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DO YOU LIVE IN A MULTIVERSE?

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Where Is Our Anger Leading Us?

We live in a polarized world where there are very real differences between East and West, North and South. The divide between rich and poor is becoming wider and more apparent. There are fervent disagreements between people within national boundaries. Different races and tribes do not always get along. Somewhere around half of us are male, the other half female—but even that is considered too simplistic, as some think those biological differences are too restrictive. There are intractable divisions over what is moral and what is not.

Democratic nations are badly divided. Italy cannot agree for very long on who is in charge; according to *GlobalSecurity.org*, it had 63 governments in the 70 years from 1946 to 2015. The United States is bitterly split. A divided Israel held four elections in just two years before removing Benjamin Netanyahu, its longest-serving Prime Minister, and now there are allegations that the Israeli state police used Pegasus software to spy on Netanyahu and other politicians, thus influencing the elections.

Universities have “safe spaces” and give “trigger warnings” to avoid offending anyone, but this codding only encourages more sensitivities in students who are unable to cope with others who disagree with them. And the word *culture* is often preceded by *cancel*. What a world in which we live!

We see these conflicting views firsthand here at *Tomorrow's World*. Most letters and emails we receive are positive, but not all. Mr. Wallace Smith was recently criticized as being pro-Biden and anti-Trump. I have been accused of being on both sides of the political divide. But Mr. Smith and I are on the same page about these matters: neither Mr. Trump, nor Mr. Biden, nor any other perceived hero of politics will save America—or any country that rejects its Creator.

Some letters are vicious; some are comical. One I received in response to one of my telecasts was so entertaining that I had my secretary frame it for my office. That one, at least, can be displayed. The same cannot be said for one Mr. Smith recently received. You must have a sense of humor these days, and none

of us here are overly sensitive. As former United States President Harry Truman famously said, “If you can’t stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.”

Yet one must wonder why there is so much animosity in the world. How does one television program, or a single article from a free magazine, provoke such angry reactions and responses?

Anger's Source

The answer is explained in my article “A Catastrophic Storm Is Coming,” found on page 16 of this issue. Few



professing Christians, much less agnostics and atheists, understand the source of the unhappiness the world over. Jesus told His disciples as His crucifixion approached, “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out” (John 12:31). A little later He said, “I will no longer talk

much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me” (John 14:30). Who is the “ruler of this world? And what did Jesus mean when He said, “the ruler of this world... has nothing in me”?

The god of this world is called “the prince of the power of the air” (Ephesians 2:2). Just as radio waves travel invisibly through the air, so that prince—more widely known as Satan the Devil—broadcasts his moods and attitudes of anger, hatred, pride, self-will, and rebellion into unsuspecting minds to direct “the course of this world.” We understand that the God of Creation is in charge overall, but long ago He placed the angel Lucifer over the affairs of this planet. Luci-

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fer became proud and arrogant; he was not satisfied with what was given to him, and in trying to exalt his throne above God, he became Satan the Devil (Isaiah 14:12–13). When Jesus said, “he has nothing in Me,” He meant that the attitudes of the Devil could find no home within Him.

Can we say the same? How much of our thinking is inspired by the god of this world? Are we easily offended? Do we have a victim mentality, thinking that our problems are everyone else’s fault? Are we filled with anger? Do we think no one can tell us what to do? As we approach the climax of mankind’s attempt at self-rule apart from God, we will face more trying and difficult circumstances. We will face anger from others. And, seeing all that is happening around us, we too may be filled with anger and a desire for revenge.

Two of Jesus’ disciples traveling to Jerusalem were offended when they were refused lodging in a Samaritan city. You might say their lodging was “cancelled.” Indeed, cancel culture is nothing new, but it is being taken to new heights today. Referring to King Ahaziah’s attempt to have the prophet Elijah arrested, Jesus’ two disciples asked, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?” That would have been the ultimate in cancel culture! No wonder Jesus called James and John “Sons of Thunder.” “But He turned and rebuked them, and said, ‘You do not know what manner of spirit you are of’” (Luke 9:54–55).

Anger’s Results

Ray Dalio, co-chief investment officer of the largest hedge fund in the world, has studied the rise and fall of world economies—and he sees where this anger is leading. He identifies six stages through which societies pass, and his markers indicate that we are in stage five. You can probably guess what the last stage is by the title of a recent article in his *Principled Perspectives* newsletter, published at *LinkedIn.com*: “The Rising Risk of Civil War: Following in the Footsteps of History” (February 3, 2022).

Quoting from page 176 of his book *Principles for Dealing with the Changing World Order: Why Nations Succeed and Fail*, he describes our place in the cycle of rise and fall: “In Stage 5, those who are fighting

typically work with those in the media to manipulate people’s emotions to gain support and to destroy the opposition. It is well-recognized this is now happening.... Even very capable and powerful people are now too afraid of the media to speak up about important matters or run for public office.”

Dalio agrees with the many historians who see patterns that repeat themselves in the rise and fall of nations. Philosopher George Santayana’s famous quote from his 1905 book *The Life of Reason* rings true: “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” The best historians recognize this, but only a very few have any understanding of the spirit presence that seeks to influence human behavior. Human nature, influenced by that evil, unhappy spirit, takes nations down paths of destruction.

The greatest history book ever written is the Bible—the foundation of truth. This amazing, God-inspired book records history in advance. More than 2,600 years ago, the prophet Isaiah described what we see today: “Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey” (Isaiah 59:14–15).

Isaiah’s words should sober us as we read Dalio’s description of the transition from where we are to where we are going: “When winning becomes the only thing that matters, unethical fighting becomes progressively more forceful in self-reinforcing ways. When everyone has causes that they are fighting for and no one can agree on anything, the system is on the brink of civil war/revolution” (*LinkedIn.com*).

Not all civil wars are shooting wars—but they are still uncivil. The September/October 2020 issue of *Tomorrow’s World* contained the article “Is America Entering a Second Civil War?” We are not the only ones asking that question. But we are among the very few who know the ultimate answer—that after the coming time of devastating economic, social, and natural disaster, Jesus Christ will return as King of kings to establish a world without war.



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Lost in the Multiverse

By **Wallace G. Smith**

Imagine that, as you live your life here on planet Earth, there is, somewhere, *another* you, living his or her life on another Earth as it travels around another sun, in another solar system, in another universe. Now imagine that there are an infinite number of those “other yous.” Some have lives very similar to yours—with the same job, the same friends, the same routine—and others have lives dramatically, almost unimaginably, different. Some are richer, some are poorer. Some are wealthy and famous, others are suffering in a cold, dark prison cell. And every one of them is every bit as real as you are.

Welcome to the multiverse.

First, a quick definition. You may have heard of the “metaverse”—that’s something different. The metaverse promises the use of artificial intelligence and computer screens, likely projected on eyeglasses or goggles, to augment our view of the world around us and immerse us in a tantalizing mixture of both computer-generated and real-world sensory inputs. The “multiverse,” by contrast, is the idea that our universe is just one among countless other universes, where statistics becomes meaningless as there are

enough universes to account for every possible probability.

Variations on the multiverse have been staples of fantasy and science fiction for ages. And they are enjoying quite a renaissance on our cinema screens and streaming services. Media powerhouse Disney’s Marvel Entertainment invoked the idea of a multiverse to help its December 2021 hit *Spider-Man: No Way Home* rake in nearly \$2 billion from moviegoers worldwide who were eager to see their favorite Spider-Men from multiple cinematic universes—Tom Holland, Andrew Garfield, and Tobey Maguire—fight bad guys together. (If you didn’t see this movie, imagine all the different James Bond actors teaming up to fight their old villains.) And, in May 2022, Marvel will make the multiverse center stage in *Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness*.

From Science Fiction to... Science Fact?

Yet the current interest in multiverse ideas is being fueled not by movie studios promoting fiction, but rather by an increasing number of scientists—theoretical physicists, cosmologists, and others—proposing it as *reality*. Influential physicist David Deutsch of the University of Oxford, for instance, has stated

that we can be as confident of the multiverse as we are of the past existence of dinosaurs. As science writer Philip Ball notes in his 2020 book *Beyond Weird*, Deutsch says of believing in a multiverse, “The only astonishing thing is that that’s still controversial.”

For Deutsch and many other scientists, the multiverse scenario presented to us by science fiction movies and fantasy books—that reality is composed of an infinite collection of universes with infinite versions of you living infinitely different lives—is how reality truly is. If we don’t accept that “fact,” we are considered either ignorant or lacking the courage to embrace uncomfortable truths.

How have so many scientists, normally associated with evidence-based reasoning and a passion for hard facts, turned to a belief in a very theoretical multiverse?

The answers reveal much about the direction our culture and society are heading. And they show us just how far some people will go to avoid even the smallest acknowledgment of the possibility of a God who has created and designed our universe. But first, let’s notice that for all of Professor Deutsch’s bravado, there is no single “multiverse theory.” There are, perhaps fittingly, *multiple* multiverse theories in competition with each other:

Eternal or Chaotic Inflation: The current version of the Big Bang theory—the hypothesis that our universe of time, space, matter, and energy began as an infinitely dense singularity and expanded rapidly to become the growing cosmos we see around us—assumes that there was a brief but crucial period of *cosmic inflation*. During this temporary period, space in the very young universe, while it was still microscopic in scale, expanded faster than the speed of light. Such a period of inflation is seen as a solution to the unexpected uniformity of the vast cosmos.

However, influential physicists such as Andrei Linde and Alan Guth have noted that current models of inflation seem to imply that not only would our universe develop, but a collection of countless additional universes, as well—an endless process producing an infinite number of universes.

String Theory: In the search for a “Theory of Everything” that would unite all theories about the laws of

nature, string theory has become very popular. While different strains of string theory exist, at their heart lies the idea that what we think of as fundamental particles of matter are actually incomprehensibly small, vibrating strings.

While the theory is considered extremely promising by many, it has its detractors. Among the concerns are the current inability to test whether the theory is true, along with the disconcerting fact that the number of unspecified parameters in the theory mean that 10^{500} (that’s a 1 with 500 zeros after it) universes could be generated from its equations. However, some see this not as a bug, but as a feature enabling a multiverse to exist, in which all possibilities are realized.

The Many-Worlds Interpretation of Quantum Mechanics: For decades, most physicists working on quantum mechanics favored the idea that quantum objects do not hold particular values until they are measured. But a new idea is emerging—the “Many Worlds” interpretation—which suggests that quantum objects hold *all* potential values when measured, and that the universe splits into as many universes as there are values. It’s as if, when you rolled a six-sided die, you would see one result while five other versions of you would each see another result in another universe.

In a 2014 *New Scientist* article “Multiverse Me: Should I Care About My Other Selves?” (yes, that is a real title), physicist Deutsch summarizes the implications of the Many-Worlds Interpretation by noting that “when you make a choice the other choices also happen.” He adds, “If there is a small chance of an adverse consequence, say someone being killed, it seems on the face of it that we have to take into account the fact that in reality someone will be killed, if only in another universe.”

Max Tegmark’s “Ultimate Ensemble”: In perhaps the largest and wildest take on the multiverse, cosmologist Max Tegmark of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology suggests that the manner in which the universe around us seems to follow mathematical laws should point to a radical realization that *math* is the ultimate reality.

In Tegmark’s hypothesis, mathematical structures do not describe reality—rather, the mathemati-

cal structures *are* the reality, and the universe we see around us is simply a realization of one set of mathematical structures. As he writes in his 1998 paper in the *Annals of Physics*, “The only postulate in this theory is that all structures that exist mathematically exist also physically” (volume 270, issue 1). The result would be an impossible-to-imagine collection of universes that encompasses all possible laws of physics in all possible dimensions—a collection Tegmark has called the “Ultimate Ensemble.”



Existential Chaos

Before we look at how fact-based science has come to a place where such fantasies-turned-theories have been so thoroughly embraced, we should consider that each “multiverse” theory brings similar troubling consequences. If physicist Deutsch is correct, there exists a different universe for every possible result of every decision you could ever make. So, if you are tempted to lie, there is a universe in which you tell the truth, and a universe in which you lie. In this theory, free will is an illusion—you don’t really make a choice at all, since there are versions of you in multiple universes “choosing” every possibility. There would be a universe in which you kindly help an old lady cross the street, and there would be one in which you ignore her. But there would also be one in which you actively push her into the traffic, and one in which you steal her groceries for yourself.

The list of different universes—and different versions of you doing wildly different things—is essentially infinite. After all, if, as physicists imagine,

you are only an assemblage of quarks, electrons, and so forth, and every possible combination of those particles happens in one universe or another, then there are universes beyond imagination in which you are doing all of these things.

It truly is existential chaos. And you have every right to call it out for the nonsense that it seems to be, for—regardless of how their descriptions fortify themselves with the feel of “hard science,” shine with a gleam borrowed from physics, and present themselves with the trustworthy air of mathematical inevitability—multiverse ideas are, in many ways, not much more than fantasy, far from the world of real science.

How Did We Get Here?

That raises a question: How did ideas that are so utterly fantastical in their conclusion come to be seen by so many as the *mainstream* views of physics and cosmology?

Is it that we have *seen* additional universes? Have we detected them in some way that requires us to accept their existence? Not at all. Attempts have been made—for example, some thought a cold spot in radiation that reaches Earth from space (which many believe to be an aftereffect of the Big Bang) might indicate a collision between our universe and another. Further analysis, however, showed that other features that should accompany such a collision, such as polarization of the radiation, simply were not present.

Not only have we failed to detect additional universes; according to most multiverse theories, those universes *should* be virtually *undetectable*. This has led many scientists to dismiss multiverse theories as blatantly unscientific. As mathematician George Ellis noted in the esteemed science magazine *Nature*, “The multiverse argument is a well-founded philosophical proposal but, as it cannot be tested, it does not belong fully in the scientific fold.” In Ellis’ estimation, “Scientists are beginning to confuse science with science fiction.”

In fact, some have noted that the multiverse is worse than unscientific—it is a science killer.

Consider—in a multiverse wherein *every* event has taken place in at least one universe, no matter how improbable, there would be a universe in which every coin flip that has occurred throughout human

history has come up “heads.” Extremely improbable? Yes! But impossible? No. In fact, in a multiverse, there *must* be a universe in which that happens. How would the scientists of that universe explain this phenomenon? They wouldn’t be able to—because there would be no scientific explanation. They would simply have to throw up their hands in frustration, since no cause could be found that could ever explain this completely random effect.

That is a relatively small example, but it illustrates a problem many scientists have recognized: If the multiverse is true, and all possible events happen—if they happen infinitely in an infinite number of universes—then science becomes meaningless. Every happenstance can be explained as, “Well, I guess we’re just in one of those universes!”

This is not just a hypothetical scenario. The multiverse is being used in this very way in real scientific papers.

For example, evolutionary biologist Eugene V. Koonin has estimated that the odds of life beginning with an RNA molecule capable of performing replication and translation on the early earth—complex functions of life necessary for evolution to begin—are virtually nonexistent: 1 out of a number that would be written as a 1 with 1,017 zeros after it. Those are odds so ridiculously small as to be unimaginable.

This would normally be seen as the death knell for this evolution-friendly “origin of life” scenario. However, the multiverse comes to the rescue! Wielding the “magic” of an infinite multiverse, Koonin notes, “In an infinite universe (multiverse), emergence of highly complex systems by chance is inevitable.”

With the wave of a magical, multiversal wand, what was impossible now becomes “inevitable.” Such reasoning is a mockery of scientific thought. A theory that predicts everything actually predicts nothing at all. The multiverse is nothing less than the death of science.

Yet, in this last example, we finally come to the reason why the unscientific multiverse *appeals* to scientists. How did we find ourselves here, lost in the multiverse? Because too many in our society will accept whatever nonsense they must in order to live without acknowledging a Creator.

A Desperate Antidote to “God”

Science has long been “plagued” by an uncomfortable truth: Much of what we know points to the reality of a powerful God who created the world and cosmos around us. Just as evolutionists seek to explain away that evidence by ascribing it to time, chance, and the drive for survival, many cosmologists seek to explain away a Creator and Designer by appealing to the multiverse.

In a 2008 *Discover* magazine article appropriately titled “Science’s Alternative to an Intelligent Creator: The Multiverse Theory,” cosmologist Bernard Carr succinctly summarizes the issue: “If there is only one universe, you might have to have a fine-tuner. If you don’t want God, you’d better have a multiverse.”

You have to appreciate their honesty. Examples of this fine-tuning are endless, from the improbable masses of various fundamental particles to the precise strengths of the fundamental forces. And, while string theory suggests enough free variables and parameters to generate 10^{500} universes, the number of those that would produce a life-friendly universe is virtually nil. Without a fine-tuning God available to “tweak” the parameters to be “just right,” our existence should be considered impossible.

In just one attempt to estimate the probability of a universe like ours, the late physicist Lee Smolin estimated the probability to be 1 in 10^{229} —that is, as a reminder, 1 out of a number that would be written normally as a 1 followed by 229 zeros. For those who like strange words, in English that would be “one in ten quinquagintillion.”

Yet even the multiverse and its vast, probabilistic resources are not enough to explain God away. Scientists such as Paul J. Steinhardt, who first introduced the hypothesis of “Eternal Inflation” to the world, has noted that inflation *still* requires unexplained fine-tuning to generate a multiverse. Physicist Alexander Vilenkin and colleagues have proven that an inflationary universe cannot be projected eternally into the past—so even a multiverse must have a *beginning*.

Perhaps it’s simplest to say that reports of the death of God at the hands of the multiverse have been greatly exaggerated.

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IMPOSSIBLE ODDS

OUR FINELY TUNED UNIVERSE

The odds against a universe like ours coming into existence by chance are staggering. Here is a small collection of many finely tuned attributes of our universe. They cannot be explained by chance, yet if they were any different, our cosmos could not exist as we know it.

THE STRONG FORCE

If the “strong force” holding the nuclei of atoms together were slightly stronger, the fusion that creates stars would be impossible. Yet, if that force were slightly weaker, the universe would have no larger elements that make life possible.

THE MASSES OF THE PROTON, NEUTRON, AND ELECTRON

These particles have very carefully tuned masses in respect to each other. Were the ratios of their masses to each other any different, either the universe would not support life, or no atoms would form at all.

THE PRECISION OF THE BIG BANG

The odds of the conditions being just right during the Big Bang to produce our universe are 1 in $10^{10^{123}}$ —a number with one quadragintillion zeros. These odds are as close to zero as one could ever imagine.

THE COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT

The universe expands at a rate governed by a number that is astonishingly close to zero. Were it the smallest fraction larger, the universe would have expanded too quickly for stars and galaxies to form.

Such “just right” conditions in our universe moved astronomer Fred Hoyle to famously claim, “A common sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a super intellect has monkeyed with physics, as well as with chemistry and biology, and that there are no blind forces worth speaking about in nature.”

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Reaching Across the Divide



There will be times in our lives when we find ourselves communicating with people we would normally not seek out—or with whom, due to cultural, social, or economic differences, we would not expect to find much common ground. Everyone on this planet is unique as an individual, but we often focus more on how our differences separate us as members of families, groups, tribes, or nations. Yet these differences should not prevent us from reaching across the divide, treating all people with compassion, and developing a deeper understanding of our fellow human beings. After all, we are all made in God’s image.

The Canadian Mounties

During the nineteenth century, on the Canadian prairies in what is now the province of Saskatchewan, James Morrow Walsh was one of the first Canadian Mounties. The North-West Mounted Police (the “NWMP” or “Mounties”) was formed in 1873, not long after the Canadian government’s 1870 purchase of Rupert’s Land, a vast northern territory of nearly 1.5 million square miles around Hudson Bay—about a third the size of today’s Canada.

Young men were commissioned as NWMP officers to maintain law and order in the territory and to curb the illegal whisky trade, which was causing great harm to the native population. These men were granted far-reaching authority even to fulfil the roles of *ex officio* justices of the peace and acting magistrates. Their presence was also meant to forestall expensive and drawn-out conflicts between settlers and native people, preventing regional destabilization that might tempt the United States to try to expand into Canada.

Walsh arrived at the Cypress Hills in command of B Division, one of six groups sent out by the NWMP, with instructions to establish forts and begin patrolling the region. Fort Walsh was erected in 1875. By the summer of 1877, the pivotal role of Superintendent James Morrow Walsh—and his treatment of someone across a great cultural divide—was recognized across the whole of Canada.

A Merciful Mountie

After the Sioux chief Sitting Bull and his 2,500 warriors defeated U.S. General Custer and his men at the Battle of Little Bighorn, the tribe travelled north across the border into Canadian territory. With buffalo herds shrinking, and with great animosity festering among the various native tribes, the Sioux—numbering around 5,600—were half-starved and in desperate need of help by the time they approached Fort Walsh.

Walsh rode into the Sioux camp with just two interpreters and six constables from his division, knowing full well that they would be no match for the thousands of warriors under Sitting Bull’s command. The responsibility of Walsh and his constables was to ensure that everyone in their territory respected the rule of law. This is well stated in R. C. Macleod’s *The North West Mounted Police 1873-1919*:

In this period the emphasis was on educating both Indian and rancher. Each had to be convinced that the other party had rights which must be respected. The closest thing the Mounted Police had to an absolute rule was to avoid the use of firearms except as a last

resort. Mounted Policemen regularly rode into armed and excited groups of both races with their guns holstered. They knew that moral authority was the surest defence since they were heavily outnumbered and potential reinforcements were thousands of miles away (1978, p. 8).

Walsh, during his first meeting with Sitting Bull, explained that the laws of the land were to be applied to settlers and natives alike, and that no one could expect to escape punishment. The Sioux chief marvelled that a man with so few companions would approach his camp with such boldness, and he agreed that his tribe would abide by the law enforced by the Mounties. Legend has it that Sitting Bull then gave Walsh three silver medals bearing the image of King George III and proclaimed that he and his tribe sought to live under the protection of the "Great White Mother," Queen Victoria. Calling themselves "British Indian," the Sioux hoped to settle in Canada and avoid American retaliation after their defeat of General Custer.

The Canadian government, however, would not agree to Sitting Bull's request, preferring that the Sioux would cross back over the border into the United States. It therefore fell on Walsh to persuade the Sioux to leave Canada. What followed was a stalemate that lasted several years.

Stalemate with Sitting Bull

Walsh's negotiations with Sitting Bull became national news, and newspapers across the continent called Walsh "Sitting Bull's Boss." It seems that Walsh thought highly of Sitting Bull and wanted to protect him both from the hands of rival tribes struggling over limited food supplies and from America's policies on territorial expansion. But while Sitting Bull and his Sioux accepted the authority of Walsh and the NWMP, they would not agree to relocate. In 1880, displeased by years of stalemate, the Canadian government under Prime Minister Sir John A. MacDonald transferred Walsh to Fort Qu'Appelle, more than 500 kilometres (310 miles) to the east.

According to historian Grant MacEwan, "That summer the lack of buffalo and the refusal of the Canadian government to give the Sioux either a reservation or food led many to go back to the United States

which had promised provisions" ("Ta-Tanka I-Yotank," *Biographi.ca*, 1982). By 1881, Sitting Bull had agreed to terms with the U.S. government. After seeing that the Sioux who had returned were being treated decently, he crossed back over the border.

A decade later, Sitting Bull was again at the center of controversy because of his prominent role in what was called the "Ghost Dance" movement, which sought the overthrow of settler rule and the restoration of Native American sovereignty and prosperity across the lands controlled by the U.S. and Canada. The governments of both nations feared a native uprising, and a warrant was issued for Sitting Bull's arrest. Tragically, when an arrest was attempted, shots were fired and Sitting Bull was among those killed.

Goodwill on the Earth

Upon hearing of Sitting Bull's death, Walsh offered words of praise, saying "He was not a cruel man, he was kind of heart; he was not dishonest, he was truthful" (*Biographi.ca*). Walsh's respectful communication with, and kind treatment of, a man and his people who came from an almost entirely alien cultural background should be an example for us. Despite the obstacles, we should strive to treat others as we would want to be treated. Every human being is made in God's image and deserves to be treated as such.

Yet, just as Walsh was unable by himself to secure agreement between Sitting Bull and the Canadian government, all human attempts at maintaining law and justice will fail to a greater or lesser degree. It will ultimately require divine intervention to bring about that goal toward which we all must strive in the meantime. In the coming Kingdom of God, the King—Jesus Christ—will ensure that His laws are followed. These laws will not only enable healthy communication between nations; they will go a step further, laying the groundwork for sincere friendships between people of all cultures.

Until then, those of us now learning to apply God's way of life should remember that "if a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him. The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God" (Leviticus 19:33–34).

—Jonathan Riley



The Holocaust: Never Again?

By **John Meakin**

Every year on January 27, people remember the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp in 1945, during the final months of World War II. The Auschwitz complex was the largest of six death camps, which together carried out a gruesome policy that Germany's National Socialist ("Nazi") leaders called "The Final Solution"—an attempt to exterminate Europe's Jewish population. The policy, at the core of Adolf Hitler's vision for Germany, had been implemented three years earlier, on January 20, 1942, at the now-famous Wannsee Conference (named after the Berlin suburb where it was held)—80 years ago this year.

Implementation of the Wannsee Conference's policies marked the three-year genocidal climax of Adolf Hitler's twelve-year reign of terror (1933–1945), which saw the deliberate murder of more than ten million innocent civilians in German-ruled territories, with an estimated six million Jews among the dead. This mass murder of European Jews has come to be called the "Holocaust"—a word derived from translating the Hebrew word *olah* ("burnt offering") into the Greek word *holokauston*—or in Hebrew the *Shoah*, meaning "catastrophe." When the world looks back on World War II, we now think not so much about geopolitics, but more about having rid the world of the evil of Nazism and its murderous ideology of racial superiority.

Industrialization of Death

The Nazis designated Auschwitz as the final destination for the majority of Jews brought from all over Europe. At Auschwitz, modernized and enlarged gas chambers killed inmates on a truly industrial scale, reaching a peak killing capacity of 6,000 each day. In the cruelest of ironies, Auschwitz advertised itself as a "work camp" with its iconic entry-gate sign: *Arbeit Macht Frei* ("Work sets you free"). Passing through that gate, however, meant slavery and death for most of its inmates.

By the time the war was over, a dumbfounded world could scarcely believe what had taken place in the German-held territories across Europe. Winston Churchill saw the enormity of it and realized there was no word in our vocabulary to describe it, so he referred to it as "a crime without a name." It took a Polish-born lawyer who had escaped the Holocaust to coin a word to describe it—*genocide*, from the Greek *geno* ("tribe") and the Latin *cide* ("killing"). It was an industrialization of death—a bureaucratized, orderly, brutal extermination of people simply because of their identity as Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, or any of the other minority groups targeted for extinction.

Holocaust Mentality

The phrase "Never again!" urges us never to let mankind sink again to such depths of violent depravity. And we must appreciate the forces that, with God's intervention, wrested Europe from the depths of despair, saving millions more from gruesome deaths. It seems

inconceivable that our world could ever experience another Holocaust. But we should not be so sure! The Holocaust is past, but the “Holocaust mentality” has not been extinguished, a truth that the horrific violence in places such as Cambodia and Rwanda makes clear. By understanding that mentality in the past, we may be better able to recognize it in our future—or indeed in precursors showing even in present times.

So, why did Adolf Hitler and those who supported him come to think the way they did? What factors contributed to their mentality’s development and “success”? And do we see any evidence of such thinking today? Most important, what does God have to say about this in the pages of the Bible?

And, from that perspective, what lies ahead? Will we see another Holocaust in the years to come? Are we sowing its seeds even now? Some of what follows may well shock you to your core.

Here’s a clue from a Holocaust survivor. Primo Levi, an Italian chemist and writer who spent a year in Auschwitz, said, “It happened, therefore it can happen again: this is the core of what we have to say. It can happen, and it can happen everywhere.” He also said, “Auschwitz is outside of us, but it is all around us, in the air. The plague has died away, but the infection still lingers and it would be foolish to deny it.”

Anatomy of Genocide

Hitler’s genocidal policy shouldn’t have surprised anyone. In his book *Mein Kampf* (“My Struggle”), he made anti-Semitism his defining political ideology, fulminating against Jews as the enemies of Germany. He presented himself as a messiah-like figure who alone was able to provide the leadership that could “save” the German nation.

Nazi anti-Semitism tried to put a modern face on ancient anti-Semitism while taking it to new depths. Nazi ideology held that Jews were not mere enemies; they were subhuman, often characterized as “vermin” who would prevent Germany from rising unless they were destroyed. Yet few today realize that the racial hatred at the core of Nazi ideology was based on evolutionary theory. After all, they reasoned, if life developed through the survival of the fittest, as Charles Darwin’s *On the Origin of Species* had proclaimed in 1859, then the fittest human beings were the natural leaders of society, having no need for a God who was

absent from the evolutionary process. Indeed, German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche had famously proclaimed at the end of that century, “God is dead.”

And without God, mankind is not accountable for its sins—indeed, there *are* no sins! Historian Martin Gilbert captured these powerful words from Auschwitz survivor Hugo Gryn:

If you take the Ten Commandments, from the very first which starts: “I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt”; here you had people [Nazi Germany] who set *themselves* up to be Gods, to be masters of life and death, and who took you *into* Egypt.... In other words you had here an outbreak of the very opposite of everything that civilisation was building towards.... It was a denial of God. It was a denial of man. It was the destruction of the world in miniature form (*The Holocaust: The Human Tragedy*, p. 826).

Not only did Nazism offer an evil inversion of the Ten Commandments; it provided its own millennial vision. Seeking what he called *lebensraum* (“living space”) for Germany, Hitler envisioned Nazi rule expanding across Europe and eventually across the whole world, with subjugated nations under Germany’s control. Few people today remember that Heinrich Himmler, architect of “The Final Solution,” intended Auschwitz to become a “model city” for Germans migrating east after the war. Thousands would live there in a meticulously planned utopian environment. There would be beautiful buildings, roads, parks, and factories.

But the labor to build and sustain all of this would be slave labor provided by subjugated peoples held in work camps nearby. The Nazi dream of a “thousand-year Reich” would be built through a process of unifying the German people in pursuit of their goal, while at the same time desensitizing them to the evil required to achieve that goal. Historian Gilbert describes how this was to be achieved:

It was a process which depended upon the rousing of historic hatreds and ancient prejudice, and upon the cooperation or acquiescence of many different forces: of industry,

science and medicine, of the Civil Service and bureaucracy, and of the most modern mechanisms and channels of communication.

It depended also upon collaborators from countries far beyond the German border; and it depended most of all, one survivor has remarked, “upon the indifference of bystanders in every land” (Gilbert, p. 18).

This is 80-year-old history, but can we see how such thinking never really went away after World War II? Much of it is endemic to human nature, and in fact was imported from outside Germany in the first place. Can we look around the world today and deny that we see individuals willing to become collaborators with evil when they believe they can benefit personally yet remain aloof from its consequences? Can we ourselves deny how easy it is to acquiesce to evil, or simply to look away?

The Bible and the Ultimate Solution

We have seen that Nazism—the ideology that brought about the Holocaust and built Auschwitz to help carry out its evil “Final Solution”—was in many ways a Satanic counterfeit. Where the God of the Bible set the Jews apart to demonstrate the blessings of His laws and His ways, Nazism set the Jews apart as special targets for persecution and death. Where God promises utopian peace for those who obey Him, Nazism established dystopian death camps that delivered untold violence and suffering to those who came under their sway.

But will our world ever see such evil again? And will we ever see a time of true peace? Your Bible tells of a coming time at the end of this present age, when unprecedented trouble, or “tribulation,” will engulf our modern world and bring it to the edge of the abyss. The Holocaust brought terror to Europe; the coming tribulation will amount to a holocaust striking the entire planet. Literally billions will die as war, disease, and famine ravage the earth, under the rule of a coming godless government that will persecute God’s people and call evil good. This is the time pictured in your Bible by the ride of the famous four horsemen of the apocalypse (Revelation 6:1–8).

When these horsemen ride, our world will see the rise of another dystopian totalitarianism, starting in



Europe, the last of the prophesied revivals of the Roman Empire. But where Hitler could not extend his rule beyond Europe, the coming dictator will bring the entire world into subjection (Revelation 17:8). His beast-like system will be inspired by Satan, the god of this age (2 Corinthians 4:4). It will reflect the character of its perpetrator: lies (John 8:44), deception (Revelation 12:9), propaganda, enslavement, and violence (Isaiah 14:12–15; Ezekiel 28:14–16) will be its preferred tools. The situation will be so dire that only the returning Jesus Christ will have the power to prevent humanity from destroying itself completely (Matthew 24:21–22). Mercifully, Christ *will* return to overcome this rebellion against God and destroy it (Revelation 17:14).

Before Christ returns, Satan will do his utmost to thwart God’s will and destroy God’s people (Revelation 12:12). But God has His own solution planned for this evil spirit being who has spent millennia stirring humanity toward evil. Satan and his demons will be bound and locked away from all possibility of interference when God’s government reigns over this earth (Revelation 20:1–3).

Eighty years after Satan-inspired anti-Semites enacted their plan to rid the world of the Jewish people, we see that the forces of evil are still at work in various quarters, seeking to confuse, corrupt, and control human society. In a world of deception and misrule, we look forward to the day when God once again announces His presence to the world as He did to Moses: “And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth’” (Exodus 34:6). ^[TW]

Christ Did Rise—But Not on Easter!

Learn the truth, or find yourself with egg on your face.

Every year, billions around the world celebrate the holiday known as Easter. Some families will observe a reverent midnight Mass or a heart-stirring sunrise service. Some children will receive a bunny rabbit as a new pet. Many will celebrate the day with eggs—some colored, others chocolate.

But what does any of this have to do with Jesus Christ's death and resurrection? Very few who celebrate Easter today have any idea of its true origins—or of what God tells His people about using pagan traditions in His worship. Pagan traditions? Did you know that even the very name “Easter” comes from a German fertility goddess known as Ēostre?

Bunnies, Bonnets, and Contradictions

Jesus gave one very specific sign—the “sign of Jonah”—that He said would prove His identity as the prophesied Messiah (Matthew 12:38–40). So, why do millions don their Easter bonnets, roll their Easter eggs, and accept the false traditions of a Good Friday crucifixion and Easter Sunday resurrection?

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A Catastrophic Storm Is Coming!

By **Gerald E. Weston**

My lead article in the July-August 2020 *Tomorrow's World* magazine was titled "A Perfect Storm." If you weren't a subscriber back then, you can read it online at *TomorrowsWorld.org*. I described the convergence of events in Australia, Africa, Europe, and North America that brought disasters to those regions. I pointed out how, in Australia, northern Queensland's seven-year drought ended abruptly with flooding rains that drowned an estimated 600,000 cattle, followed by the hottest and driest year on record, leading to the worst bush fire season in memory—destroying property and killing an estimated billion wild animals. Then, when it seemed things couldn't get any worse, the "black swan" of COVID-19 hit.

This was only one of the "perfect storms" mentioned in the article. Many more have come together in the two years that have followed. David Beasley, former governor of South Carolina and Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme, describes the current food crisis in Afghanistan, which is putting millions at risk in a "perfect storm" of conflict, climate, and COVID-associated problems.

We see the convergence of inflation, worker shortages, and empty shelves, while illegal immigrants flood across an open United States border from around the world, and into Britain from Africa, the Middle East, and East Asia. Additionally, there are three mega-wars brewing in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. One war has already started and, at the time of this printing, we do not know the outcome—who knows what will happen between now and when you are holding this issue in your hands? Will one or more wars break out? As this issue goes to press, Russia has just begun an invasion of Ukraine. How will this draw Europeans together?

And how will other nations' relationships be reshaped by the conflict? Will the COVID plague finally wind down, or will a new virulent variant emerge? How high will inflation rise and how low may our grocery supplies go? One thing is for sure—2022 is shaping up to be just as traumatic as '20 and '21.

But why is all this happening? Where will it end? Is there anyone who can bring peace to our troubled world? We are facing a perfect storm of worldwide proportions, not confined to a specific region or sector. Many see this and are alarmed by what they see. These are not normal times. Yes, there have always been weather upsets, wars, inflation, pandemics, and regional convergences creating perfect storms, but what we see today is a convergence of catastrophic events on a *worldwide scale*. Mankind's problems are spinning out of control—but there is good news at the end of it all.

Where to Place the Blame?

While politicians blame our problems on COVID, the party in power, or the party out of power, it is too often their own misguided policies that are setting the stage for destruction on a global scale. But we must not put all the blame on our leaders. What we see is the result of mankind's foolish rejection of our Creator—which is bringing us to an end-time climactic cataclysm. And behind it all is a being most of mankind fails to recognize, the one the Bible calls "the prince of the power of the air." This "spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience" directs "the course of this world" (Ephesians 2:2). That being is real, and few comprehend the magnitude of his influence. He has masterfully portrayed himself as a pitchfork-carrying, red cartoon character with horns and a long tail—certainly not to be taken seriously by intelligent people. Yet he is the one who broadcasts attitudes of anger, division, hatred, and fear into the minds of unsuspecting humanity. He is a master

“chess player” who knows how to manipulate leaders and the masses.

We at *Tomorrow's World* walk a fine line, avoiding politics while boldly proclaiming the truth. That spirit prince has cleverly mingled morality and truth with politics. Anyone speaking the truth is seen as merely advocating one side of the political aisle or the other—thus, in badly divided countries, half or more of the population immediately tunes out. That is why we receive letters accusing us, sometimes in not such nice terms, of supporting one political party or the other. Yes, we get it from all sides!

Yet we must speak the truth that an open border, with hundreds of thousands of unvetted migrants from all over the world flooding into the U.S., Britain, and various other European countries, will destroy these nations unless halted. It does not matter who the president or national leader may be—a country without a border will cease to be a country if unchecked immigration is allowed to continue. Of course, a compassionate person can hardly find fault with someone fleeing a bad situa-

happening at the same time? In short, why are we seeing the collapse of national and world order?

The British and American peoples have held at bay the worst of nations and men—Napoleon, Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, Tojo—for more than 200 years, and have helped feed and rebuild nations when disasters struck. But, today, American and British order in the world is coming to an end, and we need to know *why*.

Few today realize that the Bible reveals the biblical identity of the British-descended, American, Dutch, Swiss, and French peoples. And it is impossible to understand biblical prophecy—and what it predicts for our world—without understanding this vital key that opens the door to our modern nations' place in that prophecy. That is why our resource *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy* is so important. You can order a copy from your nearest Regional Office, found on page 4 of this magazine, or read it online at TomorrowsWorld.org.

While the modern Israelite countries have overall been a blessing to the world, they have also bullied weaker nations and led the world astray with their cul-

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tion to find a better life for himself and his family—but an unprotected border invites drug smugglers, human traffickers, sexual predators, violent gang members, and terrorists. They also bring new religions and cultures not always in harmony with the countries they are entering.

A Geopolitical Tsunami

But why is this convergence of troubles happening now? Why do we see strident divisions in country after country over illegal immigration, COVID protocols and mandates, school curricula, and even what it means to be male or female? Why do we see the U.S. in serious decline? Why do we see a big-picture geopolitical realignment of nations? Why is our purchasing power in freefall? Why is there violence in our streets, while district attorneys—whose job it is to prosecute criminals—act more like defense attorneys for thugs and conscienceless delinquents? Why is all of this

tural sins. Today, they are at the forefront of exporting an immoral culture to other nations. While long claiming to be Christian nations, they have not always acted Christ-like, and today thrive on being

anything but. Abortion is now the law of the land. God created us male and female, but educational institutions, businesses large and small, and our media—even “conservative” media—almost entirely avoid speaking that obvious truth, not courageous enough to ruffle the feathers of an angry cancel-culture minority. Men claiming to be women compete in women's swimming competitions, even stealing scholarships from those to whom they rightly belong. Meanwhile, the Russians, Chinese, and some African nations understand the difference between male and female and promote masculinity and femininity, truly valuing both men and women. Is it any wonder that Western nations are descending into chaos, toward eventual destruction?

God's Warning

In Leviticus 26, God warns the Israelite nations that if they despise His commandments, “I will even ap-

point terror over you” (v. 16). Consider how our world has changed since 9/11. With hundreds of thousands flooding across America’s southern border, various European borders, or the English Channel every month, how many of these are violent gang members, sex offenders, drug dealers, or committed terrorists? Even if only 1 percent—20,000—of the two million known to have entered America illegally last year are troublemakers, this opens a troublesome door!

The next curse listed is “wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart” (v. 16). Not only are we in a coronavirus pandemic, we also have HIV/AIDS, cancer, and so much more. The fourth of the four horsemen in Revelation pictures pestilence or disease (Revelation 6:8). What we see right now is only a warm-up to what is coming. God will ratchet up the curses and give us time to change—and, if we fail to change, they will come with greater intensity.

Next, God tells us that “you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it” (v. 16). Indeed, American and Canadian family farms are being gobbled up by corporations—and, increasingly, those corporations are headquartered outside North America.

In another variant of land investing that’s become increasingly significant over the past few years, ownership—and control over the land and the food it produces—goes overseas.... Investment in farmland is a key strategy for governments anxious to stabilize their food supply and their food prices. By buying land in other countries and farming it, foreign buyers are able to support their domestic food supply and other markets that depend on agriculture without having to compete for essential products on the global market. Foreign investors will buy several hundred thousand acres, say in Africa, to produce palm oil, rubber, or a biofuel. The deals are typically accompanied by promises of jobs, infrastructure, resource development, or just a jolt for the national economy, but all too often, those promises come to nothing. The local population reaps no benefit, they lose their farming rights, access to water, even their homes (“Who Really Owns American Farmland?” *TheCounter.org*, July 31, 2017).

Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and China are buying land, minerals, and water rights across North America and Africa. The actual percentages for America are still small; foreigners currently own about 2 percent of American farm acreage. But, in times of scarcity, even small percentages can matter—and it is the trajectory that is important. The God of the Bible warns that the American and British-descended peoples will lose control of their own land if they continue to despise His commands.

Furthermore, “I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you” (Leviticus 26:17). The disastrous manner in which the U.S. pulled out of Afghanistan testifies to this prophecy. It can be “spun” differently, but America’s enemies see it only one way—they outlasted and defeated another superpower. America learned what the British and Russians learned previously—Afghanistan is no place to fight a war.

Both the house of Judah (the Jewish people) and the house of Israel (the British-descended and American peoples) were foretold to have great military power “in the last days” (Genesis 49:1, 9, 22–24; Deuteronomy 33:13–17). Today these nations have great pride in their power, but God warns, “I will break the pride of your power” (Leviticus 26:19). Afghanistan is only the beginning. Can we not see the storm spawned by that ill-planned pullout? North Korea is testing missiles again. China is flying jets over Taiwan. The problems between Iran and Israel won’t go away. In late February, Russia launched a violent military assault against the Ukraine—by the time you read this, will the Ukraine have fallen, or will other nations’ military forces have been drawn into an extended conflict? Will Ukrainian resistance persist? Numerous news sources reported in January that Russia will not rule out sending troops to Cuba and Venezuela. What if two or more wars break out at the same time? Would anyone want to be the American president at that moment?

God also declared, “I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze. And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit” (Leviticus 26:19–20). We have all heard about the extensive droughts of the last few years in Australia, the western U.S., and Canada, but how many are aware of the precipitous decline in Florida orange crops over

the last two decades? The drop is due to “citrus greening”—one of the most devastating citrus plant diseases in the world. It is spread by an insect, has no cure, and usually kills the tree within a few years. How devastating has it been to Florida’s orange crops?

Florida is set to produce the smallest number of oranges in more than 75 years since the 1944-1945 season. According to a forecast released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Florida’s \$9 billion industry is set to produce only 44.5 million 90-pound boxes of oranges, which is a 1.5 million box reduction from December. This is in contrast to when Florida produced 244 million boxes of oranges during a single year (“Florida’s Annual Orange Crop Appears to Be Smallest Produced in Over 75 Years,” *NewsWeek.com*, January 19, 2022).

A Watchman’s Warning

With all the bad news, is there any good news? Why, you may wonder, does *Tomorrow’s World* present so much doom and gloom? The answer is found in the Bible. God commands us to tell our world the truth of where our behaviors are leading. God told the prophet Ezekiel that he was to be a watchman to the house of Israel, to warn the Israelites of an impending captivity because of their sins. Do you see the problem? The northern ten tribes of the house of Israel had gone into captivity more than a hundred years *before* Ezekiel wrote! This means that the instruction was given for others to fulfill the watchman’s warning in the far-distant future—at the end of this age. Notice the grave responsibility given: “But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman’s hand” (Ezekiel 33:6).


God instructed the prophet Isaiah, “Cry aloud, spare not; lift up your voice like a trumpet; tell My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins” (Isaiah 58:1). And those who do not know where to find the house of Israel today are not exempt; God says that *any* who see the direction man-

kind is heading must sound a warning. “Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, ‘Surely we did not know this,’ does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?” (Proverbs 24:11–12).

God described what the world would be like at the time of the end, when false religious leaders would tell people what they *want* to hear rather than what they *need* to hear, which is a message of repentance. “Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and note it on a scroll, that it may be for time to come, forever and ever: that this is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of the LORD; who say to the seers, ‘Do not see,’ and to the prophets, ‘Do not prophesy to us right things; speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits. Get out of the way, turn aside from the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us’” (Isaiah 30:8–11).

The Hope for a Better World

Tomorrow’s World will continue to tell the truth to the house of Israel, and to mankind in general—and we will do so hoping that many will change for their good. This is what true love is! “Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful” (Proverbs 27:6). We will also proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ will return soon to save mankind from its insanity. Jesus described the desperate strait we will get ourselves into—the sure destruction of all life on our planet—but He also gave us the assurance that He will intervene to stop this (Matthew 24:21–22).

We will also proclaim the good news (the Gospel) that Jesus came to announce—the coming Kingdom of God on earth (Mark 1:14–15, Luke 4:43). The Bible tells of a thousand-year reign of Christ, when there will be peace, equity, and prosperity for all. We also learn that the true followers of Jesus during this lifetime will rule with Him to help bring this about (Luke 19:11–24; Revelation 5:9–10; 20:4). Imagine having a significant role in solving the problems that exist here on earth! That is the good news that Jesus came to proclaim! 

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THE QUEEN OF MAY

Could many professing Christians be worshipping a pagan goddess?

The May 1 holiday of May Day is primarily celebrated in the Northern Hemisphere. Centuries before modern labor leaders set May 1 aside as “International Workers Day”—a multinational “Labor Day” recognized by much of the world outside the United States—millions of professing Christians, particularly Roman Catholics, were celebrating May 1 as a day giving special honor to Jesus’ mother, Mary, lauded by tradition as the Queen of May.

But was there a “Queen of May” before Mary? If so, who was she? And why do we find her festival observed in so many pre-Christian pagan cultures? Is the festival appropriate for Christians?

Ancient Idols

Many ancient cultures celebrated May 1 as the informal start of the summer season. From an astronomical point of view, it is the halfway point between the mid-March spring equinox and the mid-June summer solstice. In the U.S., May Day has not been embraced with as much fervor as in most English-speaking nations of Europe. The Puritans—among the first European settlers in America—disdained the May Day celebration. Given their dislike of revelry and frivolity, this is no surprise when we consider how the holiday is commonly observed.

At *Almanac.com*, we read that “May Day has a long history and tradition in England, some of which eventually came to America. Children would dance around the Maypole holding onto colorful ribbons. People would ‘bring in the May’ by gathering wild-flowers and green branches, weaving of floral hoops and hair garlands, and crowning a May king and queen. Such rites originally may have been intended to ensure fertility for crops and, by extension, for livestock and humans” (November 12, 2021).

An 1850 essay written by Samuel Taylor Coleridge, an English poet, critic, and philosopher, speaks to the origin of May Day and the Queen of May. Coleridge states, “The leisure days after seed-time had been chosen by our Saxon ancestors... [to have] conventions of the people... [namely]... the Pagan festival of Whitsuntide....”

The essay goes on to state, “Its [the pagan festival’s] original name is Wittentide, the time of choosing

the wits or wise men to the Wittena-gemotte [the assembly of the wise men]. It was consecrated to Hertha, the Goddess of Peace and Fertility.... The vassals met upon the common green around the May-pole, where they elected a village lord, or king, as he was called, who chose his queen” (*Essays on His Own Times*, p. 137).

Modern Counterfeits

The Bible, too, tells us of a goddess-queen of fertility. We read, “Men of Ephesus, what man is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple guardian of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Zeus?” (Acts 19:35).

Who was Diana of the Ephesians? She is known from antiquity as Artemis Ephesia, an Anatolian fertility goddess. From the distant past to modern times, this goddess of fertility has been worshiped under one name or another. Even among many professing

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Christians, the desire to glorify a goddess-queen remains; the Roman church praises Jesus’ mother Mary as “Queen of the Apostles” and even “Queen of Heaven.” In ancient Greece, the month of May was dedicated to Artemis, goddess of fertility. Interestingly, in popular Catholic piety today, May is considered to be Mary’s “coronation month”—a time when she receives special adoration.

Based on their pagan roots, the clear answer as to whether one should observe traditional May Day celebrations must be “No!” God has commanded us to instead keep wonderful Holy Days that are relevant to our day and rich in meaning. They are free from syncretism, pagan tradition, and idolatry.

To learn more about the Holy Days that God set apart for His people, request a free copy of *The Holy Days: God’s Master Plan* along with *Satan’s Counterfeit Christianity*, or go to *TomorrowsWorld.org* to read them online. Both offer insight and understanding vital to your very life in these last days.

—Adam West



The Third Horseman: Unprecedented Famine Ahead

By **Douglas S. Winnail**

Warnings about famine may sound absurd to affluent, overfed nations in Western Europe, North America, and other “First World” regions, where obesity is a growing problem. Yet large segments of the human family suffer daily hunger and starvation as agonizing facts of life. While many religious leaders talk about love, peace, and tolerance, they fail to see—or to understand the significance of—tragic events that were prophesied long ago and are coming alive today.

Jesus Christ warned that, shortly before His prophesied Second Coming, the world would experience increasingly severe famines on a global scale (Matthew 24:3-8; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11). The Apostle John symbolized these famines with his famous third horseman of the apocalypse, a rider on a black horse, carrying a balance scale—an instrument for measuring wheat and other grains for sale (Revelation 6:5-6). These prophesied famines—along with disease, natural disasters, and deadly global warfare—are prophesied to bring about the deaths of one-fourth of the world’s population.

To many modern ears, this may sound like morbid science fiction or the scare tactics of an alarmist. This is a subject that trendy, “feel-good Christianity” does not like to talk about. For many in the developed Western nations, “food scarcity” today is little more than a supply chain issue that means there is only one cut of meat in the supermarket display, or that there are five kinds of rice available instead of ten. And even to the

extent there is a problem, few connect it with the words of Scripture.

But the truth should sober us. Actual global conditions show that our world is beginning to resemble what the Bible has long foretold. For decades, Western relief agencies and the United Nations directed most of their food relief efforts toward famines across Africa. Yet in more recent years, food insecurity has spread to other regions. Earlier this year, the U.N. called world attention to severe food shortages affecting populations in Afghanistan, Haiti, and Yemen (“Food insecurity soaring across 20 hunger hotspots,” *News.UN.org*, January 27, 2022).

Famine Will Come West

It is sobering to realize that biblical prophecy warns of severe food shortages developing in more affluent Western countries. Long ago, God told the rebellious house of Israel that “one-third of you shall die of the pestilence, and be consumed with famine in your midst; and one-third shall fall by the sword [war] all around you; and I will scatter another third to all the winds” (Ezekiel 5:12). The lack of rain and ensuing drought will be major factors contributing to this dire situation (Leviticus 26:19-20; Deuteronomy 28:23-24).

Widespread drought and lack of rain are not the only causes of modern famines. Severe or erratic weather, related to climate phenomena such as El Niño or La Niña, can bring torrential rains, freezes, and tornadoes that damage crops and create food shortages. Wars that drive farmers off the land reduce food

production, disrupt distribution systems, and destroy stored food. Political opponents are often deprived access to food supplies. Access to arable land has become a tool for political influence in some troubled countries, with favored parties or groups gaining access denied to opponents.

Structural changes foisted on debtor nations by the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund also generate famine conditions in segments of society. Nations that are “encouraged” to grow cash crops for exports, instead of raising food, often become unable to feed themselves. The displacement of rural subsistence farmers by large corporations also sends many into poverty and starvation.

While political and social battles continue over “climate change”—disputing whether recent climate extremes are just part of a natural cycle or have been worsened by mankind’s poor stewardship over the planet—the costs of environmental deterioration are severe and must eventually be paid! Fish stocks in the world’s oceans are in serious decline, devastated by modern factory-fishing techniques. Meat is becoming more and more expensive to produce, leading to the burst of interest in “plant-based” replacements that are being pushed by environmentalists, as well as by the multinational corporations seeking to profit from the crisis.

Misguided government policies, amplified by drought, have caused devastating famines in the past—and, as prophesied, they continue to do so today, with signs that famines will worsen. The Ukraine in 1932–33 saw an estimated five million farmers die because of famine brought about by Soviet leader Joseph Stalin’s policy of forced collectivization of farmlands. And how many Ukrainians may die even this year because of food disruptions brought about by Russia’s invasion? An estimated 30 million Chinese starved for some of the same reasons during their nation’s “Great Leap Forward” in the late 1950s. Though it is impossible to get a reliable figure from the tightly controlled state, some observers estimate that more than three million North Koreans died between 1994 and 1998 because of their government’s draconian policies.


So, we should not take it lightly that, in our present day, the European Union wants to maintain central control of Europe’s food supplies—agriculture, fisheries, food processing, and distribution—which could have sobering consequences.

Prophesied Disaster Ahead

When God brought the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses prophesied that if they obeyed the laws of God they would be blessed with “rain in due season” and abundant crops, but if they ignored the laws of God, He would “break the pride of your power” by making “your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze” so that “your land shall not yield its produce” and disease epidemics would afflict their flocks and herds (Leviticus 26:14–22).

God also warned that, because of disobedience, “you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it” and that God would “cut off your supply of bread” (Leviticus 26:16, 26). God later warned the Israelites that in addition to crop damage by drought and insects, “you shall be only oppressed and plundered continually” and your flocks and herds will be “violently taken away from before you” and “given to your enemies... a nation whom you have not known shall eat the fruit of your land... you shall be driven mad because of the sight which your eyes see” (Deuteronomy 28:23–42).

What God foretold is beginning to happen today, to Britain and to other modern descendants of Israel in Europe and South Africa, bringing to mind Ezekiel’s prophetic warning, “When I send against them the terrible arrows of famine... and cut off your supply of food...” (Ezekiel 5:14–17). God has warned His rebellious children, “I will heap disasters on them... they shall be wasted with hunger” (Deuteronomy 32:23–24).

The third horseman heralds the coming of a time of famine more severe than our world has ever witnessed before. As the modern descendants of ancient Israel have largely rejected God’s law and have jumped enthusiastically onto a moral “toboggan slide” to decay, God’s punishment is imminent, as He uses not just the weather but also the greed of modern secular mankind to set into motion a prophesied time of famine that would bring the world to ruin and utter destruction were it not for the return of Jesus Christ to save us from ourselves. To learn more about the third horseman and his ride, as well as the other horsemen that warn of crises ahead, request our free booklet *Prophecy Fulfilled: God’s Hand in World Affairs*. 

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Judging Well

If there is one core value that permeates culture today, it's captured in these two words: "Don't judge." Or, if you'd like the three-word version, "You do you." In other words, "I won't judge your lifestyle, so *don't judge mine*." This can almost sound biblical. For example, Jesus Christ instructed His disciples, "Judge not, that you be not judged" (Matthew 7:1). And, of course, there *are* decisions in life that can be harmlessly left to personal preference. But does Christ's message really make room for the idea that we should reject any moral standard except our own?

No, not really. In fact, under the guise of wise-sounding slogans, popular culture has vilified one of the most important skills that a parent could teach a son or daughter—the ability to judge words, actions, ideas, and behaviors by comparing them to the inspired word of God.

A Heart to Judge

When young King Solomon first sat on the throne of Israel, he had no illusions about his inexperience and inadequacy. When God appeared to him in a dream and said, "Ask! What shall I give you?", Solomon sought "an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may be able to discern between good and evil" (1 Kings 3:5, 9). He recognized that to be successful as king, he would need to draw wise conclusions. He'd also need discernment to understand his subjects, and he knew he would need God's help to make judgments.

Much later, Solomon counseled his son to learn the same skills as a pathway to success. He prepared a book of wise sayings, with the goal that readers would "know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words

of understanding, to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion" (Proverbs 1:2-4).

Discretion requires an awareness of what does and does not align with God's character. Solomon wrote, "My son, if sinners entice you, *do not consent*. If they say, 'Come with us, let us lie in wait to shed blood; let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause...' (Proverbs 1:10-11). If young people don't learn to judge, to recognize evil for what it is, they expose themselves to bad influences and potential danger.

The Standard

A fundamental flaw of our modern age is the arrogant notion that morality is only a matter of human opinion. The "don't judge me" or "you do you" attitude has at its core a fist-shaking defiance of God's supreme authority to dictate what we should do and think.

Author Colson Whitehead captured this mindset well in his column titled, "How 'You Do You' Perfectly Captures Our Narcissistic Culture."

Wherever you hail from, you'll recognize "You do you" and "Do you" as contemporary versions of that lifeaffirming chestnut "Just be yourself." ... You've also come across that expression's siblings, like the defensive, arms-crossed "Haters gonna hate" or the perpetually shrugging "It is what it is." Like black holes, they are inviolable. All criticism is destroyed when it hits the horizon of their circular logic, and not even light can escape their immense

gravity. In a world where the selfie has become our dominant art form, tautological phrases like “You do you” and its tribe provide a philosophical scaffolding for our ever-evolving, ever more complicated narcissism (*New York Times*, March 31, 2015).

By contrast, when we teach our children God’s rules for life—“you do God” instead of “you do you”—we give them the correct basis for making good judgments for what they see around them, and we also teach them that human opinion is not supreme.

Recognizing What We Don’t Know

John’s gospel tells us that many of Christ’s contemporaries thought He was a deceiver. Some even said He had a demon. They drew their mistaken conclusions because they did not understand how to apply God’s laws pertaining to the Sabbath. By healing a man on the Sabbath, Christ had become, in their eyes, a Sabbath-breaker. How did He respond? He told them, “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment” (John 7:24). Christ’s enemies did not understand who He was, nor that they were dealing with the One who could explain how to apply the Sabbath perfectly.

How many times do we jump to conclusions about situations or people when we don’t really know all the facts? Wise Solomon reminded his son, “The first one to plead his cause seems right, until his neighbor comes and examines him” (Proverbs 18:17). Teaching our children the skill to recognize right from wrong—but also to acknowledge that they may not see the whole picture—prepares them to exercise caution in drawing conclusions.

Evaluation, Not Condemnation

Another key is found in Matthew 7. In this passage, Christ addressed the attitude of self-importance and vanity. He said, “Judge not that you be not judged” (v. 1). Elaborating on that command, He explained that “with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye?” (Matthew 7:2–4).

Jesus went on to say, “Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine” (v. 6). Of course, He was not talking about literal dogs or pigs; He was describing people who would not appreciate gems of wisdom and understanding given by God. But we cannot recognize such people unless we develop the skill to evaluate the difference between good and evil. Jesus was illustrating the difference between judgment and condemnation—while He commands us to evaluate behaviors “with righteous judgment” (John 7:24), He warns that we are not to take this too far by condemning others in our words or thoughts, lest we also be condemned.

Jesus was also teaching us the importance of humility. Paul addressed the same attitude in Galatians 6:

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another (vv. 1–4).

Teach Good Judgment

Part of our job as parents is to teach our children to discern right from wrong—sometimes in the lives of others, but mainly in themselves. Seeing others do and say wrong things should *not* make them feel superior, but neither should they blind themselves to the reality that there *is* right and wrong, good and evil. And that requires them to make a judgment about what they see and hear.

Every day, our children face intense, relentless pressure to conform to cultural norms at odds with the inspired word of God. But they also face a more subtle pressure. That pressure is “acceptance.” Accepted worldly wisdom says, “Don’t judge” and “You do you,” defining all forms of speech and behavior as morally equal. By osmosis, our children can absorb this mindset, as can we. But if we train them to be wise and discerning, looking to God for understanding, they will learn to see through this delusion. They will learn to judge well.

—Jonathan McNair

A Philosophy Reflected in Society

There is a direct connection between the kind of thinking and reasoning that we see in multiverse theories and the deterioration into immorality and irrationality we see in society around us. The Apostle Paul warned us that denying the evidence of God imprinted on the universe would result in a world we would not want to live in. Decrying those who see the evidence of God's existence but refuse to accept it, he noted the confusion, irrationality, and depravity that inevitably result from their purposeful ignorance.

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them (Romans 1:28–32).

Only the willfully blind cannot see those conditions developing in our civilization today. Many are so desperate to avoid the conclusion that God exists, even when evidence of His providential hand is staring us in the face, that they will go to whatever lengths are necessary to reimagine existence without Him.

In cosmology, that sort of thinking leads to the irrational chaos of the multiverse. In society, it leads to the growing chaos we see around us every day. Rejecting a divine Designer lets us reimagine marriage as whatever we want it to be and deny that our gender is tied to our biology. It lets us justify murdering children in their mothers' wombs. It lets monstrous ideologies call an entire race or nation "subhuman" to excuse genocide.

Sadly, it seems scientists and social engineers have a great deal in common; they will believe what-

ever fantasy they must believe in order to pretend that there is no God by whom they will one day be held accountable.

The Road Home: Embracing Reality

But we need not embrace the chaos. Gullible belief in the multiverse is not a requirement. Willful ignorance of reality is an obligation placed on no one.

In one sense, it doesn't even matter whether God has created other universes; we are *here*, and we have the God-given ability to recognize the hand of the Creator in His creation (Romans 1:20). Scripture does not tell us that the truth of our world is accessible only to the minds of the finest scientists who can construct the most convoluted theories. Rather, it reminds us of the simplicity that is in Christ (2 Corinthians 11:3). God tells us that He has revealed His truth to "babes" (Matthew 11:25). We may marvel at the sheer creativity shown by those mathematicians, physicists, and philosophers who have gone to such elaborate lengths to explain reality while excluding God, but we should follow the actual principles of science and recognize that the simplest and most straightforward explanation is the correct one: There is a God who created our universe.

Science fiction and fantasy will continue to tell fantastic stories, some illustrated by intricate special effects, portraying imaginary worlds and fanciful versions of our own world. But we should not confuse such tale-telling for any semblance of reality, even when the line between scientists and storytellers is increasingly blurred.

Yes, the truth is simple and remarkable, and it is broadcast by all of creation: God exists. His hand is abundantly evident to those who are willing to see it. The fact that our universe—the universe we can see and touch, the only one we know is *real*—appears to be handcrafted for us to live in and learn about is no surprise to those who know their Creator lives. In fact, He makes Himself and His role in our existence plain in the pages of Scripture: "For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens, who is God, who formed the earth and made it, who has established it, who did not create it in vain, who formed it to be inhabited: 'I am the LORD, and there is no other'" (Isaiah 45:18). ^{Tw}

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Is the cross really a Christian symbol?

Question: It seems like every Christian I know wears a necklace with a cross on it or has a cross-shaped bumper sticker on their car—so I’m surprised that you don’t use any cross imagery in your magazine. Why not?

Answer: While it is true that the cross has long been held as the quintessential icon of traditional Christianity, the symbol was in use long before Christianity, and with a very different meaning. Nowhere in the Bible do we find the cross or crucifix considered to be an object or symbol to be carried, worn, worshiped, or otherwise associated with those claiming to follow Christ. History and archaeology are also largely silent on this point, with many accounts concerning the cross and its use appearing only in apocryphal writings or historical sources written several centuries after Jesus’ death.

In fact, though most people assume that Jesus Christ was nailed to a cross with the t-shape we so commonly see today, the Bible contains no description of the actual wooden stake to which He was nailed. The word used in the Bible is *stauros* (cf. Matthew 27:32; Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26; John 19:17), which simply meant an upright pole, a stake, or even a tree. The Romans used several variants of these to execute those they condemned.

Historical Representations


History shows us that the symbol of the cross predated Christianity, and variants of it appear in pagan art and religion dating back to very ancient times. For example, the British Museum holds an Assyrian statue of King Shamshi-Adad V wearing a near-perfect Maltese cross. Greek gods like Diana and Bacchus have been depicted with crosses and Diana shares much in common with later medieval portrayals of the Virgin Mary.

Across the globe, from Latin America to Egypt and Asia, crosses in the form of the ancient Egyptian ankh, upright crucifixes, and even swastika-like symbols have been found, and one letter of the Semitic alphabet even appears as a cross, dating to about 1500 BC. Yet none of these are associated with the worship practiced by the earliest faithful Christians.

The first *official* “Christian” use of the cross may be dated as late as 312 AD, under the rule of Constantine, the pagan Emperor of Rome. Constantine claimed to have had a vision of some type of cross—likely the Chi Rho, which superimposed onto each other the first two letters of the Greek word *Christos* (ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ). He claimed that the vision commanded him to place that symbol on his armies’ battle flags when they went out *to conquer his enemies*. In what seems to have been a politically motivated move to take control of the increasingly popular apostate “Christianity” in Rome at the time, Constantine used this symbol to associate himself with divinity and to make his version of Christianity the state religion of the Roman Empire (“Cross, Crucify,” *Vine’s Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*). Even the Chi Rho cross, however, had ties to ancient pagan sources, and is found on coins issued by Egyptian ruler Ptolemy III Euergetes in the third century BC. There is no historical or archaeological evidence that the symbol was in use by professing Christians before the fourth century.

In Exodus 20:3–5, God specifically commands His people not to bow down before a carved image—a warning ignored by those who genuflect before a crucifix in their religious observance. This instruction is reemphasized in the New Testament, where the Apostle John exhorts Christians to “keep yourselves from idols” (1 John 5:21).

So, what should Christians do? We should acknowledge that no description is found in the Bible of the specific type of *stauros* or cross used in Christ’s crucifixion, and realize that Christ wants us to focus on the meaning of His sacrifice, what He is doing right now, and why He is doing it. The fact that the traditional cross came out of pagan religion should give us pause.

And the cross is not the only unchristian aspect of popular “Christianity.” To learn more about how mainstream religion has distorted and even abandoned many teachings of Christ and His Father, request a free copy of *Satan’s Counterfeit Christianity*, or read it online at TomorrowsWorld.org. 

E.U. Seeks Power to Restrict Trade

The European Union has drafted a law that will allow “Brussels to impose economic pain—ranging from trade and investment restrictions to sanctions on intellectual property rights—on any country that has sought to economically blackmail the EU” (*Politico*, December 6, 2021). This law will be the EU’s biggest foreign policy advance in decades. It will provide the European Commission with power to enact trade sanctions without specific approval of EU member states—essentially giving the EU’s executive branch far greater autonomy and far less oversight by member states. Ultimately, it will reduce the power of member states and shift more power to the EU.

This new law is intended to be defensive in that the goal is to protect EU member states that may be attacked by trade sanctions from without. However, any defensive tool can also be used offensively; many nations have used similar tools to throw their political and economic weight around.

What is the potential significance of this new EU law? Scripture provides unique insight. The Bible reveals that a European “beast” power will rise at the end of the age, wielding not only unstoppable military power, but also immense economic power (see Revelation 18). It will enrich itself and enable other na-

tions to become rich through trade—potentially by using trade-related tools like the currently proposed law. This law, should it pass, could aid the rise of this future European “beast.”

Wars Ahead on Three Fronts?

Respected columnist Ambrose Evans-Prichard recently wrote that “the world is at the most dangerous strategic juncture since the Cuban missile crisis in 1962. The West faces escalating threats of conflict on three fronts, each separate but linked by unknown levels of collusion: Russia’s mobilization of a strike force on Ukraine’s border, China’s ‘dress rehearsal’ for an attack on Taiwan, and Iran’s nuclear brinkmanship” (*Telegraph*, December 9, 2021).

As Russian troops have invaded Ukraine, and China rattles sabers against Taiwan, some experts fear the two nations may try to coordinate their attacks, thus splitting Western powers on two simultaneous fronts. Whether this will occur remains to be seen. While presidents Biden and Putin recently spoke, no doubt in an effort to try to lower the growing tensions, some have accused Europe of lacking the drive to stand up to Russia (*Politico*, December 7, 2021). Germany has responded by authorizing \$113 billion to be spent on building its army—a shocking and unprecedented action for Germany in the post-war era (*BBC*, February 27, 2022).



On a third front, the situation with Iran is sobering. Experts believe Iran will soon have weapons-grade plutonium and already has the missiles to use it.

With the United States preoccupied by internal strife, Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has pushed Germany to militarize more rapidly, and the weakness they see in their global opponents may encourage China and Russia to seek closer coordination in their challenges to Western powers. World events are heating up, and “wars and rumors of wars,” which Jesus Christ said in Matthew 24:4–8 must precede His coming, are becoming very real. But there is much more to come.

Hunger Rising in Latin America and Caribbean

According to the United Nations, “Tens of millions are going hungry in Latin America and the Caribbean as the Covid-19 pandemic sharpens a regional malnutrition crisis to its worst levels in decades” (*CNN*, November 30, 2021). From

2019 to 2020, rates of hunger in the region rose by 30 percent. Lockdowns and loss of jobs have limited people’s ability to obtain food, with women going hungry at greater rates than men. In Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador, nearly half the population is in a state of food insecurity. A third of Argentina’s population is hungry, and analysts fear the impact of another round of hyperinflation. This crisis has been building for years due to many factors, including political instability (*Bloomberg*, November 30, 2021).

In Latin America and the Caribbean, nearly 40 percent of the population—267 million people—experienced moderate to severe food insecurity in 2020 (*Al Jazeera*, November 30, 2021). Around the world, according to a July 2021 report by Oxfam International, eleven people die every minute from hunger! And “the number of people facing famine-like conditions has increased by six times over the past year.”

Today, many people live with excess even as many more are starving. Many world leaders vie for power and

control while their citizens suffer. Thankfully, the Bible foretells a coming time when food insecurity and starvation will be a thing of the past—yet this will not come as a result of human efforts, but only with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. His return to set up the Kingdom of God on earth will bring an end to suffering.

Fertilizer Costs and Food Shortages

The costs of fertilizer have roughly tripled since last year, which has serious implications for world food production (*Fortune*, November 4, 2021). According to the CEO of a large Norwegian fertilizer producer, “The world is facing the prospect of a dramatic shortfall in food production as rising energy prices cascade through global agriculture.” He predicted very low crop yields in the next harvest cycle and noted that “the delayed effects of the energy crisis on food security could mimic the chip shortage crisis.”

As reported by many news outlets, rapidly rising energy prices across the globe are putting upward pressure on the price of farm-produced goods. Rising energy prices make it more expensive to dry and preserve foods, produce packaged food, and bring food to market. Floods and fires have also impacted food prices. In China, flooding and high energy costs have reduced crop yields. As costs increase and fertilizers become scarce, food production rates will drop off further. Add natural disasters and the derailment of fertilizer-carrying trains to the mix and the situation becomes grave. While the farm industry has learned how to increase crop yields to feed greater numbers of people, fertilizer has been a key ingredient in making this possible. Without fertilizer, crop yields will drop, and people will go hungry. As an American investigative journalist once noted, “There are only nine meals between mankind and anarchy.”



A protest in The Hague, Netherlands, against government COVID-19 policies, on November 7, 2021.

Bible prophecy predicts devastating food scarcity at the end of the age that will contribute to the deaths of hundreds of millions of people (Mark 13:8; Revelation 6:7–8).

COVID Riots Rock Europe

As a reaction to nationwide lockdowns and isolation of the unvaccinated, COVID-19 riots began to erupt late last year across Europe. Riot police in Brussels “were forced to use water cannon and tear gas as peaceful demonstrations turned violent” (*Telegraph*, November 22, 2021). Netherlands police opened fire on a crowd, wounding four. Austria, Italy, Croatia, Denmark, and Switzerland also experienced demonstrations by citizens who see these aggressive restrictions as governmental overreach.

National governments point to rising COVID-19 rates and struggling health care systems as justification for extreme measures. Germany

is debating forced vaccination of all citizens. Slovakia announced a “lockdown for the unvaccinated” (*Euronews*, November 19, 2021). On France’s Caribbean island of Guadeloupe, riots continued for days and caused road and travel closures across the island (*AP*, November 21, 2021).

Yet, COVID-related unrest is just one of Europe’s current ills. Analysts warn that Europe has entered a new stage of instability. “Accumulating external threats and internal divisions, coupled with a weakening US security alliance, relentless Russian subversion” (*The Guardian*, November 21, 2021). A power vacuum is growing, and Bible prophecy foretells a coming time when ten leaders in Europe will give their power over to one strong leader (Revelation 17:12–13). We are watching the continent descend into a type of chaos that will eventually see a temporary reprieve as Europe’s prophesied rise comes to pass. TW

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Please accept my many thanks for your informative publications. I like to check what you say with the Bible. I can see the world turning more and more sinful with accepting “gay marriage” [and] transvestites and the effect they are having on the young generation. As you know, that’s only the tip of the iceberg. I am 77 years young and live alone—not really, I live with Jesus through my Bible study plus an array of books to give me a clearer understanding of Bible times. So, once again, I say “thank you.”

—Subscriber in Tasmania

I just finished reading *Satan’s Counterfeit Christianity* and I feel I need to reread it a few more times. Thank you for producing this content. I sincerely thank you! Almost everyone around me isn’t acting on any deep sense of “chasing” God. They are walking in this world like it is all just another day. Even my pastor just seems so passive, positive but passive, and not supporting anyone who needs a religious exemption. Thank you for sounding the Shofar!

—Subscriber in Illinois

Her majesty has set such a good example on family life and duty. I was brought up together with my brother and sister in a [Church of England] family as were Prince Charles and Prince Andrew in Her Majesty’s family. But, very sadly, the two princes and my family members suffered from the same type of immorality which occurs with [many] Anglicans. It seems to boil down to a nominal type of Christianity which is practised rather than the actual integrity of biblical Christianity. But I’m continually praying that the actual high standards of biblical Christianity will be re-established again in this country.

—Subscriber in the United Kingdom

Mr. Smith, your article entitled “The Credibility Crisis” was well written, documented, and most helpful! Your explanation made clear that trust is being torn down and [gave] great examples of how this is happening. There are many more positive things regarding your article, but I’ll summarize: great article!

—Subscriber in Kentucky

Please don’t send me your magazine anymore. I ripped up the latest edition after reading “The Credibility Crisis.” Donald Trump did NOT divide the country for four years. The liberal media did. Trump was a godsend. He wasn’t a globalist in favor of the NWO [New World Order] so they demonized him for four years and continue to do so even today. You can keep your magazine and shove it right up your [expletive deleted] you [expletives deleted]!

—Subscriber in New Hampshire

Editor’s Note: We realize that several causes contribute to a divided nation, as our article “The Credibility Crisis” documents. At Tomorrow’s World, we do not take political sides—even in today’s world where having no political allegiance seems to offend just as many as having one does. Rest assured, Tomorrow’s World has no political loyalties and will continue to publish the truth of God’s word—without apology—regardless of how unpopular telling the truth becomes and regardless of the increasing sensitivities of the world in which we live. We appreciate the patience of our readers who look past our human imperfections to the spiritual truths we are privileged to preach, and we appreciate, as well, the humility of those readers who are able to set aside their own sensitivities and biases to consider what God seeks to show them. Such patience and humility is rare in the world today, but is needed more than ever.

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AUSTRALIA

Nationwide 7TWO SU 7:00 a.m.
Nationwide SCIO SU 7:30 a.m.

BARBADOS

St. Michael CBC 8 SU 2:00 p.m.

JAMAICA

Kingston TVJ SU 7:00 a.m.

NEW ZEALAND

Nationwide TVNZ2 SU 5:00 a.m.
Nationwide TVNZ2 +1 SU 6:00 a.m.

PHILIPPINES

Nationwide TV5 MO 11:30 p.m.

SOUTH AFRICA

Nationwide CTV/SA SU 11:00 a.m.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Nationwide CNC3-TV SU 8:00 a.m.

UK & NW EUROPE

WORD (TWN) Sky TV 590 SU 11:00 a.m.
Sky TV 590 SU 12:30 a.m.
Sky TV 590 FR 12:00 a.m.



CANADA

Nationwide Networks (All times Eastern)

Vision SA 3:30 a.m.

FAITH TV SU 5:30 p.m.
MO-FR 10:30 p.m.
TU 5:00 p.m.

CHNU MO-FR 10:00 p.m.

CTV (Maritimes) SU 7:30 a.m.

CTV (Alberta) SU 1:30 p.m.

V-Télé (en français) SU 6:30 a.m.

UNITED STATES

Nationwide Networks (All times Eastern)

Circle TV SU 8:00 a.m.

The CW Plus SU 8:00 a.m.
MO 2:00 a.m.

Binge SU 9:00 a.m.

getTV SU 7:00 a.m.

Impact TV SU 11:00 p.m.
MO 10:30 p.m.

NewsNation (formerly WGN) SU 6:00 a.m.
WE 4:00 a.m.

The Word Network SU 6:00 a.m.
SU 7:30 p.m.
FR 7:00 p.m.

The Walk TV SU 10:30 a.m.

Z Living SU 8:30 a.m.

DISH Network* (All times Eastern)

Impact Ch. 268 SU 11:00 p.m.
MO 10:30 p.m.

DIRECTV* (All times Eastern)

World Ch. 373 SU 6:00 a.m.
SU 7:30 p.m.
FR 7:00 p.m.

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AK Anchorage KYUR SU 6:00 a.m.

Fairbanks KATN SU 7:00 a.m.

Juneau KJUD SU 6:00 a.m.

AL Birmingham WABM SU 10:00 a.m.

Dothan WTVY (CW) SU 7:00 a.m.

Huntsville WHDF SU 7:30 a.m.

Huntsville WAMY SU 9:30 a.m.

Montgomery WBMM (CW) SU 7:00 a.m.

Opelika WLIZ SU 7:30 a.m.

AR El Dorado KNOE SU 7:00 a.m.

Fayetteville KHOG SU 7:00 a.m.

Fort Smith KHBS SU 7:00 a.m.

Jonesboro KAIT SU 7:00 a.m.

AZ Tucson KMSB SU 8:30 a.m.

Yuma KEYC (CW) SU 9:00 a.m.

CA Bakersfield KGET (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

Chico KHSL (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

El Centro Eureka KECA-LD/KVIQ (CW) SU 9:00 a.m.

Monterey KION (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

Palm Springs KCWQ (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

Sacramento Sacramento Faith TV SU 3:30 p.m.

Salinas KION (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

San Francisco BAVC (Public Access) WE 8:00 a.m.

San Luis Obispo KSBY (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

Santa Barbara KSBY (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

Santa Maria KSBY (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

CO Colorado Springs KXTU SU 10:30 a.m.

Grand Junc. KJCT (CW) SU 7:00 a.m.

CT Hartford WWLP (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

DC Washington DC WDCA SU 7:30 a.m.

DE Harrington WMDT (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

FL Ft. Lauderdale WBFS SU 6:30 a.m.

Gainesville WCJB SU 6:00 a.m.

Gainesville WCJB (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

Jacksonville WCWJ SU 6:30 a.m.

Miami WBFS SU 6:30 a.m.

Panama City WJHG (CW) SU 7:00 a.m.

Tallahassee WTLF SU 8:00 a.m.

Tampa Bay WTOG SU 8:00 a.m.

GA Albany WALB (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

Albany WALB SU 11:00 a.m.

Augusta WAGT (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

Columbus WLTX SU 7:30 a.m.

Thomasville WTLF (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

IA Des Moines KCWI SU 7:00 a.m.

ID Boise KYUU SU 7:00 a.m.

Idaho Falls KIFI SU 7:00 a.m.

IL Chicago WJYS SU 8:00 a.m.

Moline Mediacom MO 5:00 p.m.

Peoria WHOI SU 7:00 a.m.

Quincy WQEM SU 7:00 a.m.

IN Fort Wayne WPTA SU 7:30 a.m.

Fort Wayne Comcast SU 9:00 a.m.

KS Parsons TWPAP WE 7:00 p.m.

Wichita KSCW-TV 33 SU 11:00 a.m.

KY Bowling Green WBKO SU 7:00 a.m.

Latonia PEG WE 6:30 p.m.

Latonia PEG TH 10:00 p.m.

Lexington WTVQ SU 7:00 a.m.

Lexington Insight Various

Louisville WBNA SU 9:30 a.m.

LA Alexandria KBCA SU 7:00 a.m.

Alexandria KLAX SU 9:30 a.m.

Baton Rouge WBRZ SU 10:00 a.m.

Lafayette KATC SU 7:00 a.m.

Lake Charles KVHP SU 9:30 a.m.

Monroe KNOE SU 7:00 a.m.

New Orleans WNOL SU 7:00 a.m.

Shreveport KSHV SU 10:00 a.m.

West Monroe KMCT SU 6:00 a.m.

MA Boston WSBK SU 8:30 a.m.

Springfield WWLP SU 7:00 a.m.

ME El Dorado WABI SU 8:00 a.m.

Presque Isle WBPQ SU 8:00 a.m.

MI Alpena WBAE SU 8:00 a.m.

Lansing WLAJ SU 11:00 a.m.

Marquette WBKP SU 8:00 a.m.

MN Cloquet MEDCLO SU 8:00 a.m.

Duluth KDLH SU 7:00 a.m.

Minneapolis MTN TH 12:00 a.m.

Minneapolis NWCT SU 8:00 a.m.

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St. Paul KTTC SU 7:00 a.m.

Rochester CTV SU 7:00 a.m.

Roseville CTV SU 7:00 a.m.

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St. Paul Nhd. Network SU 7:00 a.m.

MO Columbia KOMU SU 8:30 a.m.

Joplin KFJX SU 8:30 a.m.

Kansas City KCWE SU 7:30 a.m.

St. Louis KPLR SU 6:30 a.m.

MS Biloxi WXXV SU 7:00 a.m.

Columbus WCBI SU 7:00 a.m.

Greenwood WBWO SU 7:00 a.m.

Jackson Spectrum SU 10:00 a.m.

Jackson Spectrum WE 4:00 p.m.

Meridian WTKO SU 7:00 a.m.

MT Billings KTVQ SU 7:00 a.m.

Butte KBZK SU 7:00 a.m.

Butte KXLF SU 7:00 a.m.

Glendive KRTV SU 7:00 a.m.

Great Falls KMTF SU 7:00 a.m.

Helena KPAX SU 7:00 a.m.

NC Charlotte WAXN SU 9:00 a.m.

Charlotte WMYT SU 8:30 a.m.

Greenville WNCN SU 8:00 a.m.

Hickory WHKY MO 7:30 p.m.

Raleigh WRZA SU 7:30 a.m.

ND Bismarck KXMA CW2 SU 7:00 a.m.

Fargo KJXB CW SU 7:00 a.m.

NM Albuquerque KBWB SU 8:00 a.m.

Albuquerque KCHF MO 7:30 p.m.

Albuquerque KCHF FR 9:00 p.m.

Santa Fe KCHF MO 7:30 a.m.

Santa Fe KCHF FR 9:00 p.m.

NV Reno KREN SU 8:00 a.m.

NY Albany-Troy Spectrum MO 3:00 p.m.

Binghamton Spectrum WE 10:00 p.m.

Binghamton Spectrum FR 8:00 p.m.

Binghamton Spectrum SU 8:00 a.m.

Brooklyn WBNG MO 4:30 p.m.

Canandaigua Finger Lakes SU 11:30 a.m.

Elmira WENY SU 8:00 a.m.

Oneida Access TH 2:00 p.m.

Oneida Access TH 7:00 p.m.

Queens Public Access MO 11:00 p.m.

Queens Public Access TU 4:30 p.m.

Queens Public Access SU 7:00 p.m.

Riverhead Cablevision SU 7:00 a.m.

Rochester Finger Lakes SU 9:00 a.m.

OH Cincinnati WSTR SU 8:30 a.m.

Cleveland WUAB SU 8:30 a.m.

Fairborn CAC TU 12:00 p.m.

Zanesville WBZV SU 8:00 a.m.

OK Ada KTEN SU 7:00 a.m.

Lawton KAUZ SU 7:00 a.m.

Tulsa KQCW SU 8:00 a.m.

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Medford KTVL SU 8:00 a.m.

Portland Community SU 12:30 p.m.

PA Erie WSEE SU 8:00 a.m.

Johnstown At. Broadband MO 10:00 p.m.

Philadelphia WPSG SU 7:30 a.m.

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