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A “Hard, Ugly Truth”?

Billionaire venture capitalist Chamath Palihapitiya, a former part-owner of the National Basketball Association’s Golden State Warriors, shocked listeners to his All-In Podcast last January when he shared his opinion on a pressing human rights issue: “Nobody cares about what’s happening to the Uyghurs.... You bring it up because you really care, and I think it’s nice that you really care, the rest of us don’t care.... Of all the things I care about, yes, it’s below my line.”

The NBA, carefully managing its relations with China, has been wracked with concerns about treatment of the Uyghurs, a largely Muslim minority group in western China. And many listeners expressed concern about Palihapitiya’s statement. National Public Radio, reflecting on the controversy, reported, “Palihapitiya said he cares about many things, including inflation, American health care infrastructure and climate change, but not the genocide China is accused of carrying out against the Muslim Uyghurs” (“Co-owner of NBA’s Warriors slammed after saying ‘nobody cares about the Uyghurs,’” *NPR.org*, January 17, 2022).

Was Palihapitiya correct when he said, “Nobody cares about what’s happening to the Uyghurs”? Or is he more calloused than the rest of us? To some, it might seem Palihapitiya was bluntly saying that we shouldn’t upset a nation that offers investors vast potential profits, simply because of a faceless mass of people who are effectively no more relevant to most people than the bugs that hit our windshield as we drive on a warm summer night.

Palihapitiya elsewhere tried to temper his comments, saying he was trying to make a point about American hypocrisy and that he did not intend to express any personal lack of empathy for the Uyghurs. Yet, though most would deny it, Palihapitiya’s comment—even taken at face value—described reality far too accurately. Perhaps many more think this way than would ever openly say so on a public forum. As he put it, “I’m just telling you a very hard, ugly truth.”

Out of Sight, Out of Mind?

At the same time, there are those who would vociferously disagree and claim that they do care; and maybe they do. This is especially true when caring emotions are stoked by a pleading woman’s voice and sentimental background music, accompanied by a video of starving African or Asian children sitting on parched ground and covered with flies. Such appeals are certainly effective in generating money for charities. Whatever

else you think, only the most hardened among us are not touched by such pitiful pleas. But such temporary compassion may not be as much an example of genuine love and concern as we try to convince ourselves.



Consider this statement from the Bible about those who claim they love God:

“If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?” (1 John 4:20).

Are we deceiving ourselves about the meaning of love when we claim to love a faceless, distant stranger? After all, the stranger has never cut us off in traffic or undermined us at work. Would we still love him if he were closer? However poorly he expressed himself, Palihapitiya might have hit upon a kernel of truth about hypocrisy, and about avoiding the proverbial victim by the wayside (Luke 10:30–32). Can we truly say we love someone far away when we cannot love someone close by? Is sentiment the same as true love?

Are these simply abstract philosophical questions over which we should not burden ourselves?

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Or is there a lesson they can teach us through self-examination?

Putting on a Face

It is easy to have temporary sentimental feelings, yet at the same time—by our actions—dismiss people as being less human than we are. It is easy to act as though others do not experience hunger, disappointment, depression, or fear as we do, and that the loss of their children does not pain them as would the loss of our own. It is easy to forget that they have hopes and dreams, the desire to love and be loved. Yes, it is easy to dismiss the needs and concerns of faceless, faraway masses as if they were less than us—even if we deny this, even to ourselves.

The 2004 “Christmas Tsunami” in South Asia was a tragedy of monumental proportions, killing more than 230,000 people. Pictures of the destruction, horrendous as they are, cannot begin to reveal the magnitude of human suffering that occurred when for ten minutes a 900-mile fault beneath the Indian Ocean slipped and shook millions of square miles of land and sea.

We can understand that the thousands of European, North American, and Australian tourists in the coastal province of Phuket, Thailand and elsewhere in the affected areas did not see the indigenous victims as nameless and faceless. Nor did a dear friend of mine in Canada whose family narrowly survived the waves that struck Sri Lanka. This friend put a face on them for me.

Around the World

Two-and-a-half years ago, just as COVID-19 was leading to lockdowns almost everywhere, I had the wonderful opportunity to travel literally around the world on an extended trip for *Tomorrow's World*. My trip began in Canada, where for more than 13 years I had lived in a multicultural neighborhood so diverse that every one of us was a minority. I was there to record four Canadian version *Tomorrow's World* telecasts. After that, I flew to the Philippines and then to Thailand for ministerial conferences and to visit a school in Mae Sot, Thailand, where our foundation teaches English. Then it was on to South Africa by way of Singapore.

South Africa was a whirlwind. I spent the Sabbath with our Johannesburg and Pretoria congregations and then flew to Cape Town for a *Tomorrow's World*

Presentation on Sunday. From there, it was off to Port Elizabeth to meet with Church members before a flight to meet with our office manager and his wife, where the three of us drove to Lesotho, a country within a country. I also visited our South African office and met the staff there before returning to Johannesburg to fly home.

Every place I traveled, I saw faces and people that I will not easily forget—and will not write off. It is not that this was a revelation to me, as I have traveled more than most Americans, having lived in Canada and England and having visited China, India, Israel, Mexico, France, and Germany, as well as many other places. Yes, people dress differently and have different customs, but all are just as we are—human beings made in the image of God with the same godly potential.

Tomorrow's World is here to explain God's plan—His biblical plan that is not taught in mainstream Christianity or in any other religion. The Bible nowhere teaches that we are here to live with as much pleasure as we can cram into our fleeting years and then go to a celestial retirement in the sky, or to an ever-burning hellfire to be tortured forever! So, why is it that the plain teaching of Scripture is almost *never* taught?

King David asked, “What is man that You are mindful of him?” The second chapter of Hebrews answers that question. Read it for yourself. Also check out Romans 8:14–23, Luke 19:11–19, and 2 Corinthians 6:18. And, for a full explanation of God's plan for you, order our free resources *What Is the Meaning of Life?* and *The Holy Days: God's Master Plan*. What God has in mind for you is far greater than you can imagine. He has not written off the Uyghurs or any other people on planet Earth—nor should we!

You and I will not solve all of mankind's problems now, but there is coming a time in the future—a time we call *tomorrow's world*—when the One who created mankind with different talents and abilities will return to straighten out the mess we see around us, whether near or far. While we as human beings may forget those far off, He will not. He has a plan for everyone. Keep reading this magazine to learn more about that plan!



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SLIDING TOWARD SODOM

*Lies have robbed our society
of firm footing, and we won't
like where we are headed.*



By **Gerald E. Weston**

You've probably heard the quote, "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it." It's usually attributed to Joseph Goebbels, propaganda minister in Nazi Germany. Ironically, Goebbels said something like that as an accusation against his British enemies—he didn't admit that it applied to him or his own nation. And it was British Prime Minister Winston Churchill who famously said, "In wartime, truth is so precious that she should always be attended by a bodyguard of lies."

Is a lie acceptable when a "good guy" tells it? Is truth "so precious" that we should prefer a lie? Our world is certainly confused about truth and falsehood, honesty and lies. Indeed, absolute truth is under assault—thus we have "Your truth is not my truth." However, we are thankful that those who design the planes that transport us from London to New York live in the real world of absolute aerodynamic laws. Engineers work with laws that are unchangeable. Any honest and thinking person understands this. It is only in the realm of human behavior that truth is considered fluid and absolute law is rejected.

Of course, the impact of a lie is dependent on the extent to which it can be spread. During World War II they had to rely on word of mouth, telegram transmission, radio broadcasts, and other means we would consider archaic. Their tools were limited, though effective. Imagine, however, if they were alive today, how Nazi propagandists would salivate over today's tools for spreading lies: the Internet and social media. Never in the history of mankind have there been greater tools to generate falsehoods, spread conspiracy theories, and advance political agendas.

To maximize the impact of deception, one must go one step further. All available effort must be expended to shut down and suppress any dissent from the lie. While Hitler's propaganda used the power of the state to *promote* his agenda with the German people, the Nazi regime also *suppressed dissent*. Opposition was not tolerated. "Cancel culture" was often brutally exercised by the Nazi state.

Consequences of Loss of Trust

The danger we face today is much greater, as the sources of falsehoods and conspiracies go well beyond the state but clearly do not exclude the state. Over the last two years, we have seen a loss of trust in

academia, media, and government. It is not that our institutions did not already have credibility issues, but has that trust ever been so low as it is now? As Wallace Smith reported in his February 2022 *Tomorrow's World* magazine article “The Credibility Crisis,” citizens have without doubt been misled on numerous occasions by once-respected institutions and individuals.

One could discuss with good reason why *The New York Times* is mistrusted by many and when that mistrust began, but note this headline from *MSN.com*: “New York Times Issues Messy Correction for Error-Riddled Covid Story.”

“An earlier version of this article incorrectly described actions taken by regulators in Sweden and Denmark,” Thursday’s correction noted. “They have halted use of the Moderna vaccine in children; they have not begun offering single doses. The article also misstated the number of Covid hospitalizations in U.S. children. It is more than 63,000 from August 2020 to October 2021, not 900,000 since the beginning of the pandemic” (October 8, 2021).

Not surprisingly, it is easy to find the original “error-riddled” article—but good luck finding the correction from the *Times*. Was it a case of sloppy reporting by Apoorva Mandavilli, or was it a blatant attempt to control the narrative in favor of bias? One would not expect such sloppiness from a reporter honored with a Victor Cohn Prize for Excellence in Medical Science Reporting as recently as 2019.

All of this raises the bigger question of what is going on in our world. Western culture is being transformed by lies before our very eyes. What is behind this transition? What happened to truth? Ordinary people are baffled by what they see as seemingly insane decisions by their leaders. We often hear, “Nobody can be that stupid,” indicating that people suspect an agenda at work. Who is behind it? And what is the endgame?

Some blame the globalists: George Soros, Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, Klaus Schwab, and anyone associated with the World Economic Forum. Anthony Fauci and big pharma are accused by numerous conspiracy theorists, such as those behind a June 27,

2022 Internet post where we are informed—or misinformed—that “The Globalists Plan to Kill 90% of Humanity.” This *Tomorrow's World* article is not intended to verify or debunk such an astonishing claim, though it *is* difficult to believe. On the contrary, we are here to point out what few understand: *All* these individuals, no matter how evil, arrogant, greedy, humble, or well-meaning, are mere pawns.

What is clear is that there are names—known and unknown, famous and obscure—behind a radical transformation of Western culture, and there is little doubt that their ultimate target is to cast away traditional values, many of which derive their authority from the Bible. This explains why there is a war on traditional roles within the family and on any rational understanding of what it means to be male or female.

The War Against God

The confusion we see today did not start during any of our lifetimes. Celebrated philosophers such as Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Karl Marx were anti-God rebels through and through. Charles Darwin provided a theory to explain creation without a Creator, though in truth it does no such thing. The evidence of God is found all around us if we will only open our eyes and use the intelligence given to us. The facts do not support macroevolution. Despite claims that the geologic record proves evolution, that record shows just the opposite, and geologists know this. Even Darwin himself recognized this as a problem. But the greatest obstacle for evolution is how non-living material came to be alive. How could the impossible happen—how could the first cell feed itself and reproduce? And don’t let anyone deceive you—there is no such thing as a “simple” cell. Even bacterial cells are anything but simple.

Only in recent decades have we learned just how complex life is. One who has some understanding on the subject is prolific writer and self-proclaimed evolutionist Bill Bryson. How is it that he—and he is far from alone—maintains faith in a theory no one can prove? How is it that he and others believe that blind chance and a freakish accident can do what no human intelligence can replicate? Note this amazing statement by Bryson in his 2019 book *The Body*:

No matter what you pay, or how carefully you assemble the materials, you are not going to

create a human being. You could call together all the brainiest people who are alive now or have ever lived and endow them with the complete sum of human knowledge, and they could not between them make a single living cell, never mind a [human being].

Bryson then goes on to speak of the “miracle of life” but cannot explain it. So, who is it now who trusts in faith and miracles? Scientists bristle at the characterization that they have faith in “blind chance,” but the outspoken Richard Dawkins contradicts that by titling one of his books in support of this outdated theory *The Blind Watchman*. The desire to live without a greater power declaring truth and standards for right and wrong drives people to trust in the *impossible*.

Each of us must choose one of only two explanations for life’s origin: that it is the work of a higher intelligence, or that it is the result of blind chance. Sadly, many of the self-proclaimed educated of the world have chosen the latter. Once you remove God from the picture, every man is left to himself to decide right from wrong, what is the best course and what is not. This war against God is the result of mankind’s innate hostility to godly values. “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be” (Romans 8:7).

Can we not connect the dots between the Western world’s increasing rejection of God and the drift toward confusion and disaster upon disaster? Can we not see that *the man who stands for nothing will fall for anything*? When generation after generation of adults are fed the lie of a chance existence and that there are no absolute moral truths to live by, why are we surprised by a generation of rudderless children?

The Sodom Slide

Consider *how far* our world has strayed from biblical truths. Note this February 2021 headline from CBS News: “1 in 6 Generation Z adults identify as something other than heterosexual.” The report went on to explain, “Nearly 16% of Generation Z adults, who were between the ages of 18 and 23 in 2020, identify as LGBT, according to the poll.”

Consider *how rapidly* the values landscape is changing. Only a year later, in February 2022,

Axios.com carried this headline about the latest poll: “The number of LGBTQ-identifying adults is soaring.” The article continued, “One in five Gen Z adults identify as LGBTQ—and that number is only expected to go up, according to a Gallup poll released Thursday” (February 19, 2022).

Many shake their heads at how Germans in the 1930s could so easily be misled into a war that brought devastation to much of the world, including their own beloved country. However, any thinking person ought to be asking the same question about our slide to Sodom in the twenty-first century. Hitler’s propagandists would be proud of the effectiveness of today’s, even though they did not share the same agenda. Back then, they only had radio, the printed word, and educational institutions—today we have all three, plus the Internet, social media, and television to spread every kind of falsehood.

The Internet is a lying machine. Not only does social media promote the anti-God agenda under the deceptive guise of inclusion and tolerance, but it also promotes every conspiracy man can imagine. Worse yet, algorithms direct people further and further down their own chosen rabbit holes of deception, as each person thinks he or she is following the *right* rabbit.

Like Sheep to the Slaughter

Human beings tend to follow the crowd, no matter where it leads or who is leading. If a celebrity sports a mohawk, so will his followers. Put a nail through your tongue and others will do likewise, though this ridiculous fad has thankfully faded. Not so when it comes to tattoos. Once they were the stamp of drunken sailors on shore leave, but today we see men and women at all levels of society flaunting them. Why not, if you have no supreme authority in your life? But if you do have respect for the One who gave you life, it might do you well to read what He has to say on the subject (Leviticus 19:28).

Without a supreme God to guide them, people are turning to bloggers, podcasters, and social media in general for information and validation. How *easily* we are manipulated without a moral anchor.

Much of academia has been taken over by propagandists who promote casting off all restraint,

just as predicted: “By swearing and lying, killing and stealing and committing adultery, they break all restraint, with bloodshed upon bloodshed” (Hosea 4:2). These godless educators started in the universities, transitioned to high school, and are now going after those as young as five years old, indoctrinating and confusing them as to whether they are boys, girls, or something entirely different. Anyone who does not toe the line is “cancelled.”

Why, if it is all about tolerance and inclusion, are biblical values not tolerated and included? Whoever stated it, he or she did so succinctly: “It thus becomes vitally important for the State to use all of its powers to repress dissent.”

Growing up has always been challenging, as individuals search for where they fit in the grand scheme. But today, it is worse, as there are plenty of peers and opportunists to show you the way, to validate you with a social media “like” and an “atta boy” for following the latest trend, no matter how destructive. How else can we explain the proliferation of those identifying as LGBTQIA+?

The Truth Sets You Free

The prophet Isaiah, knowing that truth, righteousness, and justice would be lacking in this present God-rejecting world, wrote of the condition of his people:


The way of peace they have not known,
and there is no justice in their ways; they
have made themselves crooked paths; who-
ever takes that way shall not know peace.
Therefore justice is far from us, nor does
righteousness overtake us; we look for light,
but there is darkness! For brightness, but we
walk in blackness! We grope for the wall like
the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes;
we stumble at noonday as at twilight; we are
as dead men in desolate places. We all growl
like bears, and moan sadly like doves; we look
for justice, but there is none; for salvation,
but it is far from us.... In transgressing and
lying against the LORD, and departing from

our God, speaking oppression and revolt,
conceiving and uttering from the heart words
of falsehood. Justice is turned back, and right-
eousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen
in the street, and equity cannot enter (Isaiah
59:8–11, 13–14).

Nevertheless, there is hope. Jesus said, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31–32). The truth is the enemy of lying propaganda, “the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus by extension, the truth is the greatest enemy of the State.”

Jesus said of those who follow Him, “They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth” (John 17:16–17). Yes, the truth sets us apart from the course of this world. While academics, media, corporations, governments, and even clergy promote behaviors unacceptable to God, those who understand that there are absolute moral truths, who have a moral anchor and strive to live that way of truth, are restrained from behaviors that bring confusion, suffering, depression, and despair.

This does not mean it is ever easy to live in this world. Clearly, it is not. As Isaiah said, “So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey” (Isaiah 59:15). Cancel culture can be painful, but standing up to it has an eventual reward. Truth *will* win in the end. As we have quoted, “The lie can be maintained only for such time as the State can shield the people from the political, economic and/or military consequences of the lie.” In today’s context, *the lie can be maintained only for such time as the modern propagandists can shield the people from the moral, economic, and cultural consequences of the lie.*

The consequences will come—in fact, for those with eyes to see, they are already here. So will come the rewards, both now and in the future, but those who would attain those rewards need foresight and courage. True Christianity is not for the weak, but for the courageous! 

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Heed the Alarm: Lessons from Pickering



A Sunday morning in mid-January—the perfect time for doing things around the house. That is, until my phone began to buzz, crying out with an urgency that announced something more than a regular text message or phone call. The ring was louder, longer, and higher pitched than a normal notification. I was unaware at the time that millions of phones across Ontario were buzzing in a similar fashion.

My initial assumption was that this must be an Amber Alert—a text message from the police, asking all citizens to be on the lookout for a particular license plate or individual potentially associated with an abducted child. But what I read was not what I expected:

An incident was reported at the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station. There has been NO abnormal release of radioactivity from the station and emergency staff are responding to the situation. People near the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station DO NOT need to take any protective actions at this time.

Operating safely since 1971, the Pickering nuclear plant is a seldom-thought-of aspect of life for most in the Greater Toronto Area. The facility houses six CANDU reactors producing 14 percent of Ontario's power and is slated to begin the decommissioning process in 2028.

Yet, despite all the years of safe operation and the clear statement that action was not necessary, the words "An incident was reported at the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station" brought a flood of various scenarios to mind.

A False, But Educational, Alarm

The message was a false alarm and was rescinded via Twitter approximately 40 minutes later. A second text, sent nearly two hours after the initial message, confirmed that the warning had been sent in error. Countless individuals breathed a deep sigh of relief. However, the various disaster scenarios remained in our minds and raised questions of preparedness among many. *Maclean's* magazine reported that a nuclear-safety website received more than 32,000 orders for potassium iodide pills in the following days ("Pickering's plan for nuclear fallout," February 18, 2020).

Shortly after the incident, the *Durham Region* published a news bulletin detailing the emergency response plan prepared for such an event. While many had slept through the first text and only learned about the error when they read the second text, in the event of an actual incident the warning system would be much more thorough:

If the province decides to [activate] the public alerting system, within 15 minutes public alerting sirens will sound for those within three kilometres of the plant. Homes within the 10 km zone will receive an automated call to their landlines ("What would happen if there actually was a nuclear accident in Durham?," January 15, 2020).

The *Durham Region* article goes on to review evacuation plans as well as detail the various safety features of the plant and how long radiation could be stored within the facility before having to be released. The

reality is that nuclear power is historically one of the safest forms of power generation available. Yet, threats of disaster still exist.

A Lesson for All

While your region may not have a nuclear station, there are few areas of the world that are not susceptible to some form of disaster. Often, these potential threats are the furthest things from our minds—until something goes wrong. While disaster preparation can be taken to extremes, there is wisdom in preparing for the unexpected. Take a few moments to consider the potential dangers and natural disasters in your area and find out what emergency plans are currently in place.

However, any disaster plan is useless if people do not recognize and act on warning signs. Plans are dependent on someone raising the alarm and those in danger responding to the warning. Had the first Pickering text accurately warned of disaster and no other call had gone out, how many would have seen the message in time? How many would have heeded the warning?

The book of Ezekiel contains a dire warning for those who hear a warning message, as well as for those responsible for sounding the alarm:

Whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life. But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among

them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand (Ezekiel 33:4-6).

Biblical prophecy outlines many events that will affect every man, woman, and child on the planet. While many early-warning systems call for evacuation or other measures to limit disaster, God's word calls for *obedience* and *drawing close to Him*—His protection is the only certain form of safety in what lies ahead. Many of the events described in the Bible seem impossible to survive; however, the God powerful enough to predict world events thousands of years in advance is also powerful enough to protect those who obey Him. The words of King David in the Psalms make plain God's ability to deliver His people from even the most horrifying of events:

He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you (Psalm 91:4-7).

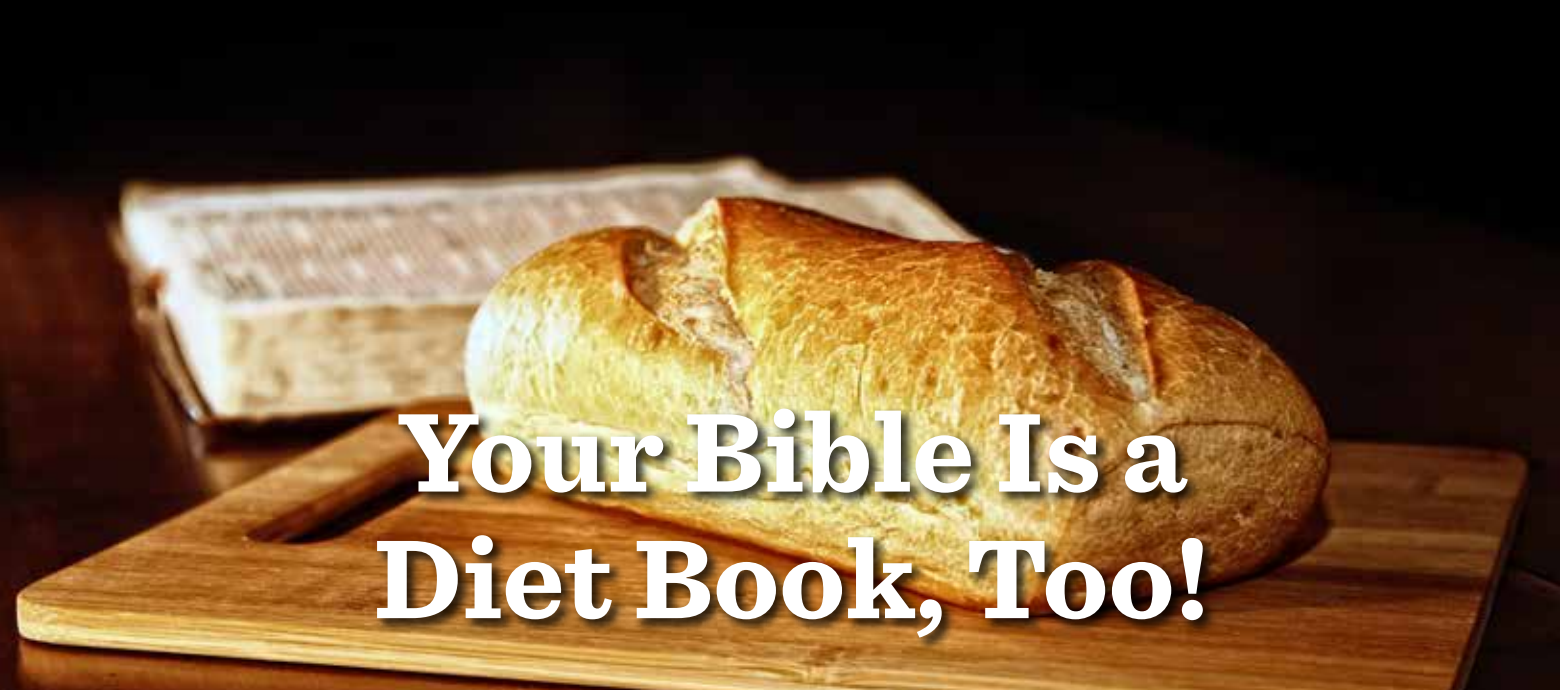
Prophesied Emergencies to Come

Much of biblical prophecy outlines the rise, motives, conflicts, and eventual fall of several end-time superpowers. These coming powers may not be who you think. Two of them, the "king of the North" and the "king of the South" about whom the prophet Daniel wrote (Daniel 11), will soon appear on the world scene—and life as we know it will be forever changed.

As with any early-warning system, it is vital that those in danger know what to watch for. God's word, found in His Scriptures, provides a clear understanding of what to look for—and most importantly, *how to react*. To find out more, you can request free copies of *Fourteen Signs Announcing Christ's Return* and *Revelation: The Mystery Unveiled!*, or read them online at TomorrowsWorld.org. These will help you to examine the identity of the king of the North and the king of the South—and understand how they will reshape our world.

—Michael Heykoop





Your Bible Is a Diet Book, Too!

By **Douglas S. Winnail**

The Bible is not a *textbook* about nutrition or physical health. Yet when we see just how valuable the Bible's instructions are in so many other areas of human life, it is not surprising to learn that the Bible gives important *guidance* regarding how we can best obtain and maintain physical health.

Indeed, your Bible gives us a variety of important instructions about building and maintaining our health. But is physical health an end in itself, or is it primarily a means to a greater end?

A Current Diagnosis

For centuries, Western civilization valued good health as a means to an end—to survive, earn a living, raise a family, or accomplish a noble goal. In more recent years, however, the quest for health has become an end in itself—a quest to find the ideal diet or the ultimate exercise and create the “perfect” body. For many today, health and body have become modern *gods*.

In pursuit of bodily perfection, millions search endlessly for the latest health secrets. People spend enormous amounts of money on injections, prescriptions, and procedures—yet the rate of obesity is growing year by year in the United States, where more than 70 percent of adults are classified as overweight, obese, or *severely* obese. That's a shocking increase over even a decade ago, when “just” 60 percent fell into those categories. Weight is not just a problem by itself; it con-

tributes to the suffering of millions who face heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes, and other maladies. And the story is similar in other developed nations.

For many, the modern, all-consuming quest for health is an expensive and never-ending search for a “holy grail” that often fails to produce the health and peace of mind most people desire. *Why?*

Is there a missing dimension in our lives today regarding our quest for health? Most people living in the modern Western nations have a distorted view of health because they have lost the anchor, the compass, meant to give us balance in our approach to health. We find ourselves swept from one extreme to another—from drugs to herbs, from surgery to “massaging energy flows”—yet we rarely look at the most proven source of truth in our lives: the Bible.

In Scripture, God provides fundamental principles to guide our personal choices in ways that promote health and prevent disease. The Bible is more than a list of “dos and don'ts” regarding health. From Scripture we learn that we are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26). Yet our bodies were not made to last forever (Psalm 39:5; James 4:14; Hebrews 9:27). Our ultimate challenge is to learn to think like God, develop character like His (Philippians 2:5), and show love for others (John 15:17). This life is meant to be a training ground for an amazing future (1 Corinthians 9:24–27). If we learn to follow God's instructions, we will receive a reward that includes reigning with Jesus Christ when He returns to establish the Kingdom of God on this earth (Revelation 5:10). That is

the Gospel that Christ brought—the good news of the Kingdom of God (Mark 1:14–15).

Meaty Guidance

Probably the best known and least understood biblical health instructions deal with clean and unclean meats (Leviticus 11; Deuteronomy 14). People often call these “Jewish” food laws because many who practice Judaism still observe them—yet Muslims and others also observe similar food restrictions. But even for those who have the mistaken idea that Jesus “did away” with the dietary laws, the health value of those laws is easily seen. Many of the animals Scripture calls “unclean” are scavengers (e.g. snails, crabs, lobsters, and gulls); their ecological role is to devour dead plants or animals. Other unclean animals are filter feeders (e.g. clams and oysters); their ecological role is to purify water in lakes, streams, and estuaries. Other unclean animals are predators (e.g. lions, snakes, and alligators); their role is to manage the size and health of other animal populations.

Furthermore, many unclean animals carry parasites that cause serious diseases in humans. Pigs, bears, squirrels, and raccoons cause trichinosis and other diseases. Scavengers such as crabs and crayfish can transmit lung and liver flukes. Human populations that frequently consume these creatures often have high rates of parasitic infections. Filter-feeding organisms, such as clams and oysters, may contain high concentrations of toxic heavy metals, pathogenic bacteria, and viruses, making them dangerous for human consumption.

When you eat these creatures, you are actually eating organisms God created to be nature’s “clean-up crew.” Would you eat the contents of your vacuum cleaner bag or your garbage disposal? Hardly! Yet many “gourmet” dishes are made with these creatures, in dangerous ignorance of the risks involved. To a believer in God, it is readily apparent that God created those unclean animals for purposes other than to serve as food for human beings. When we eat what God has told us not to eat, we do so to our own detriment. Regrettably, modern theologians do not understand the value of these powerful public health principles—nor do many who call themselves “Christian.” For more information on this subject, you can request our free booklet *Biblical Principles of Health*

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But God is *not* against meat—He revealed that there are many “clean” meats fit for human consumption, as defined in Deuteronomy 14:3–20. Cattle, oxen, sheep, deer, goats, antelope—any animal that chews its cud and has split hooves is “clean” for human consumption. There are also numerous birds and varieties of fish that are suitable for the human digestive system.

And let us not forget the place of vegetables alongside our meats. In Genesis, we read that God gave mankind fruits, vegetables, and grains for food, in addition to clean meats (Genesis 1:29; 2:16; 9:3). Fruits, vegetables, and whole grains contain fiber and other complex carbohydrates. Nutritionists have increasingly recognized the value of these substances in recent decades. Fiber, once thought to be useless, adds bulk to intestinal contents and plays a vital role in protecting the body from colon cancer and other chronic diseases. Complex carbohydrates are also an important part of a healthy diet because they help to prevent heart disease and strokes by reducing cholesterol levels.

Blood and Fat: What About That?

God inspired Moses to record that blood and certain fats—even of clean animals—were not to be consumed as human food (Genesis 9:4; Leviticus 3:17; 7:23–26), yet in some cultures, eating blood sausage, eating “fatback,” and mixing blood and milk are common practices. Modern science understands that the blood of animals can contain bacteria and viruses that transmit disease. The biblical prohibition against consuming blood helps to prevent the spread of illness.

The prohibition against consuming certain types of visible fat is equally important, especially as it relates to our modern diet. Of course, the Bible does not forbid nuts, seeds, fruits, vegetables, and (clean) fish, all of which can be sources of healthy fats. But it is surely no coincidence that most modern medical studies indicate that diets that are high in certain kinds of fat, such as some associated with the list in Leviticus, are also associated with weight gain, obesity, heart disease, various kinds of cancer, and other problems. And while there is some dispute about the complex details concerning which fats are good and which are bad, the Bible’s advice is plain, easy to follow, and has been consistent for more than 3,000 years. The ancient prohibition Moses recorded is rock-solid health advice today.

Another serious problem with Western diets is the high consumption of refined carbohydrates. Refined flour and sugar have been stripped of vital nutrients. Populations that consume large amounts of refined carbohydrates experience higher rates of diabetes and other related problems. Many of these diseases and chronic conditions could be avoided by simply following biblical guidelines. In the book of Proverbs, we find the principle of moderation: “Have you found honey? Eat only as much as you need, lest you be filled with it and vomit” (25:16) and “it is not good to eat much honey” (25:27). Long before society realized that the excessive consumption of sweets is harmful to our health, the Bible counseled moderation and self-control—two vital qualities recommended in other scriptures as well (c.f. 1 Corinthians 9:25; Galatians 5:23).

Other Substances?

While the Bible clearly condemns drunkenness and the abuse of alcohol (Proverbs 20:1; 1 Corinthians 5:11), it does not condemn the moderate consumption of alcohol (Deuteronomy 14:26). Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding (John 2:1–11). The Apostle Paul told his protégé Timothy to “use a little wine for your stomach’s sake and your frequent infirmities” (1 Timothy 5:23). Again, the key is *moderation*. Moderate amounts of alcohol produce relaxation, raise HDL (“good” cholesterol) levels, reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease, and increase stomach acids, aiding digestion in the elderly.

While tobacco and recreational drugs are not explicitly mentioned in Scripture, principles governing the use of such addictive substances are clearly stated. Paul writes that we are not to be controlled by our physical impulses (1 Corinthians 6:12), and drug abuse plainly brings its victims under the power of extremely harmful addiction. The Bible’s health principles are not meant to eliminate human pleasure, but the “pleasure” of damaging drugs is shortsighted and ultimately causes harm. For more on this subject, you can request a free copy of *Marijuana: What They Aren’t Telling You* or read it online at TomorrowsWorld.org, where you can also read Mr. Wallace Smith’s August 2022 article “Dying to Get High.”


Fitness, Not Fads

With all this in mind, we should not neglect the pleasure of exercise. Over the centuries, many have developed a stereotype that an ideal Christian life is quiet and sedentary, devoted to prayer, study, and meditation, and not much else. These do have their place, but we cannot help but notice that Jesus Christ came to this earth as a carpenter in an age without power tools. Peter, Andrew, James, and John, who were chosen to be among Christ’s Apostles, were fishermen who did not have diesel-powered winches to haul in their nets. When Jesus called His first disciples to follow Him (Matthew 4:19; John 11:54), this entailed walking hundreds of miles per year. Their physically active lifestyle kept them healthy and provided stamina for completing their mission.

Today, with many working in sedentary jobs, sometimes sitting in front of a computer at home for many hours each workday, we may not match the Apostles’ exercise level. But the Apostle Paul nevertheless advises us that, while our primary focus should be on spiritual matters, “bodily exercise profits a little” (1 Timothy 4:8). This is exactly what modern research has shown. While these benefits are only temporary, they are ongoing if our activity is ongoing, and they include reduced cholesterol levels, blood pressure, and stress. Being active can also prevent diabetes, heart disease, and a host of other problems.

Healthy Conclusions

If we eat according to the Bible’s guidelines and supplement our diet with the exercise Scripture shows is beneficial, we can promote a level of physical health in our lives that will be of benefit no matter what other challenges we may face—be they challenges of physical health, emotional health, or even spiritual health. God in His word reveals a pattern of living that has helped countless others—and can help you.

When we understand that pattern and practice it, we can experience improved physical health, leading to wonderful blessings as individuals and as a society following that pattern. “Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers” (3 John 2). 

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NEVER TOO LATE TO QUIT

Smoking has proven to be beatable—and freedom from it is priceless.

“**H**ave You Quit Smoking? New Study Has Both Good And Bad News For You.” This headline introduces a 2018 *Forbes* report about the dangers of cigarette addiction. Eight times more Americans die annually from smoking-related health issues than died in the Vietnam War. But do you realize that quitting can save more than your life, even if you’ve already suffered harm from smoking?

Throughout history, people have smoked tobacco or other substances for many reasons, including social customs, image enhancement, and even presumed health or spiritual benefits. But today, smoking’s health risks are well known and publicized. Anti-smoking advocates fight to curb tobacco sales, while tobacco companies are required to print warning labels on all their products—but the sales go on and on.

Despite the warnings, smoking is still big business. In light of the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic—and the subsequent restrictions and vaccination campaigns—some now wonder why governments and the medical profession do not spend as much effort trying to eliminate smoking as on fighting disease outbreaks. The core of the answer, as unsatisfactory as some find it, is that people *choose* to smoke, even knowing the risks. There are, of course, many other factors, but this inescapable reality definitely interferes with certain individuals’ and groups’ mission to bring down “Big Tobacco.”

Smoking-related problems burn up over \$380 billion in annual medical expenses in America and snuff out roughly 480,000 lives. Of those lives, 40,000 are nonsmokers suffering from *secondhand* smoke damage. In some countries, like France, anti-smoking campaigns have helped lower these statistics—but sellers keep looking for promising markets.

Are You a Slave?

People pick up the smoking habit for many reasons, and many remain addicted to smoking for the same reasons people abuse harder drugs or alcohol. They become convinced of a “need”—that it makes them feel better or “calms their nerves.” It fills a hole, offers

an escape. It becomes a *part* of them, even though they may *know* it hurts them. Some are callous about the habit, saying that it’s no big deal or that people should mind their own business. Others smoke, despite the risks, because they don’t think they *can* quit.

As with any addiction, risks do little to discourage users. According to one recovering heroin addict, “I was fully aware of the threat of prison, the potential for overdose and the dangers of sharing needles, but none proved even the slightest deterrent.” Smoking tobacco may not have the exact same health dangers or legal consequences as smoking heroin, but nicotine is still addictive, and people develop strong psychological dependencies on it.

And what does it mean when a dependency rules you so much that you find yourself *wanting to stop yet fighting the urge to continue*? It owns a part of your life, doesn’t it? Not only your life and health, but your very *freedom* is in question. Finding a way of escape becomes a character issue. The Apostle Paul warned that “to whom you present yourselves *slaves to obey*, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey” (Romans 6:16). He declared later, speaking of being *pleasing to God*, “I will not be *brought under the power* of any” (1 Corinthians 6:11–13). Smoking damages your body, which God created in His image and which for true Christians is the “temple of the Holy Spirit” (1 Corinthians 6:19–20).

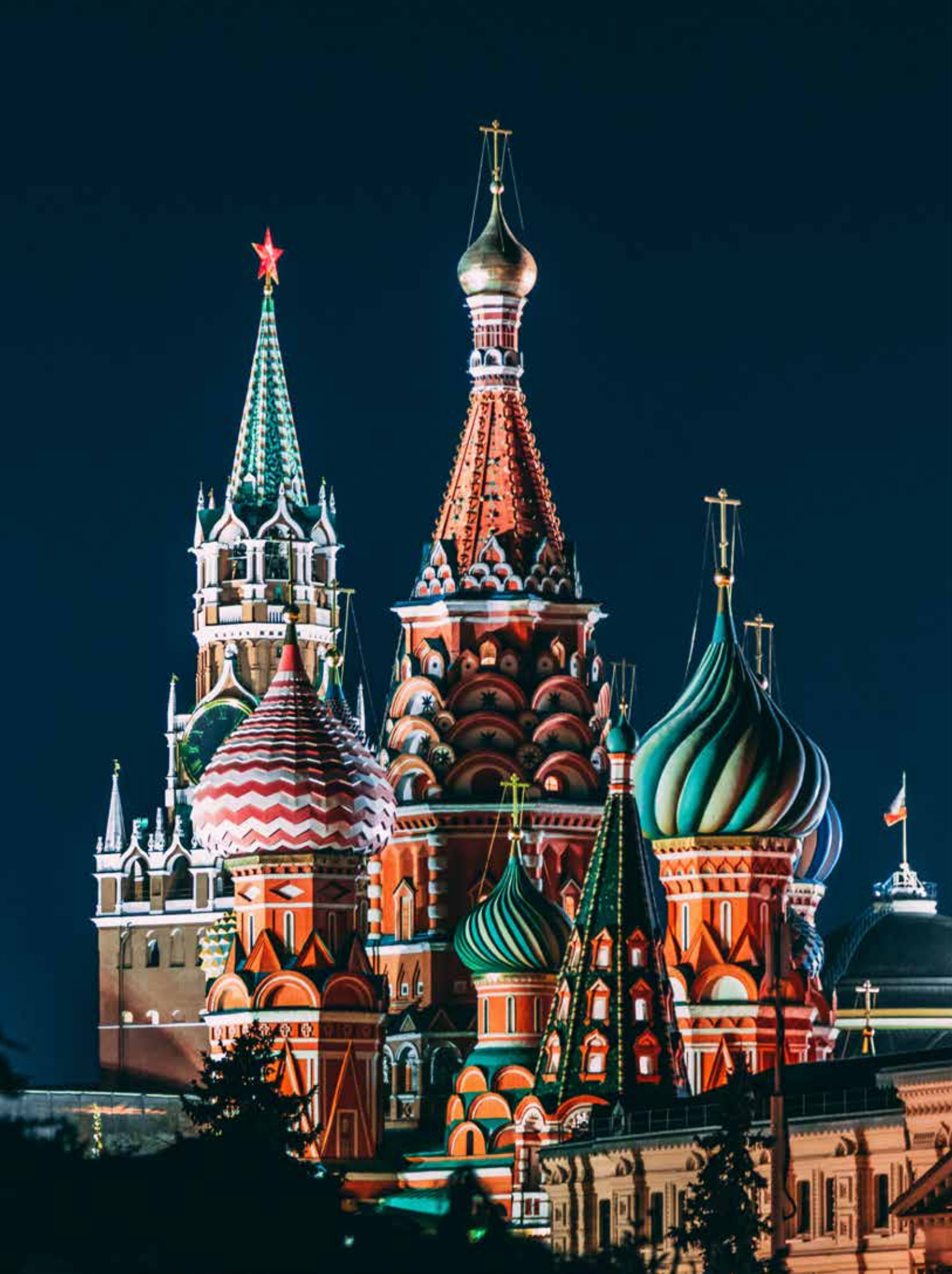
But there is hope.

Some substances may become so addictive that people *can* die from quitting them without treatment. But, even in those cases, there will one day come a miracle that promises to free everyone from bondage (Revelation 22:1–5). Yet smoking has proven to be beatable—the earlier the better, according to studies. Even if you’ve been smoking most of your life, the value of freedom from it is priceless, if you can take hold of that freedom.

It’s not easy, but shouldn’t it be worth it?

Many foundations offer valuable help and support, but don’t forget the ultimate resources—your Bible and the faith of Jesus Christ. Also, be sure to watch “Secrets to Happiness” at *TomorrowsWorld.org* for other ways to find meaning and the incentive to quit.

—William L. Williams



Will Russia Break Up?

By **Dexter B. Wakefield**

In 1991, the world was shocked when the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics simply dissolved, allowing its member states to become independent nations. Three decades later, is Russia itself coming apart?

Some observers see signs that the remaining Russian Federation is headed for a split—and that it will come sooner rather than later. When it does, they fear, it will have world-shattering consequences.

What Was the Soviet Union?

To understand what is happening in Eastern Europe today, we must understand at least some Russian and European history from the last century. In 1922, the former Soviet Union was formed in the wake of the assassination of Russian Czar Nicholas II in 1918, as Vladimir Lenin's Bolsheviks established a new nation, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)—a one-party communist state. After Lenin's death, Joseph Stalin ruthlessly continued the Soviet Union's development as a totalitarian socialist police state, overseeing substantial industrial and military development. Millions were killed in Stalin's political purges, famines, and gulags.

After Nazi Germany invaded the USSR in June 1941, violating a non-aggression pact signed in August 1939, Stalin's forces fought Germany alongside the Allies for the remainder of World War II. As the German army collapsed, the Soviets occupied Eastern Europe, while the Allies occupied Western Europe. The Allies withdrew their forces and allowed free elections across Western Europe, but Soviet-occupied nations were either absorbed into the USSR or incorporated into a Russian-dominated alliance called the Warsaw Pact. A metaphorical "Iron Curtain" divided the free nations of Western

Europe from the communist nations of Eastern Europe, and eventually a *physical* wall separated much of East Germany from West Germany, as well as other areas of Eastern and Western Europe. Decades later, with the collapse of the USSR and the Warsaw Pact, many of the former Soviet republics and Eastern European nations have sought to ally with the West, and some have joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

What Is the Russian Federation?

After the breakup of the Soviet Union, what was left of it was reconstituted as the Russian Federation, commonly called "Russia" today. It consists of 85 constituent units in several districts. Although smaller than the old Soviet Union, the Russian Federation still has the largest land area of any nation, and its 6,000-mile length encompasses eleven time zones. It is almost twice as large as Canada.

Though many ethnic groups are represented in the Russian population, the Russian Federation is about 80 percent Russian. Ethnic tensions, economic problems, and Russian domination contributed to the breakup of the Soviet Union, and there are still considerable ethnic and economic stresses within the Russian Federation.

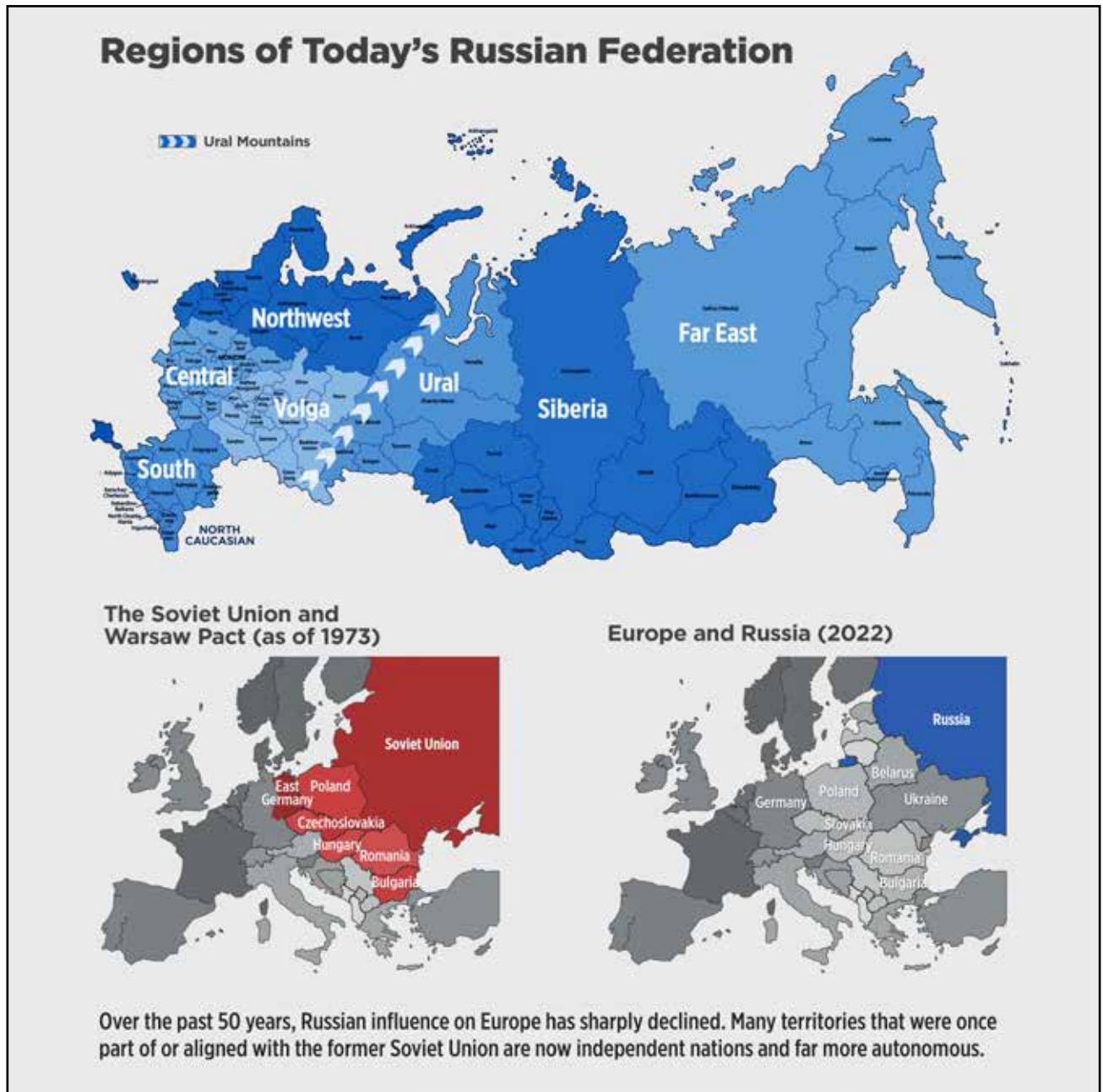
What Is Europe?

Most of the Earth's seven continents are largely separate geographically. Antarctica and Australia are island continents, North America and South America are separated by a narrow isthmus, and Africa touches Asia only at its northeastern edge in Egypt. Yet although we call Europe and Asia separate continents, they are one landmass, with no ocean separating them. So, what divides Europe and Asia physically? Why do the French and Germans identify as Europeans and the Siberians identify as living in Asia? The answer is of great importance geopolitically.

The German Roman Catholic cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, later to become Pope Benedict XVI, famously asked the question, “Europe—what is it exactly?” His answer? “Europe is not a continent that can be contemplated neatly in geographical terms: rather, it is a cultural and historical concept.” He explained that the very idea of Europe arises from its spiritual roots in mainstream Christianity, but as a physical boundary he pointed to the Ural mountain

chain as Europe’s border with Asia (*Europe Today and Tomorrow*, pp. 11, 18).

If that mountain chain known as the Urals divides Europe from Asia, we must notice that it also divides *Russia*. Running generally north to south, the Russian area west of the Urals has historically related more to Europe and is often called “European Russia.” The Russian Czars ruled their empire from there, and Russian aristocrats often intermarried with their Eu-



ropean counterparts. Moscow is west of the Urals and is located in European Russia. To the east, Russian regions such as Siberia are regarded as part of Asia. It is not just Benedict who regards the Urals as the eastern border of the continent of Europe.

As a result, the Urals are a geopolitical fault line within the Russian Federation—and a deep rift is forming there.

Another Russian Split?

There is a growing concern that the Russian Federation, like the Soviet Union, could fragment, with dangerous and destabilizing consequences. Politicians and commentators in Western Europe, Eastern Europe, and Russia are increasingly expressing this view, although it is not often heard in North American media.

Andrey Kortunov, Director General of the Russia International Affairs Council in Moscow, recently wrote that “the real collapse of the USSR is only tak-

District in Gudermes, he warned of what would happen if the Caucasus sought to leave the Russian Federation: “If this happens, immediately, at the same second—not even an hour, but a second—there will be those who want to do the same with other territorial entities of Russia.... And this will be a tragedy that will affect every citizen of Russia without exception” (*RG.ru*, December 20, 2011).

Scholar Michael Rubin wrote in an op-ed earlier this year, “A question for Ukrainians and the international community will be how to handle post-Putin Russia” (*AEI*, February 27, 2022). And he is not the only U.S. expert foreseeing the breakup of Russia. Writing for *The Hill*, Alexander J. Motyl, professor of political science at Rutgers University-Newark, wrote the following:

It’s 1991 again and, now as then, Western policymakers and analysts are terrified of confronting the two big “what if” questions

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raised by Russian President Vladimir Putin’s calamitous war with Ukraine: What if the Russian Federation is following in the Soviet Union’s footsteps and is on the verge of collapse?... And the sooner the West starts thinking about what a Russian collapse will look like, the better—not because there is much we can do to stop it, but

ing place today, literally in front of our eyes, and the states that have emerged in the post-Soviet space have yet to go through all the challenges, risks, and pains of imperial disintegration.... It seems that in the eyes of the leadership in the Kremlin, a West-oriented Ukraine collaborating closely with NATO presented a formidable challenge not only to Russia’s security interests, but even to Russia’s existence” (*Internationale Politik Quarterly*, March 31, 2022).

As far back as 2011, Russian President Vladimir Putin acknowledged the danger of a breakup of the Russian Federation. At a government commission for the development of the North Caucasian Federal

because it will have earth-shattering consequences for the world.... If the Russian Federation falls apart, it will be due to the strains and weaknesses inherent in the system, the inability of Putin to keep its parts together and its elites happy, and the catastrophic impact on Russia of his idiotic decision to invade Ukraine with an army that was unprepared for such an adventure.... The Russian Federation could metamorphose into 10 or more states, only one of which would be known as Russia. That would change the face of Eurasia forever.... All the West can, and

must, do is prepare for a probable outcome: the disappearance of Russia as we know it (May 13, 2022).

None of this is news to President Putin. One can wonder if his attack on Ukraine may be less a warning to NATO than a warning to the various regions of the restless Russian Federation. The breakup of the nation we know as Russia may not be peaceful.

The Forces at Work

Analysts cite various forces working to divide the Russian Federation. Within the old Soviet Union, there was the binding principle of communism in a totalitarian state. But with the collapse of the Soviet state, along with the failure of the socialist economy and the subsequent rejection of the accompanying ideology, Russia has the challenge of determining and maintaining whatever cohesive factors remain to keep the diverse regions together. Analysts note that there are divisive stresses pulling the Federation apart. They include the local nationalism of the individual regions, the increase in power of elites in these regions, increased economic inequality, governmental corruption, and European Russia's perceived exploitation of the Asian regions.

The war in Ukraine and the resulting sanctions against Russia have intensified the divisive stresses. But one more factor, which politicians and statesmen often fail to notice, is the religious tie between Europe and European Russia west of the Ural Mountains divide. The historic spiritual ties of Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy are rooted in a former unity, an identity underlying the very concept of Europe.

Putin, a former KGB official, has not forgotten that Pope John Paul II, in his nine visits to Poland, reminded its people of a power higher than the atheistic Communist regime. Soon after the pope famously called Eastern and Western Europe “the two lungs of Europe,” the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact disbanded. Pope Benedict XVI echoed his predecessor's imagery when he exclaimed, “Let us again let Europe breathe with both lungs” (*Catholic News Agency*, May




21, 2010). Putin knows the Vatican's view that Europe extends to the Urals. Will “the two lungs of Europe” suddenly take a deep breath? Many influential religious figures hope so.

Could those deep and ancient cultural and religious roots work to unite European Russia politically with the rest of Europe? European Russia would add a large military force to Western Europe, including a massive nuclear capability. Most of Russia's nuclear weapons, both tactical and intercontinental, are located in European Russia. A bolstered new European superstate would immediately become a dominant world power—militarily, politically, and economically. It would no longer need NATO or the U.S. nuclear umbrella—and could even be an adversary to the U.S.

Ten Kings

Could this scenario become a reality in the near future? *Tomorrow's World* readers know that this magazine has long explained the biblical prophecies regarding ten kings or nations that will unite into one powerful European superstate in the last days of this age. This final revival of the so-called Holy Roman Empire will have eastern and western legs, just as God said through the prophet Daniel (Daniel 2:31–44; 7).

This world-dominating power will be led by a ruthless, charismatic individual supported by a powerful religious figure who will perform miracles. Together, they will captivate world attention and acquire great power for a short time prior to Jesus Christ's return. As these final days draw closer, you need to know their details! To learn more, request a free copy of *The Beast of Revelation: Myth, Metaphor, or Soon-Coming Reality?* from one of the regional addresses on page 4 of this issue, or read it online at TomorrowsWorld.org. 

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Just imagine winning a prize of hundreds of millions of dollars with your only investment having been a tiny piece of paper no larger than a book of stamps. The prospect of winning great wealth for just a few bucks, as pathetically remote as it is, often results in a frenzy of activity when the lottery jackpot shoots up—a frenzy that fuels itself. Especially huge numbers—like the \$1.586 billion Powerball jackpot of January 2016 and the \$1.537 billion MegaMillions jackpot of October 2018—grab headlines as wishful thinkers endure long lines to purchase tickets, hoping to get in on “the poor man’s tax,” no matter how infinitesimal the odds of winning. Then, when someone does finally win, acrimony, controversy, loss of privacy—and sometimes even the loss of the millions themselves—will result.

It is unlikely that the “lucky” winners will experience happiness or even lasting prosperity from their winnings. Solomon, the wise King of Israel, wrote in the book of Proverbs, “Wealth gained by vanity will be diminished, but he who gathers by labor will increase” (Proverbs 13:11, *Modern English Version*).

The subject of whether or not we should gamble is answered pretty clearly in the negative in the Bible, but that is not the subject or purpose of this commentary.

The larger question for all of us is, what *should* we prize? What should we seek as we put forth our time, our talent, and our effort in our daily lives? What should we value highly and pursue tenaciously as we live our lives, whether we are working or enjoying recreation? There is timeless biblical instruction and good counsel on this very important subject. As Jesus Christ walked the dusty roads of Judea and the surrounding area, He taught His disciples and any others who would listen to Him about this very subject. Then, as now, people were deeply concerned about food, clothing, and shelter, to the exclusion of thinking about spiritual, eternal things. So, Jesus made it plain to them what their priority should be when He taught to “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33). He was making the point that it is very important to set right priorities in our lives

and to pursue righteousness rather than riches. It is the same today.

Again, we find that the book of Proverbs is right on point with this instruction: “By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches and honor and life” (Proverbs 22:4). True riches are not equated to money, but to God’s providence and peace of mind, even in the face of adversity.

The Real “Winning Ticket”

The Apostle Paul had his priorities right when he wrote, near the end of his life, about the prize he

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had spent his life pursuing: “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13–14).

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While it may mean rearranging your priorities and making some changes in your lifestyle, with God’s help you can begin to pursue the biggest prize of all. You too can become a part of the “little flock” (Luke 12:32) that is doing the Work and eagerly awaiting the return of Jesus Christ to usher in His Kingdom, in which they will enjoy eternal life carrying out God’s plan for mankind.

To learn more about that plan, and about what it means for your life and the lives of your loved ones, request your free copies of *Restoring Original Christianity* and *The World Ahead: What Will It Be Like?* or read them online at TomorrowsWorld.org. They will give you valuable information to help you seek your prize.

—J. Davy Crockett III



Roe Is Out, Dobbs Is In: THE STATE OF ABORTION IN AMERICA

By **William Bowmer**

“**A**bortion presents a profound moral question.” So said the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) in its June 24 ruling on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, which overruled the earlier Court decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. And yet, with its ruling, SCOTUS chose not to answer that “profound moral question.” Rather, as the majority opinion stated, it is to be answered by “the people and their elected representatives” (*SupremeCourt.gov*).

So, how might we describe the SCOTUS majority in *Dobbs*? Ironically, it was *pro-choice*—allowing each state to choose its own abortion laws! If you listened only to television news shows or read only the headlines of newspaper and Web reports, you might think SCOTUS took a “pro-life” position and outlawed abortion, which is simply not true. Yet, after nearly 50 years of nationally affirmed law, the availability of abortion will again vary from state to state, as it did before January 1973 when the court by a 7–2 margin issued its *Roe* ruling.

How did this happen? In 2018, 75 percent of nations around the world prohibited abortion after twelve weeks, unless the pregnancy endangered the mother’s life. The U.S. was one of only seven countries that allowed elective abortion on demand after 20 weeks of gestation. Many Mississippi state legislators considered their nation’s laws unnecessarily lenient

and passed the Mississippi Gestational Age Act, which prohibited abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. Though this allowed access to abortion later in pregnancies than is common in much of the world, abortion advocates considered the restriction too severe, and filed the court case now known informally as *Dobbs*.

A *Washington Post* news analysis in May 2022 observed that about 7 percent of U.S. abortions in 2019 took place after the fifteenth week of pregnancy. Basing its ruling on 1970s medical knowledge, *Roe* forbade ending a healthy pregnancy after 26 weeks on the premise that by then “fetal viability” had been reached. A challenge was inevitable, as medical technology since the 1970s has allowed viable births after just 21 weeks of pregnancy. Indeed, as the Court’s majority opinion in *Dobbs* acknowledged, “the viability line makes no sense.” *Roe* could not withstand the advance of medical science.

Back to the States

Recognizing that *Roe* would not last as settled precedent, many states in recent years passed “trigger laws” designed to take effect in *Roe*’s absence. Twenty states and the District of Columbia established laws preserving significant post-*Roe* access to abortion, while another 13 passed laws to restrict abortion further if *Roe* were overturned.

Especially in the Southern and Midwestern states, where anti-abortion restrictions are generally the strongest, the cost of later-term abortions will rise by the cost of bus fare to the nearest abor-

tion-friendlier state. But even many who want to see abortion more widely available concede that new restrictions will not pose a great obstacle to wealthier women who will be able to find a doctor willing to assert the danger of a pregnancy, or who can simply go to a neighboring state for the procedure. It is the millions of low-income women for whom abortion may serve as last-resort birth control who will likely face new pressure to carry their child to birth.

Is there any other precedent for such an important matter to be left to individual states? Consider marriage—arguably the institution most fundamental to the stability of a nation. In six states—Delaware, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island—marriage is prohibited to anyone under age 18. In Nebraska, couples must wait until age 19, unless after age 17 they have parental consent. In Mississippi, couples must wait until age 21, unless after age 17 (for boys) or age 15 (for girls) they have parental consent. In Alaska, a couple with parental consent and judicial approval may marry at age 14. Some states allow marriage at age 16 or 17 with parental consent, others require both parental and judicial consent. Confusing? Perhaps. But we do not find pro-marriage activists raising money to fund bus trips sending young couples to teen-marriage-friendly states. And we have not seen the federal government intervening to eliminate local preferences about marital age.

Consequences of *Dobbs*?

The Court's majority opinion asserted that "the Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision." This makes it a matter for each of the nation's 50 states. Yet, as the three dissenting Justices pointed out in their dissenting opinion, "no language in today's decision stops the Federal Government from prohibiting abortions nationwide." Left unsaid by these Justices is the sobering reality that the federal government could also *permit* abortions nationwide—yet, despite the cries of pro-abortion activists, the U.S. Congress has not chosen to do so in the nearly 50 years since *Roe*. Rather, the situation rested on a Supreme Court ruling, not a federal law.

Had Congress passed its own abortion law, we might not now be facing the controversy and contention that is brewing as states prepare to test the

new *Dobbs* standard. Already, comments by Justice Clarence Thomas, indicating that prior "due process" precedents in SCOTUS cases *Obergefell v. Hodges*, *Lawrence v. Texas*, and *Griswold v. Connecticut*—which gave nationwide approval for same-sex "marriage," same-sex intimacy, and methods for contraception—should be considered open for review. Yet, significantly, the majority opinion chose to contradict Thomas, noting that "rights regarding contraception and same-sex relationships are inherently different from the right to abortion because the latter (as we have stressed) uniquely involves what *Roe* and *Casey* termed 'potential life.'"

In response, the three dissenting Justices ironically took Thomas' side to attack the majority opinion, which they said would lead naturally to the reconsiderations for which Justice Thomas hopes. But rather than acknowledge that different Justices might with sincerity be applying their varying legal perspectives to these controversial matters to reach differing conclusions, the dissenting opinion escalated its rhetoric with a bold accusation: "Either the mass of the majority's opinion is hypocrisy, or additional constitutional rights are under threat. It is one or the other."

And yet, even the three Justices who opposed the majority clarified in their dissent that "the State has legitimate interests from the outset of the pregnancy in protecting the 'life of the fetus that may become a child.'" Yes, you read that correctly. None of the nine Justices denied that the individual developing in his or her mother's womb is a "life." Even in the eyes of the three dissenting Justices, this was not a decision about preserving or endangering lives; it was about whether decisions about those lives should be enforced at the federal level or resolved by the individual states.

What Comes Next?

Should we expect Justice Thomas' perspective to prevail? Some have expressed fear that other long-standing precedents may be overturned. And, fanning the partisan flames, several senators who took part in Justice Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation hearings have now expressed second thoughts about the tenor of the Justice's statements describing *Roe* as "settled law," and now question his affirmation. Supporters of the *Dobbs* decision cite the infamous *Plessy v. Ferguson* case, which in 1896 legalized racial segregation

but was overturned by 1954's *Brown v. Board of Education*. Both sides agree that Court precedents are not absolute—bad decisions can be changed—but disagree as to whether *Roe* or *Dobbs* is the pertinent example of a bad decision.

Indeed, let us not forget that, whether or not people measure their words with the care one might expect of a Supreme Court Justice, people do change their opinions over time. Did Senate Democrats hear what they wanted to hear in evaluating Kavanaugh's testimony acknowledging *Roe* as settled law? Or did he examine the facts afresh in *Dobbs* and change his mind? How far should we go in judging individuals by their past-expressed opinions? Even President Biden, when he served as a senator from Delaware, joined with a group of Republican senators in 1981 in support of a proposed constitutional amendment that would have banned abortion. The amendment went nowhere, and a year later Biden reversed his position, excusing his earlier choice as an expression of his "Roman Catholic roots." So, who can say what the Justices may do if asked to reconsider earlier SCOTUS rulings that assigned to the federal government other decisions formerly left to the states?


As for the partisan divide in which the U.S. now finds itself, we may remember that Kavanaugh was confirmed by a narrow 50–48 margin in the Senate, with 49 of those 50 votes coming from Republicans. The only Democrat senator to support Kavanaugh was Joe Manchin of West Virginia, often a "maverick" among his fellow Democrats. Gone are the days when conservative senators evaluated liberal appointees on their judicial merits and liberal senators evaluated conservatives on their judicial merits. No one in Washington expects to see another Justice confirmed by a 78–22 vote as was Chief Justice John Roberts (appointed by George W. Bush in 2005) or by an 87–9 vote as was Justice Breyer (appointed by Bill Clinton in 1994). Even on the Court, an atmosphere of distrust has entered in the wake of the May 2022 leak of Justice Samuel Alito's draft opinion—which, it turns out (other than later additions commenting on other Justices' opinions), differed from the final document mostly at the level of proofreading, not substance.

As an aside concerning the security and confidentiality of SCOTUS deliberations, we should note that, as this article goes to press in early August, the identity of the leaker remains unknown.

Your State and Your Government?

We should also note that the Justices—at least in theory—are tasked not with the job of deciding what is right and what is wrong, but rather with deciding what the U.S. Constitution requires or allows. Even the three Justices who dissented in *Dobbs* acknowledged the Court's interest in protecting the life of what they called the "fetus" in its mother's womb. Yet the majority opinion did not find a constitutional reason for the federal government to protect that life—it simply let individual states decide how and when citizens can kill their babies.

Are things now "better" or "worse" for pregnant mothers and the lives within their wombs? At *Tomorrow's World*, we understand abortion as a scriptural question, not a political one. We cannot avoid the plain truth that an abortion kills a human being—genetically distinct from his or her mother—made in the image of the divine Creator. A passage from the book of Proverbs may come to mind: "These six things the LORD hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren" (Proverbs 6:16–19). How much wicked planning and lying have gone on as the abortion debate has continued? And how much blood has been shed of innocent new life waiting to be born?

Yet the political controversy surrounding the SCOTUS decision illustrates very well one reason why God considers His people to be living as "ambassadors" in this present world. As Christians, our duty is to grow in His righteous character—not to become sidetracked into supporting one partisan perspective or another. Even the most expertly crafted body of law designed by mankind cannot measure up to God's perfect law, which extends justice and mercy to all, upholding His righteousness. And the day will come—soon—when His Kingdom and His perfect law of love will reign on planet Earth. 

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Did the Apostle Paul say that all animals can be used for food?

Question: I just read 1 Timothy 4:4, where the Apostle Paul says that “every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving.” Doesn’t this mean that every animal is good for food?

Answer: Many use this verse to try to suggest that Paul is throwing out God’s laws about clean and unclean animals—even though Paul said elsewhere that God’s laws are holy, just, and good (Romans 7:12).

Whenever someone uses the Apostle Paul’s statements as an excuse to ignore God’s laws, we should take warning. The Apostle Peter was inspired to write that “our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures” (2 Peter 3:15–16).

Peter encourages us to be careful, lest we fall into the trap of those who *twist* the Apostle Paul’s comments to say something that they were not meant to say. And it is clear to all that there are some creatures that are *not* good for food—such as the comb star, a starfish whose flesh contains a deadly neurotoxin for which there is no known antidote. So, did Paul actually tell Timothy that God now allows us to eat *every* creature He created?

Examining context is key to understanding the Bible. Let’s do so by reading 1 Timothy 4:1–3: “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.”

Notice that Paul isn’t discussing God’s law, but rather “doctrines of demons”—mentioning man-made regulations forbidding marriage and requiring abstinence from foods God created for humans to eat. He addressed the same problem in his letter to the

Colossians, calling such man-made restrictions the “commandments and doctrines of men” (Colossians 2:22) and “self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body” (v. 23).

Are there false versions of Christianity that forbid some to marry and require believers to abstain—

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for instance—from eating meat on a particular day of the week? There are! Paul is addressing such false beliefs as “fish on Fridays” and “Christian vegetarianism.” These restrictions do *not* come from the Bible, but from the traditions of men—and Paul calls them “doctrines of demons”! He is clearly *not* talking about God’s instructions as to exactly which animals He created to be received as food.

Set Apart by God’s Word

1 Timothy 4:4–5 also gives us crucial context: “For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is *sanctified by the word of God* and prayer.” To be sanctified is to be set apart, and Paul here says he is speaking of food from creatures that have been *set apart by the word of God*.

What animals have been set apart by the “word of God” as created for human consumption? The clean animals of Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14! These include animals like the cow or sheep, which have cloven hooves and chew the cud. The word of God clearly sets them apart as created to be good for food. In fact, no animals in the world have been set apart by the word of God *except* the animals the Bible declares clean.

Context makes clear that Paul did *not* teach that every animal is good for food. He was refuting doctrines of demons and man-made restrictions, explaining that all the creatures God *set apart in His word* are acceptable—not those animals God did not create to be eaten in the first place. ^[TW]



Bullying: Why Is It Getting Worse?

Nate Bronstein was a bright, funny, 15-year-old boy, one of five children in the Bronstein household in suburban Chicago. After transferring schools in 2021, his life took an unexpected and devastating turn. It all started in December at a junior varsity basketball game he attended (but didn't play in, because of a previous foot injury). His mother relates the story:

When the game started, Parker [Nate's former school] was ahead by 20 points... Our son had posted a "W," implying win, on an Instagram page, implying that Parker was winning the basketball game. That's all he did. He posted a "W." That post then created a backlash.... He got a Snapchat, and he was attacked over a JV basketball thread with 20 students. And it went from about 9:30 at night to about 12:30 at night—it did not stop.... For two weeks after that, that Snapchat message and the text messages, not only circulated throughout the Latin School and the Parker School, but throughout other high schools within the city of Chicago.... My son passed on Jan 13, 2022. He took his own life here in our home ("Undercover Mother: Chicago mother suing Latin School for \$100M says it valued reputation over saving her son," *FoxNews.com*, June 30, 2022).

What is happening to our world? How did bullying turn into an epidemic? Why are our kids being subjected to angry online mobs and cyberattacks for an off-hand comment or unpopular post? How did we get here?

Bullying today—especially cyberbullying—is a serious problem. It goes beyond anything we have experienced in past generations. It's no longer just a shove on the playground or a passing insult in the hallway. It's mob rule by hundreds or even *thousands* of cowards who use the semi-anonymity of a cell phone to hurl insults they would never dare say face to face.

And it's not just in the United States; it's happening all over the world.

- 44% of Australian young people report having a negative online experience in the last 6 months, this includes 15% who received threats or abuse online ("Cyberbullying," *ESafety.gov.au*).
- Around one in five children aged 10 to 15 years in England and Wales (19%) experienced at least one type of online bullying behaviour in the year ending March 2020, equivalent to 764,000 children ("Online bullying in England and Wales: year ending March 2020," *ONS.gov.uk*).
- Three out of ten Canadian youth say they have been cyberbullied before ("What is cyberbullying?," Public Safety Canada, *Canada.ca*, February 28, 2022).

For years, governmental agencies and school districts have been enacting programs to combat cyberbullying. Some have had limited success, but the problem persists. Consider *Tomorrow's World* writer Phil Sena's article "Facing Teen Bullying" in the November–December 2010 issue. That was more than

twelve years ago. Have things gotten better or worse? If worse, why?

This Is Where Evolution Leads

For decades, many public schools in the Western world have had a science curriculum based on evolutionary theory. This theory is based on natural selection and “the survival of the fittest”—in other words, strong organisms survive and live to pass on their genetic traits, while weak organisms are dominated and eventually die out.

When we see extreme and dangerous bullying increase in society, we are just seeing the cruel “evolutionary process” play itself out. After all, if we are only animals—and that’s all that evolutionary dogma says we are—then we have no basis for morality. It’s predictable that people behave with no thought for the welfare of others if they are taught the heartless theory of evolution. *That’s where evolution leads.* Even popular media hints at the problem:

In the most basic terms, bullying is about dominating—and we come from ancestors who were big into the dominance hierarchy. As Christopher Boehm, PhD, who literally wrote the book on it (*Moral Origins*), says, “Any species that has a social dominance hierarchy, like apes or monkeys or wild dogs or lions, has bullies.” He adds that bullying is adaptive for many species (and even for us, in many ways), “because you get better food or mating opportunities.... In primates, studies have shown that the top bullies have more offspring and therefore their genes proliferate.” So there’s a clear payoff to it, since the more you bully, the higher you’ll rise in social ranks, and the more offspring you’ll have.... So bullying is a great example of our own evolution betraying us (“Bully Psychology: Where Evolution And Morality Collide,” *Forbes*, July 5, 2012).

So, why are we shocked at cyberbullying? Young people are being fed a steady diet of a purposeless existence. They are encouraged to be “tolerant”—whatever that means at the moment—but all the while digest the cold propaganda that there is no greater purpose to life than to eat, drink, procreate, and then, someday, die.

Until we as a society stop teaching the cold and heartless doctrine of “only the strong survive,” we will see an increase in the intensity of bullying. After all, the bullies—and those who cruelly pile on the victims—are only acting out the evolutionary dogma they’ve been taught.

Jesus Christ and a Better Way

There is a better way. And that better way is the ultimate solution to cyberbullying. When Jesus came to earth, He Himself was subjected to some of the worst, most violent bullying anyone has ever experienced (Isaiah 52:14). He was willing to be unfairly treated, even to death, so that we might be forgiven of our sins and ultimately be granted eternal life.

In the process, Jesus Christ also brought a new and different way of life. He didn’t water down sin or preach tolerance of immoral behavior or lifestyles contrary to the laws of God (Matthew 5:17). But at the same time, He taught a way of life that shows respect for other human beings simply because they are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26). What were some of the principles He taught?

- If we show mercy to others, we will be blessed and be shown mercy ourselves (Matthew 5:7)
- We should not be bitter toward others, or else we will be in danger of judgment (Matthew 5:22)
- We should not look down on others or belittle them (Matthew 5:22)
- We should love our enemies and even pray for those who persecute us (Matthew 5:44)

Bullying is not really surprising in a society that believes it sprang from animals. But if you or someone you know is a victim of bullying, speak up. Get help. Talk to parents or those in authority. You are made in the image of God. You are important and have value. Stand up for yourself, but refuse the temptation to lash out. Don’t respond in kind, but rather put your faith and trust in God. Our heavenly Father protects the vulnerable and powerless, and He *will* make things right in the end. “‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord” (Romans 12:17-20). He will help you in your life right now, and He will soon set up a new world on this earth—what we call *tomorrow’s world*—where the strong will no longer prey on the weak (Isaiah 11:9).

—Rod McNair

Egypt and Saudi Arabia Draw Closer

In late June, the leaders of Saudi Arabia and Egypt met and signed a series of agreements worth over \$7.7 billion (*Reuters*, June 21, 2022). The 14 different agreements involved a wide range of economic sectors, including food and agriculture, power and energy, oil, and pharmaceuticals. The agreements are far-reaching and will tie the two nations together in multiple areas of their economies. Leaders of the two countries also met recently with those of several other nations to discuss cooperation against the Iranian threat in the region (*Israel Hayom*, June 27, 2022). The other nations, mostly Arab, included Qatar, Jordan, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Israel, and the United States. Iran's continued military unpredictability has catalyzed Arab unity in the region—unity against Iran.

This increasing unity, especially considering the size and military power of Saudi Arabia and Egypt, is sobering in the light of Bible prophecy. Scripture warns that as the end of the age approaches, a militarily powerful confederacy involving Arab nations, known as the “king of the South,” will rise and press for control of Jerusalem, only to be countered by the German-led European “king of the North” (see Daniel 11). For this prophecy to come to pass, there must be a clear “king of the South.” Could growing unity between Egypt and Saudi Arabia, along with

other Arab Gulf nations, lead to the formation of the “king of the South”? Time will make this clear.

Limits of Human Brilliance

We have launched humans into space and safely landed rovers on Mars. We fly from one side of the earth to the other in hours, and we communicate nearly instantaneously by video between points anywhere in the world. Technology advances daily, and now we drive battery-powered vehicles hundreds of miles on a single charge. Is there any end to what mankind can achieve and invent (Genesis 11:6)? Yet, each brilliant advance seems to create another disappointing setback.

For example, as electric vehicles continue to grow in prevalence, serious problems are emerging. In a recent event, a Tesla Model S sat in a junkyard for three weeks after an accident (*Washington Post*, June 22, 2022). Suddenly one day, the car burst into flame. It took a team of a dozen fire fighters 4,500 gallons of water and over an hour to put out the blaze... a blaze that burned at over 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit and continually reignited after being doused with water. This was not a one-off event. Other Tesla Model S vehicles have also erupted into flame. And, lest Tesla feel picked on, electric batteries produced by other auto manufacturers have also spontaneously ignited,

forcing the recall of tens of thousands of automobiles. In a December 2020 incident, fire-fighters poured 30,000 gallons of water on a car-battery blaze before extinguishing it—as much water as is contained in a moderate-sized swimming pool!

The innovations generated by human brilliance and ingenuity often bring with them a host of brand-new problems. God created mankind with insight and creativity, but God also warned, “Pride goes before destruction” (Proverbs 16:18). God put human wisdom into perspective when He noted that “the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men” (1 Corinthians 1:25). Although man's creations are often awesome, they are also often riddled with unforeseen consequences—unlike God's perfect creation! As time goes on and humanity creates bigger and better things, the wise are frequently reminded of humanity's imperfections.

However, the Bible reveals that one day soon Jesus Christ is going to return and set up a Kingdom on this earth that will be perfect and without flaws.

Water: A National Security Threat?

Extreme drought in Chile over the last 14 years has resulted in half the nation of 19 million people being in a state of “extreme water scarcity” (*The Guardian*, June 1, 2022). Hundreds of communities now rely on emergency tankers to bring in water from other locations. A Chilean hydrologist recently identified water shortages as a national security risk: “It's the biggest problem facing the country economically, socially and environmentally. If we don't solve this, then water will be the cause of the next uprising.”

Chile is not alone. Researchers have determined that Spain and Portugal are suffering the driest weather the region has seen in 1,200 years. In the United States, a

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winter of light precipitation and 23 years of drought have resulted in the lowest water levels in Lake Mead since it was first filled in 1935 (*NBC News*, June 22, 2022). Lake Mead provides water to people in Arizona, California, Nevada, and part of Mexico. The lake is also vital to powering Hoover Dam, providing electricity to California, Nevada, and Arizona. So, as water levels in Lake Mead drop, not only is there a risk of running out of water, but the reduction in water released reduces the amount of electricity that can be generated. Experts warn that hydro-produced electricity in California could be cut in half if the drought continues, resulting in increased electricity costs and a need to produce more power from fossil fuels. All this comes at a time when most of California's nuclear power plants have been shut down. Some researchers suggest that this period of drought is the driest for this region in over 1,000 years!

What about other countries and cities impacted by drought? The Bible warns that at the end of the age, God Himself will withhold rain from certain cities, especially in the sinful Israelite-descended nations (Amos 4:7–8). In fact, it will get so bad that whole cities will wander to nearby cities looking for water. The future will be bleak for a while before Jesus Christ returns to establish the Kingdom of God when rain will regularly fall on the righteous (Leviticus 26:3–4).

Child Sacrifice Today

God clearly condemned the ancient pagan practice of sacrificing children (Leviticus 18:21). Yet, in our increasingly godless society, many see no connection between these ancient rituals and what we are doing to our own children by promoting modern, radical ideologies.

Recently, Canadian psychologist Jordan Peterson penned a pointed commentary for the *London Daily Telegraph* on the current gender-fluidity fad, titled “We are sacrificing our children on the altar of a brutal, far-Left ideology” (June 16, 2022). In his article, Dr. Peterson discussed the rash and unethical treatment of young people with gender identity issues as a mad rush to assist in changing their gender without giving them time to consider the motivation and consequences of this life-altering, one-way treatment. Peterson noted, “We have crossed the line from ideological possession to active malevolence—and we are multiplying our sin... by attributing our appalling actions to ‘compassion.’ Heaven help us. Truly.”

Long ago, God warned that nations that reject His laws will reap serious consequences. The prophet Isaiah wrote, “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil... those who are wise in their own eyes” (Isaiah 5:20–21). This upside-down way of thinking is the natural result of discarding a common moral compass—the Bible. Yet sadly, it is our children who suffer as

a result of misguided ideologies and body-altering drugs and surgeries at the hands of morally depraved practitioners. The prophet Jeremiah noted the perversions in his day had “filled this place with the blood of the innocents” (Jeremiah 19:4), yet we fail to see the connection today. Thankfully, when Christ returns to establish His Kingdom, the blood of innocents will no longer be shed, and they will finally live in peace, protected by those who love them (Isaiah 54:13).

Sydney Under Water

Officials in Australia issued evacuation orders for 50,000 residents of Sydney this week in response to severe flooding (*BBC*, July 5, 2022). Parts of Australia's largest city received eight months' worth of rain—nearly a meter—in four days! People in 50 other areas around the city have been warned to prepare for evacuation. Australia's east coast has suffered four major floods over the last 18 months, and even though the rain has stopped, flood waters are forecast to continue rising as rivers

drain (*Washington Post*, July 4, 2022).

As residents reel from another flood and more destruction of homes and businesses, experts think this current climate cycle will continue throughout 2022 (*The Guardian*, July 4, 2022). Meteorologists and climatologists blame current weather systems on global warming. Yet, the Bible reveals that at the end of the age weather patterns will develop that will punish Israelite-descended nations that reject God. “The LORD will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation... with scorching, and with mildew [often the result of flooding]; they shall pursue you until you perish” (Deuteronomy 28:22). The Bible indicates that God will punish disobedient nations with the contrasting scourges of severe rain and flooding and severe heat and drought (Amos 4:7–9). This region of Australia was in a multi-year drought and is now being hit with repeated floods. If our nations would repent and obey God, He would bring blessings, and rain in due season (Leviticus 26:4). 



The flooded Hawkesbury River in outer rural Sydney, Australia

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The more I watch your program and read your magazine, the more I want to learn. It's like a cold glass of water on a hot summer day, totally refreshing and it hits the spot.

—Subscriber in South Carolina

Just wanted to commend Gerald Weston on his *outstanding* editorial "An Existential Threat" in the June 2022 issue. I have often wondered about the rather "one-sided" reporting approach to the war in Ukraine, and his reflections seem to portray a more accurate and balanced view of what is actually happening. Appreciated the comments on World War II as well. My dad was a part of the U.S. Armed Forces that landed on Omaha Beach back in 1944. Keep up the great work!

—Reader in Colorado

I enjoyed this booklet [*The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*]. I don't like the following excerpt: "...yes, there is a day of reckoning coming! Most of you reading this booklet can expect to see it come in your lifetime." This statement disappoints me and dilutes a powerful message. Mark 13:32: "But of that day and [that] hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." I do not know what lifetime it will happen, it could be today, tomorrow, or whenever, but none of us knows, you included.

—Subscriber in Texas

Editor's Note: Thank you for the kind words, and we can appreciate your sense of caution. Yet, Paul speaks to the followers of Christ and says that "you, brethren, are not in darkness so that this Day should overtake you as a thief" (1 Thessalonians 5:4), and Jesus Himself condemned those who cannot discern the signs of the

times to tell what is approaching (Matthew 16:3-4). It is one thing to declare, in advance, the "day and hour." It is quite another not to be able to recognize the generation that will see the Bible's prophecies fulfilled.

I am very thankful that I am one of the blessed individuals that receives free booklets, magazines, and even a Bible study course from your non-profit organization. My son and my daughter are also enjoying reading the magazines. My son, who is planning to take AB Physics, was amazed when he read the article "Lost in the Multiverse." My deep warmth and heartfelt thanks to you all.

—Subscriber in the Philippines

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

—Subscriber in India

I caught the last few minutes of your teaching on the Sabbath. I never watch religious television; yet, when your program came on, I felt like leaving it on and listening. I am 55 and was in the process of keeping my second Sabbath day holy. I brought this topic up over the years with many Christians who strongly rebuked me. They needed proof that there is a reason why they should have to keep the Sabbath. I figured that if it is important to God, then it should be important to me. Thanks for your teaching on the topic.

—Viewer in Arizona

Erratum: We mistakenly identified NATO in our July 2022 issue on p. 5 as the North American Treaty Organization. NATO is, of course, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. We apologize for the error.

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

V-Télé (en français) SU 6:30 a.m.

UNITED STATES

Nationwide Networks (All times Eastern)

Buzzr SU 9:00 a.m.

Charge Network SU 7:30 a.m.

Circle TV SU 8:00 a.m.

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

Binge SU 9:00 a.m.

getTV SU 7:00 a.m.

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

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

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

The Walk TV SU 10:30 a.m.

Z Living SU 8:30 a.m.

DISH Network* (All times Eastern)

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

DIRECTV* (All times Eastern)

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

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AK Anchorage KYUR SU 6:00 a.m.

Fairbanks KATN SU 7:00 a.m.

Juneau KJUD SU 6:00 a.m.

AL 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 KECA-LD/KVIQ (CW) SU 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gainesville WCJB SU 6:00 a.m.

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

Jacksonville WCWJ SU 6:30 a.m.

Miami WBFS SU 6:30 a.m.

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

Tallahassee WTLF SU 8:00 a.m.

Tampa Bay WTOG SU 8:00 a.m.

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

Albany WALB SU 11:00 a.m.

Atlanta WATL SU 10:00 a.m.

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

Columbus WLTX SU 7:30 a.m.

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

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

Boise KBYU 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 WGEM SU 7:00 a.m.

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

Fort Wayne Comcast SU 9:00 a.m.

KS Parsons TWPAP WE 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Latonia PEG WE 6:30 p.m.

Latonia PEG TH 10:00 p.m.

Lexington WTVQ SU 7:00 a.m.

Lexington Insight Various

Louisville WBNA SU 9:30 a.m.

LA Alexandria KBCA SU 7:00 a.m.

Alexandria KLAX SU 9:30 a.m.

Baton Rouge WBRZ SU 10:00 a.m.

Lafayette KATC SU 7:00 a.m.

Lake Charles KVHP SU 9:30 a.m.

Monroe KNOE SU 7:00 a.m.

New Orleans WNOL SU 7:00 a.m.

Shreveport KSHV SU 10:00 a.m.

West Monroe KMCT SU 6:00 a.m.

MA Springfield WWLP SU 7:00 a.m.

ME Bangor WABI SU 7:00 a.m.

Presque Isle WBPQ SU 8:00 a.m.

MI Alpena WBAE SU 8:00 a.m.

Lansing WLAI 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) SU 9:00 a.m.

Rochester KTTC SU 7:00 a.m.

Roseville CTV WE 12:00 p.m.

MO Columbia KOMU SU 7:00 a.m.

Joplin KFJX SU 8:30 a.m.

Kansas City KCWE SU 7:30 a.m.

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

MS Biloxi WXXV SU 7:00 a.m.

Columbus WCBT SU 7:00 a.m.

Greenwood WBWO SU 7:00 a.m.

Jackson Spectrum SU 10:00 a.m.

Jackson Spectrum WE 4:00 p.m.

Meridian WTKO SU 7:00 a.m.

MT Billings KTVQ SU 7:00 a.m.

Butte KBZK SU 7:00 a.m.

Butte KXLF SU 7:00 a.m.

Glendive KWBZ 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 BBCT SU 7:30 a.m.

Zanesville WBZV SU 8:00 a.m.

OK Ada KTEN SU 7:00 a.m.

Lawton KAUZ SU 7:00 a.m.

Tulsa KOCW 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 Attn. Broadband MO 10:00 p.m.

Philadelphia WPSG SU 7:30 a.m.

SC Charleston WCBT SU 8:00 a.m.

Columbia WOLO SU 11:00 a.m.

Greenville WYCW SU 9:30 a.m.

Greenville WGGG SU 11:30 a.m.

Myrtle Beach WWMB SU 8:00 a.m.

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

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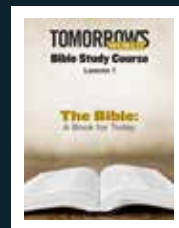
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