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*For those who want to read their whole Bible—  
and enjoy it!*

**The Politics of World Government:  
One Size Fits All ...**

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The seventies ...  
The eighties ...  
And beyond ...*

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# *Forward*

In Volume I we stayed largely within the pages of Scripture. What does the Bible say is going to happen? By corollary, what *doesn't* it say is going to happen? For the church has plenty of urban legends too.

Did I answer all the questions? Of course not. But hopefully we cleared away a bit of wreckage and got the discussion moving in the right direction. And if there's one thing I hope I imparted is that the end times are glorious, the culmination of all God's dealings with mankind!

For Volume II we're going to swing 180° and see what's happening in the secular world. The Bible leads us to expect a certain shape, form, or pattern, along with an incredible delusion. According to Jesus, it will prove deeply divisive, even sundering church fellowships if we're not extremely vigilant. Is anything like that really out there? And who's moving us toward that scenario?

I might as well spill the beans right here. We'll be looking at Communism, Socialism, and what the Bible has already said about the Leftist, Liberal agenda. That's not what I would have chosen to tell you; I would have rather kept politics totally out of my little book here.

But like fire in the minds of men, these premises grip millions and many accept each pronouncement as a

statement of faith! But are they really above being questioned? How much of this can stand the light of day?

There's a reason your kindergartener isn't sure whether he's a boy or a girl—and according to the curriculum, the choice is all up to him! Why your high-school girl avoids *rape-culture* boys and spends all her time with Greenpeace activists in baggy sweats and your oldest is about to hit the job market with a degree in environmental psychology. (Lots of luck paying off *that* student loan ...)

*"Here I come to solve all of society's problems; right the wrongs and heal the hurts! Just give me control of your wealth and property—Ach, no, unlike those fascist conservative ripoffs, I'm perfectly trustworthy ..."*

Is that a little too much trust? Then what's that *Bernie* sticker doing on your car? Oh, your neighbor's car? Still pretty close for comfort. The rascal garnered far too many voters in the last election. And by the way, have you seen his fancy little hot-rod? Not what the average proletarian is driving these days.

Socialism is the number one heresy woven into the gospel message, steals the Christian vote from better men than ever get elected, and turns bustling cities into ravaged war-zones. This is the mindset our children are taught to cherish by schoolteachers, media, and sometimes by the leadership of our very own churches.

There's something shady out there and none of us are totally immune. It used to look like a bunch of quirky

little movements. Now it's more like just one, an octopus whose tentacles all lead back to one corrupt head. Those who would send our best jobs overseas and batter us into a pre-industrial malaise, locked into government subsidized, high-density housing and receiving a guaranteed pittance for life; erase the differences between male and female; and regulate every word that might lower another's self-esteem, are not many factions but basically one.

As I sit here polishing and revising (December, 2016), we've just finished an election cycle. After the polls were counted there was rioting in the streets, angry marchers breaking windows, blocking traffic, and getting arrested. Schools closed because their students were traumatized.... Why? Come to find out, most of the rioters hadn't even bothered to vote.

I'm not finding answers within the political spectrum. This is religious, a worldview no longer based on facts and logic. We believe it because ... we believe it.

To put such sacred tenets up for discussion is considered sacrilege. Universities, once hotbeds of lively discussion, now establish *hate-free zones*, lest anyone hear words that would challenge their tidy mindset. But like Dagon of old, somebody's idol just fell on its face.

It's not pleasant to see bad ideas embraced with such fervor. But remember, the truth, no matter how painful, will ultimately set us free. And when all is said and done, The Truth is Jesus.

We'll need to remember that because some of our heroes are villains too. We've pretty much grown up listening to *fake news*, receiving a public school education overseen by those who would ... well, that's getting a little ahead of our story, isn't it?

And suddenly my little book isn't one but two. Sorry about that. But I'll try to keep it moving, filled with light and hope. Even so, Come, Lord Jesus ...



**The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders,<sup>10</sup> and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.**

**<sup>11</sup> For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie ...<sup>12</sup>**

**and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.**

II Thessalonians **2:9-12, NIV**

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## *From The Author,*

We've had a book of religion, now for the politics ... I'm probably going to lose a few readers. It can be daunting to try to understand what's really going on out there. In many cases, it's not even close to what we've been taught. But that story doesn't make sense and this one does ...

I've spent at least four years probing through some of these matters and politics changes fast, or at least the faces and titles do. But the real issues see very little movement over decades. So by the time you read this some of the names may have changed, but the principle endures....

Ultimately, it's a heart issue, or even a matter of the Spirit. Some will find at least a few of my ideas offensive, especially as I name a few names. I regret that. I feel compelled to call it like I see it—but hopefully, as gently as possible. How each reader will receive what I say is another matter. For ultimately I'm writing not to change your mind but your very life.

Truth will do that. Have I stayed on the side of the truth? Your call ...

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Chapter Eighteen:

## **Babylon Through The Ages**

### **Daniel's Gilded Cage**

Our next appearance of the Devil's Disneyland is chronicled in the Book of Daniel. Approximately two thousand years after Nimrod, an army of Chaldeans became the world power. Enamored of the ancient legends, they named their empire Babylon.

They went so far as to establish a government sponsored think-tank, assembling the wisest and most gifted individuals from the conquered nations to re-create the legendary civilization. It was for this purpose Daniel and his three friends were taken from their own country, and the Book of Daniel covers many of their exploits.

The prophetic passages were at least touched on within the first volume. However, the four Hebrews had many adventures that, while not speaking directly to later days, give us a foretaste of what to expect in ours.

**In Chapter One**, the main challenge is lifestyle, loyalty, and identity. The best and brightest of their land, they were given new clothes, new names, and a new diet.

This was meant to be seductive, immersing them in a totally new experience. But while these four remained motivated, submissive, and respectful, they set personal boundaries and didn't allow anything to violate their core beliefs.

Open to speculation is whether Daniel and his three friends were made eunuchs in Babylon. There is certainly no mention of wives or children among the four. It was common practice among those who served the palace, protecting the harem and minimizing political uprisings. Eunuchs perform well as middle management but have little success leading a rebellion, for men don't tend to follow them.

If that was the case, the four Hebrews faced the challenge of serving the very people who delivered "the cruelest cut of all". In any case, a Babylonian will trample on the rights of any lone individual *for the greater good....*

Occult based societies tend to be strongly matriarchal, dominated, often from behind the scenes, by treacherous, determined women. In our day the little operation could be viewed as the perfect answer to *toxic masculinity* and would have been roundly cheered by the feminist camp.

Babylonian leaders think nothing of demanding you or especially your children be vaccinated, drink pasteurized milk, and comply with the most intrusive and convoluted of federal and state regulations. Whether it's been scientifically proven or even makes sense is beside the point, your leaders always know best.

And in our last glimpse of Daniel, having risen to great honor within the Kingdom of Darius the Mede, he was still referred to as one of the captives of Judah, *a slave* (Daniel 6:13). In Babylon the state is all, the individual nothing.

The first confrontation was over food. The Jewish law had fairly detailed instruction on what was kosher and what should be considered *unclean*. Not only were many foods problematic in and of themselves, but the preparation was important.

Meats must be properly bled; it was forbidden to eat flesh with the "life", or blood, still in it. Interestingly, this prohibition even carries into the relatively libertarian setting of New Testament Christianity. Animals had to be healthy when they were killed, not dying or wounded, and other standards applied. A New Testament issue was whether the meat had been offered in sacrifice to an idol. The idol was understood to be nothing, but conscience could become an issue.

Not only was the Mosaic code restrictive, there were other concerns. Proverbs links gluttony to

drunkenness and the lazy stupor of an overly full belly a curse to be avoided. Cooking fuses the protein, requiring our body to marshal huge stores of energy to break it down.

**<sup>19</sup> Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way. <sup>20</sup> Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: <sup>21</sup> For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags.**

Proverbs 23:19-21, KJV

Man's original diet was essentially vegan (Genesis 1:29). At the time of the flood, meat became allowable. There is much discussion and dissention as to why this change was made. \*

My hunch ties it to Genesis 6:3: **My Spirit shall not always strive with man ....** The Lord saw the dietary restriction as one more rift between man and God and sought to remove as many barriers as possible. There is a great deal of unspoken give and take in the story of the Exodus, where the Lord appeared to be trying to wean His people off the food they'd grown accustomed to in Egypt—and they weren't having it.

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\* It is generally held that God's original intent is always His highest and best (the *Law of First Mention*).

Just the same, the consumption, and especially over-consumption of animal protein is one of the chief health hazards of our day. Pretty much all the degenerative diseases are tied to this one issue, coupled with the destructive effects of white sugar and refined flour. <sup>iv</sup>

Most take getting “the flu” (or a flu-shot) as a given and people still claim there’s no cure for the common cold. Yet thousands have virtually eliminated both scourges with a fairly straightforward diet/lifestyle change.

The vast majority of prayer requests are for healing of self or loved ones. And all too sadly, most of those prayers appear to go unanswered. In Exodus 15 we are given an oft quoted promise:

**If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am* the LORD that healeth thee.**

Exodus 15:26, KJV

Let us consider the word *diligently*. It is neither casual nor passive. One implication would be to study the matter thoroughly, and pay a great deal of heed to other principles, such as first mention. Is Our Lord speaking by the numbers? Could some of these

*Egyptian* diseases be both brought on, and corrected, just by changing our diet? Is that why our prayers seem so ineffective at times? <sup>v</sup>

From the days of Daniel right up to dinner at The White House, royal meals tend toward the heavy proteins of animal flesh. For variety, add shellfish: the scavengers of the sea. Factor in the immoderate levels of alcohol such a budget would allow, and Daniel and his friends did well to keep their distance.

In any case, the test was successful. Their overseer saw them prosper on a bland, herbal diet and allowed them to stay with the program. And when the time came to present the young men to the king, they were judged best of the best. <sup>vi</sup>

We face a similar challenge. For perhaps the first time in history the choice is not so much avoiding starvation as getting a healthy balance into our bodies. With an abundant selection, our culture goes far out of its way to promote things that aren't good for us. And much of our perception is based, not on truth, but the claims found within paid advertisements.

Millions have died for nothing more than overdoing the overloaded, over-processed Standard American Diet (SAD). And even sadder, we've been exporting our scourge to the rest of the world. How much of Daniel's diet should we incorporate into our lives? Not an easy question. Well worth praying about.

**Chapter Three** bumps us forward about eighteen years. Daniel and his three friends have become high officials within the Babylonian court. But a circumstance arises that puts their very lives at risk.

There may have been some behind the scenes collusion, an attempt to get rid of these “uppity foreigners”. A few chapters later Daniel is specifically targeted in a palace intrigue. This time around, however, it’s the three friends who feel the heat. Or more to the point, they didn’t feel the heat. And that’s what made it news!

King Nebuchadnezzar, drunk on his own press releases, has built a huge golden statue, a monument to his glory. All who see it, at the designated time, are required to bow down and do homage. For the Israelite, a total repudiation of his faith. For the Babylonian, just another day at the office.

And so the three friends are caught sticking out like the proverbial sore thumb. The penalty is death, to be bound hand and foot and thrown into a burning fiery furnace, a possible preview of the life to come. The king becomes so angry he stokes the furnace hot enough to kill the men who throw the three Hebrews in.

And then Nebuchadnezzar practically falls off his throne. For in the heart of the flames he sees not

three but four, walking, talking, having some kind of party. And while he may never have heard the name of Jesus, the king recognizes the fourth as the Son of God!

What started as an attack on the believers became a testimony, a sign and a wonder as to the power of their God. So impressed was the king he gave some of his wonder the force of law, demanding absolute respect for the God of Shadrach, Meshech, and Abed-nego.

**Chapter Four** is one of the most unique and unexpected passages in the whole Bible. It is a letter, addressed to all the peoples of the earth, written by the heathen king, Nebuchadnezzar. In it he chronicles his personal encounter with the God of Heaven.

We saw the beginnings of madness in the events of Chapter Three, the self-aggrandizement that led to the construction of the great statue. Nevertheless the dream in Chapter Four portrays him as a benefactor, a mighty tree providing stability and blessing for the entire earth.

It's easy to forget this aspect when we're faced with the human failings of our leaders, the pettiness and the greed. Just the same, they're raised up to do a job, and ours is to support and pray for them.



There's an amazing and almost unbelievable side to this story too. After the brilliant king spent seven years of insanity, living naked under the stars and eating grass like an ox, when his reason returned his kingdom was waiting for him. It's hard to imagine that happening in our day. While our back was turned somebody else would have pushed their way to the top, all too eager to fill the void.

I wonder if the answer is found in the character of Daniel and his three friends, holding the pieces together, maintaining someone else's kingdom after being so rudely kidnapped?

When he speaks to the king, their relationship is multi-layered. Daniel's love is obvious and yet, while technically a slave he's not really a subordinate. He's become a mentor, a pastor, a father. The king is still the king but he now has a chaplain, a counselor, a confidant.

In any case, there's some serious integrity and loyalty here, a story we can learn from. And God got the glory, from none other than Nebuchadnezzar himself. Look for that guy in Heaven.

And so the years slid past. **In Chapter Five** Nebuchadnezzar is gone but Daniel is still around. And the king is a young wastrel named Belshazzar, actually a grandson. With the city under siege he throws a party, a big drunken blowout. At the height of the festivities he brings the Hebrew temple

vessels out of the treasury to expedite his final outrage.

No sooner has the golden candlestick (lampstand) been set up and its seven lamps burning than the light reveals a man's hand, suspended in the air, writing cryptic words on the plaster wall. Not only did Belshazzar's knees knock, he needed to go change his diapers!

Daniel was called in to interpret the words.

**"God has numbered your kingdom and finished it."**

**"You are weighed in the balance and found wanting."**

And finally, **"Not only will your kingdom be divided up, but I'm giving it to the Medes and the Persians (dividers)."**

And even as Daniel's words were being spoken, Darius the Mede, having diverted the river that flowed through the city, was marching his army down the dry riverbed that ran under the walls. Talk about some serious, gate-crashing party-poopers....

One of the seven foundational doctrines given to The Church is *Eternal Judgment*. For the most part, it's not something we've known what to do with. But as the end draws near we'll find ourselves speaking increasingly to kings and the power structures of this world, and the message will be similar to what Belshazzar received: *Game Over—YOU LOSE!*

**Our final picture** isn't really Babylon but Medio-Persia, another administration entirely. Under Darius, Daniel becomes prime minister, second only to the king. Not only were the palace wannabe's snubbed, but Daniel's integrity put their pork barrels totally out of reach. Desperate, they concocted another scenario, one that specifically singles out Daniel for a take-down.

When the king realizes he's been duped, has yielded to flattery, and condemned his most trusted servant to the lion's den, he is beside himself. But their law is inviolate. Daniel must be thrown in.

And so, with deep sorrow, and prayer, they carry out the sentence. Daniel's been through this before. He's ready to die but in no great hurry. The king has become a believer, speaking faith and encouragement. And so next morning, when Daniel is lifted from the den alive and unhurt, the conspirators go right in after him. They don't make it to the ground in one piece.

What does that mean for our last days? Some of us will seal our testimony in our own blood. These are trying times. But many will see God's supernatural hand, delivering the righteous and confounding the wicked. Let's go through on God's side!

## Tower Builders in Your City?

Babylonian elements even filter down into the local politics of our day. God's mandate, that people distribute themselves over the face of the earth, flies in the face of those who envision "their mother" trampled by teeming humanity. In America, less than two percent of most states is taken up by cities, including their suburbs. Notwithstanding, there are those demanding we build not outward but upward. It's the spirit of Babylon, risen again!

Our worst urban nightmares: pollution, traffic gridlock, and unaffordable housing, come from packing too many people into space that's being artificially restricted. City planners once referred to such scheming as *smart growth* but are now more likely to call it *sustainable development*. \*

Left to the choices of those buying and building, cities spread out into suburbs, growing organically as each man pursues his best interests. It came to be an integral component of *The American Dream*, offering every householder his own little kingdom. With each family financing their vision the tax burden stays relatively low. City planners, steeped in Babylonian thought, refer to these vibrant, diverse

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\* There's a tie-in here with UN mandate *Agenda 21* which has also been updated to *Agenda 2030*. Quite a clear trail.

neighborhoods as *urban sprawl* and fight them with all the resources of city hall.

In former days these functionaries tried to forecast demand and build accordingly. This was especially true among the designers of streets and highways. Most of those market-driven planners have been replaced by zealots who'd like to make it difficult to impossible to drive your car to work.

Current street 'improvements' include narrowing and removing lanes, removing turn lanes, and adding roundabouts at intersections. All this is euphemistically described as *traffic calming*. It's really harassment, extending the commute and contributing to road rage.

These people claim to be reducing congestion but if pressed real, real hard have to admit their program multiplies it. For the true goal is to make the motorist so miserable that public transit becomes a welcome alternative. \* vii

For somehow the vision became fixated on 19<sup>th</sup> Century America and especially New York City. Families packed like sardines into multi-story tenements so workers could walk to the factories their neighborhoods were clustered around. Stores

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\* Not only is the motorist inconvenienced but so are emergency vehicles. Lives have been lost because ambulances and especially fire-trucks couldn't navigate the obstructions. Smart growth? Hardly!

were on the ground floors of the brownstones and everyone shopped within walking distance because they hadn't any choice. There was no viable way to search for more variety or a better price.

But contrary to the rosy retrospectives, this pedestrian paradise was not heaven on earth. As soon as the wage-earner found a way to flee the city, most of them did. Now he could raise his family where there was sunlight and grass and fresh air and space. And suddenly there were supermarkets, department stores, and specialty shops, things we could never have even imagined cooped up in the tenements.

The automobile turned out to be the missing key, unlocking the door so we could quite literally escape. And so, those who would reverse the trend, send everyone back to the inner city and return America to a 19<sup>th</sup> Century model have declared all-out war, not only on the automobile but the personal mobility it represents.

Utopian visionaries build towers—high rise residential and corporate facilities, coupled with lavish, publicly funded transportation schemes, hoping to herd the people back into close proximity. And don't forget the hanging gardens, in this case an extensive network of parkland to help us overlook the other outrages perpetrated within our living space.

It's not supposed to matter if a great deal of the park is wilderness, impassible to all but the hardiest of

hikers, or wildlife refuges, accessible to virtually no one. Nor are we supposed to notice if some of the parks (sacred to all other purposes!) are sold to developers for the construction of those high-rise towers. Makes some of us feel like we've been lied to.

Looking back to my childhood, some of our most significant 'parks' were actually vacant lots, places we could dig in the dirt, build ramps for our bicycles, or discover the perils of fiery red ants. However, as planning and zoning tighten their grip, fewer and fewer of these properties remain in their native state. Not only do the vacant areas disappear but large lots become tiny, houses give way to apartments, and *play space* becomes ever more regulated. And don't forget the ultimate park, one's private back yard, an increasingly rare commodity in our politically correct neighborhoods. <sup>viii</sup>

Since Babylonians build in opposition to man's natural (God-given) proclivities, their projects are not economically viable and require heavy subsidies both to construct and then operate. Quality of life declines while the cost of living skyrockets and the hand of government becomes heavier every day. Nimrod would be proud. \*

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\* Matters of planning and zoning will be pursued further in Chapter 35, where we look at plank 9 of the Communist Manifesto.

## Spirit Guides & Paradigms

It feels strange to be applying some of the Bible's most ancient epithets to modern city politics. But the coincidences are so strong there must be a spirit involved. Why else would the theme of Babylon run from Genesis to Revelation?

When I first heard of the New Age movement I encountered the phrase *paradigm shift*. As soon as you contacted your inner self or spirit guide or whatever, the whole world was supposed to come into balance and make perfect sense.

Suddenly it hit me—I'd already had such an awakening! It happened when I got saved. But rather than becoming one with Mother Nature I received a portion of Father God. No wonder there was a gulf between my understanding and those out trying to save, not lost humanity but rocks and trees and birds and bees!

If you speak with those rebuilding our cities you'll discover a deeply held religion, not centered on God's word but opposed to everything it stands for. We find worship, not of the True and Living God but of mankind, the arts, *mother earth*, or the Father of Lies himself.

You'll discover arrogance, people who know what's best for you and yours, regardless of what anyone



else might think. *Properly designed cities will force everyone to do what they're supposed to and all our problems will melt away....* \* And when you're that convinced you're right, any outrageous behavior can be justified.

Wild-eyed fanatics? Look no further.

## The Confusion of Language

The curse of Babylon is worth noting too. Our adversary is an imitator. As the Babylonian spirit manifests, we can expect to see language become a target. Just as God confused the tongues to break the unity of rebellion, the forces of ungodliness play word-games to promote discord:

- 1) Between races.  
Those who manifest obvious physical differences
- 2) Between cultures.  
Physically equivalent but different language, heritage, and tradition.
- 3) Between generations.  
Breaking family ties.
- 4) Between factions and divisions.  
Building up social and economic barriers.

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\* As compelling as this may sound, it is at complete variance with the Bible. We are not *disadvantaged victims*, but sinners!

5) Between brethren.  
Sundering our church fellowships.

In the chapter on Conspiracy we'll touch on those using demonic wisdom to destroy Western Society. When we look at Communism we'll see how revolutionaries sow and cultivate division, something God says He hates. And in the section *Sacred Words* we'll look at specific examples that have been politicized, even weaponized.

Many streams of psychology came out of the Soviet Union, elaborating on Pavlov's initial experiments. Basically he conditioned dogs to salivate like they were being fed. Corporate entities program their minions to smile as if they were actually earning a living. In like manner we think we're being educated and informed. What we really wind up with is a mind like cement—sand, rocks, and inert gray matter, all mixed up and set hard!

A major component of our knee-jerk political landscape is conditioned response, a product of childhood indoctrination in government schools<sup>\*</sup> and the relentless assault of a hydra-headed media.

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<sup>\*</sup> No, we don't blame the teachers. Many are dedicated Christians who love God and deliver their best for the kids. They are heartbroken over what the system is requiring of them.

Many are waking up to realize they're being served *Fake News* but few realize how deep the rabbit hole really goes.

A further complication is our current "screen" culture. The previous generation grew up chained to their computer. Their progeny carry the thing with them, walking around with eyes glued to some kind of hand-held device. The earlier it begins, the less true social development actually takes place.

There's reason to question what's on the screen too. From the early days of Windows®, games were included because they taught basic computer skills. Most of us have graduated from solitaire but the games go on, ever more captivating. How much teaching is subliminal, raising expectations in worldview and gratification that put one at odds with God and His Word? How can so many apps be free? Who's really paying the programmer?

The scandal of our public school system is also taking its toll. Within the last few years some of the admin's of my local (Tigard, Oregon) district were caught declaring they are NOT running educational institutions but social service agencies. This isn't a local problem but a trend that can be tracked to the highest levels. (Is it any wonder Johnny can't read?) But if they're not educating, what are they doing to our kids?

Schools have become agents of infiltration, turning out psychologically conditioned robots, social justice

warriors to overturn society as we know it. \*\* The kids are not only programmed with presuppositions and trigger-words, making a meaningful conversation with mom and dad all but impossible, but their Common-Core instruction is so counter-intuitive parents are not only forbidden but unable to help with the homework!

America's role as hi-tech leader is in serious jeopardy, for the highest levels of our hard-science classrooms are filled, not with brilliant Americans but Asians, students from India, and especially Chinese. American kids view environmental activism as the higher calling and are raised with such a sense of entitlement they see little point in exerting themselves over anything so mundane as a career.

But what happens after Johnny grows up? In Volume I we talked about how people study the Bible and read their doctrinal stance back into it. Once they decide what it says, that's all they ever see. Unfortunately, this all too human failing also affects how we view society and interpret our circumstances. \*

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\*\* Don't forget the tax levy this fall. Convoluted goals require ever-increasing streams of money. Education, on the other hand, remains fairly affordable. We'll be taking a deeper look at schools in chapter 37, *Horace Mann & Public Education*.

\* This failure to correctly perceive is the major component of *unbelief*, one of the most dangerous of all spiritual afflictions.

Some of the most obvious results are the racial divisions plaguing our land. In the trial of OJ Simpson most whites saw a man apparently get away with murder because of a shrewd lawyer and a system that bends over backward to respect the rights of the individual. All too many black folk saw one of their own whose only crime was trying to make good in a white man's world. Now he was being hauled back to the plantation, chastened and humbled for having ever tried to rise above his station.

The Rodney King incident was another study. Whites saw a man apprehended in a high-speed car chase that placed innocent lives in danger, challenge the officers, and receive a beating he'd more than earned. Blacks saw one more instance of *police brutality*—period, end of story.

It didn't help that the mainstream media edited out the first few seconds of the heavily circulated video where it showed King, so drugged up tazers were ineffective, violently charging the officers until they forgot their training and proceeded to administer a few seconds of *schoolyard justice*.

In Ferguson, Michael Brown was fatally shot while pursuing a violent assault on an officer he'd just punched in the eye. Yet an "eyewitness" claimed Brown to be holding his hands up in surrender, sparking nationwide riots and protest. Other witnesses and the forensic evidence led the inquiry

board to vindicate the officer.\* Another round of violence followed from those who simply couldn't believe a black man could find justice within the "white" system.

In like manner it's almost impossible for an older person to speak with a younger on many of our social issues without stirring up a firestorm. Each sees their viewpoint as settled, absolutely above criticism or discussion. The reality of global warming, evolution, the need for government safety nets, federal student loans, singlepayer healthcare, support for alternate lifestyles, defacing and removing Confederate statues ... it almost becomes a religious conviction.

So the question remains, how do we bridge the gap? The first requirement is to realize there is a gap, a gaping wound in our corporate understanding. Young people have a passion for truth and justice. What's misdirected can also be re-directed, focused onto issues that will truly make things better. And older generations have also been fed untruth, some of which is dearly held.

It's important to pray, listen, and ask questions. The house of lies is filled with cracks, contradictions that can be exposed and illuminated. It can't be done in a

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\* One other witness was a surveillance tape from a convenience store showing *The Gentle Giant* committing a strongarm robbery only minutes before his attack on officer Wilson.

day or even a week but as relationships deepen and credibility established, attitudes and beliefs will begin to change.

Breaking through requires a covenantal understanding with our brothers and sisters in Christ. It means listening when we'd rather be lecturing. Ephesians 4:3 exhorts us to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Verse 11 and 12 lists the leadership ministries, shaping and perfecting until we all come to the unity of the faith (vs 13), unto a perfect man. Unity of the Spirit is a matter of agreement, unity of the faith will take a little time.

Perhaps the single greatest thing we can do for our mindset (after we've flushed the toilet on all those *Fake News* channels!) is to be reading our Bible, cover to cover. The Old Testament is not just history but wisdom, especially books such as Psalms and Proverbs. This, coupled with membership in a good church, where the word of God is applied to real-life circumstances, will renew our outlook like nothing else can.

**Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful....**

Psalms 1:1, KJV

Ungodly? Sinners? Scornful? The first Psalm could have been specifically written for our biased media!

If we cleanse our mind of the garbage we're being fed, what a different world we'll see. It's really out there, and it still belongs to Our Heavenly Father.

And by the way, if your pastor happens to be a liberal, left-wing, social justice warrior, you're attending the wrong church. It's just that simple.

Many experience a counter-conversion from the mindset of the world, rediscovering ***the old paths, wherein is the good way ...*** (Jeremiah 6:16). And a young person, realizing he or she was used and abused, tends to be motivated, ready to pour all that boiling energy into a brand new cause!

Perhaps the majority will find it a totally new mindset. To them *old paths* means the welfare state, the socialist, humanist swamp they cut their teeth on.

And don't forget to pray. This is more than being right or wrong. The spirit of deception is at work, in concert with the secular world and a tightly controlled media. But God is greater.

Theologically, Babel's curse was answered by the new tongues believers found themselves speaking at Pentecost (Acts 2). While we have no idea what we're really praying, the spiritual activation cleanses and empowers. If you possess such a gift, use it liberally in your private moments, the more the better.



## **Christmas and Easter**

As we look into these ancient matters there's another issue we should address. Our two biggest church holidays were absorbed from the pagan culture and can be traced directly back to Babylonian influence.

Semiramis gave birth to her 'miracle' child on December 25<sup>th</sup> and that date was a pagan celebration long before Christianity arrived on the scene. Many traditions, such as Christmas trees and yule logs, date far back into antiquity.

Easter was actually a variation of her name Astarte (Esther). Our classic Easter motifs, rabbits and eggs, were fertility symbols with deep sexual implications. The celebratory ham dinner commemorated Nimrod's death by a wild boar.

Many who discover these links become incensed and seek to 'purify' such holidays out of the church. Others would like to replace them with a new commitment to the Jewish cycle of feasts. Before we take out our machetes and go to work, let's ask ourselves a question: "What Would Jesus Do?"

Our Lord never missed a party, a chance to get together with people who desperately needed some good news. If he were to appear in our midst today,

would he be cloistered in with the *frozen chosen* or out there mingling, mixing it up a little?

Looking back to the pagan roots, they were ultimately celebrating *The Messiah*. So, they had it wrong for a while. We're here to help them do it right! The early church was no pushover. If they allowed the streams to come together, perhaps they had good reason. In our day, Christmas is supposed to be about Jesus. So, let it be about Jesus!

When Moses walked out of Pharaoh's presence for the first time the Egyptian monarch probably figured the would-be deliverer had learned his lesson. The court magicians duplicated every sign and wonder, reducing Moses' credibility to just about zero. But the magicians didn't see it that way. The little power encounter had cost them their wands, perhaps the most humiliating thing that can happen to a wizard.

While there is certainly room for individual conscience, my take on the holidays is that our snake just gobbled up their snake, thank you very much. When Abe Lincoln received news of Lee's surrender he asked the band to play *Dixie*, right out on the White House lawn. "It's our song now; I've always liked it and we won it fair and square!"

In like manner, why not be *more than conquerors* and spoil the enemy's camp of his very cause to celebrate? Even the much maligned Santa Claus is a

-Gary A. Hughes-

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variant on *Saint Nicholas*, a man known for his piety long before he ever donned a jolly red suit. When people look toward the church, why should they see a cowering, fearful group, suspicious of any hint of defilement? Rather instead, how about a joyful crowd who knows how to party?

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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**A Happy Easter too!**

## Chapter Twenty-One:

# Deception, Delusion, & Communism

**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears, And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables ...**

II Timothy 4:3-4 KJV

**The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. <sup>2</sup> Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. <sup>3</sup> They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth.**

I Timothy 4:1-3, NIV

**... Speaking lies in hypocrisy ...**

I Timothy 4:2, KJV

Most who teach on these passages give them a spiritual rather than a political thrust. But we live in a religio/politicized world and one cannot separate out the politics any more than we can separate religion from anything that really matters. America as we know it was built upon a strong theological underpinning.

Perhaps the most visible manifestation of America's godly heritage has been the incredible productivity that made her, for many, the envy of the world.

**But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.**

Deuteronomy 8:18, KJV

**The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.**

Proverbs 10:22, KJV

Our society is full of apologies for socialism, in all of its forms. And yet, it's never made a nation rich, like free-markets do every day. Neither does it lift poor people out of poverty. If anything, the increased dependency makes their situation that much more hopeless. Is Our Lord speaking by the numbers,

showing what is truly pleasing to Him and will honor His name?

We also hear a constant stream of criticism, as if the United States had never been anything but a constant source of shame. Born in the 1950s, I'd been through twelve years of public education before I heard a talk-radio guest give me a few things to be proud of. That was forty years ago and the bias is even stronger today.

Where is all this disinformation, a true flight from reality, coming from? The left has taken over most of our media and virtually 100% of the public schools. And the agenda is clearly radical.

So what are we talking about here, communism, socialism, or something else entirely? Our society shields its sacred cows by explaining we're talking this, and not that, or the other. Radicals of the early 1800s were proud to label themselves socialists but by mid-century it was obvious they'd given the term a bad odor. Suddenly the buzzword was *communism*, newly minted and squeaky clean. Fast forward a hundred years and communism had so much blood on its hands that *socialism* became the kinder, gentler alternative. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, radicals became *progressive*. But all the words mean essentially the same thing.

In Germany, the more culturally focused radicals became *national* socialists, or Nazis. In Italy (and New Deal America) the factories were found to be

more carefully maintained if private individuals were allowed to think they still owned them, but government agents made all the major decisions. That little charade came to be known as *fascism*. But the one constant among all those different terms is the heavy hand of government, and between them all there really isn't a dime's worth of difference!

Why is socialism marketed so aggressively, especially to young minds in public schools? And why do they learn every problem with our country and nothing about what's right? The kids insist it's wrong to restrict immigration but haven't a clue why so many people are desperate to come here in the first place.

The early Puritans believed in hard work, piety, and giving God his due. That, and their constitutionally limited government set people free to produce and prosper like the world had never seen. They didn't steal from others, they didn't exploit their fellow man, they labored with their hands and *created* wealth. But as the theology changed, so did the mission and purpose of the nation.<sup>xxviii</sup>

And it's been subtle, incremental. Public education has *advanced* us to the left a generation at a time. Until we start comparing our values to the actual word of God we'll have no conception how much we accept as normal is ungodly, humanistic socialism.

The goal is not so much economic reform as a total transformation of society. As such, youth are the number one target. No effort is spared to cut them

off from the values, traditions, and beliefs of Judeo-Christian, *Western* civilization.

We've spent our entire lives bathed in propaganda, training us to view communism or socialism as kindly, gentle philosophies that sometimes get out of hand but are fundamentally well-intentioned. And yet, tracing back to their Illuminist roots, these concepts were spawned in Hell and propelled with the same demonic wisdom that got Adam and Eve kicked out of the Garden of Eden.

There's nothing compassionate or loving about any of it. Reduced to its barest essentials it is force, shouting down, trampling, or murdering anyone who sees through the deception and tries to resist. Its programs are like barbed fishhooks. Once they break the skin and enter the body politic, they are impossible to dislodge and continue working their way deeper until the financial hemorrhage leaves the patient paralyzed and helpless. Just try to even stem the tide of Welfare, Food Stamps, Social Security, or Obamacare. How dare you....

One cannot read very far in the works of Marx without encountering his utter contempt for the *bourgeoisie*. The French word meant 'city dweller' and came to refer to middle-class merchants. This was the man with a small plot of real estate, a moderate amount of money, enough education to



think for himself, and the liberty to pursue his own best interests.

It was basically *The American Dream*. Either a small business or well paying profession, a house with a nice yard or even a small acreage, some careful investments, and looking toward to a few golden years of retirement. For many this truly is life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Such men will band together with like-minded individuals when visionaries such as Marx try to herd them like sheep. Marx had no quarrel with big-big business, for these were the steely-eyed planners who feted and supported him, completely divorced from the normal constraints of humanity.

These captains of industry were far enough removed to view their everyday workers as property, to be exploited at will. Under the guise of helping the common man they set out instead to enslave him, one of the most insidious con-jobs the world has ever seen.

And on it goes today, everything from education that isn't, to jobs that don't pay a living, to property we can no longer afford. Faceless workers living in generic cubicles in high-rise buildings they'll never own. Did *The Dream* just not work? Or is somebody trying to steal it from us?

It becomes almost a gruesome, barbaric comedy when we realize the *proletariat*, that hopeless,

exploited class Marxism is working so hard to free, would like nothing better than to rise into the bourgeoisies. And despite the sleight of hand, Marxism's primary goal would be to wipe such comfortable consumerism off the face of the planet, offering instead a universal, grinding poverty to all but the ruling elite. No wonder every *proletarian* in the world wants to come to America!

And in truth, to own property, transact business, advance one's own interests, and keep the profits, is first and last, practical liberty. Repressive societies never tolerate a middle class. China, with its long list of *inventions* (they did everything first!), never profited from any of them. As soon as technology spawned an industry the Mandarins would notice the "wrong" people rising in society. So they put a stop to it.

Communist regimes love tourism. Unlike manufacturing it draws foreign capital without enriching anyone in the system. Cooks, maids, and bell-hops make a living, but not a very great one. The status quo is kept completely secure. State-owned mining is likewise favored. In both cases, the bulk of the money goes to the landlord. And don't forget *The Mexican Plan*: slip your workers across the border so they can wire their wages back home.

We see the same pattern in the United States. Planning and subsidies gave us recycling, windmills, and electric cars, squandering billions of federal

dollars with little to show for the environment or the economy. None of that helps the little wage-earner.

But a couple crackpots in the American oil patch literally turned our energy situation around with horizontal drilling and *fracking*. Suddenly we're an exporter, with hundreds of years of proven reserves and many more good-paying jobs.

Another gaping discrepancy, communism is supposed to represent the deepest longings of the downtrodden worker. Its most receptive audience has always been children of privilege on college campuses, appealing not so much to empty bellies as empty heads, and hearts. Callow, credulous youth, not above a few guilt-pangs but clueless concerning lack or hardship, have proven too easy a target, too many times.

And despite the candy the socialist keeps offering, the cry is always that we follow him into the van. What happens once we're inside, at his mercy? Is it possible there isn't any candy? Or will he just make us watch, while he eats it all himself?

Perhaps *bourgeoisies* sounds hopelessly archaic but in the past few years Hillary Clinton started referring to traditional Americans as *deplorables*. When you think about how the term is used, it's absolutely synonymous with Marx's epithet. Nothing has changed.

## Fables for Our Time....

Are we being given *fables*? Absolutely! They've been woven so deeply into our folklore most people receive them as gospel. But are they really above being questioned? Here are just a few:

- Man's greedy exploitation and relentless reproduction have brought us to the edge of universal catastrophe. Society is at the breaking point and the earth desperately needs to be rescued.
- While the *concept* of a Supreme Being brings comfort to the weak-minded, it's best discarded as society embraces more rational alternatives. Especially to be avoided is the legislation of *faith-based morality*.
- Evolution, as well as Climate Change, is *settled science*. All who resist the unproven theories are either stupid or inherent troublemakers.\*\*
- Our only hope is a new breed of *Social Justice Warriors*, children so much wiser than their parents!

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\*\* If it's *settled* it's not science and if it's *science* it's not settled. The discipline involves constant examination and reevaluating. Many discoveries occurred when some brave soul questioned what everyone else thought they'd *settled*....

- Since the earth belongs to us all, personal or *private* property is oppression. Heavy taxes are a gift, from rich to poor, redressing the inequity.
- Wealth needs to be fought over, and taken away from those who wind up with more than their share.
- Businessmen are inherently oppressive. Someone, in the spirit of Robin Hood, needs to make them pay, and pay, and pay, and pay....
- Anyone with more than you, must necessarily be crooked.
- Those predicting calamity, be it overpopulation, catastrophic pollution, or climate meltdown\*, are the heroes. Those who question or deny such matters are evil or very stupid, absolute tools of the multi-national, global establishment.
- Churches failed society when they built big buildings instead of giving all their money to feed the poor. Overall, churches do more harm than good and Bible believers are hopelessly out of touch with reality.
- The automobile cursed Western civilization, trashing the environment and making our cities unlivable. Something needs to be done if not to slay the beast, at least to muzzle it.
- Resurgent Nazism, the inevitable product of far-right politics, is the greatest evil we face. The fact

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\* only if anthropogenic: caused by man

that Nazis, short for *National Socialists*, were completely to the left is swept under the proverbial carpet. There isn't any current Nazi movement, just a few splinter groups, some of whom appear financed by left-wing radicals seeking further disruption of western society.

- Injustice is inherently tied to racism. However, the term can only apply to white Christians. It is simply not possible for any other race or religion to manifest prejudicial behavior.
- The socialist/communist movement is seldom portrayed as harmful, much less inherently evil. The once prosperous nations they've ruined and tens of millions they've slaughtered are forgotten while media attention focuses on vastly exaggerated claims of racism and other politically correct crusades against western-friendly rulers.
- Government, as moderated by its far-left activists, is a beneficent entity, like God, but closer. Only such a driving force can correct the abuses of our day.

We hear constant calls for hyphenated *justice*: social, economic, or gender equality, intimating it's a crime for one man (or woman) to be paid at a higher rate than another. And yet the Bible, and especially the Book of Proverbs, assures us such inequity is of The Lord.

One man is wealthy, another poor, and God has His way with either circumstance. The Bible makes it plain that neither condition is necessarily for life. Wealthy can become poor and poor men become wealthy. In more cases than not a man's own actions dictate the path up or down. And the traits that bind men to poverty are the same ones the Bible labels as sinful.

All aspects of the biblical work ethic: diligence, temperance, planning, and thrift, now come labeled as instruments of oppression, another manifestation of white privilege. To claim such traits as antithetical to other cultures is perhaps the most racist comment of all. It's inferred that whites' keys to success are systemically unpalatable to people of color. Another system is called upon to divvy up the loot.

What they don't tell you is that the wage scale of the communist is not flat either. Higher salaries go to the commissars, high party officials, and anyone else with enough political juice to escape the grinding poverty of the masses. For after the iron fist kills the golden goose, there isn't that much left to distribute. Just look at Venezuela, home to the richest petroleum deposits in the world.

Interestingly, socialists view that benighted nation not as failure but the very model of success! Control has been established, society is being transformed,

and a new social order emerges from the chaos. Isn't such a grand vision worth a few sacrifices?

## Lies In Hypocrisy....

When one considers the practical outworking of Marxism, the ultimate form of our pervasive, progressive liberalism, our opening Scriptures find a great deal of application. Marxist doctrines truly are ***lies in hypocrisy***. We've seen them work to destroy marriage and family and, while they don't generally ***order people to abstain from food***, communists have required thousands to starve by interfering with the food supply for purely political purposes.

*Land Reform* means farmers are driven off their property and factories are *nationalized*. Suddenly there's nothing to eat, nothing to buy, and no money to buy it with. When they have less control they boycott businesses such as *Chick Fil-A* because of the owner's godly, moral stance. This is mischief, pure and simple.

While it's hard to find anyone overtly ***forbidding to marry***, let us consider the staggering cost of our modern welfare state. Some restrictions are made, not by edict or command but by turning the pathway into a vale of tears.



The myth of public money has swindlers picking our pockets in broad daylight, while thousands cheer. Heavy taxes might seem just another fact of life but sucking the economy dry has consequences, especially for those on the bottom rung of the economic ladder.

A boy of eighteen, desperate to marry his high-school sweetheart, must either wade through years of higher education or take minimum-wage jobs that would require both him and his bride to labor most of their waking hours. And in truth, very few four-year degrees can support a single-income household!

All too often, children become “something we can’t afford.” Prosperity and *establishing a family* have been put at odds, needing to be kept firmly separated until a career is well on its way. But the point of diminishing returns comes awful fast.

Many fall into a lifestyle of cheating and by the time they’re financially stable the raging vigor of youth is all but spent. Marriage becomes more trouble than it’s worth. Some who desire children may have already passed their season of fertility. And it’s hard to say we’re even raising kids whose chief interaction is with schoolteachers and day-care workers.

Women develop interests that conflict and compete with homemaking. Abortion is sold as just another form of birth-control. Many couples remain

childless. Our land is filled not with parents but baby-mamas and baby-daddy's, ever at war, with the children caught helplessly in between. \* And suddenly the family, bedrock of society, can be glimpsed only as a vague outline in old, black and white sitcoms. Socialism sucks!

Yet the post-war generation of the mid 1940s found a very different scenario. Manufacturing led the way, driving a robust economy. A young man with an entry level job could not only support his family but had the potential to work his way clear up to the executive suites of the company.

What happened? Treason and betrayal at the highest levels! Failure to enforce tariffs pitted our factories against workers paid pennies on the dollar. Our corporate taxes subsidized *The World Bank*, which used the money to build factories in other lands.

Suddenly the profits belong to those big enough to span continents, exploiting the different national economies. Desirable jobs vanished, industry fled our shores, and a living wage became ever more elusive.<sup>xxix</sup>

Excessive regulations played their part too. All manner of inspectors began making the rounds,

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\* For those not quite up on current slang, *baby-mama* or *baby-daddy* is a derisive term for a partner who is neither loved nor respected, bound to their ex by a common child.

each with their own set of violations and fines. An especially successful business can be labeled a monopoly and broken up. But labor unions are exempt, even when acting like racketeers. None of these shackles extend to other lands. The playing field is far from level.

Domestic workers are taxed too, heavily. A great deal of the money goes to those who could work but don't. And so we all learn to do without. Wages are stagnant, expenses rise freely, with no end in sight.

**Examine any overpriced industry and we'll find excessive regulation and control. Although it seldom gets linked in our minds, this is the hallmark of the socialist, his enduring legacy. Some of his greatest achievements:**

*The housing crisis. After years of inflation, tax hikes, and overly restrictive zoning, there are very few places we can afford to live.*

*-Medical misery. Excessive regulation limits choice and drives the cost through the roof.*

*-Oppressive health insurance. Since medicine is no longer affordable it requires another overpriced bureaucracy to manage the costs.*

*-Education that isn't. It's become an indoctrination followed by a diploma. Many can't even read their diploma but the numbers on the price tag keep rising every year.*

*-Lifelong student debt. Tuition bleeds us dry, preparing for jobs that won't pay us a living when we get out.*

*-Sponging off mom and dad. They made their way in life. When do we get our chance?*

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The present generation has no idea what happened. They just know it's really hard to make ends meet. The sweet song of the socialist becomes appealing, even captivating. And yet, it's only more of what created the trouble in the first place.

We'll take a little time knocking down some of the main tenets but ultimately, the philosophy is only window dressing.\* It can be labeled socialism, democracy, Islam, or even some tainted flavor of Christianity. The bottom line however, is total governmental control over everyone, everywhere.<sup>xxx</sup>

In former days a man, down on his luck, could retreat to his little acre and just let the world go by. Nowadays he has taxes to keep up, plus utilities, or face eviction. A well on one corner of the property, an outhouse on the other, potatoes growing in between, and a candle in the window is no longer a viable option. Some call that progress, others cruelty. Perhaps it's a measure of both.

My heart's desire would be  
to lead the whole world into  
Hell, and follow after them  
laughing....

-Karl Marx<sup>xxxi</sup>

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\* For this reason, I will be listing Communism, Socialism, Nazism, or Fascism pretty much interchangeably. That's because they are. Differences are mainly a matter of semantics or degree. They all represent power-hungry politics and government out of control.

## Chapter Twenty-Two:

# Just the Basics

Those advocating forcible redistribution try to bury their listeners under a maze of terms and nuances, explaining why their brand of socialism differs from that which is spreading grief worldwide. Yet the problem is in the fundamentals, ungodly and anti-Christian:

- 1) **Dethroning God.** It often starts with evolution, casting down The One who made everything else. His laws are another target: decency and morality. The constraints of godliness are painted as oppressive and Christians are held up to constant ridicule.
- 2) **A victim mentality.** The poor have been exploited. Those with more, cheated. All of society must do penance. Redeemed, empowered believers, a world of opportunity, and a wise, loving Creator appear nowhere in the scenario.
- 3) **A hostile, adversarial mindset.** Survival of the fittest. Eat or be eaten. Do it to the other guy first. The philosophy will not acknowledge win-win negotiating or the concept of a mutually beneficial relationship.

Wealth, for the most part is created: the blessing of God partnered with the labor of our hands. Halting production to squabble over the loot is stupid when we could be out creating more, and more, and more....

- 4) **Organized Theft.** Using taxes for social engineering. Redistributing the wealth. Such attempts to *play God* are doomed to failure.
- 5) **Turning *junk science* into a secular religion.** The earth is portrayed as a cosmic accident, reeling under the burden of both population and technology. Every cure being offered is oppressive, plundering our wealth and restricting our liberty. Unless, of course, Chicken Little had it right all along....
- 6) **Entitlements:** Food, clothing, shelter ... If I am *owed* such things, whose fault if I'm not fully provided for? Whose wealth should I plunder to make up the difference? This enters into territory God reserves for Himself, thrusting ourselves far beyond our own sphere of authority. Is it any wonder that when law and order break down, swarms of looters appear as if by magic? Or does the Lord help those who *help themselves*?
- 7) **Guilt without Sin.** Nothing's *morally wrong* any more but I find myself blamed for every bankruptcy, suicide, and skid row beggar. As personal responsibility falls by the wayside, a

more pervasive government is needed to make sure everyone is taken care of.

- 8) **Turning *Justice* into *Fairness*.** Fairness is oppressive. Trying to make everyone equal forces square pegs into round holes. God is just, assigning every person equal value when abilities, resources, and opportunities vary widely.
- 9) **Killing Ourselves with Kindness** or, *Make the little guy even smaller.* To answer poverty we raise taxes, draining the very lifeblood of the nation. Suddenly we're all needy! Terrorism is fought by treating everyone like a terrorist—except the terrorists. For violence, we disarm potential victims. Why?
- 10) **Failure to forgive.** Christ's commands to return good for bad, transforming enemies into brothers, are the hallmark of his teachings. A socialist carefully builds the slightest offense into a huge dripping abscess, turning peaceful communities into boiling cauldrons of violence.
- 11) **Vigilante justice.** Vengeance belongs not to God but highly enlightened men, evolution's masterpiece (see Romans 1:21-22). Due process and the rights of the individual (hard-won societal gains!) revert to the law of the jungle. Crowds march in the streets,



spreading chaos and destruction. How can we not see this as the devil's handiwork?

- 12) **Taking as opposed to receiving.** The essential core of sin is seizing by force what Our Lord would freely give if only we would seek it in a godly manner! \* *Receiving*, on the other hand, is an act of faith. It not only takes faith to reach out and accept what's offered, there's the faith of waiting until the offer is actually being made.
- 13) **Anarchy.** First Peter exhorts us to ***Fear God, and honor the king.*** The revolutionary is here to sweep the present administration, a tool of oppression, totally away. Another target is The Church herself. Those who talk this way are not our friends and never will be!
- 14) **Situational ethics.** Just as Eve was led away from the absolutes of God's Word and focused onto her feelings, our youth mouth sound-bytes that bring them into similar bondage. Schools that once taught students how to think now teach them what to think.
- 15) **Sensual pleasures.** The communist would have us cast off every restraint, a moral implosion calculated to destroy the old order and allow him to seize control.

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\* This principle was discussed in depth in volume I, Chapter 10, relating to II Thessalonians 2 and the *mystery of iniquity*.

- 16) **Making the revolution sacrosanct** and those promoting it above correction or criticism.  
Inciting to riot is bad behavior. Period!

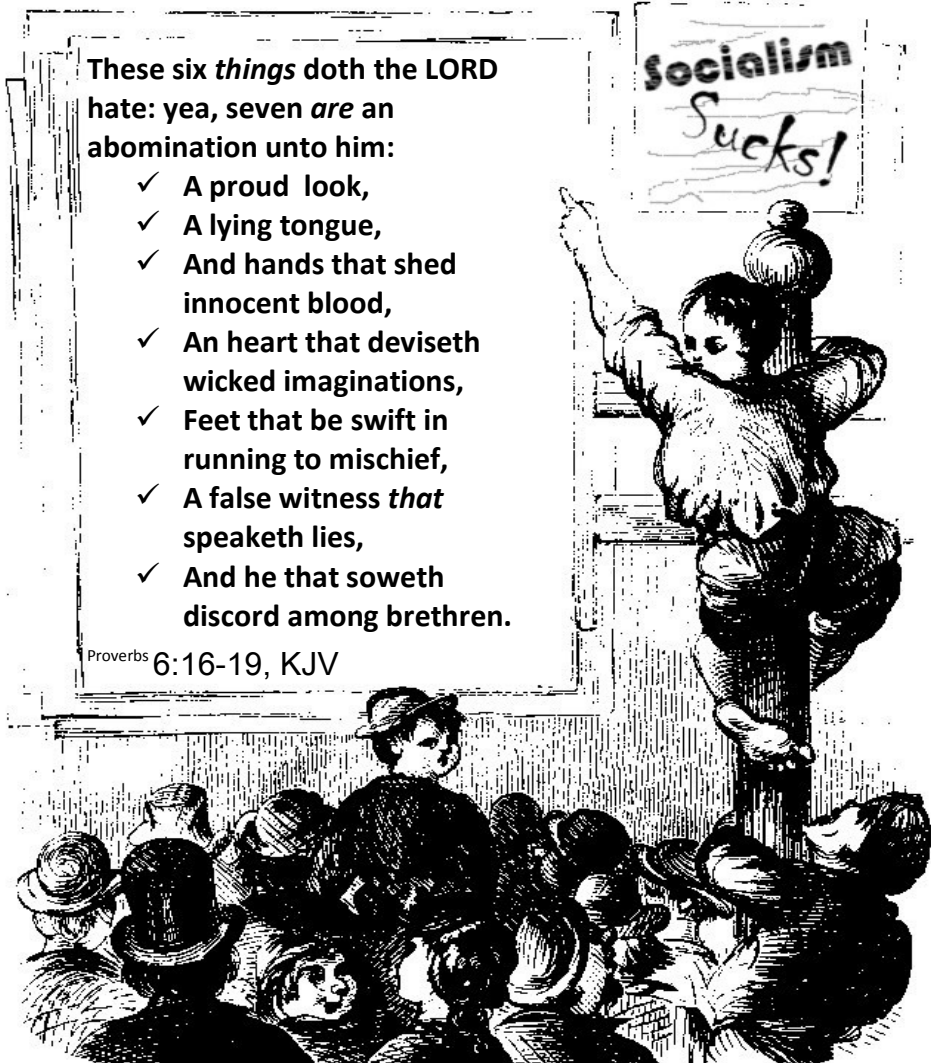
Basically a false gospel, it carries its own definition of sin (oppression), redemption (revolution), and salvation (submission to the new order!). These people won't be satisfied until they've overturned every basis of society with any reference to the King of Heaven.

That includes morality, marriage, and the family: the basic building blocks of society. The welfare state promotes fatherless homes and ever more intrusive social services. Criminals run free or are encouraged to migrate here illegally while parents go to jail for anything from home-schooling to unpasteurized milk.

Taxes creep ever upward, the financial drain pulling both father and mother out of the home and into the workplace. Between schools and media, the voices of mom and dad, less influential every year, are finally reduced to a mere irritation, no longer taken seriously by children who are for all practical purposes wards of the state.

The clenched fist is a fist of rage, shaken in the face of Almighty God. There's no love here for the downtrodden or the proletariat. Black lives don't matter to these people, yet they play every race card they can dream up. Some masquerade as Christians or carry the title *Reverend* but when they stand

before Christ it won't be at his right hand. These are the workers of iniquity Jesus warned us about, spreading lawlessness with every breath in their body.



Sooner or later every political group will manifest some of these ungodly qualities. But they are stock in trade for the communist, what he actually strives to accomplish. The very cornerstone of the movement: *There is no God!* And yet some would try to pair such a philosophy with biblical Christianity.

We're generally not faced so much with open socialism as some iteration of *Social Justice*. They try to come off as sincere, compassionate people, doing their best to address legitimate social concerns. There are three things, however we should know right off:

<p><i>1) These people are Liars!</i></p>
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However good the words sound, the philosophy is not bound to the truth. They'll say whatever it takes but whenever a socialist gets the upper hand, look out! We've seen the script play out in other lands and the agenda contains a great many things they're not telling us ahead of time.

And don't expect an honest argument. They've been involved from our earliest education, framing the issues against godly, biblical truth. With all the subtle baiting and trigger words they know how to come across like some kind of hero, standing tall against the *narrow minded bigotry* of the religious right. Pavlov may have started with dogs but his disciples

have learned very well to make the American consumer salivate on cue.

If government is broken, don't look to them to fix anything. The plan is to level society right down to the ground so they can rebuild it in their twisted image. And there won't be an ounce of compassion for anyone 'inconvenienced' by the process.

All too many get sucked into the movement in ignorance, lured by rosy-pink promises of a more equitable world. Drawing near the center they find themselves enmeshed in a crime syndicate running on threats and intimidation.

If they rise high enough to begin dealing with their Russian masters they encounter contempt, even a disdain for those who'd betray their country to a ruthless police state. And to top it all off, some begin to discover their actual orders originating, not in Moscow but New York City! They become unwitting tools of the very billionaires they were trying to bring to heel.

Socialism is sold on fantasies, specious scenarios generally forgotten once the deal's been finalized. In far too many cases we get the exact opposite of what we were promised. The man says whatever he thinks will draw our vote. Once he gets it:



Now he has several years to do exactly as he pleases

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-(Sucker!)-

## *2) These people are Looters!*

It's *The Politics of Envy*. The bait is gaining control of somebody else's wealth, that rich guy who has too much already. But the revolutionary regards nothing as sacred. Whatever you scheme for others is being planned for you as well! If something sounds too good to be true, keep a firm grip on your wallet ...

Whatever they promise: healthcare, student loans, school lunches, or whatever, it's ultimately not theirs to give. Ostensibly the bill goes to some wealthy fall-guy, a modern day version of Robin Hood. The real story however is Ali-Baba, and by the time his forty thieves are done picking us over we'll wish we'd spent more time reading the voter's guide!

## *3) These people have No Moral Code!*

Tyranny begins when individuals with no personal accountability are allowed to make, interpret, and enforce the rules **everyone else** is supposed to live by. Remember the hypocrisy?

Suddenly we're bound, choked and stifled under endless regulations, arbitrary and capricious. Anything we do is potentially illegal, leading to selective and highly politicized enforcement. Under these guys, *Justice* is no longer allowed to be blind!

Many perpetrators graduated from the radical activism of the sixties to become movers and shakers in our day. But the basic program hasn't changed. These are basically street thugs, in suits and ties.

The moral twist goes right to the core. Some communists dedicated their writings to Lucifer himself, the original revolutionary.<sup>xxxii</sup> Devotees advance their cause using legal means as available and whatever illegal activity their leaders think they can get away with. If you should join the movement, the illegal portion is not an option but a requirement.

The more socialism permeates a nation, the less respect there will be for law and order. As government goes from protector to plunderer, evasions and non-compliance become more and more normative, even necessary behavior. Unaccountable government figures become corrupt and the poison spreads throughout society.

We see a huge double standard between how left and right handles disappointments and disagreements. Violence, anarchy, and property damage are touted as acceptable behavior. What

that really represents is a breakdown of social order, the destruction of something precious and fragile. For those on the right however, facing an unending torrent of leftist accusation, even raising one's voice to get a word in edgewise is looked on as evidence of hatred and bigotry.

The communist finds his criminality a double-edged weapon. He cheats us; his compatriots cheat him. Revolutions collapse when leaders start playing *King of the Hill* amongst themselves. The absolute cream of society....

Ultimately, it's not just our money that's on the line. Our income represents our very life. Those who would muscle in and start helping themselves will also do physical harm, especially to the weak and helpless.

To the humanist, many are better off dead. This applies not only to their opposition but their helpers, who short-sell their nation for a vain and foolish hope. Every socialist revolution has been followed by a bloodbath, the new leader consolidating his power by killing off *the kingmakers*, anyone prominent in society, before they can change their mind and raise up his replacement.

From there it goes to those considered *unproductive*, often the very young and very old. Even the casualties of war pale before the death count of fellow countrymen during times of peace, somebody's idea of a *Great Leap Forward*.



-Gary A. Hughes-

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Faced with such unspeakable crimes, we always want to know what happened. How did these chiselers get hold of the reins? What magic formula got them elected, appointed, or just allowed them to walk in and take over?