### Individualism vs. Collectivism

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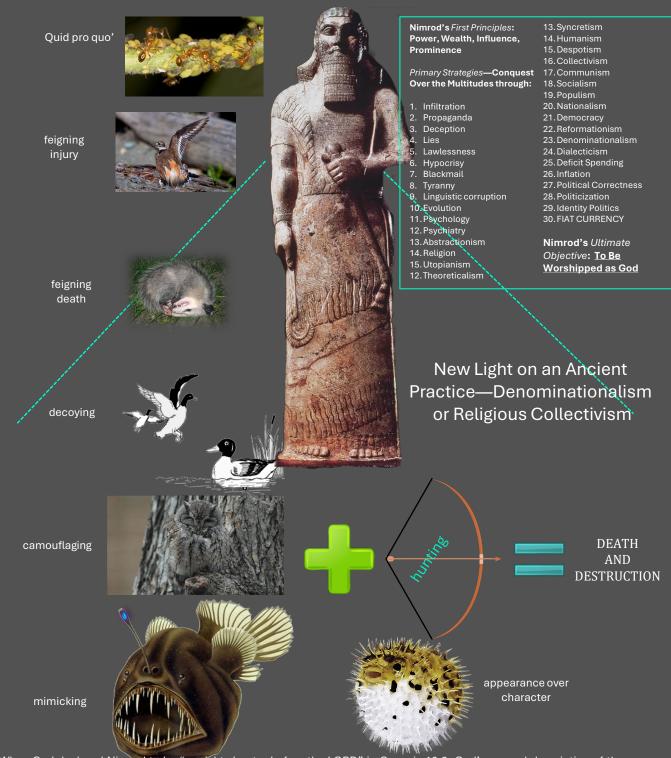
Constitutionalism, or the idea of limited government, opposes the formation of collectivism and the growth of the administrative state. Inherent in this unique historical document of America's founding, is the Constitution's respect and maintenance for the rule of law and adherence to the principle of the separation of powers. The Constitution's principle of separate branches of government, each holding checks and balances on the other, reveals the founder's understanding of the Bible's core doctrine of man's radical corruption. Whereas collectivism subordinates the individual to the group, majority (democracy), autonomous body (United Nations), or State (state legislators/representatives who have become Deep State surrogates), the Constitution places the rights and liberties of the individual above that of the collective.

Collectivism is NOT the same as the voluntary unity of believers we read about in Acts 2:44, 45, where their unity was in the Spirit of Christ, "And all that believed." (v. 44). The local assembly of believers revealed this unity of the Spirit by the fruit of the Spirit that was being produced within each member of the congregation. The pattern for the local assembly of believers, during the apostolic period, was a unity based upon the voluntary consent of each individual, NOT the threatening's and intimidation's of an all powerful, hostile religious-collectivist model.

Collectivism, or its new moniker, globalism, is insidious to the core. It is the enemy of the individual as it seeks its destruction and identity through 'group think,' legislative fiat, propaganda, academia, religion, Hollywood, the media, and 'scientific' consensus (opposite empirically tested truth). While espousing the misguided benevolence toward all mankind, or the group, on the one hand, collectivism's sole objective is its ruthless, relentless, inhumane treatment and systematic control of the group.

The guiding principles of individualism stem from a respect for others, a belief in biblical creationism, and an attention to one's moral conscience placed there by the Creator, Jesus Christ. The guiding principles of collectivism, on the other hand, emanate from a fundamental belief in self, or humanism, as well as collectivism's foundation that is built upon evolution. It is evolution that is the manual for revolutionary thinking, anarchy, destruction and hopelessness. The Bible expressly condemns collectivism in any form as Genesis 11:1-9 reveals. While God permitted Israel to have a king, it was not God's will for Israel. The Bible also teaches that only through biblical creationism, is man unique and distinct from the other animals within the animal kingdom. Theistic evolution, with its allowance for eons of time, does not teach this. Intelligent design, with its 'intelligent cause,' denies the Creator, Jesus Christ.

Christ's ministry of reconciliation, the baptism by the Holy Spirit, and the completion of scripture spelled the death of all human control over religion and denominationalism. With Christ's resurrection, the priesthood ceased. With Christ's Holy Spirit baptism, the regenerated sinner was truly liberated from any controls by men. Christ's righteousness was transferred to the sinner via the Holy Spirit—imputed righteousness. The mind of Christ would now control the life of the believer, moment by moment. With Christ's anointing, via the Holy Spirit within, he becomes our teacher (I John 2:27), as well as our guide. Finally, with scripture's completion, authority was established. A rejection of this final point is a rejection of Jesus' words as eternal, the Bible's doctrine of inspiration, and finally, the Holy Spirit's oversight in the preservation, translation, and transmission of the sacred texts up to the present.



When God declared Nimrod to be "a mighty hunter before the LORD" in Genesis 10:9, God's general description of the man reveals much more than meets the eye. Through Nimrod's fascination and inquisitiveness regarding nature, this primitive, evolutionary naturalism took his observations he acquired from nature and applied these principles to the challenge of hunting game. Fine tuning these principles and applying them to men and human relationships, in his relentless pursuit of his despotic spiritual rule and empire, Nimrod was the first, and therefore the father of all spiritually rebellious, subversive, and destructive activity. The greatest despotism of all is religion, because of its hold on the eternal souls of men. In the statue of Nimrud above, the crook in his right hand speaks of the ruler's responsibility to intermeddle in the affairs of all his subjects by guiding and leading them in the direction he deems as 'right.' In his left hand is a whip, indicating his unquestioned authority and responsibility to put down all legitimate dissent to his authoritarian, dictatorial 'right' to rule. A third, but less obvious point that comes to light regarding the statue of Nimrud above, is because this ruler possesses the crook and the whip, his intentions are above reproach, they are infallible. At 2 this point, he becomes the object of worship in the eyes of his subjects. With the individual subordinated to the group, this becomes the natural, final step, in the tyrant's relentless and resolute quest for power.

## Political Correctness: A Rejection of Objective Rationalism

po-lit-i-cize [pəˈlidəˌsīz], v.—a tactic by the Left to take an event, person, institution, virtue, or culture where an emotionally charged, contrived, manipulated plea is exchanged for the facts and evidence of a carefully worded defense, and where emotions, experiences and intentions are given center stage while the truth is openly mocked.

politicize—A leftist party ploy of emphasizing the negative aspects of a particular person, event, topic, virtue or culture, while repeating this negativity over and over and over again through media outlets. The goal is to create an unreasonable emotional hypersensitivity regarding people's views where level-headedness, sanity and facts prevailed previously. The ultimate objective is behavioral modification (political correctness) through relentlessly parading a lie as the truth. This is also effectively accomplished through the logical fallacy known as the 'straw man' argument. This devious ploy ignores the facts while attacking the character of the individual submitting the evidence. This is accomplished through the construction of an intentionally misrepresented proposition. The 'straw man' argument seeks to play on the emotions of the recipient in its inability to answer objective evidence, a logical fallacy known as appeal to emotion or argumentum ad passiones.

The politicization by the left, is generally a full-fledged assault as it seeks to enumerate all that is wrong in America AND with Americans; from its framer's and founder's principled character, to upholding the Constitution, to its biblically based institutions of heterosexual monogamy and the family, as well as free market capitalism and a respect for the rule of law.

In 'Christian' circles it is evident in the constant ridicule of the K.J.V. as the benchmark for all language translations of the Bible. In man's redemption, the argument is made in favor of synergism over monergism, where man's 'free-will,' or choice, is emphasized more than the biblical belief in God's omnipotent, determinate counsel and man's responsibility of acknowledging truth instead of choosing truth.

# Resolution

Lexington Opts To Take Out Reference To God

By Roberta Anderson

The city councils of Lexington and Buena Vista have both approved the resolution first endorsed by the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors encouraging establishment of perpetual public access to the Natural Bridge of Virginia.

The resolution recalls the historic importance of the natural geological formation to the area and urges state and national leaders to ensure that the Bridge be preserved for the enjoyment of the public.

The resolution was written and approved after it was announced earlier this spring that the privately owned natural landmark was for sale. The resolutions passed by Rockbridge County and Buena Vista were identical. However, Lexington City Council opted to removed the first clause from the motion that read, "Whereas, The Natural Bridge of Virginia was formed by the forces of God and nature."

City Attorney Larry Mann expressed his opinion that the phrase was not problematic because the reference to God did not refer to a specific God. However, Councilwomen Camille Miller and Mary Harvey-Halseth were emphatic that it be removed.

#### Political Correctness or Behavioral Modification

political correctness—The desired behavioral response achieved by the political engineers resulting in an inordinate, emotional hypersensitivity where ordinary perceptions, impartiality and honesty prevailed before. Much like Pavlov's conditioned response in dogs, the same objective is achieved through political correctness as behavior is modified by phony government data, 'backlogged' information requests (information requests stalled by leftist opposition), the Deep State (Marxists, anarchists, the 'alt-right,' etc.), the dark web (network of illicit web transactions and subversive information), deceit (lies passed off as truth), 'scientific consensus' (as in the case of global warming, i.e. climate change), marginalizing or silencing opposition, and finally, made to order leftist opposition data generated by bots (web robots).



Identity politics—Is the old Marxist scheme of divide and conquer. By excessively emphasizing and exploiting men's differences through emotional manipulation and sentimental pleading, men's shared aspirations and goals are thwarted.

#### TRUTHS ABOUT NIMROD THAT EMERGE FROM THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT

- 1. Nimrod's father, Cush, was a direct descendent of Ham, one of Noah's three sons by whom the world was populated after the world-wide cataclysm known as the flood of Noah
- 2. Nimrod's birth is distinguished from that of his other brothers by a separate biblical entry. See Genesis 10:7 and then Genesis 10:8
- 3. Nimrod, it appears, was never married, or at least honored the God-given covenant of a heterosexual, healthy monogamous union. Profane history records that Nimrod married his mother, Semiramis, Cush's wife.
- 4. Nimrod had no legitimate offspring
- 5. Nimrod founded Babel before God's confounding of languages in Genesis 11:1-9
- 6. Since Nimrod founded Babel, he was its first king and rebel leader that brought God's second judgment, albeit a regional one, on men. Nimrod is also known as Gilgamesh.
- 7. Nimrod also founded the ancient cities of Erech, Accad and Calneh all located in the land of Shinar
- 8. The nature of Nimrod's rebellion was direct disobedience of God's *dominion mandate* to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth while subduing it. This included having dominion over fish, fowl and every living thing that moveth upon the face of the earth
  - i. While *fruitfulness* carries with it the primary idea of human reproduction (Psa. 127:3-5),<sup>1</sup> it also implies that as a result of this multiplication man was be industrious (to work as opposed to being idle). This sense of industry spawned an inquisitiveness, and to some degree an anxiousness within, to explore and journey the globe. Fruitfulness by consequence would therefore impel men to explore and journey, which in turn would produce a natural spreading out of people across the globe.
  - ii. To *multiply*, meant to have children through the heterosexual covenant of a monogamous union. There were to be no limits placed upon men regarding numbers of children produced. Population control is man's idea, NOT God's idea. Eve means the mother of all living (Gen. 3:20). Population control is a tenet of Margaret Sanger, the Eugenics Movement, and the progressive-utopian mindset producing Draconian (ruthless) remedies. These remedies were/are based on highly speculative models, with limited metrics, not taking into account God's sovereign influences that are part of a larger determinate counsel set forth by the Godhead from eternity past. Can you say bureaucratic incompetence and 'scientific' elitism.
  - iii. To *replenish* the earth means that as we take of God's blessings through his natural resources, we are to replace that which we take. God has demonstrated that most of his natural resources are recyclable, from water, to trees, from plastics, to metals, from oil, to tires
  - iv. In *subduing* the earth, man has been able to live in every environment conceivable: from terrestrial to celestial to arid and marine environments
  - v. To have *dominion* over God's living creatures means to understand the creature's purpose in creation and the niche of that creature in the larger scheme of God's creation. It must be understood, however, that in the complete destruction of the old world by God's judgment on man's sin, God has built into his creative blueprint for life, a tremendous capacity within every organism to survive, adapt, and perpetuate itself through genetic variation. Unlike Darwin's belief in *natural selection* where the explanation for genetic variation completely leaves out of that equation the divine influence of Providence, creationism declares that 'Levi paid tithes to Melchizedek when he was yet in the loins of his father Abraham.' And do not forget the story of Jacob and Esau and how God had determined, before their birth, that the elder would serve the younger (the doctrine of God's elective counsel is unalterable—Rom. 9:10-13)

9.	God uses the word "mighty" to describe Nimrod's physical appearance (Gen. 10:8). For mighty is
	a reference to an individual possessing unusual strength on account of their stature and overall
	atypical build. Between his imposing size and his charismatic personality, as well as his worldly
	wisdom, Nimrod was poised to be a king over men. A leader by the world's standards, Nimrod
	became the unquestioned, supreme rebel leading a godless insurrection that got the attention of
	Providence like no other earthly potentate (Isa. 14:12-23)

10. The land of Shinar (country of two rivers) was a broad, flat featureless valley, whose dual topographical features were the Tigris (Hĭd´de-kĕl, Gen. 2:14) and Eū-phrā´tēs River

1. Psa. 127:3-5--Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is his* reward. 4 As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth. 5 Happy *is* the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

# The Lure and the Lie of the Confessional

The confessional, an abominable institution set up by Rome and secured from the spiritual mysteries of Nimrod many years earlier, promises absolution (temporal priestly forgiveness) but can only deliver unforgiveness and condemnation instead of genuine pardon and peace.

The <u>lure</u> of the confessional by the biblically ignorant Catholic is that a man, instead of Jesus Christ, presumes to sit in the seat of the Supreme Arbitrator, Jesus Christ. The priest believes he can accomplish this by extending forgiveness to the sinner, granting them clemency and pardon, when only the shed blood of Christ and the regenerative power of the Holy Spirit could accomplish this impossible feat. It is this lie, perpetuated by Rome and her priests, that bind men's souls from the reach of genuine restoration, liberty, and peace. This is the lure that condemns.

The **lie** of the confessional is what it does in the hands of a manipulative, natural man. As the aching heart of the penitent pours out their supplications and sins unrestrained to a nameless and faceless 'intermediary,' little do they know this is the most efficient intelligence gathering apparatus ever devised. Playing with the soul and emotions of the brokenhearted, the cleric extorts as much information from the informant as possible, without the least bit of suspicion on the part of the confessor being aroused. This, of course, results from years of brainwashing and conditioning on the part of Rome thanks to their houses of whorship and their institutions of academic 'excellence'—the parochial schools and university institutions of 'higher learning.'

Listen to the summary of this cursed practice:

- 1. The false promise of forgiveness, extended by a false interloper (imposter)
- 2. The continued indoctrination and programming of Catholics into believing spiritual redemption is initiated, aided and enforced by the will of man
- 3. The emotional and spiritual vexation of the penitent, places them in the vulnerable position to be taken advantage—by spiritual extortion
- 4. Relinquishing control of their soul to men instead of their eternal destiny to a loving and forgiving Savior, the Catholic rejects grace for works
- 5. The priest, armed with the weapons of Rome behind her, gathers the most sensitive, private, and intimate information from the individual as possible, to be used at any moment that furthers the temporal advancement and objectives of this sinister system . . . A system that has made all nations drunk with the wine of Rome's fornication
- 6. Places the confessor in a condition where extortion and blackmail have the power and force to keep the personality of the captive in a perpetual state of submission, intimidation, fear and dependence
- 7. Reinforces the blasphemous Catholic belief among the priesthood, that it is only through the priest's intercessory efforts that the transgressor is delivered. Rome rejects Christ's precious blood, and the spiritual regeneration of the individual accomplished by Christ's Holy Spirit baptism
- 8. Armed with the belief that the priest has this kind of hold over the soul of any individual, is it surprising to believe they would think they are beyond accountability? Would not toleration and justification of one's sin breed a mindset, within the priesthood, that they are immune from "the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4:13)?