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Has Diversity Gone Too Far?

Look around and you will see a world testifying to God's love of variety. Our planet features myriad mountain ranges, valleys, and plains. Babbling brooks and mountain rivers carve pathways leading to lakes, lowlands, and vast oceans. We see rain forests, deserts, and everything in between.

There are flowers of all shapes, colors, and sizes, and "over 60,000 species of trees that come in all shapes and sizes, from majestic cedars to smaller fruit trees and shrubs" ("Types of Trees with Their Name and Picture—Identification Guide," *LeafyPlace.com*). Birds come in all colors, sizes, shapes, habits, and songs. California condors soar on air currents for hours at a time, while the pennyweight hummingbird darts about with speed and agility. Not all have the same food preferences. Aren't you happy not to be a vulture, which feeds on skunks and possums too slow to avoid a Michelin or Goodyear? Yet vultures have an important ecological purpose and thrive on their roadkill cuisine. The oceans are full of strange and diverse creatures—some so unusual that scientists have difficulty discerning whether they are plant or animal.

Millions of Creatures

Just how much diversity of animal life is there? According to various resources, there are about 2.1 million identified animal species. This includes millions of invertebrates, among them over 1 million insects, 110,615 arachnids, 80,460 mollusks, 80,122 crustaceans, and 2,175 corals. Of the known vertebrates, there are 35,672 fish, 8,250 amphibians, 11,341 reptiles, 11,158 birds, and 6,485 mammals ("How many species are there?," *OurWorldInData.org*).

Scientists assure us that no two snowflakes are exactly alike, yet there is a hexagonal (six-sided) pattern to each of them. Similarly, no two human beings are the same, but each and every one is designed using the genetic code written by God.

God's creation shows that He loves diversity. But the kind of diversity our children are introduced to at school these days is something that God does *not* love. Yes, He loves all people, no matter our shape, color,

or size, and even despite our personal shortcomings. He loves our talents and personalities. After all, He was the one who designed us, just as He designed the snowflake, with such varied potential. But this does not mean that He loves all our behaviors. His commandments reveal that certain behaviors do not please Him.

Bowing down to statues and representations of God is one such misbehavior. Idols lower the great Creator to the level of something made by human hands and distract from the proper worship of God.



Note this thoughtful account of the foolishness of idols, speaking of a tree that has been cut down:

He [the woodsman] burns half of it in the fire; with this half he eats meat; he roasts a roast, and is satisfied. He even warms himself and says,

"Ah! I am warm, I have seen the fire." And the rest of it he makes into a god, his carved image. He falls down before it and worships it, prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!"... And no one considers in his heart, nor is there knowledge nor understanding to say, "I have burned half of it in the fire, yes, I have also baked bread on its coals; I have roasted meat and eaten it; and shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down before a block of wood?" (Isaiah 44:16–17, 19).

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Diversity in geography, flora and fauna, or talents and personality, is quite different from diverging from the moral behavior God desires of us for our good. Immorality must never be justified under the banner of diversity. The God who created variety no matter where you look on earth is not pleased with behaviors that produce harmful results within His creation. Pain and suffering are the consequences of disregarding His way of life as revealed in His word—the Bible.

God Loves Diversity, Not Perversity

Why do so few seem to connect the dots between immoral behaviors—those condemned in Scripture—and painful results? One who *has* connected the dots is Dr. Miriam Grossman. Of her work as a psychiatrist at the University of California, Los Angeles, she writes,

These changes [in moral values] are the result of social agendas foisted on the campus community, and in my work at the counseling center, I see the consequences daily. Dangerous behaviors are a personal choice; judgments are prohibited—they might offend.... I argue as a scientist, with biological facts, not biblical ones. Forget Leviticus—as you’ll see, my data is from *The New England Journal of Medicine* and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (*Unprotected*, pp. xvii, xxiii).

Of course, we here at *Tomorrow’s World* will not forget Leviticus, nor do we think that Dr. Grossman does, but her point is valid. All one needs to do is open one’s eyes and connect the dots between promiscuity and the harmful consequences it brings. It can be observed in the lives of those around us—and sometimes our own—and documented in science for any who have eyes to see.

Even a few at the forefront of the LGBTQIA+ movement have some understanding of this. Note this admission from two of the most famous homosexual advocates of the last half-century: “Relationships between gay men don’t usually last very long.... Part of this is due to the characteristics of male physiology and psychology, which make the sexual and romantic pairing of

man with man inherently less stable than the pairing of man with woman. (Sorry if the truth hurts)” (Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen, *After the Ball*, p. 318).

How long will mankind repeat painful lessons? How long will it take to conclude that sex outside of a monogamous marriage relationship between one biological man and one biological woman is a bad idea? Encouraging children to question their identity, celebrating “coming out” declarations, or giving puberty blockers to children who cannot appreciate the

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enormity and irreversibility of such actions—these behaviors do not create the kind of diversity God loves.

The LGBTQIA+ movement is celebrated under the banner of pride—an attitude God foresaw long ago. “Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had **pride**, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty and committed abomination before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw fit” (Ezekiel 16:49–50).

We have all heard the saying: “Love the sinner, hate the sin.” Perhaps a good way to understand its meaning is to consider someone suffering from cancer. We hate the cancer because of the pain and suffering it inflicts, and we truly do love the ones afflicted with it. That is the way God loves those made in His image. He loves the sick; therefore, He hates what is making them sick.

Our bullying, self-righteous culture will not end well for Western nations. God cares for all; He loves diversity, but not the kind of perverse diversity we see popularly promoted today. He created a world of color and form for mankind’s benefit. Look around you and enjoy it—and take the time to learn about God’s plan for all men and women everywhere. That plan is greater than you might imagine!



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Germany Transformed

By **Gerald E. Weston**

“**K**eeep the Soviet Union out, the Americans in and the Germans down.” That terse summary of the purpose of the North American Treaty Organization came from Lord Hastings Ismay, the first secretary-general of NATO (“After 77 years in timeout, Germany is crucial to the fascist resistance,” *WashingtonPost.com*, April 8, 2022). Few today remember Lord Ismay, much less his historical comment, but it is now being revisited some 70 years later in the light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Following the end of the Cold War—generally considered December 26, 1991—the reason behind NATO was severely tested. More than one United States president called for Germany and other European states to live up to their obligations of spending 2 percent of GDP on defense. Recent President Donald Trump went so far as to threaten pulling out of the alliance if they did not do so. After all, why do Americans always have to foot the bill? And why should America care more for Europe’s children than Europe itself does?

Vladimir Putin changed that virtually overnight. The alliance, which was losing its purpose and beset

by squabbling, suddenly saw its member states set aside their differences to ensure that Russia stays out. America was no longer inching its way out of Europe’s defense arrangements. And the third part of Lord Ismay’s equation—keeping Germany down—has been lost in the shuffle.

After all, Germany has been one of the world’s most stable democracies for more than 70 years. It has a strong and well-ordered economy, has taken a leading role in “saving the world” from climate change, and has shunned military entanglements. Germany today is not the same country that twice invaded its neighbors and plunged the world into two twentieth-century wars. Germans are hardworking, fun-loving, and fiscally responsible.

So, what is the problem? After 70 years of good behavior, is Germany not reformed? Can it still not be trusted? Or is there something in the German DNA that needs to be considered? One can only wonder what Lord Ismay or Winston Churchill, who installed Ismay as NATO’s first secretary general, would think today. It is unlikely they would be as naïve as people from the post-war generations appear to be.

Perhaps this current generation may be forgiven for not understanding history. That subject was re-

placed decades ago by “social studies,” which has now morphed into a revisionist curriculum found in many of today’s schools. Cancel culture has canceled more than out-of-step persons—it is tearing down monuments, rewriting history, and leaving society adrift. Geopolitical lessons of the past are lost.

One must admire the transformation of Germany. From the rubble of World War II, it has risen to become the fourth largest economy in the world. Only the U.S., China, and Japan are larger. Is it not interesting that Germany and Japan, two “losers” of the war, are third and fourth on the list of economic giants?

Who are these remarkable people located in the heart of Europe? Germany’s past has not always been dark. *Tomorrow’s World* writer Dr. Douglas Winnail wrote the following in his insightful article “A Fourth Reich?”:

Most scholars recognize that “Germany is one of the great cultural centers of Europe and that German achievements in architecture, music, literature and philosophy are among the landmarks of civilization” (*The New Germans*, Radice, p. xvi). The great composers—Bach, Beethoven, Mozart and Strauss—were Germans. Gutenberg printed the first book with moveable type, the Bible, in Mainz about 1456.... German philosophers and theologians have molded the intellectual climate of the West. In academic fields, “from agronomy to zoology, Germans have not only advanced, but practically defined the natural sciences” (Schoenbaum, p. 11). German-engineered products are synonymous with precision and quality around the world. The contribution of Germany to the development of Western civilization has been almost without parallel!

Yet, as with most major nations, Germany has a dark side. *Tomorrow’s World* has proclaimed for decades that Germany will rise to be an economic and military power that will, along with its allies, become a force to be reckoned with apart from the current NATO alliance.

How can we know? The answer is found in biblical prophecy—but if people are ignorant of history in general, they are even more so when it comes to what the Bible has to say about the past and the future.

A Short History Lesson

At the heart of much of the Bible is the history of one man—Abraham—and his descendants. His was a life of faith, putting his trust in what God said was true—so much so that he was willing to offer up his miraculously born son, Isaac, when God told him to do so. God did not actually have him go through with it, but it remained an important prophecy-in-type of God the Father, who offered up His miraculously born Son, Jesus the Christ, to pay the penalty for our sins (see Genesis 22:1–19; John 3:16).

The result of Abraham’s faith was that God made great and precious promises to him and to his descendants. These promises are being fulfilled even now.

Abraham’s grandson was Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel. Jacob had twelve sons who grew into tribes, each numbering in the tens of thousands and eventually into hundreds of millions. Even casual readers of the Bible know that Israel’s family ended up as slaves in Egypt and were brought out under God’s leadership through Moses. After wandering in the desert for 40 years, they took over a territory larger than what most people call “Israel” today.

Beyond this, many Bible students have heard disjointed stories of Samson, Ruth, David and Goliath, King Solomon, Queen Esther, and Daniel and his three friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. And, of course, they know about Jesus and some of His followers—Peter, John, “doubting Thomas,” and Paul. And who doesn’t know about Judas, betrayer of Jesus Christ? But few understand the continuity of Scripture and even the most basic history of these people—and this ignorance means they will not understand biblical prophecy and how it is unfolding today.

The twelve tribes of Israel were eventually divided into two separate nations: the house of Israel and the house of Judah. You can read about this in 1 Kings 12, and you would be wise to do so if you are not familiar with the historical account.

The rest of 1 and 2 Kings, along with most of 1 and 2 Chronicles, is devoted to the histories of these two separate nations, including wars between them. The house of Israel, made up of ten Israelite tribes, began on the wrong foot and stayed on the wrong foot. Because of their sins, they were overthrown between 740 and 720 BC and taken into captivity by the Assyrians, a highly organized warrior people.

About 130 years later, the house of Judah (the Jews) also went into captivity to a different nation south of the Assyrians. These two nations—the house of Israel and the house of Judah—were never again together, and they will not be reunited until the return of Christ. This is evident from history and from biblical prophecies.

For example, God told the prophet Ezekiel to “take a stick for yourself and write on it: ‘For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.’ Then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions’” (Ezekiel 37:16–17). He was then to join them together as the two nations are destined to become one nation again. But when?

Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children’s children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. The nations also will know that I, the LORD, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore (Ezekiel 37:25–28).



David had long been dead and in the grave when that was written. God’s sanctuary is not now “in their midst forevermore.” Jesus did not unite two nations during His time on earth, and history shows that this unification has not occurred to this day. This prophecy applies to the future. This means the house of Israel and the house of Judah are now in existence somewhere on earth, and still will be when the dead are resurrected at the return of Jesus Christ to set up His kingdom.

Why You Need to Know

Why is this important? What relevance can it have regarding the Russian invasion of Ukraine? How does Germany tie in with this? What does it have to do with you?

Most people do not understand biblical prophecy because they lack important keys that *unlock* prophecy. Those keys are the identity of modern nations in relation to the Bible. Most assume that every prophecy about Israel applies to the Jews, but how wrong that is!

It was through the Jews that the Messiah would come, but the birthright blessings described in the first five books of the Bible belong to the tribe of Joseph. Note a statement clarifying this point in 1 Chronicles 5:1–2:

Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel—he was indeed the firstborn, but because he defiled his father’s bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel, so that the genealogy is not listed according to the birthright; yet Judah prevailed over his brothers, and from him came a ruler, although the birthright was Joseph’s.

By inspiration of God, the aged Israel adopted Joseph’s two sons—Ephraim and Manasseh—and passed his name on to them (Genesis 48:5–6, 15–16). They were the ones who received the birthright blessings of becoming a single great nation and a company (or commonwealth) of nations (Genesis 35:10–11; 48:18–19). The ten tribes known as the house of Israel, led by the birthright na-

tions of Joseph's sons Ephraim and Manasseh, were taken captive by the Assyrians. But who were these Assyrians—and what happened to them?

Dr. Douglas Winnail's "Resurgent Germany: A Fourth Reich?" (available as a reprint article from the Regional Office nearest you, listed on page 4 of this magazine, and accessible online at *TomorrowsWorld.org*) shows that modern-day Germany is descended from none other than ancient Assyria. And as God explained through His prophet Isaiah, He uses the Assyrians to punish disobedient Israel. Assyria is the rod in God's hand.

Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hand is My indignation. I will send him against an ungodly nation [Israel], and against the people of My wrath I will give him charge, to seize the spoil, to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets (Isaiah 10:5–6).

Did the ancient Assyrians realize they were being used by God to chastise Israel? They did not—and neither will they understand God's hand in the future. "Yet he does not mean so, nor does his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy, and cut off not a few nations" (Isaiah 10:7). Assyria took the idolatrous house of Israel into captivity around 720 BC, and twice in the twentieth century God used modern-day Assyria to punish and warn our nations to repent and turn to Him.

But instead of repenting, we have become far more sinful in our behaviors. Though God was merciful to the descendants of Israel and gave them victory twice in the twentieth century, both times it came at a terrible price. Nor does He let the axe that He wields off the hook—the descendants of Assyria, too, are sinners (Isaiah 10:15–19).

Biblical prophecy is often dual—there is a former fulfillment and a latter-day fulfillment. A careful reading of the above chapter shows that there will be a future fulfillment of its prophetic statements. The house of Israel will again go into captivity!

By invading Ukraine, Vladimir Putin has done what no American President has been able to do—transform Germany's thinking about its need to rearm. What he has also done is keep America in the

alliance for now. Together, America, Germany, and the other NATO nations will no doubt keep Russia out. But Germany will not be kept down.

The third element of Ismay's formula will not survive this crisis, however. Germany is no longer down; in fact, it is the linchpin of the resistance to Putin, thrust into prominence by a convergence of factors: its wealth, its geography and its ingrained fear of its worst self ("After 77 years in timeout, Germany is crucial to the fascist resistance," *WashingtonPost.com*, April 8, 2022).

National Public Radio reported on the sudden turnaround in German thinking:

The announcement came three days after Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine last month, and only few German lawmakers had been briefed on what Chancellor Olaf Scholz was about to say: that Germany would infuse its beleaguered military with 100 billion euros, putting it on pace to be Europe's strongest armed forces.

Scholz added that, from now on, Germany will invest more than 2% of its gross domestic product on its armed forces. According to data collected by NATO, Germany is expected to have spent 1.53% of GDP on defense last year.

Germany's parliament erupted into a rare standing ovation, a roar that filled the main chamber of the Reichstag, a building whose destruction and rebirth were at the center of the horrors of the last world war. It was now again witness to what Germans labeled a *Zeitenwende*: a historic turning point ("With war on its doorstep, Germany plans a major military buildup," *NPR.org*, March 22, 2022).

Armies are not built overnight, but consider this: Adolf Hitler was appointed Chancellor on January 30, 1933. Six years and seven months later, his armies invaded Poland. How long it will take to rebuild the German army is not certain and will depend on a number of factors, but *The Times of Israel* quotes



Marcus Faber, a defense specialist and lawmaker for the liberal FDP party, as saying that “it will take ‘up to eight years’ to bring all of the army’s equipment up to modern standards” (“How Germany, shaken by Russia’s Ukraine invasion, plans to rebuild its military,” *TimesOfIsrael.com*, March 29, 2022).

There are a lot of uncertainties, but much is already in motion: “Germany has already announced it will replace its outdated Tornado fighter jets with a new fleet of American F-35 stealth fighters and Euro-fighters, costing around 100 million euros (\$110 million) each” (*TimesOfIsrael.com*). Rebuilding an army takes more than “throwing money” at it. Manpower, training, trucks, and aircraft to transport men and supplies are less glamorous than big-ticket weapons systems. And the Germans are not of a mindset to go on the offensive—only to defend their country.

Many of us here at *Tomorrow’s World* have followed geopolitical events from the perspective of biblical prophecy for decades. While it shocked the pundits and so-called experts, it was not a surprise for us when the Berlin Wall came tumbling down and Germany reunited less than a year later. There will be many more shocks in the immediate months and

years ahead for those who do not understand what the Bible reveals about our future.

In ways just as surprising as those in which Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has transformed German thinking overnight, the U.S. will lose the pride of its power and will suffer natural and man-made disasters that will bring it down (Leviticus 26:14–20). The British-descended and American peoples are in for a shock, and it will be self-inflicted due to casting off all moral restraints (Hosea 4:2).

I understand that it may be hard to believe that America and the British-descended peoples will be attacked by European nations that are now their allies, but it will happen—and when it does, remember where you heard about it.

But let me end on a positive note found in Isaiah 19:24–25, where we read that, after the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord prophesied to take place in the not-too-distant future, “Israel [the Israelite-descended nations] will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria—a blessing in the midst of the land, whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, ‘Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.’” TM

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The Lesson of Louisbourg



On the very northern coastline of Nova Scotia, on the Atlantic shore of Cape Breton Island, stands an impressive and unique memorial to the turbulent history of early Canada.

It was 1713, before the nations of the United States or Canada had been founded, and France was reeling from defeat in the War of the Spanish Succession, or “Queen Anne’s War” to the English. The Treaty of Utrecht saw France lose claim to Newfoundland and all of Acadia, except for *Île St. Jean* (Prince Edward Island) and *Île Royale* (Cape Breton Island). The loss of Newfoundland threatened France with a loss of control over access to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and thus to the inland colonies of New France.

On this stunningly beautiful shoreline, French seamen found an agreeable deep-water harbour. It likely acquired the name *Havre-à-l’Anglais*, “English Harbour,” because French fishermen saw the English fishing fleet using the harbour for shelter from the gales of the North Atlantic. French fishermen began to use this harbour to resupply and as a base for processing their catches.

During the fishing season, several thousand French fishermen used the *Havre-à-l’Anglais*, and a prosperous community grew from the profits of the fishing industry. Just how important was the French fishing industry? The value of processed fish exported to France soon exceeded that of Canada’s lucrative fur trade conducted through settlements in Quebec. France was still recovering from crop failures that between 1693 and 1710 had seen more than two million French citizens die of famine-induced starvation. Add to this the

Roman Catholic proscription against eating other meat on Fridays, and there was a huge demand for fish. Thus, the fishery was a high priority for government support.

Bustling Port and Military Stronghold

The French government was very interested in this new settlement, as it would provide control over access to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Thus, the new settlement became a military and naval base for the French Empire, named “Louisbourg” in honour of King Louis XIV.

In 1720, Louisbourg was a bustling port, exporting tons of dried and salt fish and importing foodstuffs, clothing, tools, and other commodities for new colonists and local tradesmen. By 1725, ships came not only from France and Quebec, but also from the Caribbean. A vigorous trade was beginning with the English colonies in New England. The small commercial city also served as an administrative hub for the area.

Development focused not only on the commercial center; Louis XV agreed to a plan to build Louisbourg into what would become the largest military fortification in North America. The fortress was 24 years under construction, designed by France’s best military engineers. The walls were 11 metres (33 feet) thick in some places and rose 9 metres (28 feet) above a surrounding entrenchment, facing the sea on three sides. The primary fortress had placements for 148 cannons. There were additional fortifications on the opposite side of Louisbourg harbour and on a nearby island that defended against a seaward approach. On the landward side of the fortress there were stout walls surrounded by marsh, thought to prevent any artillery from being placed within range.

The cost of construction was immense. The French king was rumoured to have commented, upon seeing some of the bills, that he should soon be able to see the walls rising out of his west-facing windows in Paris.

Ready, or Not?

The 2,000 inhabitants of the completed fort undoubtedly felt secure, even while France and England again came into conflict during the War of the Austrian Succession (1740–1748). But that would soon change.

In May 1744, a detachment of French soldiers attacked a small English garrison located about 100 miles south of Louisbourg and brought 50 captured English families to the fort. While the families awaited transfer back to Boston in a prisoner exchange, they were free to move about the town. The repatriated prisoners later reported to the English governor, William Shirley, their observations of low French morale at Louisbourg, poor food, and—most notably—its poorly constructed walls and its vulnerability in that some of the surrounding hills were higher than the fortress.

Though military engineers had designed the fortress, private contractors, in order to enhance their profits, had dangerously cut some corners. They had used sea water to mix mortar, and the English captives had noticed that it was crumbling. Also, the prisoners had noted that the fortress had an inadequate water supply—in terms of both quantity and quality—that could not withstand a siege much longer than 90 days.

Governor Shirley appointed Massachusetts merchant William Pepperell to command an expedition of 4,000 New Englanders, supported by the Royal Navy, which in April 1745 captured the supporting defenses guarding the Louisbourg harbour entrance and blockaded it. The colonial army used wide wooden sledges to drag and float heavy artillery over the marshes. On June 28, with parts of the walls breached, French Governor Louis Duchambon—short of men, water, and supplies—had no choice but to surrender. But in 1748, under the terms of the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, the British returned Louisbourg to France, much to the disgust of New Englanders, who considered the fortress a direct threat.

Defenses were repaired, the garrison was strengthened to 3,500 men, and the fortress was stocked to withstand a one-year siege. Some of the key issues, how-

ever, were not corrected. The water supply had the same limitations as before, the surrounding hills were not defended, and the weakened mortar was not replaced.

It was not long until France and England were once again at war in the conflict known as The Seven Years' War (1756–1763). In June 1758, a British fleet appeared near Louisbourg, under the command of Major General Jeffery Amherst. A young Brigadier, James Wolfe, was given responsibility to lead the land assault. On June 8, Wolfe led his troops ashore, and by June 25 he had captured all the strategic positions around the main fortress, repeating the New Englanders' success 13 years prior. Wolfe moved a huge cannon onto the undefended high ground, and once again, after a siege of the same length as that which had occurred in 1745, Louisbourg capitulated.

French soldiers and officers fought courageously, but they had been let down by those who had failed to prepare for all eventualities, had neglected quality control in construction, and had ignored the need for access to sufficient supplies of clean water.

Louisbourg Today

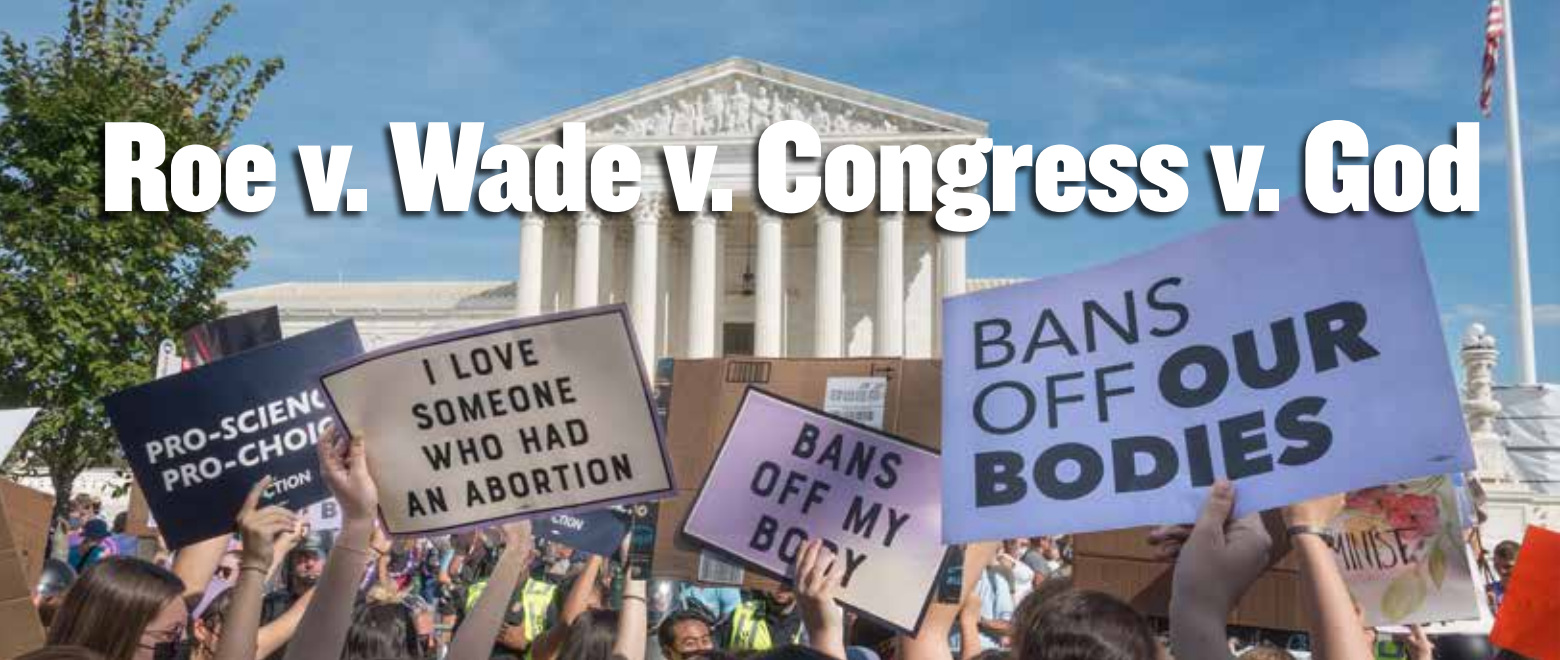
In 1961, Parks Canada began a multi-million-dollar project to rebuild parts of the Louisbourg fortress and about a quarter of the old town as they had existed in 1756. The massive fortress walls had to be fully reconstructed, as the British had completely demolished the town and fortress in 1758 in an attempt to ensure that they could never be occupied again.

The reconstruction affords a rare opportunity to step back in time and envision life in the eighteenth century. As one walks around this site, a few scriptures come to mind: "He who is slothful in his work is a brother to him who is a great destroyer" (Proverbs 18:9) and "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). If those responsible for the quality of Louisbourg's construction had done their work well, it might well have served to protect its defenders.

The sad story of Louisbourg is an example of what happens when short-term convenience takes precedence over doing what is right. Unlike those who cut corners at Louisbourg and facilitated its demise, we must always be striving to do our best, and in doing so to develop God's holy and righteous character in our lives.

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Roe v. Wade v. Congress v. God



By **William Bowmer**

In the annals of court decisions, it is unlikely that the phrase *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* will ever carry the emotional punch of *Roe v. Wade*. Yet when in May of this year the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) was rocked by the unauthorized leak of a preliminary draft decision of that case—a case that could potentially curtail the availability of abortion across the U.S.—many observed that the leak might be as significant as the decision itself.

Before SCOTUS issued its landmark ruling on *Roe v. Wade* in January 1973, abortion was illegal in 30 of the 50 U.S. states. It was legal upon request in just four—Alaska, Hawaii, New York, and Washington. In other states, abortion was allowed if a pregnancy jeopardized a woman's life—with a definition of “jeopardy” often so broad and subjective that an affluent abortion-seeker could usually find a willing doctor.

Roe v. Wade decriminalized abortion in all 50 states. Yet, almost as soon as SCOTUS issued its ruling, observers began to wonder whether the decision would stand the test of time. Justice Harry Blackmun, writing the majority opinion, admitted as much when he wrote, “We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins. When those trained in the respective disciplines of medicine, philosophy, and theology are unable to arrive at any consensus, the judiciary, at this point in the development of man's knowledge, is not in a position to speculate as to the answer” (*U.S. Reports: Roe v. Wade*,

p. 113). Blackmun acknowledged that his opinion was time-bound—reached in part because of a lack of scientific consensus as to when a human life begins.

So, it is no surprise that, nearly 50 years later—after five decades of medical advancements that have given us far greater understanding of life in the womb—*Roe v. Wade* is facing increased scrutiny.

On one hand, advances in surgical technique have made abortion far safer than ever before—for the mother. Yet we should put this in perspective; key abortion-rights advocates in the years before *Roe v. Wade* have long since admitted that their figures regarding supposed “back-alley” abortions were largely fictitious. Former abortionist Dr. Bernard Nathanson, in his autobiography *The Hand of God*, writes, “There were perhaps three hundred or so deaths from criminal abortions annually in the United States in the sixties, but NARAL [the National Abortion Rights Action League] in its press releases claimed to have data that supported a figure of five thousand” (pp. 89–90). These long-discredited lies still inflame many who fear the return of less permissive abortion laws.

Congress, SCOTUS, and Partisanship

But even if *Roe v. Wade* cannot survive the scrutiny of modern medical science, why have abortion supporters been unable to muster the political support to legislate legal abortion on some other premise? Consider that the U.S. Congress has not passed legislation that would legalize abortion and remove the issue from the purview of the courts. Why? Is it that,

despite *Roe v. Wade*, individual legislators know that the abortion issue is still a super-sensitive matter that can win or lose an election? Is it that abortion is more important to some legislators as a “hot-button” issue for fundraising than as a settled matter affecting the lives of their constituents?

We are used to thinking of Congress as a partisan political body—that’s what it is. But the Supreme Court, since its establishment in 1789 as part of the U.S. federal government’s three branches, has considered itself above and apart from its nation’s partisan politics. As Chief Justice John Roberts said when speaking to law students at New England Law in February 2016, “We don’t work as Democrats or Republicans” (*ABA-Journal.com*, February 5, 2016). Justice Neil Gorsuch echoed that sentiment at his March 2017 confirmation hearing: “I do not see Republican judges, and I do not see Democrat judges. I see judges.” Indeed, in the last 15 years, the most frequent SCOTUS majority has been 9-0. But it is the narrow decisions—the 5-4 bare majorities—that attract the most attention, even though these have in recent years accounted for fewer than 30 percent of cases, and only 5 percent as recently as 2015.

Whatever the motive, it was a devastating blow to the Court’s internal sense of trust, its image, and its sense of orderly function.

“I do think that what happened at the court is tremendously bad,” said Justice Clarence Thomas. “I wonder how long we’re going to have these institutions at the rate we’re undermining them.” Chief Justice Roberts quickly announced an internal investigation to find the leaker, but the damage appears to have been done, and done deeply. Gone are the days when, as Thomas put it, “we actually trusted each other. We may have been a dysfunctional family, but we were a family.”

In addition to raising issues of trust within the Supreme Court chambers, the leak has been used to attack the integrity of several Justices due to their prior statements about *Roe v. Wade*. In the leaked draft, Justice Alito writes that “*Roe* was egregiously wrong from the start.” Abortion advocates were quick to point out that Alito took a much milder tone during his confirmation hearing, when he acknowledged that although *Roe v. Wade* was open to further litigation, it was nevertheless “an important precedent.” Justice Brett Kavanaugh at his confirmation hearing called *Roe v. Wade*

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But is the Supreme Court *truly* non-partisan, from the Justices to the law clerks to the staff? It was an insider who leaked Justice Alito’s draft opinion to the website *Politico.com*, which bills itself as “the global authority on the intersection of politics, policy, and power.” Before this leak, journalists occasionally obtained pre-release copies of SCOTUS decisions, but observers cannot recall any previous leak of an unofficial draft.

Issues of Trust

Court-watchers quickly offered their speculations as to why the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* draft was leaked. Was it to rally opposition? To prod Congress into passing legislation to protect legal abortion? Was it an “insider” attempt to convince a moderate Justice to leave *Roe v. Wade* intact?

“settled as a precedent” and one Senator—Susan Collins (R-ME)—says Justice Kavanaugh called the decision “settled law” in a private conversation. With such accusations, supporters of *Roe v. Wade* hope to paint the Justices as deceptive or untrustworthy in their previous, carefully worded statements to Congress.

And the leak has intensified public sentiments about the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*. The prospect of seeing abortion decided by individual states, as it was before 1973, has stirred fervent emotions. The *Axios* news digest reported that federal agencies “are investigating social-media threats to burn down or storm the Supreme Court building and murder Justices and their clerks, as well as attacks targeting places of worship and abortion clinics” (“DHS preparing for violence following abortion ruling,” May 18, 2022). Abortion rights activists have already held protests in front of Justices’ homes, disrupting their neighborhoods.

Indeed, if the final SCOTUS opinion is anything like the leaked draft, we can expect not a peaceful

resolution, but rather an intensified series of local battles. Sixteen states have passed laws that would preserve legal abortion, while 22 states' laws would become more restrictive without *Roe v. Wade*. And we should not expect to see much reasoned debate. Some will say that politics is often far less about consistency than about finding an ideology that suits one's personal desires. Consider the popular refrain, "My body, my choice!" How many who are holding tight to that phrase in the midst of the abortion controversy were just months ago insisting that vaccine mandates be imposed on every American body?

Ancient Practice v. Biblical Truth

Justice Blackmun recognized that abortion was even controversial in antiquity, and that the ancient Hippocratic Oath, first taken by pagan Greek physicians at least three centuries before Christ, included the promise, "I will not give to a woman a pessary to produce abortion." Yet, writing the *Roe v. Wade* majority opinion, Blackmun also acknowledged that abortion has been part of human society for thousands of years.

We are told that at the time of the Persian Empire abortifacients were known and that criminal abortions were severely punished. We are also told, however, that abortion was practiced in Greek times as well as in the Roman Era, and that "it was resorted to without scruple." ... Greek and Roman law afforded little protection to the unborn. If abortion was prosecuted in some places, it seems to have been based on a concept of a violation of the father's right to his offspring.


But what is the biblical perspective on abortion? Quite simply, an abortion kills a human being to whom God gave life. God knew Jeremiah in his mother's womb (Jeremiah 1:5). God hates hands that shed innocent blood (Proverbs 6:17).

It is true that, for many centuries, even many who considered themselves Christians commonly assumed that what we call "life" began with a baby's first breath outside of the womb. But now that we know so much more about life inside the womb, we need to be very careful that we do not let ourselves be caught up in futile and specious arguments. Some

try to twist Scripture to say that although an unborn child is alive, its murder is less of an offense than murdering a born human being, and that this difference somehow makes the murder acceptable. But if we follow that line of reasoning, we will quickly find ourselves condoning infanticide and euthanasia. Would we dare say that an infant or toddler, not yet at the age of reason, or an adult suffering from severe Alzheimer's is somehow less than a full human being? Sadly, increasing numbers of people, even physicians, are now saying "yes" to that notion, as well as to the idea that euthanasia and "assisted suicide" of the elderly are not just morally acceptable but even socially desirable.

Your Decision

As this article goes to press, we know neither the identity of the leaker nor the Court's final decision on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. *Roe v. Wade* may or may not remain intact, and SCOTUS may or may not be able to restore some measure of security and trust within its chambers and with the American people. Thankfully, Christians can decide to uphold the biblical standard no matter what else transpires. The earliest Christians paid taxes as subjects or citizens of a Roman Empire where unwanted newborn infants were commonly left in the cold to die of exposure—but they would not take part in such conduct themselves. Regardless of human law or custom, Christians have a divine obligation before God to show by their example how to live in a way that is truly pro-life, not just concerning a child's birth, but rearing children to love and serve their Lord and Savior, the giver of life.

In a time when institutions are losing people's trust, we at *Tomorrow's World* continue to strive to speak truth to our readers. Our Editor in Chief, Gerald E. Weston, has been plain about the facts concerning abortion—from "Abortion: The Real Story," his 2018 two-part series in this magazine, to his powerful telecast "Tiny Fingers and Toes!" Additionally, if you haven't already done so, please read Mr. Wallace G. Smith's "Seven Lies About Abortion" in our January 2022 issue. And know that we at *Tomorrow's World* will continue to tell you the truth about our culture's shocking willingness to murder the most innocent among us—and what this means for our future. 

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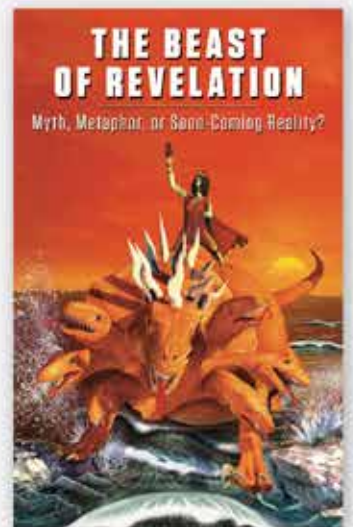
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A Sabbath Rest for an Anxious World

By **Rod McNair**

Do you need a break? Are you feeling stressed, worn out, and overwhelmed? Let's face it: We're living in a world filled with ever-increasing demands on our time and attention. Many are working harder than ever only to find it more difficult to make ends meet—which sometimes results in addictions, anxiety, and *more* conflict. Relationships suffer, health suffers, and real solutions seem out of reach.

If you're suffering from the anxiety of living in the modern world, you're not alone. According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, 40 million adults in the United States suffer from some type of anxiety disorder every year. That's 18.1 percent of the country's population ("Facts and Statistics," *ADAA.org*).

And it's not just in America. According to *Our World in Data*, "It's estimated that 970 million people worldwide had a mental or substance use disorder in 2017. The largest number of people had an anxiety disorder, estimated at around 4 percent of the population" ("Mental Health," *OurWorldInData.org*, August 2021).

Clearly, many of us are overwhelmed. This is *not* how our Creator designed life to be, but if we're anxious and depressed, how can we get out of that discouraging—and even dangerous—cycle?

More and more people are turning to what might seem to be an unlikely solution: the idea of a "sabbath." Writer and speaker Jim Burns puts it this way:

In the beautiful Hebrew language, the word for rest is sabbath. Sabbath is more of a lifestyle choice than taking a nap or a day off to get some things done around the house. Sabbath living is the con-

stant choice to live with margin in our lives. Margin is the space between our load and our limits. Margin is our mental, emotional, and spiritual strength. It's our reserves, our breathing room, our energy, our vitality. Unfortunately, few of us have much margin in our lives (*HomeWord.com*).

As he says, this concept of "margin" is very important, because we *do* need "margin" in our lives. Margin is the so-called "white space" on the edge of the pages of our time—it means that not every moment is busy and accounted for.

So, do you need a "sabbath" rest in your life? Do you need to cultivate a "sabbath lifestyle"? Healthy people recognize that we need time to slow down instead of constantly working hard and playing hard.

One of the most damaging contributors to our stressed-out society is the pervasiveness of technological devices. These devices can be helpful, but they can also become a source of great stress. For the sake of our minds, our relationships, and our health, we need to unplug from time to time. Consider one family's testimony:

My family and I started going completely screen-free one day a week for what we called our Technology Shabbat. We read, journaled, cooked, had friends over, went for bike rides, played music, made art, and sometimes we just did nothing. A decade later, we're still doing it every week... and it's still our favorite day. It's made the whole family happier and more balanced ("Everything You Need to Enjoy One Tech-Free Day a Week," *Wired.com*, October 10, 2019).

If we don't have control of our devices, we're headed for trouble. Here's how one woman described her experience fighting against the tyranny of endless tasks, and how she began to find solutions:

So many of us are tired. Between meeting the needs of those around us, running our homes, working, or waking up with children throughout the night, we find ourselves depleted mentally, physically and emotionally. This exhaustion leads us to turn our focus from the things that matter most to survival. If that's you, God has prepared a very practical balm for your weariness. It's called Sabbath....

If we want to experience all the fullness of living and being that God has for us, I believe we need an element of Sabbath rest in our week! Whether mothers, homemakers or working women—Sabbath was created to meet a deep-seated need in us (“How to Unleash the Power of Sabbath Rest in Your Life as a Homemaker,” *EmbracingASimplerLife.com*).

We all need a regular, weekly time to pause, just to keep a balanced mental perspective. But you might say, “That all sounds well and good, but I'm too busy to stop. I have too much to do. This sabbath thing won't work for me.”

Think about that, though—it's when you *are* overwhelmed when you need this help the most. And if you don't get control of your life *now*, when will you?

The Original Sabbath Day

The idea of a sabbath didn't just appear out of thin air. It comes from the Hebrew word *shabbat*, meaning to stop, pause, cease, or rest from labor and activity. Genesis 1 describes God creating all the living creatures on earth, including the first man and woman. Genesis 2:1 then says, “Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made” (Genesis 2:1–3).

Where did this idea of taking time to rest after a period of work come from? Straight from the Creator God, who modeled that behavior right at the beginning of the Bible—at the dawn of civilization!

In other words, the *idea* of a sabbath has been around for a long time. But what about the word “sabbath”? That word appears in many biblical passages, including Exodus 20:8: “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”

“Sabbath” originally meant “cessation” or “rest.” So, “remember the sabbath day” just means “remember the *rest* day.” This is something God cared enough about to write into the Ten Commandments: “Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work.... For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it” (Exodus 20:9–11).

“Sabbath” is not just a vague idea. Rather, it springs from a specific event in history—God's rest from His work of creation. As such, it applies to a specific day each week! God actually created a rest day at the beginning of Creation, and His intention was that His children, the entire human race, would benefit from a weekly rest throughout our entire lives. God wants us to work hard—and then He wants us to take a well-deserved rest.

Too Busy for a Sabbath Rest?

We all need to be restored and rejuvenated. So why don't we give ourselves permission to take a break? Consider what one article says as it considers this question:

For some reason, though, we naturally interpret the Bible's statements about Sabbath rest as more of a suggestion than a divine command. We think, “That's a great idea, but I'm too busy.” This is true. I am busy. You are busy. Our culture is busy and it's only speeding up.... Our gas tanks are always on empty, and when we stop we are hardly ever able to put more than a few dollars in the tank. We are never full.

But could it be that our lack of observance of the Sabbath is contributing to our

weariness? Could our lack of Sabbath rest and worship potentially explain why we are an exhausted people? Could it be the ways we try to find rest never restore us because we were created to find our rest in God?... What better gift could we possibly receive than this Sabbath rest in our anxious age? (“Ritchie: The gift of Sabbath rest in an anxious age,” *Amarillo.com*, June 2, 2016).

When we think of ourselves as *too busy to stop*, we force ourselves into a loop of exhaustion, never catching up. Are you tired of that cycle? How many of us go from one frenetic task to another until we

But there’s an even greater picture—one we must discover if we’re ever to truly understand why God commanded a sabbath rest.

The Sabbath Was Made for Our Good

The Apostle Paul wrote, “So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come” (Colossians 2:16–17). There’s much misunderstanding about this verse, but let’s just focus on one phrase: “sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come.”

What Paul was saying is that as good as sabbaths are for giving us a weekly rest, they also symbolize something greater that is yet to come. Many students

of the Bible recognize that there have been roughly 6,000 years since Adam and Eve, and that the Bible promises a coming 1,000-year reign of Jesus Christ. If we apply the “day for a thousand years” principle found in 2 Peter 3:8,

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collapse? Why don’t we just rest on a regular basis, on the schedule God set for us?

All too often, we don’t stop until we *must* stop. Maybe that’s why God tells us that the Sabbath is *mandatory*—He must *command* us to take a break each week, because there’s always another load of wash to do, another space to clean, another report to submit.

It seems that, as human beings, we all too often do things that are good for us only when we suddenly *must* do them. Maybe we don’t exercise or take care of our health—until something causes us pain. When we notice the effects—the suffering and negative consequences—of neglecting our health, *then* we feel compelled to act.

That might be why God had to tell us plainly that a Sabbath rest is important for us. Because He wants each of us to have a healthy mental state, He *commands* that we take a break at the end of every week. In His mercy, He created and even scheduled that time for us—making it mandatory, because He knows that we often don’t do things, even things we know are good for us, unless we absolutely must. And the Sabbath is, indeed, very good for us!

we find that the weekly seventh-day sabbath is symbolic of the coming Millennium. In other words, the seventh millennium of human history corresponds to the seventh day of the week.

We find scriptures elsewhere in the New Testament that support this idea, such as Hebrews 4:1: “Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.” Because of their disobedience, the Israelites did not enter the Promised Land. But, if we are faithful and obedient, we can enter God’s Kingdom at Christ’s Second Coming.

Regarding the seventh-day Sabbath established when God rested from His work of creation, we read, “For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: ‘And God rested on the seventh day from all His works’” (Hebrews 4:4).

Seeing therefore it remains that some should enter into it, and they to whom the good news was preached before failed to enter in because of disobedience, he again defines a certain day, today, saying through

David so long a time afterward (just as has been said),

“Today if you will hear his voice, don’t harden your hearts.” For if Joshua had given them rest, he would not have spoken afterward of another day. There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God (Hebrews 4:6–9, *World English Bible*).

What does this mean? Simply that if we are the people of God, the sabbath rest should mean something very important to us—and we should be observing that weekly rest in our lives *now*. The Greek word here translated “Sabbath rest” is *sabbatismos*, coming directly from the Hebrew word *shabbat*, which refers to the weekly Sabbath.

Clearly, Christians are to observe the weekly Sabbath! But it goes far beyond even that. If the Sabbaths are a shadow of things to come, every seventh day that comes around in the calendar is also a prophecy of a coming millennial Sabbath, when God’s Kingdom will fill this earth after Christ’s Second Coming.

Notice what the book of Hebrews encourages us to do: “For whoever enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from His. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following the same pattern of disobedience” (Hebrews 4:10–11, *Berean Study Bible*). We’re reminded to live our lives in such a way that we may enter the rest of God’s Kingdom at Christ’s return.

There is *hope* for this tired, worn-out world—a *new* world coming. That new world, in contrast to this age, will be peaceful and full of joy—and the violence and tension of this age will be no more. Notice how Scripture describes that world:

Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.
The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places (Isaiah 32:16–18).

The weekly seventh-day Sabbath is symbolic of that coming millennial age of peace and prosperity.

There’s *much* more to say about the Sabbath, and you can find many articles and videos about it at *TomorrowsWorld.org*. Our world *needs* a break—but in truth, we need not just a general pause from the hectic pace of life, but the regular and mandatory rest designed by our Creator.

The True Purpose of the Sabbath—in This Life and Beyond

When Jesus was on this earth, He taught His disciples a lifestyle of peace and tranquility that did not depend on outside circumstances and was compatible with working hard. Notice His promise:

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light (Matthew 11:28–30).

If you long for relief from the burdens of life, learn from Jesus Christ. He has the answers, and He *will* give you peace if you are obedient to His will and respond to His love.

If you worry about your life and the world around us, remember Jesus’ comforting words:

Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? (Matthew 6:25–27).

Christ knows we’re working hard to feed ourselves and take care of our families. And He promises to help us if we look to Him! Then, notice what else He says:

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about

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THE FREEDOM TRAP

Are we truly more liberated today?

Of all the values society holds dear today, *freedom* must top the list. As we look around our nations and communities, what freedoms do we value? We value freedom of speech, freedom of travel, and freedom to act as individuals. We cherish freedom of choice—in marriage, family, religion, and myriad other aspects of our lives. Many even seem to value freedom *from* marriage, freedom *from* children, or freedom *from* religion, and the list of other “obstacles” to freedom goes on seemingly endlessly.

But does freedom have a price?

We memorialize freedom in our Independence Day celebrations, and we use freedom in our mottos—for example, “Live free or die” is the motto of the U.S. state of New Hampshire. Freedom seems to be a ubiquitous value the world over. People or nations that do not currently have freedoms often desperately long for them!

Yet with all the freedoms afforded to many in modern society, are we happier than we were in the past—when there were arguably fewer freedoms? Are we truly more liberated today? In our societal rush to become free from the shackles of religion, is it possible that we have become entrapped by making freedom and liberty our new gods?

In an article for PJ Media, author and commentator D. C. McAllister thoughtfully proposes that “the idol of freedom is the cause of our loneliness.” McAllister drew the following profound conclusion about our freedom to choose for ourselves:

While individualism and self-interest are fundamental to our happiness as politically free people, they have a dark side when out of balance. This was a concern of Alexis de Tocqueville when he commented on the development of the American democracy. Individualism had a way of separating the much-needed bonds of society. Left unchecked, families would no longer be close. Friendship would degenerate into relationships of convenience not commitment. Communities would fray. Selfishness and narcissism would drive away empathy and self-sacrifice. Intimate social connections would be lost.

Is this not what we are witnessing in society today? McAllister went on to identify the crux of the problem:

When morality is rejected and the subjective becomes the standard for truth, the subject [that’s us] is instantly and permanently isolated. He is living on an island of one.... Freedom from a relationship with God has plunged us into existential angst and a loss of significance. Freedom from virtue, judgment, law, and regulating moral principles has cast us into a sea of abandonment.

Is there any wonder why, in this age of freedom, there is less happiness, more hatred, and high rates of drug use and suicide? In our quest for the ultimate freedoms, we have cast off the virtues and values that can truly make us free.

It is a sad twist of irony that much of society has abandoned truly liberating values and their source—the Bible. God’s word holds the keys and outlines the path to true freedom and happiness. The teachings of the Bible reveal that *God’s truth* is what will set us free (John 8:32), not our opinions or feelings. And, contrary to the beliefs of much of modern “Christianity,” God’s law—summarized by the Ten Commandments—is called “the perfect law of *liberty*” (James 1:25).

If we seriously consider this, we should see that adherence to God’s laws would actually *free society* from crime, murder, hate, depression, exhaustion, loneliness, and so many other modern plagues. Modern society has allowed its relentless pursuit of freedom and happiness to become its most important priority, placing that above friends, family, colleagues, and allies—our “neighbors,” whom we are to love even as ourselves (Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 19:19).

The idolatrous pursuit of freedom has become a painful trap that is holding society captive. But there is another, happier, more fulfilling way within our reach. You can find true freedom in the pages of your Bible. To find out how, request a free copy of *The Ten Commandments* from the regional office nearest you (listed on page 4 of this magazine), or read it online at TomorrowsWorld.org.

—Scott D. Winnail

A World Deceived



By **Douglas S. Winnail**

While many view the Bible as simply a collection of myths and legends, this amazing book reveals why the world is the way it is and explains its future.

Your Bible actually reveals a powerful spirit being known as “the great dragon... that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world” (Revelation 12:9). Scripture refers to this being by various other names as well, such as “Lucifer” and “the evil one” (Isaiah 14:12; Matthew 6:13).

The Bible describes this being as “the god of this age” who has blinded human beings to the real source of truth (2 Corinthians 4:3–4). As the “ruler of this world” (John 14:30) and the “prince of the power of the air” (Ephesians 2:2), Satan influences human thought processes by broadcasting his warped ideas, which unsuspecting people absorb and assume are their own. This is the ultimate source of the perversions that have influenced so many religions, ideologies, and cultures in our world. Since Satan is described as not only a murderer and a liar, but as the very “father” of lies (John 8:44), it is no wonder that the world has experienced so much trouble, tragedy, and bloodshed throughout history.

Religious Deception

The Bible shows that there are ultimately just two ways of life: God’s way of truth and right, and Satan’s path of error and wrong. The book of Genesis reveals that Satan deceived the first human beings into choosing his lies

and rejecting God’s way—a choice that seemed appealing but led to big problems (Genesis 3; Proverbs 14:12).

When God revealed Himself to the Egyptians through Moses, Egypt’s religious leaders soon realized that their false gods were powerless before the true God (Exodus 8:19). In the book of Isaiah, the God of the Bible scoffs at the inanimate, man-made idols worshipped by pagan nations (cf. Isaiah 44:9–11; 46:5–11), and Scripture records that the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar came to recognize the real God and acknowledge Him as such (Daniel 4:34–37).

In the first century AD, the Apostle Paul noted that the idol-worshipping Greeks of Athens even had an altar to the “Unknown God”—so Paul told them who this God really was (Acts 17:16–34). Paul decried misguided pagan teachers “who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,” and he asserted that “even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind” (Romans 1:18–32). The book of Revelation describes a woman, symbolic of a church, who is dressed in scarlet and deceives the world with her false doctrines. This great false church will support a coming beast power in Europe and is linked symbolically to the seven hills of Rome, as well as to ancient Babylon, the fount of our world’s evil political and religious systems (Revelation 17:1–9). Scripture shows that Satan will empower both the beast and a church that has spread false religious ideas (cf. Revelation 13; 2 Thessalonians 2:9–10). Indeed, the Bible reveals that Satan—the “god of this age”—is the author of all the misguided, contentious, false religions around us.

Counterfeit “Christianities”

Both the Bible and secular history reveal that “Christianity” has not escaped Satan’s deceptive efforts. The New Testament warns repeatedly of false teachers who, while claiming to be ministers of Jesus Christ, deceive many into following corrupted versions of Christianity (Matthew 7:15–20; 24:3–5; 2 Thessalonians 2; 2 Timothy 3; 2 Timothy 4; 2 Peter 2:1–3). The Apostle Paul describes misguided ministers who, while claiming to be Christians, actually serve Satan when they preach about another Jesus and another gospel—contrary to what is found in Scripture (2 Corinthians 11:3–4, 13–15).

Jesus, the Apostles, and the early Church never participated in weekly Sunday worship; they observed the biblical seventh-day Sabbath as they had been taught (cf. Luke 4:16; Acts 13:13–14, 42–44; 16:13; 17:1–2). Yet, today, most who call themselves “Christians” worship on Sunday, a day of worship codified centuries after the apostolic era by Roman Emperor Constantine at the Council of Laodicea. Religious leaders around Constantine’s era also began to enforce their teaching that Jesus’ birth was to be observed on December 25—a day on which pagans celebrated the rebirth of the sun, though Scripture shows that Jesus was actually born in the milder temperatures of autumn, when shepherds could stay out at night, tending to their flocks (Luke 2:8). False leaders reasoned that “Christianizing” formerly pagan holidays would make it easier to win pagan converts—even though Scripture tells God’s people not to adopt the customs of other religions (Deuteronomy 12:30).

Historian Will Durant wrote plainly, “Christianity did not destroy paganism; it adopted it.... Christianity was the last great creation of the ancient pagan world” (*Caesar and Christ*, p. 595). Religious researchers Frank Viola and George Barna have observed that many “Christian” practices “did not come from Jesus Christ, the apostles, or the Scriptures.... Strikingly, much of what we do for ‘church’ was lifted directly out of pagan culture in the postapostolic period” (*Pagan Christianity?*, p. 6). These are facts of history, yet most today do not realize how much “Christian” practice reflects centuries of religious corruption.

Considering Satan’s influence, we can understand why there are so many different varieties of “Christianity.” Jesus, however, said, “I will build My church”—not


churches (Matthew 16:18). Later, Paul urged Christians that “there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (1 Corinthians 1:10).

Our world has seen a wide variety of governments, philosophies, and economic theories rise and fall. Monarchies, despots, and dictatorships have emerged and disappeared. Around 350 BC, the Greek philosopher Plato observed a repeating cycle in the structure of nations’ governments—from monarchy, to aristocracy, to democracy, to anarchy, to dictatorship, and repeat—because the failings of each led to the next, and none could last too long unchallenged in human hands (Will and Ariel Durant, *The Lessons of History*, p. 75).

Democracies and republics have appeared and disappeared quickly on the world stage. Philosophies of stoicism, rationalism, humanism, and agnosticism have had their day and failed to provide lasting answers to the deep questions of life. Human theories of communism, socialism, and capitalism have all failed to achieve the golden ages they once promised. These systems have failed because human beings have not understood that “unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it” (Psalm 127:1). Unless plans and ideas are built on the solid rock of God’s word, the Bible, they will fail (Matthew 7:24–29).

Darkness Before Dawn

Scripture long ago foretold that world conditions will continue to deteriorate until Christ returns (cf. 2 Timothy 3:1–5). Jesus revealed that human activity will eventually bring this deceived world to the brink of annihilation, and that “unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened” (Matthew 24:22). Scripture reveals that Christ will return to the earth as “Prince of Peace,” to establish a worldwide government from Jerusalem that will bring joy, harmony, and prosperity to all mankind (Isaiah 2:2–4; 9:6–7). He will establish one religion on earth, pointing all people to the one true God and His way of life (Isaiah 30:20–21; Zechariah 14:16–20).

Finally, at that time, the one “who deceives the whole world,” Satan the devil, will be banished from the face of the earth (Revelation 20:1–2), and we will see the dawn of a new age: the Kingdom of God! 



Read with Your Children!

When I was a public-school teacher, one of our goals was to motivate students to read. The district I worked in was not overly concerned with particulars of *what* the students were reading—just that they *were* reading something! It could be fiction or non-fiction, new or old, on their grade level or not. The simple act of reading was the stated goal.

Much research backs up this emphasis on reading. Studies have demonstrated that reading strengthens the brain, builds vocabulary, and, in many cases, provides information about a topic (“Benefits of Reading Books: How It Can Positively Affect Your Life,” *Healthline.com*, accessed May 9, 2022). All of these were goals we had for our students. And despite all of the added responsibilities society has put on teachers in recent decades, reading is still considered one of the basic goals of education, along with writing and arithmetic.

Beyond the academic benefits, studies also indicate that reading improves empathy, reduces stress and depression, and aids in healthy sleep (*Healthline.com*). “In addition, consider an occasional digital detox for the whole family. Create a screen-free night once a week or commit to unplugging one week-end a month. It could be good for everyone’s physical and emotional health, as well as your family’s relationships” (Amy Morin, “The Harmful Effects of Too Much Screen Time for Kids,” *VeryWellFamily.com*, September 17, 2020).

The schools I worked for encouraged students to read whenever possible, and made sure they had some time to do so. However, schools cannot always rely on

parental involvement. While teachers could advocate for reading during school hours, would parents support those efforts? Thankfully, the answer in my situation was that most parents gave some kind of support by having their children read, in some cases including reading as part of their children’s homework agenda.

Vital Participants

However, to give the fullest level of support to their children, parents must be willing and able to be active readers themselves—ideally, reading with their children. It is certainly a step in the right direction to have one’s children reading, but it is a much stronger lesson if the parents are reading too. For many parents, this can seem like a luxury. If mom and dad are both working multiple jobs, they may simply want to use a screen to engage themselves and their children when they get home. Other times, children themselves can have so many activities—swim lessons, baseball, piano, etc.—that having a routine time to read together feels elusive.

Nevertheless, the benefits of reading remain! And parents and children both reap those benefits. While busy schedules and a lack of routine can be real issues, reading is beneficial whenever we can do it. Young children love to have parents (and other adults) read to them, regardless of whether it is a routine or not. If we put a screen in front of their faces, they will engage with the screen, but parents can engage with their children by reading books together.

Older children also benefit from time reading with their parents. Books frequently introduce complicated topics, and it is helpful for parents to be present when

the children are reading. They can answer questions in real time, seeing the connections their children make and the concerns they have.

Frequent readers of *Tomorrow's World* will recognize that there is an even greater opportunity in reading with our children: We can read the Bible together.

Vital Subject Matter

Beyond the academic, social, and emotional benefits, reading the Bible can open the door to spiritual blessings as well! Deuteronomy 6:6-7 tells parents to teach their children God's word. We read that "these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." One way parents can fulfill this command is to read Scripture to their children.

Younger children are often drawn to the stories of the Bible, and there are numerous children's storybooks that focus on the lives of the men and women of God. These can be helpful tools to introduce the Bible to young children, as they start learning names like Abraham, Moses, David, Esther, and Paul, among others. However, these storybooks often leave a lot out, and the loose nature of their adaptation can pose a risk of exposing children to unbiblical ideas and imagery.

As parents, we should not be afraid to read appropriate passages of the *actual* Bible to even our young children! Simply aiming to read a chapter or two with our children each night can introduce them

to the entire Bible over time. Of course, they will not understand everything we read to them, but they're still getting an introduction to the true word of God. They also start to recall stories, even if imperfectly—their undeveloped minds might not remember who survived a night in the lion's den, but they know someone did!

The Bible often introduces complicated topics and people. As new readers, kids will ask numerous questions about details of the Bible that older readers may have come to take for granted. Sometimes the questions are simple: Where is Megiddo? Who is Boaz? What is a concubine? Those questions might take some time to answer, but they generally have straightforward explanations. We can also provide another good example to our children when we look up information that we do not know or have forgotten.

Furthermore, our children also may cut to deeper issues anytime they start a question with the word "why." Why did God do this? Why did He allow that? Why will this happen in prophecy? Such questions can lead to deeper understanding of the Scriptures—more so than just word definitions or geographical facts. The deeper questions let parents describe to their children how God works, why He does things, and how we should respond when we do *not* understand why events took (or take) place the way they did (or do).

Vital Understanding

Isaiah 55:8-9 reminds parents that God's ways and thoughts are so much higher than ours that we do not understand them all the time. Nevertheless, He has given us the Bible to help us gain understanding—and we can share that understanding with our children.

Researchers have shown that reading brings numerous benefits to both children and adults who take advantage of the opportunity to read. Parents who want their children to have good vocabularies, feel less anxiety, and sleep more soundly would do well to put a book, instead of a screen, in front of their children. Thankfully, God has given parents a book that provides even more advantages than these: When we read the Bible with our children, we also teach them to feel at home in the Scriptures and to build their budding relationship with their heavenly Father.

—Mark Sandor





tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble (Matthew 6:33–34).

We *can* have peace of mind. God knows the anxiety this world produces, but He offers us a weekly Sabbath—a *total* break from work for a 24-hour period, week in and week out. Doesn't that sound wonderful?

Just imagine that every Friday at sundown, you left your work behind. You spent time with your family. You read the Bible and reflected on God's plan for you. You went to church on Saturday with others of like mind and fellowshiped with them. You spent the remaining hours of the Sabbath not mowing the lawn or doing chores, but going for walks and reflecting on what you've learned.


That's the way God designed the Sabbath—not the way the Pharisees made it a burden. The Pharisees actually disapproved of the way Jesus and His disciples kept the Sabbath:

Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain. And the Pharisees said to Him, "Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" (Mark 2:23–24).

The Pharisees accused Jesus and His disciples of breaking the Sabbath, but Jesus turned their accusation around and explained the right perspective:

He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him: how he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?" And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath" (Mark 2:25–28).

Yes, Jesus Christ—our Savior—is Lord of the Sabbath. He *created* the Sabbath, establishing it as a 24-hour period to step back and think about our life. Every one of us can claim this gift for ourselves.

So, do you need a break? Do you need rest? The Sabbath isn't just an idea of snatching some downtime now and then; it is a weekly gift from God to refresh us and give us peace. The Sabbath is also a promise of a better world to come—a gift that God has given to an anxious world. *That gift is yours for the taking.* 

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Does Jesus really command Christians to hate their families?

Question: In Luke 14:26, while Jesus Christ is teaching a large crowd of people, He tells them, “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.” What does this mean? Does Jesus really command Christians to hate their family members? That would contradict His other teachings, wouldn’t it?

Answer: Yes, the idea that Jesus is literally commanding His followers to hate mothers, fathers, and others would indeed be contrary to His other teachings.

Whenever we come across an apparent contradiction like this in the Bible, it should always grab our attention, because the Bible—including Jesus’ teachings—*never* contradicts itself. Christ makes this point Himself in John 10:35, reminding the Jewish leaders in His audience that “Scripture cannot be broken.”

So, just what is He saying in this passage?

In understanding the Bible, it’s important to comprehend the context surrounding any given verse, instead of just reading the verse in isolation. When we do this in the case of Luke 14:26, it is clear that Jesus is explaining the high standards His followers must meet. Rather than instituting a “come as you are” policy, Jesus demands that people *change* in order to follow Him—and that they fully commit their lives to Him.

Context is Key

For instance, in the very next verse, Christ explains that to be one of His disciples, one must be willing to “bear his cross.” Yet He is not telling us to bear a literal cross, but rather to bear any burden of persecution, difficulty, discomfort, and trial that results from following the way of God—even to death—just as He Himself did. He says that His followers must be willing to forsake *all* that they possess (Luke 14:33). They must be willing to give up anything in their lives—and even willing to give up their very lives—for His sake, or they cannot be His disciples at all.

These passages give context to the message Jesus is conveying: He is telling us that we must consider *Him* the most important part of our lives, rather than any of the other loves, comforts, and possessions we may have.

He is *not* commanding us to literally hate our family members. Earlier in the book of Luke, He commands us to love even our enemies:

But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you (6:27–28).


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Of course, He wouldn’t—the phrasing in Luke 14:26 is of *contrast*, not objective hate. Jesus is saying that, to be His disciples, we must be willing to put Him first, before even our most natural affections—even affections toward parents, spouse, or children.

Luke’s words become even clearer when we consider Matthew’s description of the same teaching: “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me” (Matthew 10:37).

In fact, those who *do* give their lives to Jesus Christ find that they don’t love their families less than they did before—rather, they love them *more*. They discover that putting God as the highest priority in our lives helps us to set all other priorities right.

The answer is clear—Jesus does not literally command us to hate our families. But He does warn us that we must love Him *more* than our families, more than our friends, and even more than our very lives. 

Satanic Extremes of Drug Cartel Recruitment

In Mexico, drug cartels are becoming increasingly brutal. In a game of one-upmanship,



Annual celebration of the cult of Santa Muerte in Mexico City's notorious Tepito neighborhood

when one gang does something horrendous, the next gang must do something even more horrible (*The Daily Beast*, February 13, 2022). This scenario has led to gang members mutilating those they kill from rival gangs.

Mexican cartels have now included cannibalism in their “terror schools” as part of the training of new recruits. Those recruits do not have the option to leave the schools, and their lives are threatened if they fail to comply with the training. One can only imagine the mental scars caused by engaging in such grotesque behaviors. The cartels’ goal is to intimidate their enemies into submission.

Today’s world remains under the influence of “the god of this age,” identified by the Bible as Satan the devil (2 Corinthians 4:4). Jesus calls the devil a “murderer” (John 8:44), and under his demonic

influence, this world is becoming not only more ungodly, but even more “brutal” (2 Timothy 3:1–4). Jesus Christ is going to return as “the Savior of the world” (John 4:42) to

eliminate the atrocities we see today and show mankind the way to peace (Isaiah 9:6–7). This is what the true Gospel that Jesus Christ preached is all about.

Scottish Politicians Undermine Parents

The Scottish National Party (SNP) recently released guidelines telling teachers, police, and social workers to respect the privacy of children by not informing parents when their children, even as young as age 13, are having sex (*Telegraph*, February 20, 2022). The rationale behind the guidelines concerns the issue of confidentiality. According to the guidelines, “Overriding confidentiality must be justified and proportionate, taking into account the nature and probability of risk to the young person and/or others.” This means, if adults feel a child’s sexual activity is not

“overly risky,” parents will not be informed. However, the age of consent in Scotland is 16, so, in effect, the government is encouraging adults to “keep quiet” about behaviors that are clearly against the law.

Calling the new national guidelines “morally bankrupt,” the Scottish Catholic Church told the press, “Believing children are equipped to make moral judgments about how they behave sexually fundamentally undermines child protection.” In Scotland, children under age 16 must have parental consent to apply for a free bus pass, but not to engage in activity that will negatively impact the rest of their lives. According to Scotland’s government, the wishes and feelings of children, who lack the wisdom and experience to make major, life-altering decisions, override the right of their parents to know when their sons and daughters are engaging in high-risk behaviors.

Today, national and local leaders increasingly ignore the

wisdom of biblical morality, and they continue to erode the rights of parents to make decisions for their own families (Proverbs 22:6). Many are rightfully concerned that such trends are moving society toward the legalization of sex with children—pedophilia. This should not be a surprise to students of the Bible. Prophecies reveal that, as the end of the age approaches, society will become increasingly immoral—calling evil good and calling good evil (Isaiah 5:20).

Hunger Causing Premature Births in Afghanistan

Since the U.S. and coalition forces pulled out of Afghanistan and the Taliban regained control, hunger has dramatically increased in that nation (*Wall Street Journal*, January 28, 2022). Half the country’s population—about 20 million people—are facing conditions of acute hunger as the economy continues to collapse following the Taliban takeover

and the Western sanctions that have followed.

Extreme hunger has many consequences, including pregnant mothers giving birth prematurely to babies with very low birth weights. “The Wardak provincial hospital’s director in Maidan Shahr, Muhammad Nadir Rahmani, said the hospital is seeing the birth weight of babies reduce alarmingly, as the bodies of malnourished mothers are unable to carry their children to full term.” Many of these little ones are too premature to live. Breastfeeding mothers who lack food lose their milk supply and cannot feed their infants. As one mother said, “We have always been poor, but things have gotten so bad I don’t have words to describe it.”

Many other nations around the globe, especially in the horn of Africa, are also experiencing extreme hunger (*UN News*, February 8, 2022). Tragically, it is often the youngest who are hardest hit. Such conditions should move us to “sigh and cry” for the suffering we see in the world around us (Ezekiel 9:4) and pray that God will hasten the return of Jesus Christ to set up the Kingdom of God, which will bring peace and abundance—and an end to hunger.

Where Are All the Teachers Going?

CNN has reported an alarming trend: “US teacher prep programs have reported shrinking enrollment numbers over at least the past decade. Experts

are sounding the alarm” (February 5, 2022). Many teachers are now retiring, and replacements are in dwindling supply. The reasons for teachers leaving makes for a large list, “from low pay and often little regard from their communities, to growing numbers of school shootings and legislative requirements about what and how to teach.” As educators leave the teaching field, the vacancies they leave behind are going unfilled because fewer and fewer seem interested in taking their places. As one official noted, “I don’t know how bad it’s going to have to get before we realize as a country that if we don’t invest in education... we will not have anyone in the classrooms to teach our children.”

A 2021 report from the UK reported that one in six new teachers quit after the first year (*Forbes*, June 17, 2021). Teacher shortages are a problem in Canada as well, where in some provinces, 40 percent of teachers leave in the first five years. In a recent survey of 15,000 teachers, “70 percent of them reported being ‘very stressed, struggling to cope and increasingly feeling unhappy’” (*The Conversation*, March 15, 2021). The trend is similar in many other nations around the globe.

The Bible has warned of a time when disrespectful children would become oppressors (Isaiah 3:4; 2 Timothy 3:1–4). However, biblical prophecies also tell of a time after Jesus Christ’s return when teachers will once again show

students the right way to live (Isaiah 30:20–21). At that time, parents will take a much more prominent role in teaching their own children (Deuteronomy 4:9–10; 6:6–7).

Fertilizer Prices, Smaller Crops, Less Food

The *Wall Street Journal* reports that rising fertilizer prices around the globe are impacting farmers everywhere (January 21, 2022). While having a devastating effect in developing countries, no one seems immune. In Texas, for example, fertilizer prices have risen by more than 80 percent since last year (*KXXV News*, January 20, 2022). Fertilizer prices now make up 30 to 35 percent of operating costs for farmers, and the rising expenses are beginning to make crops too expensive for buyers. As a result, farmers are cutting back

and the amount of seed they plant. The result is less food available for consumers.

Lower fertilizer use lowers food production, food quality, and food availability, increasing global hunger. The fertilizer crisis even impacts worldwide employment rates because there is less employment for agricultural workers.

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The *WSJ* highlights the scope of the crisis: “Fertilizer demand in sub-Saharan Af-

rica could fall 30% in 2022, according to the International Fertilizer Development Center, a global nonprofit organization. That would translate to 30 million metric tons less food produced, which the center says is equivalent to the food needs of 100 million people.” Lower fertilizer use lowers food production, food quality, and food availability, increasing global hunger. The fertilizer crisis even impacts worldwide employment rates because there is less employment for agricultural workers.

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I am very thankful to you to have this free information available for us to study. I will be sharing this with my friends. I will be endeavoring to study and learn and understand God's word! I appreciate these articles that you so willingly share with those of us who really need them. They do help me to grasp the word of God in a more meaningful way.

—Subscriber in Oklahoma

What in the world is wrong with having a political preference or favouring certain political parties or candidates? Both sides of an issue cannot be biblically correct. Take a stand! The gays and Muslims are urging and helping their people to get involved in every aspect and department of our governments. Our Heavenly Father has given us a gift of a democracy and no doubt He wants us to cherish and protect it. Probably if Christians had worked diligently to get our young people engaged and active in politics, we would not be killing our unborn children and ailing seniors. We, the Christians, are complicit in bringing on His judgement of our country because we do so little to install righteous people into positions of power. It is just so very sad.

—Subscriber in Ontario

Editor's Note: *We understand your point of view and are even sympathetic. And no one can read our magazine or watch our television program and conclude that we do not take a stand. Yet Jesus Himself demonstrated that His purpose was not to get caught up in the affairs of this dying world (e.g., Luke 12:13-14) but, instead, to devote all of His efforts to pointing people to the real and only solution to this world's problems. As He told Pilate, if His Kingdom were of this world, then*

His servants would fight—but His Kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36).

We encourage you to visit our website at TomorrowsWorld.org and read "How Would Jesus Vote for President?" in our September-October 2016 issue, which dives into this topic in much more detail.

Thank you for the booklet *The Bible: Fact or Fiction?* Very informative and easy to understand.

—Subscriber in North Goa, India

I'm currently doing the *Bible Study Course* and am loving every minute. I'm doing it slowly so that it will stick better in my memory. It's really helping me to understand the Bible better. I also really appreciate the letters that you send to me which are relevant to today's current trends. Also, I appreciate the fact that your Church is not afraid to speak out against things that are wrong in the world today. Thank you so much again and keep up the good work.

—Subscriber in Victoria, Australia

I would like to thank you so much for your monthly magazines. Since my husband first requested a copy of this magazine many years ago, I have looked forward to receiving it and read it from cover to cover as soon as it arrives. I have passed on the past copies and hope the Holy Spirit will direct someone to read and get help from them. The articles are all so well written and explain the current world conditions as they are. You have enlightened me on so many of the prophetic scriptures in the Bible that I was ignorant of. The Bible shows us the Way. Thank you again for all your research and good work for the love of God.

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Fairbanks KATN SU 7:00 a.m.

Juneau KJUD SU 6:00 a.m.

AL 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 WLTX 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 KECE (CW) SU 9:00 a.m.

Eureka KECA-LD/KVIQ (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

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

Palm Springs KCWQ (CW) SU 3:30 p.m.

Sacramento Sacramento Faith TV SU 8:00 a.m.

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

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

Gainesville WCJB (CW) SU 6:00 a.m.

Jacksonville WCWJ SU 8:00 a.m.

Miami WBFS SU 6:30 a.m.

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

Tallahassee WTFL 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 WTFL (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 WGEW SU 7:00 a.m.

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

Fort Wayne Comcast SU 9:00 a.m.

KS Parsons TWPAR 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 TH 10:00 p.m.

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 WNOH SU 7:00 a.m.

Shreveport KSHV SU 10:00 a.m.

West Monroe KMCT SU 6:00 a.m.

MA Springfield WWLP SU 7:00 a.m.

ME Bangor WABI SU 8:00 a.m.

Presque Isle WBQP 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 KDLH CW Plus SU 8:00 a.m.

Duluth KDLH SU 8:00 a.m.

Mankato KMNF/KEYC CW 9:00 a.m.

Rochester KTTT SU 7:00 a.m.

Roseville CTV

MO Columbia KOMU

Joplin KFJX SU 8:30 a.m.

Kansas City KCWE

St. Louis KPLR SU 7:30 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.

Meridian Spectrum WE 4:00 p.m.

MT Billings KTVQ SU 7:00 a.m.

Butte KBZK SU 7:00 a.m.

Butte KXLF SU 7:00 a.m.

Glendive KWZB SU 7:00 a.m.

Great Falls KRTV SU 7:00 a.m.

Helena KMTF SU 7:00 a.m.

Missoula 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 WRAX 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 WBNG SU 8:00 a.m.

Brooklyn BCAT 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.

Riverhead Cablevision SU 7:00 p.m.

Rochester Finger Lakes SU 7:00 a.m.

OH Cincinnati WSTR SU 9:00 a.m.

Cleveland WUAB SU 8:30 a.m.

Fairborn CAC TU 12:00 p.m.

Toledo BBX SU 7:30 a.m.

Zanesville WBZV SU 8:00 a.m.

OK Ada KLEN SU 7:00 a.m.

Lawton KAUZ SU 7:00 a.m.

Tulsa KQCW SU 8:00 a.m.

OR Bend KTVZ SU 8:00 a.m.

Eugene KMTR SU 8:00 a.m.

Medford KTVL SU 8:00 a.m.

Portland Community SU 12:30 p.m.

PA Erie WSEE SU 8:00 a.m.

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

Philadelphia WPSG SU 7:30 a.m.

SC Charleston WCCB SU 8:00 a.m.

Columbia WOLO SU 11:00 a.m.

Greenville WYCW SU 9:30 a.m.

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Myrtle Beach WWMB SU 8:00 a.m.

SD Rapid City KCLO ION/CW SU 7:00 a.m.

Sioux Falls KFSY SU 7:00 a.m.

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