”

Mashaal’s remarks echo those of Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and other radical Palestinian groups that have also emphasized that Trump’s peace plan “won’t pass.” His remarks are also compatible with those made by Abbas and Fatah, who in the past few weeks have used every platform to express their rejection of the plan.

Take, for example, a recent statement issued by Fatah regarding the plan: “Without Palestinian compliance, the ‘deal of the

Evidently, Hamas and Fatah care more about their wrangling for power than about the well-being of their people in the Gaza Strip.

obstacle threatening to sabotage the agreement, they charge.

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other, however, they see eye to eye on the issue of Trump’s “deal of the century.”

Hamas and Fatah are willing



Pictured: Palestinian Authority President and leader of Fatah Mahmoud Abbas (right) meets with Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal (left) on November 24, 2011 in Cairo, Egypt, as the two announced a partnership between their parties. (Photo by Mohammed al-Hams/Khaled Mashaal’s Office of Media via Getty Images)



PARENTING AND THE PLAN OF GOD

by Michael Armstrong

CHILDREN, for as long as this world is destined to continue, are the future. Many of the major problems and conflicts we face today have been perpetuated by parents and how they choose to train their children. There is a clear responsibility of parent to child that is nearly universal, it transcends culture and is observable even in the instinctual behaviors of animals. Is it merely coincidence? Is it just one of the many happy accidents of evolution? Or is it illustrative of some of the most fundamental concepts God is trying to communicate to mankind?

Few things are as helpless as a human child. Most mammals give birth to more fully developed young, able to withstand the weather, and many are even able to walk immediately. Our children have been compared to marsupials in that they require an extended period of development after birth, before they are able to function like an adult of the same species.

The creation is a major proof of the Creator. Science has attempted to relegate God to the realm of superstition by showcasing similarities throughout nature.

Organizing and ordering based on complexity, they assume some scheme of successive development. Who hasn't seen the monkey to man illustration? While much of society has embraced the idea of a godless world, the advancement of science has presented as many problems as answers for their pet theory.

The fossil record has not substantiated any theory of the gradual development of species. Modern microbiology has shown us an unimaginable intricacy amongst the microscopic systems that sustain us. But if we hope for any unbiased consensus to appear from these partisan practitioners, surely we hope in vain. What we see as evidence of the common Creator of all life they explain away as natural selection. Obviously, explaining life in a manner free from moral strictures is going to appeal to a great many who find themselves on the wrong side of morality.

But life, in all its variety, illustrates a great deal about God and His plan for us. The magnitude of the reality of life is staggering! There is more to learn and observe than any person could attain to in a single lifetime. Even the accu-

mulated knowledge of all mankind falls far short, yet our intellect far surpasses that of the rest of creation. How much greater, then, is God's understanding?

Isaiah 59:8-9 says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

The responsibility of parent to child is one thing the Bible makes abundantly clear. Deuteronomy 6:4-7 reads, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Children are malleable, impressionable. The example of a parent is one of the most formative in life.

Solomon wrote, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not

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depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6). If society is slipping away from God, where does the correction need to be made? Can we rely on television, the Internet, or public education to teach our children right from wrong? The traditional family is becoming less and less common, but its benefit to the development of children is well documented. Time and again the “fatherless” are mentioned for special concern in scripture.

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord,” reads Ephesians 6:1-4. If children were raised according to the commandments of God this world would be a very different place.

But what are they being taught? Children are constantly

learning. It is claimed that a child’s brain produces more than a million neural connections per second between birth and age three. Further, it is said that in adolescence the unused connections are pruned away, strengthening the others, and making the brain more efficient. This “restructuring” is used to explain why teenagers rely more heavily on a part of the brain associated with emotion, impulse, and aggression, as the reasoning portion of the brain is “under construction” so to speak.

There are consequences to the way children are raised. Their minds can be twisted in ways that will profoundly affect future generations. A terrible example that largely escaped public notice occurred in Great Britain recently. 25 year old Umar Haque was found guilty on March 2nd. He was employed as an administrator at a private Islamic school in east London and, despite lacking any teaching qualifications, instructed a class on Islamic studies.

His crime? He was attempting to create an “army of children to assist with multiple terrorist attacks throughout London.” He forced children between the ages of 11 and 14 to watch violent propaganda videos including beheadings. They reenacted various terrorist attacks and role-played attacking police officers. He taught them to fight, made them do push-ups, and tried to psychologically prepare them for martyrdom.

Many of the problems faced by the world are not new, they are perpetuated by our instruction of future generations. Radical Islam is attempting to turn children into *jihadists*. What are we teaching our children? To be confused about their gender? To reject God and worship nature? To be petulant and self-interested? It certainly isn’t the Truth and the Laws of God, at least not for the majority of the population.

How well do these inspired words of Paul describe the plight of mankind today? “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

“And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

- **63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes**
- **90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes**
- **85% of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes**
- **80% of rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes**
- **71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes**
- **75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes**
- **85% of all youths in prison come from fatherless homes**

“Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

“Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

“For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

“And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

“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 1:20-32).

Are we ignorant of what the



end of such things will be? Or as Paul said, do we not like to retain God in our knowledge? From the very beginning God has provided an example for us, shown us the path to life. Consider the history provided by the Bible. At what point has He not made clear what He expects from us? In the garden? Before the flood? At the Exodus He went ahead and wrote it all down for us. In Israel as a Theocracy? During the Kingdom period?

How many prophets were despised, and worse? How about in captivity? All through these ages the law of God was preserved. What about the life and example of Jesus Christ? What was the first book ever printed? What about today, is there any shortage of information available to those who seek it? Time and again we have failed, not God. Our sufferings are much more tragic in that many of them are avoidable.

God is characterized as our Father. Romans Chapter 8 features such statements as “the

Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.” (Verse 16).

Verse 23 says we are “waiting for adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.” Jesus Christ is described as the firstborn among many brethren. It is not a coincidence that God has inspired these relationships to be described in familial terms. It is meant to convey the love and concern that typifies the bond between parents and children, and amongst siblings. Moreover it shows us that God is literally reproducing after His own kind!

Our potential is not to become some sort of Heavenly house-pet, but a very member of the family of God! Our responsibility is to the children, our own as well those who may not get the care and instruction that is so beneficial to them. Children must be trained in the way that is right, to keep the light of the truth burning while we are in this world. If that doesn't happen, if this duty goes unperformed, then the future will be very dark indeed. □

BIBLE STUDY

by Dr. James Ricks

A Deeper Look Into the Rapture

A MOVIE and book series is now very popular and established. It is called *Left Behind*. The movies and books are based on the rapture doctrine. This is a very popular modern doctrine in our world that obscures the true doctrine of the resurrection. A person does not need to be resurrected if already in heaven. Some of the resurrection scriptures are turned into proof of a rapture. We will look at the one most prominently utilized by our deceived world.

What is Paul warning the brethren about in 1 Thessalonians 4:17? Is he talking of a secret rapture? No, he is talking about the second coming of Jesus Christ! We will see that he is talking about the resurrection the saints which is the major theme of the New Testament.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-15, “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

“For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.”

The word rapture is not in the New Testament. Paul is speaking of the resurrection of the dead and of those instantly changed to spirit beings upon the second coming of Christ. Christ is coming to this earth, not near the earth to rapture some away. Where will the believers go after meeting with Christ upon his second coming? Will they watch temporarily from the clouds as their less religious relatives suffer the tribulation? No, the Bible says they will ever be with Jesus!

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

“Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

CHRIST’S SECRET RETURN?

Christ is not returning quietly, but with a loud angelic megaphone-type shout. Believers will then be permanently with the Messiah, not on a temporary heavenly visit during the terrifying Great Tribulation.

Note that Christ will not return secretly, but with the shout of a powerful archangel. A world-wide trumpet blast will precede his second coming. How can some say this represents a “secret rapture” or gathering of people in the air? They are so deceived they take part of the verse and ignore clear statements to the contrary regarding other parts of the verses.

We will be gathered to the Lord, not to escape trouble for a few years, but to help Christ change this world into a Christian paradise with true worship of the true God. A world with Godly Laws and God’s blessings is coming. Christ will not just come close to the earth but will stand on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

Zechariah 14:3-4, “Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

“And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west,

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and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.”

Christ will return as a conquering king to defeat the forces of evil and begin God’s new government at Jerusalem. He is coming with all the bright glory of God to rule all nations and is coming relatively soon to rule this evil society.

Matthew 25:31-32, “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

“And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:”

Jesus is coming to rule this world in all His bright glory and it will be anything but secret. The major doctrine of the New Testament is the resurrection of the DEAD. It is not the rapture of the living. Note what Paul says:

Hebrew 6:1 “Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

“Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.”

Note the fundamental doctrines include resurrection of the dead not rapturing away the living. When Christ comes all mankind will know of His arrival. It will not be a secret in any fashion.

Matthew 24:26-27, “Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

“For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

WHERE WILL THE SAINTS BE WHEN CHRIST RETURNS?

Christ Himself says do not believe those who say that He is coming in secret. His second coming will be like lightning in the heavens seen by all. When Christ returns with the loud blast of the TRUMPET where will the saints be sent? Will they ascend to

heaven and wait a few years? The Bible says they will rule on this EARTH. When Jesus enters the atmosphere will the saints then be whisked off to heaven temporarily? No, our rewards when Jesus returns, are on earth. Note the prophesies:

Revelation 2:26-27, “And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

“And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.”

Though we are saved by grace, God has us doing our part in the gaining a Godly heart and overcoming the evils of this world. Those of us who do our part will be rewarded with power to help alter this evil world which so desperately needs the sons of God. Our rule is on this earth when Jesus returns and brings paradise.

Revelation 5:9 “And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

“And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”

The twelve Apostles were promised that they would rule over the twelve tribes or nations of Israel upon Christ’s return. Those tribes are on this earth obviously.

JESUS IS OUR PROTECTION AGAINST THE EVIL TO COME

The retirement benefits of working for the true God are wonderful. In this age we need to find and worship and obey the real Jesus. This is not easy since the vast majority are deceived. Most do not know Christ; not the real Christ. The truth is a rare thing in this age as Christ told people. If you find the real truth hold on to it tightly.

Matthew 13:15-17, “For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should

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be converted, and I should heal them.

“But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

“For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.”

If we are able to see the truth at end of this age we are blessed. Hold onto to the truth in the age of clever false doctrines like the rapture. We must learn to obey all ten of the commandments and develop a relationship with Jesus in prayer.

Luke 13:26-27, “Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

“But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.”

We must do our part in obeying God; including keeping all the Sabbaths and praying and developing a personal relationship with Christ. Then we will be eligible to receive God’s gracious protection from the end time tribulation. Note the description of those protected.

Revelation 3:8-11, “I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. “Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them

that dwell upon the earth. “Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”

Unlike most Jews, these worshipers accept Jesus and also obey all the Bible. They keep the word of God and therefore will be protected from the crisis that will fall upon the remainder of the world. If one wants true safety in the end of the age do not rely upon a secret rapture. Rely on Christ. Obey Jesus and the entirety of the Bible. If we follow Jesus we can be hidden in places of safety on this earth until the danger passes.

This includes the Feast of Trumpets that celebrates the earth shattering, loud return of Jesus Christ at the Last Trump. It is the beginning of the secular new year and it will be a new age of happiness for all surviving mankind. Jesus the Messiah will return to this earth at the last of the seven trumpets to sound in the book of Revelations. Paul was referencing this trumpet call to victory and the Kingdom of God in I Thessalonians.

1 Thessalonians 5:3-6, “For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

“But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

“Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

“Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.”

The world will be caught off guard by the Last Trumpet. However; the true believers will not be surprised because we are soberly watching the spiritual affairs of this world. □

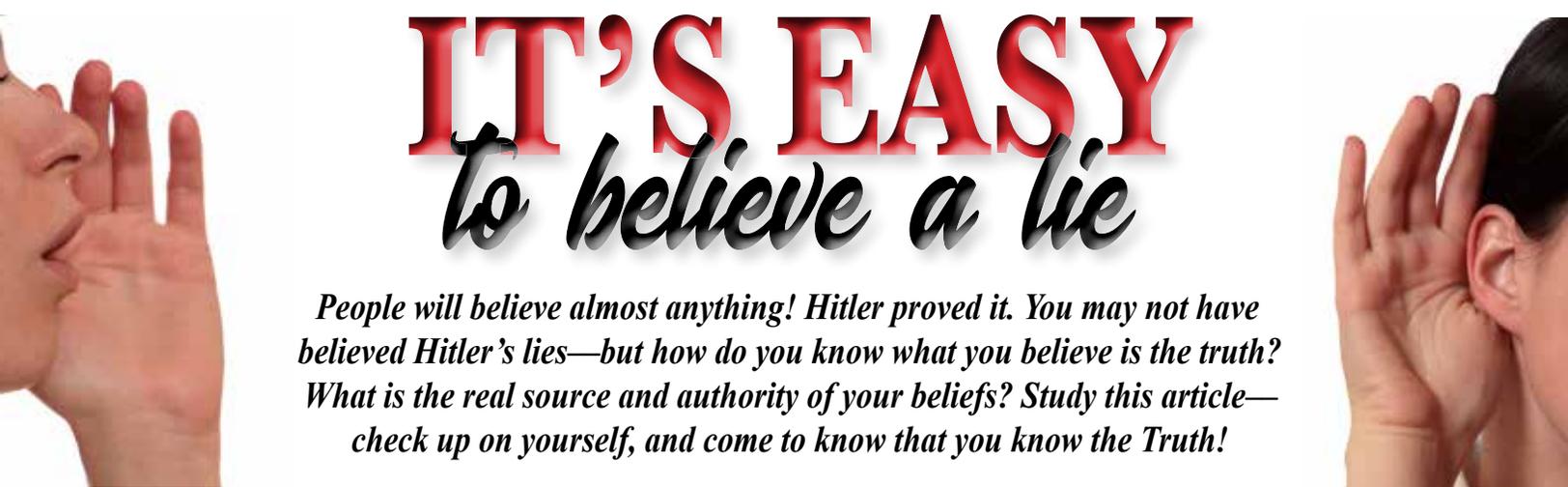
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IT'S EASY to believe a lie

People will believe almost anything! Hitler proved it. You may not have believed Hitler's lies—but how do you know what you believe is the truth? What is the real source and authority of your beliefs? Study this article—check up on yourself, and come to know that you know the Truth!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

DURING the battle for Kwajalein, in World War II, United States soldiers and marines were shocked to see Japanese soldiers and civilians alike committing mass suicide!

By scores and hundreds they plunged over cliffs, exploded hand grenades in their stomachs, or discharged rifles into their own mouths, rather than permit themselves to be taken prisoner.

Why such senseless suicide?

They had been taught to believe a lie! They firmly believed if captured, they would be subjected to tortures beyond imagination, and worse still, “brain-washed” by the “foreign white devils” into rejecting their religion and even losing their hope of eternity!

Did those who taught them **KNOW** they were teaching a lie? Certainly.

THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD

People believe what they are taught! The human is not, of himself, a rational being!

Rather, as a little baby, he openly and freely admits into his little mind any and everything that is taught to him!

Let's look at a few worldwide examples and come to understand about our own minds.

In India, millions of cattle roam the village streets, munching contentedly on the shopkeepers' vegetables, dripping offal in the streets, or lazily chewing their cud on the same streets with dozens of bloated, blue-black bodies of the dead and dying.

Why? Why, because to the Indian, their cows are sacred!

In the Western world of the “enlightenment” of Christianity, we wag our heads in incredulous disbelief and pity toward these ignorant millions! We know that millions of such hapless people are firmly believing in a lie.

In tiny Laos thousands of helpless little infants die from malnutrition and starvation.

Why?

Because their mothers believe a lie. It is still commonly accepted belief among Laotian mothers

that they should fast for the first 20 days after their infants are born. Because of this prolonged abstention from food, most of the mothers lose their milk. Nearby, munching grass contentedly, may be dozens of Laotian cattle. But to the Laotian, it is a sin to drink milk. Therefore, denied both their own mother's milk, and, through superstition and religion, unable to drink the milk of the cows—the Laotian babies continue to suffer.

TAKE A LOOK AT HISTORY

If you were to pick up a history book written by a German, and another book written by an Englishman, and still another written by an American concerning certain aspects of World War II, you would be shocked.

History classes, as being taught in German colleges and high schools vary widely from courses being taught in Britain and the United States.

There are hundreds of thousands who firmly believe the Nazi concentration camps were

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a manufactured farce of American Zionists, and were never, in reality, operated by the Nazis in exterminating multiple millions of helpless Jews, and peoples of many other enslaved races.

Yes, millions of people believe in outright lies! Can we get the point?

There are huge bodies of people on this earth with whom you violently disagree! They may be

in which you were directly involved? Ever wondered about some of the claims made in advertising certain commodities?

You are living in the day of the sophisticated lie! Almost every television show, every book, every motion picture, is literally filled with shadings of the truth, half-truths, veiled or partially concealed truths, exaggerations, or outright lies!

Children soon indulge in experimentation for themselves, trying to get behind the vast network of adult lies that have been told them.

political bodies, racial bodies, religious bodies. To you, some of their beliefs may be sheer insanity. Yet, you may never have looked into, carefully sifted, thoroughly analyzed, studied or researched into these beliefs to which you are so violently opposed.

And, what is probably far more important, you may have never have carefully studied, researched, and reviewed WHY you believe the things you do!

Could YOU have believed any lies? Are you being honest with yourself?

IT'S A LYING WORLD

Ever buy a used car? Ever play the shell game in a carnival? Ever hopefully expect a politician to fulfill his promises? Have you ever been shocked at the inaccuracies of a newspaper story if it was written about something

Even most comedy series are made up from people concealing portions of the truth, telling outright lies or inventing untrue situations, and then trying to “keep up appearances” by some frantic contrivance which usually appears to be ridiculously funny to the viewer.

You are living in a world of contradictions, assumptions, exaggerations, deletions, perversions, distortions, augmentations—a world of lies!

Have you ever told a lie? Certainly. All human beings have. The story of George Washington and the cherry tree may be widespread—but, like the statement young George is supposed to have made to his father, “I cannot tell a lie,” the story itself is false!

From infancy, we feed our children (unless we have been enlightened to God’s truth, and

have learned to quit practicing things contrary to God’s law) on lies. We begin by telling them fairy tales, fantasies, or outright lies about Santa Claus.

The average young couple lies to its children about bodily processes, various adult situations, reasons why they should not touch a given object, or the horrible torture or dire punishment in the form of “the boogie man” which may appear if they get into mischief.

Children begin learning about “the sand man”, “the man-in-the-moon”, and “Jack and the beanstalk.” Their innocent little minds are completely filled with endless sugared and candied lies!

They are introduced into a society of lies gently, “in baby talk” and child’s language, but persistently, continuously. Children soon indulge in experimentation for themselves, trying to get behind the vast network of adult lies that have been told them. One of the first truths they usually discover is that, in some unknown fashion, little brother or little sister did NOT, after all, come from the stork, nor was he or she purchased from the “baby factory” at the hospital!

Yes, you HAVE believed lies! Think about it for a moment.

What if you could not have relied on anything your parents had said to you? The very first authority, the first protection, the first love, comfort, care, consideration—the first world every little child meets is that of its parents.

From the first, the hapless,

helpless little infant is utterly dependent on its parents!

Yes, think about it. You were a little baby once. You were utterly helpless—utterly dependent on your parents for your very survival.

As a growing young boy or girl, you innocently and eagerly believed what your parents said to you!

You believed a certain neighbor was “bad” if your parents said so!

And you firmly believed Aunt Bessie went to HEAVEN—if your parents said so!

Remember? Sure you do! Probably, you were even told how she “heard the angels singing, as they came to take her home”!

If your parents—who were your first known authority, had told you the moon were made of green Swiss cheese, you would have firmly believed it!

In the Congo, whole platoons of the Congolese “army” threw down their modern, automatic weapons—abandoned their heavily fortified, strategically located positions, and literally fled before naked, painted, screaming savages!

The reason? Because the Congolese firmly believed these painted tribal warriors with their ancient bows and arrow, their spears and “poo-poo” guns (ancient, flintlock, muzzle-loading muskets), had been given immunity to bullets by their tribal witch doctors! Would YOU have believed it? If you had been Congolese, you would!



People believe what they have been taught! And they believe it—whether it is true or not!

But there is a way to find out the truth—about everything!

THERE IS A SOURCE OF TRUTH!

Man speculates concerning certain physical phenomena. He then postulates, or supposes how it may be explained. In the various exact sciences, he is then able to experiment, in an attempt to prove whether his postulates and theories are true.

If all the experiments are finally successful, and certain absolute facts are established, man is able to know certain things through such experimentation.

But the foundation of all knowledge cannot be discovered by experiment!

Do you know why infant humans so readily believe whatever they’re taught? Because they were meant to be taught—but they were meant to be taught the truth!

Parents today believe they

can neglect to teach their children anything about religion, and wait until they are old enough “to decide for themselves.”

But God has ordained that parents who know the truth, and know that they know it, should TEACH that truth to their children!

God told His people: “And these words, which I command you this day, [the words of the Ten Commandments] shall be in thine heart [Heb. 10:16] And though shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when they sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes” (Duet. 6:6-8).

It’s right to teach your children—to be positive about it—as long as you are teaching them the truth. But it’s wrong to teach your children fairy tales, fantasy, lies, guesswork, hazy notions, prejudices, racial hatreds, false

information about sex—or anything that is false! God condemns it as wickedness!

If you had been taught God's truth, from infancy—you would believe it today! But regardless as to what you HAVE been taught—irrespective of what you may believe about any important subject—there is a way for you to prove whether or not you are believing the truth or lies!

There is a source of truth!

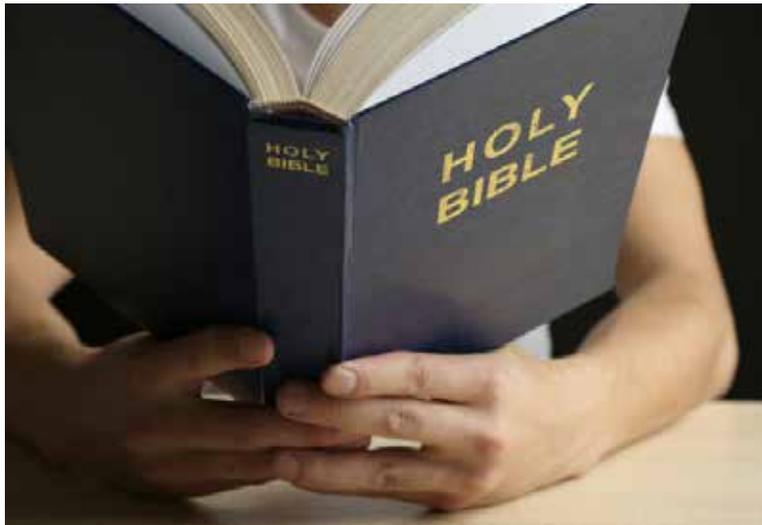
It is positive. It is absolute. It is absolutely unshakable!

Think what a monumental catastrophe it would have been if you had been unable to depend upon your parents to tell you the truth about anything! What if they had said the stove was cool, that knives didn't cut, and encouraged you to play with matches? What a diabolical thing to do to a child! You learned, through burnt fingers and bitter experiences, to depend on what your parents said—especially if it was a warning of danger!

What a catastrophe it would be if you couldn't depend on God, and on His word!

Jesus said, "Thy word is truth!" (John 17:17) "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and it is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"

(II Tim. 3:16). Your Bible says, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Pet. 1:21). David said, "All thy commandments are righteousness" (Ps. 119:172); "They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness" (Ps. 111:8). Everywhere in the Bible, God gives cross checks—balances—specially corroborative points, proofs of Him!



With regard to His laws of tithing, God, said, "...prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10).

"Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away!" said Christ (Mark 13:31).

The Bible is the one source of absolute truth! You can depend on it.

WILLING TO FORGIVE CHRIST?

But people today are willing to forgive Christ! Strange! It's supposed to be the other way around! The Bible tells us Christ must forgive us—but many people are willing to overlook Christ's "mistakes" - His "errors," His "failures."

Today, vast armies of people believe in the immortality of the soul! Yet the Bible plainly denies this as a pagan teaching!

Millions fondly hope they will "get to heaven" when Jesus plainly said this is impossible!

Millions believe—because they have been taught—that God's laws are done away, and that Sunday has long since replaced God's Sabbath as the day for Christian worship (*request our free booklet, "Why*

Keep Saturday for Sunday?").

Why do millions believe these and various other ideas?

It's what they have grown up believing. They found others who believed it. It was diligently taught to them—not by comparing, searching, checking up in scripture, to be sure—but taught constantly by lurid examples, by repetition, by suggestion, by preponderance of opinion.

Millions accept Christ. But they deny He will come again. Yet, He said He would! They call

Christ a liar—yet still claim to “believe” on Him!

Ever wonder why so many people “believe ON Jesus” but stolidly refuse to believe Him—to believe what He said?

PROVE ALL THINGS!

Paul said, “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good” (I Thes. 5:21).

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (II Tim. 2:15). “To the law and to the testimony,” shouted Isaiah, “if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them” (Isa. 8:20).

What about it?

Have you sincerely, really, wholly studied to absolutely prove some of these biggest questions to your very future destiny? Have you carefully researched, carefully checked, thoroughly proved these most basic doctrinal questions in all your Bible? According to extensive surveys in American and British church-attending, professing Christendom, most have not. Many pastors cheerfully admit their own people simply do not know, thoroughly, what their own church teaches!

Others openly lament that America’s “return to religion” is only skin deep! What about YOU?

Can you “afford” to take such a thing as the day of your death—which is ominously, irrevocably, surely, unalterably, and positively approaching every single day you live—carelessly and lightly?

Can you treat this eternity with impunity? This is not an old-fashioned “altar call!” This is not some type of “come on” to get you to “join” anything! It is a straight-

The very starting place is that most vital and important knowledge that God does exist, that He lives, that He is going to call each human being into a definite

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from-the-shoulder appeal for you to research into why you believe the things you do—and how you came to believe them!

Admit it. You know vast percentages of human beings on this earth firmly believe in out-and-out lies!

You know you have believed in lies. Are you really and positively sure you know the plain truth of God? Remember the stern admonition of the Apostle John, “He that saith, ‘I know Him’ and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him” (I John 2:4).

“You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32), said your Saviour! God intends that every line, every punctuation mark, every word of the Bible is ultimately thoroughly understood by His people! But God has carefully guarded the secret things of His truth! He has placed a barrier before the door of His truth. He says, “The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Eternal!” “A good understanding have they that do His commandments!” said David.

accounting for all his actions and thoughts, and that God stands back of His word!

God said, “For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man I will look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word” (Isa. 66:2).

We have all taken God’s Word too lightly—treated His precious truth too carelessly!

It’s time you realized how truly EASY it has been for you to believe in a series of lies—and to sincerely and earnestly strive to understand God’s truth!

Never forget, Satan the Devil understands all the Bible essentials! He knows Jesus is the Christ! “Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble” (James 2:19). Yes, even the demons believe, and tremble! They believe—but they will not obey!

And so, even knowing the truth is not enough—but knowing it and obeying it is one of the beginning steps to salvation. □

ANOTHER SCHOOL MASSACRE

Media blames everyone but those responsible.

by Mark Armstrong

ALL mainstream outlets are outraged that gun control, which they imply could have prevented the Florida school massacre, hasn't been enacted into law despite the Second Amendment of the Constitution. One commentator called it the Constitutional Suicide Pact.

As the nation mourns the senseless killings of innocent students and faculty in Broward County, the press conferences, the interviews with witnesses and students have made one thing abundantly clear. Dozens of people knew this kid, Nicholas de Jesus (pronounce haysoos) Cruz, was out of control. He was brandishing weapons, wearing masks, talking "Alluah Akbar" all over social

media. He'd even expressed his intention to be a "professional school shooter," and the FBI had been notified! But they weren't sure they had the identity nailed down, so... One girl, a student at the high school, said she "actually knew the shooter" because she'd been a friend of his half-brother who said he sat in his room practicing loading magazines into rifles, working the actions, dry-firing guns all the time. The noise coming from his room was constant. Everybody who knew this kid, or knew of him, knew he was dangerous. Except the family who took him in, they supposedly had no clue.

Here's a question nobody seems to ask. Where did the little

miscreant come from in the first place? Why was he adopted? Now we hear the FBI was notified a second time, with no confusion about the little freak's identity or his location, and still did nothing. Local Police had been called to his home dozens of times in recent years. The kid was a local legend, and everybody said he was "a little off."

Progressives scoff at the idea of armed security at schools. Why, that would turn schools into "armed camps," and then, who knows how bad things could get? No, clearly in the minds of concerned anchors and commentators everywhere, the problem is GUN violence. CNN decided they'd impose a rule at long last, no more mention of the names of mass murderers. How convenient! They sure didn't mind the name Steven Paddock when it came to the Las Vegas massacre. He was a middle aged white guy, and they couldn't say his name or display his likeness often enough. But the kid of unknown origin, expelled from school, full of hatred, cavorting around brandishing guns and knives on social media bragging that he wanted to shoot people, it just wouldn't be wise to mention his name. Besides, it's not about him, it's about "common sense





FEB 19, 2018: Die-in demonstration at White House following deadly shooting at Florida high school.

gun safety,” and the fact that the Trump administration has allowed, if not caused this massacre. Yeah, it’s the NRA’s fault! That’s their angle, and they’re sticking to it.

If the FBI hadn’t committed untold manpower to obtaining fraudulent warrants, conducting surveillance of Hillary’s political rivals, chasing “the Russians” who supposedly “colluded” with Trump, they might have had time to check in on this hateful little killer before he acted. But they obviously had much more important things to investigate. There was no time to waste on the kid who was all over social media, haunting Islamic fighter web sites, issuing threats expressing his desire to murder people. No. They had an administration to frame! They’ve been busy issuing “anonymous

government official” leaks to the media. We’re finding out, little by little, drip by drip, that they’ve been behind the nightly “leaks” propelling the dialogue of Trump/Russia collusion for over a year.

One can only imagine the glee with which these “anonymous government officials” must have experienced as they watched their disinformation, designed to prompt suspicion of “treason” play out over nearly every network day after day, month after month for over a year and a half. Now we’re beginning to learn some of their names, and some of their former positions. Many have resigned, been fired, or re-assigned to lowly posts. Presumably, they’re not sleeping quite as well as they were after they watched their own “leaks” of inside information play

out on screens all over the world for so long.

They say we have to maintain confidence and trust in the hard-working men and women who put their lives on the line to keep America safe. But they couldn’t possibly look more inept, or corrupt. Why didn’t the FBI follow up after being contacted by a bail bondsman who received a message over Youtube from the killer saying he wanted to be a professional school shooter? Agents went and interviewed the bail bondsman who got the message, and then... And then we get excuses, they couldn’t be sure of the identity. And then, they looked no further. They dropped it. This is one of the vaunted “field offices,” you know, where they risk their lives every day to protect

Americans.

Finally we learn that the Broward County Sheriffs took cover outside the school, apparently just “following orders,” orders that conflict with their own published rulebook on active shooter situations. The buffoon, Sheriff Scott Israel, has the gall to claim that he has provided “amazing leadership” to his department. It’s amazing all right, so amazing that the braggart should be relieved of his badge. Broward County adopted the “Promise program,” instigated by the Obama administration. This policy made sure that Cruz’s name never appeared in any background check, despite his long record of violence and terrorist threats. It’s still right there on the Browardprevention.org website, hiding in plain sight.

“The intent of PROMISE is to safeguard the student from entering the judicial system.” So Cruz’s

criminal record was never written, it was “safeguarded.”

Here’s the news. America’s schools are already brimming with uncivilized third-world teenagers, many of whom will never master the English language. (Press 2 for English.) Teachers, largely, teach that America is an evil entity, founded on racism and white supremacy. They pound every leftist doctrine (gun control, global warming, gay and trans-gender rights) into their heads, ignoring or punishing every hint of dissent.

The so-called “dreamers” are committing crimes and making babies like they’re going out of style. Some are in graduate school, earning their PhD’s we’re told, but that’s hardly the rule. Does nobody see the documentaries, the true stories showing what life is like south of the border, and south of there? Is there no realization that the planet earth is brimming with

human beings who have little or no empathy, no respect for human suffering and no respect for life, period? The do-gooders in media and education insist compassion dictates that the United States should bring them here by the millions and let nature take its course.

Do we want our grandkids in an insecure school, teaming with third-world specimens without conscience, weaned on the injustices of “white privilege,” demanding that wealth be redistributed?! Take a look at the Florida school, and those nearby, wherever you may be. Fundamental transformation has already arrived, and if anything, it’s getting worse. Imagine ten years hence, when the “dreamers,” “unaccompanied minors” and visa violators have all produced seven or eight offspring just like them. What will that look like? Careful, you might be a racist! □

United Against Trump

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century’ won’t pass. The Palestinians reject it. They (the Trump administration) won’t find one Arab who will agree to betray Jerusalem and the Palestinian people.”

In recent weeks, Abbas himself has also come out against Trump’s plan—a move that has clearly earned him the backing of the former Hamas leader. Abbas says that he sees the plan as an attempt by the US administration to “impose dictates” on the Palestinians.

“We don’t take instructions from anyone,” Abbas was quoted as saying. “We have said ‘no’ to Trump and we won’t accept his plan. We say ‘no’ and 1,000 ‘no-s’ when it comes to our fate, cause and people. We don’t accept the US as a broker between us and Israel.”

The Palestinian patients in the Gaza Strip who are dying for lack of proper medical treatment care little about Trump—or about any peace plan. Neither do the thousands of employees who have been deprived of their salaries or the students who are unable to leave the Gaza Strip because of

the continued closure (by Egypt) of the Rafah border crossing. For them, this is a battle of survival.

Hamas and Fatah leaders, meanwhile, are engaged in a rather different battle of survival: that of their leaders to retain their power.

They are prepared to continue fighting each other to the last Palestinian. It may be true that the Egyptians, in the “reconciliation” their brokered, failed to achieve Palestinian unity. The Trump administration has apparently succeeded where the Egyptians failed: in uniting Hamas and Fatah against an initiative for peace. □

THE END TIME FAMINE OF GOD'S WORD

by Dr. James Ricks

ONE of the more intriguing prophecies of the end of this age is the coming "famine of the Word." When and how will it happen? Are we starting to see some of the symptoms of this curse upon society today? Are western nations starting to fall fast away from bedrock Christian Biblical knowledge already? Is the most Bible oriented nation, America, also falling away from the Truth?

We know that in the end times the Beast will lead the world into a great falling away from the Truth. Is the world beginning to long for an all inclusive, big government state to solve all our problems? Big socialistic governments always use propaganda to mislead and manipulate the public. The warning from God states that :

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:

"And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north

even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.

"In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst" (Amos 8:11-13).

This famine of the Word of God will have detrimental effects and will lead to a frantic search for truth that cannot be found. These effects seem to be very prominent upon the younger generations. The increasing number of youths that suffer depression could be an early circumstance of such a lack of Godly truths. More youths are also harming themselves and committing suicide.

Are these early symptoms of a lack of God's Words upon society? We know that a much greater falling away from God's Truth is coming. This famine may have two root causes. One is God turning his back upon a society that has turned its back on Him. The other could be Satanic influence of the Beast and the False Prophet.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4, "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the

coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

"That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

Those living at the end of this age will fall away from the truth. They will willingly be deceived. People will not love God's Truth. They will prefer to believe lies!

Our modern day media is preparing people for such an approach. The media used to at least attempt to appear unbiased (and occasionally were unbiased). They no longer even put up a front of objectivity. The

majority of mainstream media are far left secular progressives. Truth is of little concern to the media.

Our nation is being conditioned to see the truth as whatever you wish it to be. People only listen if the media tells them

Is it possible that God will respond to the growing evils of society by cutting off the supply of the Truth? Perhaps many will remember hearing the Truth online or reading our magazines, viewing TV presentations and not really responding.

the church that was obedient to the Bible and professed Jesus Christ. If we are in the church before the tribulation we will be protected, in part, because we are not running from the Truth. We love the Truth!

Revelation 3:9-11 “Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”

We all need to treasure the Biblical Truths we have been given so abundantly. If we love and value the Truth, God will allow us more and deeper truths. The reverse is also true. Those who do not treasure the Truth will lose more and more truth as time goes forward.

THE TRUTH: USE IT OR LOSE IT

Those who use the Truth and obey it, and don't just listen to it like a “lovely song,” are blessed. They are blessed in their lives and with more and more Truth! The world will be cursed with a famine of Truth someday because so many refuse to use it or believe it.

Ezekiel 33:32-33, “And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleas-

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what they want to hear. Truth is of no concern.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-11 says, “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.

“And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:”

God will curse the western, so-called “Christian” world with a famine, or great shortage, of the Truth. This could happen just a few years prior to the coming of the evil, dictator king—the beast—because the world primarily is rejecting God's Truth as spread by God's Church. Then God will remove the church to secret places of hiding prior to the the Great Tribulation.

WILL GOD'S MESSAGE BE HIDDEN FROM THE WORLD?

But when calamities hit, and society starts to malfunction, many will hunger for the Truth. But it will be too late. The church will be hiding in places of safety, saved from the wrath of the coming Beast armies and secret police. At this time, no truth will be available until the Two Witnesses arrive to torment the world with the Truth.

Revelation 12:14-16, “And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

“And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

“And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.”

God promised protection to

ant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

“And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.”

Ezekiel warned Judah before they were taken into captivity because they abandoned God. They ignored the Sabbath and served pagan gods. In principle His warning is also for our day. If people today listen to the Truth “like a beautiful song” but few obey the message, God will allow their nation to fall.

The world is strongly moving toward nature worship and science worship. Most are convinced of the Theory of Evolution. Few know that Darwin realized that his theory was wrong

before his death. Someday we will all laugh at the idea of the complex creation happening by

but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

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accident. It all occurs purely by chance? Unbelievable!

Our society today is not that much different from ancient Israel as they fell away from the Truth and God allowed them to be overthrown. One must obey the Truth of God, or lose the Truth.

Matthew 25:29 “For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance:

“And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

God expects us to use His Truth. God wants us to invest in the Truth and increase our spiritual growth through obedience and doing the work of God. Failure to use what God has given can lead to losing the given gifts of God. This includes

In Many Ways, Younger Americans Are Less Religious Than Older Americans

<i>% of U.S. adults who say ...</i>	Silent Generation (born 1928-1945)	Baby Boomers (born 1946-1964)	Generation X (born 1965-1980)	Older Millennials (born 1981-1989)	Younger Millennials (born 1990-1996)
Religious Behaviours					
They pray daily	67	61	56	46	39
They attend services at least weekly	51	38	34	27	28
Religious Beliefs					
They believe in God	92	92	89	84	80
<i>With absolute certainty</i>	71	69	64	54	50
They believe in heaven	67	61	56	46	39
They believe in hell	57	59	59	55	56
They believe scripture is God's Word	69	64	61	50	52
Religion's Importance					
Religion is very important in their lives	67	59	53	44	38

Source: 2014 Religious Landscape Study, conducted June 4-Sept. 30, 2014. PEW RESEARCH CENTER

the ability to gain and understand His Truth!

Why so much trouble in today's society? Because people put other things before God. They have no idea about God's Truth and believe so-called intellectuals, like those in the academic world who thought that WWI would end all wars. The elites believed that science would save the world.

Needless to say science simply gave big governments the means to slaughter people more efficiently. Science has, and will in the future, be used to slaughter people. Science can also be a false God.

Hosea 4:6-7, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

"As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame."

What is the most important part of Truth we can share? The

Laws of God qualify, and the number one law is to put nothing before God. This was not for God's benefit, but for ours. People need to be guided by the true God.

One reason our children are being lost in this society is they have lost the knowledge of the true God. A low percentage of people under age of 50 attend any church at all on a regular basis. They have lost the awareness of and knowledge of God. God is not important in our relatively prosperous age. The younger generation uses the internet for information and knowledge.

Probably in the future the internet service providers will become increasingly anti-Bible. We can see some signs of this already. Conservatives and Bible oriented users have complained about the bias already. Is more to come?

The Two Witnesses will bring back the Truth and the world will recoil against it aggressively. It will be a witness against most, though some will heed the call and be converted during those troubled times. The

world will be tormented, first with the Truth and then with the plagues of God.

Hopefully we will all stay glued to the Truth in spite of all the distractions and then the Messiah returns. Remember, in the end we win and for all eternity. Never ever forget the Bible messages!

Rev 11:7-12, "And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

"And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

"And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

"And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

"And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

"And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them."

In the end, the truth of God will frighten the world profoundly as they face the vengeful return of Christ! □



Constitutional Crisis

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voices and disgusted scowls vindicated at last! The Russians really DID work to undermine our democracy. Thirteen indictments against people half a world away PROVE that “the Russians meddled!” They disguised their identities on the internet, used fake Twitter and Facebook accounts. Wow! What’ll they think of next? Why, nobody pretends to be somebody else on the Internet! Let alone “The Russians,” who’ve been expert at disseminating disinformation forever.

Never mind that a Facebook ad executive has said this “huge development” is nonsense. Most of the ads, pro-Muslim, anti-Muslim, pro-Hillary, pro-Bernie, pro-Jill Stein, anti-Hillary, pro-Trump, anti-Trump, were spent AFTER the election, some after the inauguration. To say that there was a PRO-TRUMP, anti-Hillary theme to all of this is just plain mistaken, which you’ll discover with a minimum of trying.

So what about the year and a half of false reporting? What about the knowing expressions, the endless speculation of an



election stolen by fraud? What about the talk of treason, resulting in an unhinged lunatic fraudulently gaining the White House?

“Trump’s just a liar.” “He’s like a petulant child.” “He’s clinically insane.” “He’s a bully.” “He’s a dictator.” “He’s a sucker for beautiful women.” say the eye-rolling homosexuals who bring you “The Most Trusted Name in News.” “He’s the commander in chief for the rape culture.” “He’s a menace, about to touch off World War III from his Twitter account.”

Round and round it goes,

where or when it stops nobody knows. The Law enforcement officials in this case are the crooks, (with the possible exception of the recused Jeff Sessions) aided and abetted by the queer communist arbiters of information, and they’re not about to send themselves up the river. This is where the irresistible force meets the impenetrable object.

It’s a Constitutional Crisis alright, just not the one the media has been cheer-leading. Justice is fallen in the streets once and for all, and there’s no clear method of retrieving it. □

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