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## So Many Moving Parts!

By Gary H. Kah

**NEWS ALERT:** We had just completed this Summer issue and were preparing to move forward with the set-up and printing of it when the Israel/Iran conflict broke out. So, just a few last-minute comments here. I was in touch with our Jerusalem office this morning. Israel is prepared for Iran's response but will likely take more hits. My greater concern at the moment is how Iran might retaliate against the United States through its proxies. There are thousands of Islamists (potential terrorists) inside of our country at this very moment who are loyal to Iran if for no other reason than their hatred for Jews and promise to annihilate America and Israel. We need to be prepared for the worst – organized lawlessness/destructive riots, acts of terror, and possible drone, cyber, or EMP attacks. Remain vigilant and prayerful during this tense period.

View online my presentation "Israel: The War & God's Plan for the Jewish People" given in New Zealand on March 30th: <https://youtu.be/ryk6yOHI8Yo>

It seems as if the whole world has changed in just a few months' time. The battle we are in has ramped up, and the stakes are high. A new pope, a new WEF leader, a ratified WHO Pandemic Agreement, an almost nuclear Iran, increased terror attacks and big city riots in the US, and unending conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine are just a few of the unfolding events we've been closely following. Since it is impossible to cover everything here, I have prayerfully chosen three areas to hone in on because of their widespread impact on millions and the lack of credible coverage they are receiving in the media. These areas involve the Vatican, the growing Islamist terrorism, and the spread of anarchy in the United States.

### The Death of Pope Francis

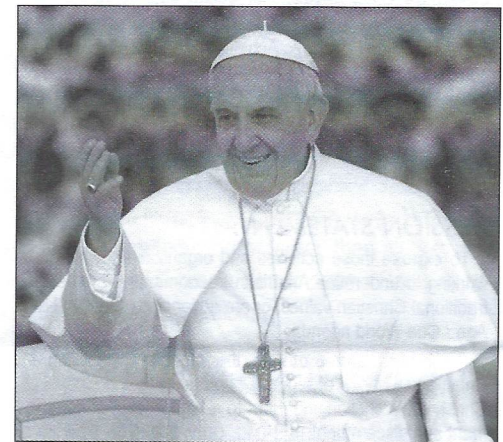
No one pushed harder and did more to usher in a new global order than the late Pope Francis, who met his Maker on April 21, at the age of 88. Here's a brief summary:

- Francis was the first Jesuit pope. While he projected himself as a humble leader who was for the common people, he was in reality a dedicated globalist and one-world activist who cooperated closely with the World Economic Forum (WEF). Strangely, Klaus Schwab, the WEF's founder and executive chairman since 1971, stepped down on the same day Francis died – being replaced by Peter Brabeck-Letmathe, an Austrian businessman and the former CEO of Nestle.

- Francis had been the keynote speaker at the World Government Summit in Dubai, UAE where he strongly promoted the globalist Climate Change agenda. He even launched his own program – the Global Compact on Education – which was intended to prepare Earth's population to more readily embrace the new world order.

- He sought to unify the world's religions, a necessary step in the creation of a functional system of world government. Toward that end he oversaw the establishment of the Abrahamic Family House in Abu Dhabi, UAE which opened to the public on March 1, 2023. This complex includes an Islamic mosque, a Jewish synagogue and a Christian church. His accomplice in all of this was Egypt's Grand Imam, Ahmed el-Tayeb.

- Francis was soft when it came to upholding traditional biblical values, thus gaining much support from the LGBTQ movement. He also consistently favored Leftists in US politics, despite their pro-abortion stance.



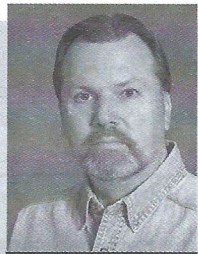
Jorge Mario Bergoglio  
(Dec. 17, 1936 – April 21, 2025)

- During the Covid saga he called for the most extreme lockdown measures and was closely allied with the WHO, the UN and big pharma.
- He also consistently favored Palestinian initiatives while towing a hard line with Israel.

(See Carl Teichrib's article "The Interfaith Legacy of Pope Francis" in this issue for a timeline of the pope's religious activities during his tenure at the Vatican.)

Although the pronouncements and actions of Rome's leaders can be far-reaching, what is of even greater significance is the impact of this false religious system on the spiritual lives of its millions of followers. Tania Curado-Koenig, a former Catholic, shares her experience in a moving article penned right after Francis' passing. It is titled "The Cost of Conversion, the Fall of a Pontiff, and the Choice Before America." Please take a moment to read it (on the following page) before continuing with this article.





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## The Cost of Conversion, the Fall of a Pontiff, and the Choice Before America

By Tania Curado-Koenig

I was the first in my entire family—on both my mother's and father's side—to be born again. Raised in a deeply traditional Roman Catholic household in Brazil, with roots that included nuns and priests, my encounter with Jesus came not through religious ritual, but through the preaching of the Word—thanks to American missionaries who brought the Gospel with clarity and power. When I gave my life to Christ, everything changed. And the cost was immediate.

My grandfather called me *anátema*—cursed—and barred me from his home. I was forbidden from attending family birthdays, reunions, or holidays. I had not just changed religions. In their eyes, I had betrayed a legacy. But I had encountered the living Christ, and I could not turn back. He is the Author and Finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2), and He gave me the courage to stand. Over time, the very same Gospel that cost me so much brought salvation to many in my family. Several were born again and baptized. The seed had been planted, and it bore fruit.

But let me be clear: what I left behind was not just tradition—it was a system that encouraged idolatry and resisted the true Word of God. The spirit behind that resistance is not neutral. It is religious, yes—but not holy. And today, as news breaks that Pope Francis has died, I say this not with hate nor joy, but with solemnity: only God knows where his soul went.

The Bible is explicit. There is Heaven or Hell—no middle ground, no purgatory, and no salvation by works.

**"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."** (Ephesians 2:8–9)

For years, I watched as Pope Francis turned his back on biblical truth. He openly supported Brazil's radical leftist leader Lula da Silva, embraced Maduro's brutal regime in Venezuela, and elevated socialist ideologies over the cries of the persecuted. He went even further—aligning the Vatican with global forces that undermined Israel's legitimacy and promoted Palestinian statehood. He stood not with the covenant of God, but with those who seek to divide the land of promise.

Under his leadership, many in Brazil abandoned the Catholic Church—not because of revival, but because of disillusionment. Even among the faithful, there was an unease. They could no longer reconcile the Pope's Marxist alliances with their lived realities under dictatorship and economic collapse.

I was raised under Brazil's military regime. I understand what it means to watch your country bend toward tyranny. What I find deeply troubling today is not just the silence of the Church—but the complicity of Western leaders. Just yesterday, the Vice President of the United States, Vance, visited Pope Francis and said nothing. He also met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and failed to mention the ongoing persecution of Christians under the Hindu nationalist regime.

There is a dangerous spirit of ecumenism rising—a false unity that embraces every faith except the one that dares to say *Jesus is the only way*. America must not bow to it. The Church must not bow to it.

This is a moment of reckoning. Will we stand for truth, or will we allow the lines between light and darkness to blur beyond recognition?

As for Pope Francis, his earthly legacy may be praised by the media, but eternity is not decided by applause. It is decided by the cross. And no one—not even a pontiff—enters Heaven apart from Jesus.

Let this moment awaken the Church. Let it remind us that truth matters, that grace is everything, and that our loyalty must be to the Lamb, not to man.

**"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under Heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."** (Acts 4:12) ■

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For those individuals who believe that the new pope might take a different direction, don't hold your breath. The majority of Cardinals who were under the age of 80 and therefore eligible to vote on a new pontiff, were handpicked by Francis during his reign. All appearances are that Francis and Leo XIV are cut from the same cloth. We are investigating Pope Leo's background and record and will present our findings in the Fall issue.

## The Enemy Within

Unless you've been living under a rock you are aware of the fact that hatred towards Bible-believing Christians and Jews has risen dramatically since October 7, 2023, when Hamas attacked Israel killing some 1200 people, injuring thousands and taking more than 200 hostages, some of whom were Americans. Israel retaliated by going into Gaza with decisive force. Within days massive pro-Hamas protests erupted around the globe. Here in the US, most of the protests have occurred on college campuses. They have been encouraged by far-left university professors and funded by over one hundred NGOs and powerful globalist institutions such as the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the George Soros foundations, among others. For the most part these protests – which have been turning violent – have not been spontaneous demonstrations, but rather highly organized events intended to advance a globalist/Marxist agenda.

In recent weeks this choreographed public display of hatred has resulted in direct physical assaults on US citizens, not only on Jews but increasingly on Christians as well. The horrific attacks in Seattle, Washington DC, and Boulder are the first fruits of the pro-Hamas/terrorist protests that have been permitted to take place on university campuses throughout the United States. Don't expect these incidents to subside, as the enemy is now among us. Thousands of potential terrorists were allowed to walk into our country under the Biden administration. And, any attempts by the Trump administration to remove bad actors and foreign criminals from our soil are being litigated and opposed by Marxist loyalists – some of whom are in the US Congress. Corrupt leftist judges are in cahoots, consistently ruling in their favor.

If the funding of pro-Hamas propaganda could be stopped it would go a long way toward curtailing the protests and physical attacks against American Jews and Christians. Along with the funds from the NGOs and global foundations already mentioned, money from Middle Eastern countries and China is flowing into US institutions of higher learning at an alarming rate. The number one foreign funding source of our universities is Qatar. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates are number two and three respectively. With funding comes influence. Those colleges receiving the most foreign funding have



*University students protesting against Israel & the US*

been the epicenters for the pro-Hamas protests. A mere coincidence?

According to the Network Contagion Research Institute (NCRI) which has investigated this foreign funding, as of October 13, 2023 American universities and colleges had received \$22 billion from foreign sources that have no recorded nor reported dates of receipts, out of a total of all foreign donations to that date (10/13/2023) of \$51 billion. More than 50% of this, it was determined, came from "authoritarian and antidemocratic Middle East governments." The rate of contributions increased by nearly 55% between 2020 and the end of 2023, prompting one NCRI analyst to conclude, "It's not just that we have a problem, it's becoming a force multiplier." Among the top ten beneficiaries of these foreign donations are Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Georgetown and Johns Hopkins. NCRI's assessment ends with the following observation and warning:

Taken together, these findings portray that a pool of substantial foreign funding, significantly correlated with antisemitic and antidemocratic trends on campus, has grown enormously since the dates covered in the NCRI's initial report, and has grown significantly less transparent for public scrutiny.

(Source: "US universities foreign funders: How much do we know?", Nathan M. Greenfield, University World News, December 10, 2023.)

## Dancing with the Devil?

Qatar especially has not been a friend of the United States. They have been a proxy for Iran, which has increasingly become a proxy for China. Qatar's Emir has provided a safe haven for Hamas leaders in his country's capital city Doha, which is also the headquarters of Al Jazeera – the media propaganda arm for anti-Israel Muslim extremism. I can only hope that President Trump, during his recent tour of Arab countries, worked behind the scenes to "dial back" Qatar's funding of American universities; the same for Saudi Arabia and the UAE. If not, don't expect acts of terror to decrease in the US. The funding

must be completely cut off! Otherwise, we have only witnessed the beginning of what could become widespread persecution against Jews and Christians in America.

Earlier this year a former Muslim named Imtiaz Mahmood explained why this hatred runs so deep among Muslims. His insightful essay appears in the box on the following page.

While we can appreciate President Trump's overseas efforts to bring temporary peace to the Middle East and a resolution to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, he needs to exercise caution in dealing with forces that have in some cases been long-time adversaries of the United States. I question the wisdom of accepting a luxury presidential jetliner from Qatar. What will Qatar expect in return? And, on a similar front, will the Trump administration rely on close cooperation with the newly appointed American pope in solving global problems, or will the White House remain guarded, keeping a safe distance from the Vatican which has historically worked against US interests? Perhaps it will all end well since Trump is usually planning and strategizing a few steps ahead. However, if his recent Mideast tour results in more extensive Muslim influence in the US and a partial abandoning of Israel, then all bets are off – America will pay a heavy price...God will no longer favor us as a nation.

## Intentional Chaos & Anarchy

Along with the growing pro-Hamas/anti-Israel protests and sentiments, what is equally concerning is the fact that many of these same individuals are violently opposing efforts by ICE to apprehend foreign criminals hiding within the United States. They literally want to keep "the bad guys" in our country, where they can freely act out their evil intentions. Who in their right mind would do such a thing? The answer: those whose goal is to dismantle and take down America in order to force us into a demonic totalitarian world system. The current escalation of violence in cities across our country, which is being egged on by leftist mayors and governors, is unfortunately a sign of things to come. I believe it will soon come to a head.



*LA rioters wreaking havoc*



**Imtiaz Mahmood:** "Let me tell you why a Muslim would drive his car into a crowd of innocent people. I was raised Muslim, and I know exactly why this happens. It's not poverty. It's not oppression. It's not even radicalization. It's the logical outcome of Islamic doctrine itself.

It doesn't matter if you're a Muslim or not; we, as human beings, carry guilt deep inside us. We know we are not good enough and spend our lives trying to redeem ourselves through good deeds, thinking it will make the guilt disappear.

Christianity, for example, offers a way out of guilt, a solution not based on your works but on Christ's. Salvation isn't earned; it's given. You accept that you can't redeem yourself because Christ did everything on your behalf. That means you're free. Free to live, free to build, free to serve, free to love.

When Christians feel lost, broken, and needing forgiveness, they can go to church, talk to a pastor or priest, and leave knowing they have been forgiven.

Islam, on the other hand, doesn't offer redemption; it weaponizes guilt. Instead of providing salvation, Allah exposes you, holds your sins over your head, and threatens you with hellfire and torture in the grave.

The Quran isn't a book of peace; it's a book of threats. It bullies Muslims into obedience through fear, humiliation, and punishment.

So, what happens when a Muslim seeks redemption? They try to be better Muslims. They pray, fast, give to charity, go on Hajj, and do everything Allah commands. But it never works. I know. I did it.

And no matter how much you pray, no matter how much you try, the guilt never goes away. Because deep down, every Muslim knows it's not enough. Allah always demands more.

Allah loves those who die fighting against the infidels. That's not an opinion, it's in the Quran, Hadith, and every lesson taught to children.

This is why Muslims, even the so-called "moderates," always hesitate to condemn terrorism. Because they know Allah requires jihad. They might not be willing to commit it themselves, but they cannot say it's wrong.

So when a Muslim fails to reach peace through religious rituals, they have two choices: Give up, stop being devout, and learn to live with the guilt, or commit to jihad because that's the only way to be true to yourself.

The Quran spells it out clearly: "Kill those who do not worship Allah or obey the Prophet" (9:29). So when a Muslim embraces this identity fully, killing infidels isn't just justified; it's joyful. It's an act of:

- ✓ Saving yourself
- ✓ Obeying Allah
- ✓ Securing your eternity
- ✓ Finally escaping the crushing weight of guilt

This is why a Muslim can drive his car into a crowd of innocent people and feel nothing but satisfaction. Because for the first time in his life, he finally believes he has done something worthy of redemption." ■

(Source: [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/gayle-morris-52b7b44\\_imtiaz-mahmood-let-me-tell-you-why-a-muslim-activity-7297412029273817090-pZ0m](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/gayle-morris-52b7b44_imtiaz-mahmood-let-me-tell-you-why-a-muslim-activity-7297412029273817090-pZ0m))

Our President and those around him need an extra measure of wisdom in dealing with this unfolding crisis. The enemy would like nothing more than to turn the current unrest into an all-out civil war, thereby weakening and ultimately imploding America from within. This is what the embedded Marxist/Islamist operatives want.

American citizens have been waking up quickly as the globalist agenda is being exposed. The conspirators can't afford to have their grip on the nation slip away; they realize that if they don't force a violent takeover now, they could lose their opportunity to conquer America. So, be prepared for a rough summer and fall. What we've witnessed so far may be just the beginning. Much more violence and upheaval can be expected. Meanwhile, our foreign adversaries are watching and waiting for the right time to make a move against us.

Therefore, we must continue to pray for President Trump, his Cabinet members, and those in Congress who will determine the path forward for our country.

The need for godly wisdom and discernment has never been greater. Personal ambition and egos must be laid aside and surrendered to the Lord – for the sake of America's future. If this doesn't happen, our days as a "somewhat free" nation are numbered.

As for our families, we and our loved ones must walk in the wisdom of the Lord – remaining repentant, vigilant, and close to our eternal King. Let's pray for the unlimited resources of God to do all He has for us to do in the midst of these difficult days.

*The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways,*

*But the folly of fools is deception.*

*The faithless will be fully repaid for their ways,*

*And the good rewarded for theirs.*

*The simple believe anything,*

*But the prudent give thought to their steps.*

— Proverbs 14:8, 14-15

Christians, are you redeeming the time, making the most of every day to grow in your walk with Jesus, and to share His good news with those you encounter? The people of this world...the people in our country...desperately need hope. And the only true hope for this world and for eternity is found in Jesus Messiah. If you haven't done so already, turn your life **completely** over to Him and entrust **everything** – your family, your possessions, your future – to Him. He loves and cares for you and will never abandon you or steer you wrong. Come what may, you can rest secure in Christ! ■



## Have You Trusted Jesus as Savior?

God loves mankind – his greatest creation. His perfect will is for all to be saved and none to be lost (John 3:15-18, 5:24). However, He makes clear that only those who have accepted (believed in) His divine Son, Jesus Christ, will be spared from the punishment of hell and will spend eternity with Him (Matthew 10:28 & II Peter 2:4-10).

If you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you must believe that Jesus is who He says He is and that He paid the penalty for your sins with His death on a cross. Accept His free gift of eternal life which He can offer because He conquered death through His resurrection. Then, with the help of His Holy Spirit, turn from your old ways of living (repent) and follow Him. Take a moment and tell the Lord that you desire to receive Him into your life and ask His Holy Spirit to dwell inside of you and lead you into all truth.

Once you have settled this most important matter, be devoted in your relationship with the Lord. Spend time with Him by reading His Word (the Bible) and talking to Him (praying) daily. As you grow in His grace, He will direct you and open doors showing you how best to serve Him. With Jesus at the helm, your life and eternity are secure in His care. No situation or power of the enemy will be able to separate you from the love of Christ!

*"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*  
—Romans 8:35, 37-39

## SPECIAL REPORT:

### Paving the Road to a New World Order – The NGO Network

**By Jesse Smith**

*Editor's Note: The following is adapted from Jesse's longer essay, and is used with permission. This is an important report that outlines how non-governmental organizations are intentionally woven into globalist plans; and although not mentioned in the article, this includes numerous Christian-based organizations.*

"We shall have world government whether or not you like it, by conquest or consent."

— James Warburg, member of the Council on Foreign Relations, 1950.

Though many do important and beneficial work, non-government organizations (NGOs) have also been one of the chief weapons employed in paving the road toward Warburg's vision.

Throughout much of the 20th century, wealthy oligarchs such as John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, and J.P. Morgan – each envisioning an international order – began extending their influence through the creation and funding of foundations, think tanks, charities, faith-based organizations, and civil society organizations (CSOs). Through this vast network of interconnected organizations functioning

at the local, state and national levels, the globalist cabal has been gradually eroding nation-state sovereignty under the guise of promoting world peace, advancing human rights, and eliminating poverty. To top it off, many of the institutions they created were granted legal immunity, allowing to function outside the laws of the nations they operated within.

The NGO racket is propped up by a long list of oligarch-owned corporations and their government accomplices who provide funding through donations, grants, sponsorships, and endowments. These myriad groups thus form a powerful bloc influencing government policy at all levels, shaping attitudes and opinions, and building an interdependent global system that almost every citizen relies on.

This investigative report focuses on the network itself and how it stealthily works behind the scenes, eroding democratic institutions to make way for global authority. For the purposes of this article, NGOs and CSOs will be used interchangeably, though their definitions slightly differ.

### NGO holarchy?

In his 1967 book, *The Ghost in the Machine*, journalist Arthur Koestler popularized the idea of a *holarchy*. Defined as a system of interconnected-

ness, a holarchy could apply to biological, ecological, and even social systems. A holarchy forms when individual, semi-autonomous "holons" link together in a hierarchical structure to form a whole. However, Koestler's holarchy is not strictly top-down in authority but fosters cooperation at all levels, including the bottom.

This holarchy concept almost perfectly describes the intricate relationship between NGOs, governments, multinational corporations, and global banking cartels. A 2017 *Global NGO Online Technology Report* revealing that:

- There were an estimated 10 million NGOs worldwide.
- NGOs would have the 5th largest economy in the world if they were a country.
- The number of people worldwide donating money to NGOs increased from 1.2 billion in 2011 to 1.4 billion in 2014. By 2030, the number is expected to grow to 2.5 billion.

In addition, the U.S. Department of State cites that 1.5 million NGOs currently operate in the U.S. The number of foundations alone in the U.S. is estimated at more than 86,000, with total assets worth over \$1 trillion. On the other side of the Atlantic, according to GlobalGiving, an NGO connecting non-profits, there are almost 855,000 nonprofits operating in Germany.



Despite the overwhelming breadth of the NGO network, it is surprisingly well coordinated, and many seemingly unrelated organizations serve the goals of the United Nations (UN) and other world bodies. Armed with altruistic mission statements and noble visions, many NGOs support the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the creation of a digital social structure and global economy as outlined in the UN *Global Digital Compact*, or advancing AI governance. Working individually and in tandem, these initiatives could completely upend the global order and shift control of individuals, resources, governance, and wealth toward the oligarchs atop the global holarchy.

## The United Nations and Sovereign Immunity

The UN is seeking to establish a system of global government using the so-called climate crisis, and other apparent world challenges, as means to achieve it. Jeffrey Sachs, President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and one of America's leading ambassadors for the SDGs, recently pushed the world government narrative, saying "we need a global government, that's the UN. We need a regional government, that's the European Union... We need global government to keep us alive."

The United Nations is the largest intergovernmental organization in the world. Shortly after its creation, the United States passed the International Organizations Immunities Act, providing the UN and other transnational organizations with privileges, immunities, tax exemptions, and freedoms from certain search and seizure laws. Even its headquarters in New York is considered sovereign territory where "no federal, state or local officer or official of the United States, whether administrative, judicial, military or police, may enter UN Headquarters, except with the consent of and under conditions agreed to by the Secretary-General of the Organization."

In 1946, the General Convention granted the UN both the status of a legal person and immunity in all member states. The UN *General Convention* states in article II, section 2,

The United Nations, its property and assets wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall enjoy immunity from every form of legal process except insofar as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity. It is, however, understood that no waiver of immunity shall extend to any measure of execution.



In addition to immunity from suit, the *General Convention* provides for the "inviolability" of United Nations premises and property, which basically means that they are exempted from any search, requisition, confiscation, or other forms of executive, administrative, judicial or legislative interference. The same inviolability applies to the archives of the United Nations.

Specialized agencies within the UN system, such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNESCO, also share the same privileges and immunities.

UN officials, employees, special experts and representatives of member states also enjoy certain privileges and immunities while the Secretary-General, Under-Secretaries-General and Assistant Secretaries-General enjoy full diplomatic privileges and immunities. The UN is also exempt from all direct taxes, customs duties, and quotas concerning goods for its official use.

Although the UN is tax exempt, taxpayers in all 193 member states help fund it. In 2023, governments sent more than \$46 billion in contributions. The U.S. sent almost \$13 billion.

## Rigging the Game

The United Nations system leverages one of the world's largest NGO networks, and a primary way is by granting NGO's "consultative status" with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). One of six main organs, ECOSOC is working to "advance the three dimensions of sustainable development – economic, social and environmental," and to forge "consensus on ways forward... to achieve internationally agreed goals." According to their website,

Consultative status with the Economic and Social Council provides non-governmental organizations with access not only to ECOSOC, but also to its many subsidiary bodies, to the various human rights mechanisms of the United Nations... as well as special events organized by the President of the General Assembly. There are three types of ECOSOC consultative status for NGOs. As of April 2021, 5,593 NGOs enjoyed active consultative status with ECOSOC.

Another avenue for UN-NGO collaboration is through the Integrated Civil Society Organizations (iCSO) System, which provides an online database of accredited NGOs working with the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). As stated on the iCSO website, it

...provides online registration of general profiles for civil society organizations, including address, contacts, activities and meeting participation. It facilitates the application procedure for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and assists accredited NGOs in submitting quadrennial reports and in designating representatives to the United Nations.



**United Nations**  
Economic and Social  
Council (ECOSOC)

The total list of organizations in the iCSO database is almost 15,000. Of these, 6,494 have consultative status with the ECOSOC.

NGOs also partner with the UN through their Department of Global Communications (DGC). The DGC's Civil Society Unit connects with some 1,500 NGOs to "foster greater coherence around cross-cutting and emerging issues on the UN's agenda and by facilitating meaningful civil society engagement in UN processes." One of DGC's main directives is promoting official UN narratives, including combating so-called misinformation regarding climate change through the *Verified* program, a project of the UN in conjunction with the social impact group, Purpose (with support from the Rockefeller Foundation). Much like Purpose, many of the other DGC-linked organizations employ propaganda to push climate doom and other UN agendas.

Furthering the incestuous relationship between the UN and NGOs is the Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS), located within the Civil Society Unit. The NGLS is "responsible for the Call for Participation among Civil Society Entities (not in ECOSOC-status) who have expertise in the specific, substantive areas of UN conferences, meetings, and events." By offering a seat at the table, the UN gives the appearance of being inclusive and collaborative in its decision-making and global policy shaping. In fact, NGO participants are co-opted into supporting the UN agenda through this process, and serve as proxies pushing their plans forward in thousands of local communities, far and wide.

Such collusion can be further demonstrated through the mission of the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF). Created in 2005, UNDEF reveals that it was,

...built to support projects that strengthen the voice of civil society, promote human rights, and encourage the participation of all groups in democratic processes. The large majority of UNDEF funds go to local civil society organizations – both in the transition and the consolidation phases of democratization.

Though the agency claims to promote democracy and free speech, it appears this only applies to political action and dialogue in favor of promoting the SDGs. A UNDEF brochure underscores this point: "UNDEF projects span over 130 countries across the globe, advancing the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular, Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions."

One more important building block in the UN/NGO universe is the World Association of Non-Governmental Associations (WANGO), which



fervently supports the SDGs. Although not an official UN agency, WANGO is a global organization that helps strengthen, connect, and increase public understanding of the role NGOs play in “solving humanity’s basic problems.” Its database holds over 54,000 organizations from 190 countries. One of its main partners is the recently dismantled and corrupt United States Agency for International Development.

Founded on August 1, 2000, the World Association of United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations (WAUNNGO) was the precursor to WANGO. It was formed when 16 NGOs came together to promote the ideals of the United Nations. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church and self-proclaimed messiah, was instrumental in broadening the vision for WAUNNGO and its eventual transformation into WANGO. Its first events were centered on promoting the United Nations *Millennium Declaration*. WANGO’s ardent support of the *Millennium Declaration* also demonstrated its commitment to strengthening the UN itself, as indicated in article VII, where it proclaims the United Nations “is the indispensable common house of the entire human family through which we will seek to realize our universal aspirations for peace, cooperation and development.”

The *Millennium Declaration* was the backbone for the UN’s *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* and the *17 Sustainable Development Goals*, which WANGO advocated.



## Global Finance Through NGOs

The UN is not alone in constructing a substantial sphere of influence within the non-governmental arena. The World Bank Group is also a major player. Formed in 1946 to provide loans to postwar European nations, the World Bank Group (WBG) consists of five agencies and is headquartered in Washington, D.C. Its current mission centers on alleviating poverty throughout developing countries in Africa, Latin America, and Asia.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), also founded in 1946, seeks to stabilize the international monetary system, monitor the world’s currencies, and reduce poverty around the world. The IMF focuses on immediate issues while the WBG focuses on long-range economic development; 189 countries are members of both organizations.

The World Bank has been working with non-governmental organizations since 1981. Through its *Partnership Charter*, it networks with stakeholders in the private sector, faith-based organizations, corporate and private foundations, parliamentarians, and civil society organizations. The IMF does the same thing. And through treaty-based relationships,

both the World Bank Group and IMF extend support to the United Nations in advancing the 17 SDGs. The World Bank discloses that,

Over the years, the WBG has collaborated with the UN in nearly every region and sector, and its engagement has deepened since the adoption of the Millennium Development Goals, and now with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Regarding the importance of NGOs in expanding *global economic governance*, the IMF says,

Civil society organizations have become significant players in global economic governance since the 1990s... Dialogue with civil society groups is only one part of the IMF’s public outreach strategy. Other elements of similar importance include IMF contacts with parliamentarians, politicians, mass media, and citizens at large.

These major players within the global financial system have made it difficult for nations needing monetary assistance to receive it without agreeing to support the SDGs and other global initiatives. To tighten the fiscal noose, the IMF and WBG have launched a joint Climate Change Policy Assessment as “an overarching assessment of countries’ climate strategies.” In addition, the IMF has also “been contributing to the global efforts to monitor the implementation of the SDGs and serves as the custodian agency for four SDG indicators using its databases on macroeconomic and financial statistics.”

What all this amounts to is the IMF and WBG’s ability to halt cash flow to countries failing to mitigate climate risks as conditions for financial assistance. The World Bank and IMF hold the financial keys to improving infrastructure, with all the benefits that come, *but there are strings attached*. Their NGO network serves as an added layer working to secure compliance.

## NGOs Permeate the G7

The Group of Seven (G7), formulated in 1973 in response to the oil crisis and resulting recession, is an informal coalition that meets annually to coordinate global economic policy. The G7 includes Italy, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States. This coalition rotates its Presidency each year with Canada assuming the role for 2025. The European Union is also a participant and is considered a de-facto eighth member.

At the 2021 G7 meeting in Cornwall, England the group committed to pushing the COVID-19 vaccine globally, along with several climate related agendas, including:

- Vaccinating the world as fast as possible.
- Supporting science in a mission to shorten the cycle for the development of safe and effective vaccines, treatments and tests, from 300 to 100 days.
- Achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

- Limiting the increase in global temperatures to 1.5 degrees.
- Increasing and improving climate finance.
- Conserving at least 30% of our land and oceans by 2030.

In keeping with the theme of public-private collusion to push these agendas, the G7 receives help from their own coterie of eight civil society units that “help create a more structured exchange” between non-state actors. These “engagement groups” are titled *Civil Society 7*, *Business 7*, *Labour 7*, *Pride 7*, *Think Tank 7*, *Urban 7*, *Women 7*, and *Youth 7*. Regarding their association, the *Civil Society 7* (C7) website explicitly states: “In close exchanges with G7 representatives, the Engagement Groups contribute recommendations on current G7 issues, which seek to find their way into agreements and policies.”

In addition, the C7 “serves as a platform to channel the voices of global civil society and present recommendations on crucial international issues.”



Among other things, C7 works to advance the SDGs, pushes the climate narrative, and contends for a reformed global financial system. These issues are all part of its thematic priorities, and a sampling of the efforts of the other seven groups reveals consistency with the broader UN agenda. For example:

- *Business 7*: Their 2024 Summit focused on economic security and global value chains; data economy and digital transformation; energy, environment and climate change transition; the future of work and the impact of AI on business and the economy.
- *Labour 7*: This group is tasked with prioritizing sustainable development and a “Just Transition” to a low-carbon economy.
- *Think Tank 7*: Pushes hard for action on climate change and the promotion of sustainable development practices in line with the UN. This group also examines ways to successfully digitalize the global economy.
- *Urban 7*: Works to “develop a common understanding of current developments and key topics of the G7 agenda that are relevant for sustainable and climate-neutral urban development and ensure a socially inclusive transformation process.”

The last three groups include *Women 7* and *Pride 7*, focusing on issues of equal rights for women and LGBTQ+ persons while the *Youth 7* centers on helping youth “make an impact and join official global policy making processes.”



Of these units, *Urban 7* (U7) may be the most impactful for its reach into the places where most of the world's population dwells. The U7 has been instrumental in fostering collaboration between the G7 nations and local governments through Mayors' Summits held in 2022 and 2023. These events were supported by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and the Global Parliament of Mayors, both major players working to transform the world's cities according to the UN *2030 Agenda*.

On the surface their ideas sound benign and some even beneficial, but then one realizes that their vision includes smart cities where everything and everyone is continuously connected. And surveillance is part of the package: digital ID, digital currency, and biometric authentication technologies.

ICLEI's partnership is worth noting. Active in over 125 countries and working with more than 2,500 local and regional governments, it is devoted to sustainable urban development in line with UN goals. According to their website, ICLEI engages "at the local to global levels, shaping policy and sparking action to transform urban environments worldwide." It does so by making "connections across levels of government, sectors and stakeholder groups, sparking city-to-city, city-to-region, local-to-global and local-to-national connections..." And then there's the Global Parliament of Mayors with a vision to evolve global governance through the power of mayors and world cities. To that end, the Global Parliament of Mayors is building networks "for an inclusive and sustainable world, and achieve political change on a global scale."

In 2020, the Parliament sent an open letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres urging him to "launch and lead the global dialogue with cities and leaders about the United Nations." The letter also called for the UN General Assembly to "take the existing international political system into consideration, install representative bodies of cities in the UN system and become the United Nations and Cities of the World."

## G20 Global Impact

In 1999 the Group of Twenty (G20) was established. Its purpose is to bring the world's major economies together to discuss and address global challenges. And of course, that means the ever-recycled themes of climate change and sustainable development.

Through their own NGO/CSO engagement group – Civil20 (C20) – the G20 works "to ensure that government decisions reflect the interests of citizens and are worthy of people's trust." But it's more about public perception; C20 provides value as "the home of innovators and experts on technology, sustainable development, gender equality, climate emergency, health, education and in all G20-related themes."

Current Civil20 principles were established by 800 civil society representatives during the 2019 Summit in Tokyo. Among the principles, the C20 affirmed that "gender equality is a fundamental human right, it is essential for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)." Additionally, the C20 supports the "Leave No One Behind" principle of the UN *2030 Agenda*, pushing inclusivity and equity as hallmarks of sustainable development.

At the 2024 C20 conference in Brazil, additional recommendations supporting *Agenda 2030* and the SDGs included:

- Implementing just transition plans, with fossil fuel divestments, more ambitious climate mitigation, and adaptation measures in line with a 1.5°C scenario.
- Freeing up resources to finance the implementation of the *2030 Agenda* and the Climate Agenda for low and middle-income countries.
- Increasing funds for humanitarian aid and sustainable development in affected regions.
- Recognizing and supporting the catalytic role of philanthropy, particularly community philanthropy, to promote sustainable development.
- Generating additional and predictable funds, "to allow governments and civil society actions [to] accelerate climate health and SDGs financing..."

In addition to the climate-related recommendations, a C20 policy brief on Digitalization & Technology recommends:

- Bridging vulnerabilities' gaps – gender, disability, sexuality, gender identity, ethnicity, race, and territory – for access to connectivity.
- Ensuring universal access for the public education community.
- Establishing cross-border programs to address infrastructure gaps and ensure access to connectivity for all.

The brief also supports efforts to expand digital public infrastructure, guarantee human rights, and increase access to essential services. It advocates for: helping nations achieve digital autonomy, interoperable AI innovations, and utilizing AI agents trained on representative data while reflecting local contexts and populations.

To the naïve these aims may seem benevolent, but when understanding the goal is global control, then the visions and plans of UN-oriented NGOs cast a different light. In short, an AI control grid is being erected, and they want it to be inclusive of everyone, everywhere, hence the move toward all things digital. And you will have a "right" to access "essential" services, provided you comply with the rules – that you accept the narratives, aligning yourself with the climate message, and upholding the Sustainable Development Goals as the way and truth.

## Understanding What Is at Stake

Peeling back the layers of an onion often leads to tears. Unveiling the intertwined layers within the global NGO empire might lead to madness.

Additional global institutions with NGO networks include the World Health Organization and the Organization of American States. Even regional government entities and alliances such as the European Union and BRICS – the partnership between Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa – participate in the public-private partnership scheme.

It should go without saying that each of these organizations, political unions and alliances – yes, even BRICS – are in full alignment with the UN SDGs, the shift toward digitalization as outlined in the UN *Global Digital Compact*, and the quest for AI dominance amongst other global initiatives. A deeper dive exploring the intergovernmental organizations not mentioned here would certainly uncover even greater levels of collusion.

One reason many people dismiss the UN and its NGO cohorts is because, at a surface level, their actions appear noble. But don't be fooled by clichés such as *diversity*, *equity* and *inclusion*, *human rights for all*, *ending poverty and hunger*, and *common good of all*. This language acts as a smoke-screen for the broader objectives of global powers seeking to create a centralized, technocratic world. In this context, individual rights and the sovereignty of national governments are ceded to collective powers in the creation of a new world order.

Recently, a member of the U.S. delegation to the UN denounced *Agenda 2030* and the SDGs, saying that "globalist endeavors like *Agenda 2030* lost at the ballot box." This looks like a positive development; however, it is evident that the U.S. – like many other nations – seems to be heading down a path similar to the overarching vision of the UN, World Bank, IMF, G7, G20, and their NGO networks. America still appears fixated on putting centrally planned control systems in place, including the integration of Artificial Intelligence, digital IDs and digital currencies, biometrics, smart cities, autonomous transportation, and so much more.

All of the above fits with what CFR member Richard N. Gardner wrote in 1974,

...In short, the 'house of world order' will have to be built from the bottom up rather than from the top down. It will look like a great booming, buzzing confusion... but an end run around national sovereignty, eroding it piece by piece, will accomplish much more than the old-fashioned frontal assault. ■

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## Quotable Quotes on Global Government

1. "Rebuilding trust is not a slogan or a PR campaign. It requires deep reforms to global governance to manage geopolitical tensions during a new era..."  
– UN Secretary-General António Guterres to the World Economic Forum, January 17, 2024.
2. "The problem that we have is not globalization. The problem is a lack of global governance, a lack of means to address global issues."  
– Klaus Schwab, at the Annual Meeting of the Global Futures Councils, November 13, 2016.
3. "...problems which can only be solved effectively at the global level are multiplying and requirements of political governance are extending beyond state borders accordingly. Increasing decision-making at the global level is inevitable."  
– Former UN Secretary General, Boutros-Ghali, in a 2007 endorsement for a UN Parliamentary Assembly.
4. "There is an urgent need to reassert and strengthen international law and start building a truly new world order..."  
– Mikhail Gorbachev, "Global Security in the 21st Century," a speech given at the launch of the WMD Awareness Programme, September 23, 2004.
5. "Just and sustainable solutions to global and international problems cannot be solved without World Government."  
– "Call to a Sixth Official Session of the Provisional World Parliament," Across Frontiers, Spring 2004.
6. "We are world citizens... We believe our duty in the 21st century is to establish the world democracy."  
– Toshio Suzuki [founder World Government Institute of Japan], "On the World Party Constitution," *Voice for World Government*, 2003, p.5.

## AI in American Education: Lining Up with the UN?

By Alex Newman

As Artificial Intelligence takes a greater role and more responsibility in education, with backing from the United Nations and Big Tech, President Donald Trump recently signed an executive order promoting AI instruction in all American schools. The goal, he said, is to ensure that American children and workers have the knowledge and skills to participate in, and adapt to, the emerging digital world.

The April 23 order, titled *Advancing Artificial Intelligence Education for American Youth*, states that the U.S. government's policy is to promote AI literacy and proficiency among Americans. That will be done by integrating AI into education, providing AI training to educators, and trying to expose children to AI technology and concepts as early as possible:

"To ensure the United States remains a global leader in this technological revolution, we must provide our Nation's youth with opportunities to cultivate the skills and understanding necessary to use and create the next generation of AI technology," Trump said in his order. "By fostering AI competency, we will equip our students with the foundational knowledge and skills necessary to adapt to and thrive in an increasingly digital society."

Not everyone is enthusiastic. Prominent technology analyst and author Joe Allen, a regular on Trump ally Steve Bannon's *War Room* program, expressed major reservations about the order. "Kids should definitely learn about AI. But this EO also pushes for kids to be taught by AI," he warned. "Conditioning the next generation to view AI as an authority is a repulsive strategy. It isn't teaching them to 'use tools.' It is training them to be tools."

The order created an AI Education Task Force to implement and coordinate the plan. It includes cabinet secretaries from the departments of education, labor, agriculture, energy, as well as several key advisors and assistants to the president on everything from AI and crypto to policy. The Task Force will also create an AI "Challenge" to encourage and highlight student and educator achievement.

Another key mission for the new Task Force will be to establish "public-private partnerships" with AI organizations, academic institutions, non-profit groups, and more. The goal of these "PPPs," as they are called, is to create online resources for teaching AI literacy. Those resources will then be used to help state and local educational programs in teaching AI.

Training educators on AI is a major part of the executive order. Under the plan, the U.S. Department of Education will use grant money to offer "teacher training." This is supposed to help teach educators

how to reduce time-intensive administrative tasks, integrate AI into all subject areas, and more. The plan also seeks to promote apprenticeships in AI-related fields.

As President Trump said in the order,

Early learning and exposure to AI concepts not only demystifies this powerful technology but also sparks curiosity and creativity, preparing students to become active and responsible participants in the workforce of the future and nurturing the next generation of American AI innovators to propel our Nation to new heights of scientific and economic achievement.

One major concern expressed by critics is that AI may eventually replace human educators. In fact, as *The Newman Report* documented in 2023, billionaire population-control zealot Bill Gates suggested at a "digital learning" conference in California that AI would rapidly take over more and more duties traditionally assigned to educators in the very near future.

AI will soon be "as good a tutor as any human could," said Gates, who funded Common Core after signing a deal with the United Nations to globalize education with technology two decades ago. "This should be a leveler... because having access to a tutor is too expensive for most students — especially having that tutor adapt and remember everything that



you've done and look across your entire body of work."

The UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), which partnered with Gates, has been leading the charge to inject AI into education. Indeed, on its website, UNESCO boasted about AI helping revolutionize education during COVID. As UNESCO's website states, it "is supporting the efforts of Member States in leveraging AI for equitable and quality education."

In 2019, the UN brought governments together in Beijing for a summit on AI in education. *The Beijing*

*Consensus on Artificial Intelligence and Education*, adopted by governments at the conference, called on national education systems to use AI to shape people's values in a manner consistent with UN views. This would include everything from gender and the environment to economics and governance.

Of course, it could be argued that it is important for children to keep up with new technologies such as AI. But the dangers of AI — especially AI systems programmed by evildoers — are greater in magnitude when it comes to shaping the minds and values of the next generation. And this danger is compounded when national, and even international

authorities, are involved. Caution is desperately needed. ■

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## Europe and the CBDC Challenge

By Daniel Lacalle

Christine Lagarde, president of the European Central Bank, has announced that the digital euro will be ready for October 2025.

However, she stressed the importance of moving forward with the legislative process that would impose the digital euro, urging the European Commission, the European Council, and member states parliaments to accelerate the laws and directives that are required to make the digital euro viable.

Why the rush?

The European Central Bank's losses have risen to 7.8 billion euros, and the European monetary authority has posted the second consecutive loss, while sovereign bonds in Europe have slumped again in the first two months of 2025. The ECB needs a digital euro to wash away its disastrous policy of the past decade.

The second reason is because confidence in the ECB's policy is declining, sovereign bonds are not a reserve asset anymore, and inflation expectations rise. The hurry to impose the digital euro also comes at a time when European member states have announced large plans to spend, borrow, and invest in defense. Thus, the digital euro is critical to imposing the use of the euro as a currency, expanding the control of citizens, and disguising fiscal imbalances with a dangerous tool issued by a monetary institution that has lost most of its credibility in the past five years.

Remember that the ECB's mandate is price stability, but inflation in the euro area has exceeded 22% in the past four years. At the same time, the European sovereign bond index has fallen by 14% since 2022.

There is another important reason to rush the digital euro. Global central banks and investment firms are concerned that European states will confiscate the assets of the Russian central bank, setting a dangerous precedent that could affect the assets of other non-European nations. As foreign funds fearing confiscation may leave the European financial system, the digital euro may be a useful tool to impose the use of the currency even if demand declines.

The digital euro, which Lagarde described in 2022 as "a digital banknote with a little less anonymity than

the paper banknote because it is issued and guaranteed by the central bank," is an unnecessary and dangerous tool.

Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) have been gaining attention as the technology of the future for monetary systems, but beneath their promise of efficiency and innovation lies a more pessimistic reality: they can serve as tools for surveillance, eroding personal privacy and financial freedom.

In the European Union, where limits to freedom of expression and the cancellation of elections are already a concern, a CBDC can be seen as surveillance masquerading as currency.

CBDCs are not just digital versions of existing currencies; they are issued directly to accounts held at central banks, allowing for unprecedented oversight of financial transactions. This direct issuance means that central banks can monitor every transaction, including spending habits, savings, and borrowing activities. We can compare this system to having a police officer in your kitchen, underscoring the intrusive nature of digital currency.

The centralized management of financial data under CBDCs raises significant privacy concerns. CBDC supporters say that they can improve the know-your-customer (KYC) and anti-money laundering (AML) processes. However, these tasks don't need a central bank digital currency because they can be done perfectly with current electronic money. Furthermore, if the European Central Bank is worried about advancing in the digital age, it would promote competition, not eliminate it. The example of China's digital yuan is important because it combines technological advancements with heightened state control and surveillance capabilities. When the European Union leaders are constantly using the excuse of disinformation and interference to limit personal freedom, a digital currency can be a very dangerous tool used for society control.



Beyond surveillance, the CBDC also offers the central bank the ability to control and manipulate financial behavior. By directly influencing spending patterns, central banks could impose penalties on individuals for transactions deemed unsuitable by politicians while rewarding those who bow down. Therefore, central banks could penalize excessive spending on carbon-intensive purchases or excessive saving. This level of control undermines the principles of financial freedom and privacy, turning CBDCs into instruments of financial repression rather than tools for economic efficiency.

The introduction of a CBDC at a time when European states are announcing hundreds of billions of additional spending-and-debt also presents significant economic risks. By bypassing traditional banking channels, CBDCs could lead to uncontrolled money supply growth, exacerbating inflationary pressures. The experience of 2020, where an excessive money supply sparked rapid inflation, validates these concerns.

Proponents of CBDCs argue that they can help combat financial crimes by providing improved traceability and transparency through distributed ledger technology, but this does not require a central bank digital currency. It is already available in the current electronic currency system with independent commercial banks.

Central Bank Digital currencies are sold as innovative and efficient solutions but represent a form of surveillance disguised as currency, offering central banks unprecedented control over personal financial transactions.

The European Central Bank does not want to accelerate the digital euro because of growing citizen demand, but because it fears its status as a world reserve currency issuer may evaporate and therefore needs to impose a form of control through finance. ■

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# Climate Change and the War on Food

By Robert Williams

The United Nations, the World Economic Forum (WEF) and other international organizations trying to implement fanciful agendas on “climate change” are waging a war on food.

“About a third of all human-caused greenhouse gas emissions is linked to food,” the UN posits.

The largest chunk of food-related greenhouse gases comes from agriculture and land use. This includes, for instance, methane from cattle’s digestive process, nitrous oxide from fertilizers used for crop production, carbon dioxide from cutting down forests for the expansion of farmland, other agricultural emissions from manure management, rice cultivation, burning of crop residues, and the use of fuel on farms.

To get to “net zero,” apparently we are supposed to greatly reduce, or entirely stop, eating meat.

“Animal-based foods, especially red meat, dairy, and farmed shrimp, are generally associated with the highest greenhouse gas emissions,” according to the UN.

What to eat instead? The WEF has for years aggressively been advocating insects to be approved as a food ingredient for human consumption. European Union member states have happily complied with the WEF’s wishes – without asking a single European consumer what he might think.

As a special treat, EU member states in 2021 approved the introduction of mealworms, migratory locusts and house crickets as so-called “novel food” that can legally be sold in foodstuffs. Most recently, this January, the EU authorized “the placing on the market of UV-treated powder of whole *Tenebrio molitor* larvae (yellow mealworm) in... bread and rolls, cakes, pasta-based products, processed potato products, cheese and cheese products and fruit and vegetable compotes, intended for the general population.”

In the United States, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has yet to approve the consumption of insects, which, mercifully, are still viewed by the agency as filth or “pests” that contaminate food.

World leaders, having received some notice, now consider cow flatulence to be so dangerous to the future survival of the planet that more than 68 countries, including the US, Australia, Canada and the EU states, have approved the use of the chemical Bovaer in cattle feed to prevent the poor cows from breaking wind, thereby allegedly reducing their emissions of methane.

Is Bovaer bad for humans, short-term or long-term? Nobody knows. Any doubts are immediately discredited as conspiracy theories. We are nevertheless assured that they are perfectly safe both for humans and cows at the recommended dosage. It should be noted, however, according to the safety data sheet of Bovaer, that the chemical in itself poses a hazard to fertility, eyes and skin. Were con-

sumers ever asked if they want chemical additives with unknown potential side effects in their milk products? No. The product was approved in the US by the FDA and commercially launched in late 2024. Perhaps this would be a product for Secretary of Health Robert F. Kennedy Jr to look deeper into.

If you had been thinking that the war on food was limited to adding insects and chemicals to food, you would have to think again. The program is also, apparently, a war on agriculture – an idea that would seem self-defeating, but one that has successfully spread across the West. In the US, during the Biden administration, the private-jet-flying Special Presidential Envoy for Climate Change John Kerry announced,

Agriculture contributes about 33% of all the emissions of the world. And we can’t get to Net Zero—we don’t get this job done—unless agriculture is front and center as part of the solution. You just can’t continue to both warm the planet, while also expecting to feed it. It doesn’t work. So we have to reduce emissions from the food system.

In the EU, member states have committed to the *European Green Deal*, a plan that sets a goal of reducing emissions by at least 55% by 2030. To solve the fictitious “climate crisis,” livestock and agriculture must be reduced or, better yet, shut down. In the Netherlands, one of the world’s largest agricultural producers, the EU has set aside 1.47 billion euros to buy out and close down roughly 3,000 small and medium-sized farms to meet targeted reductions in carbon emissions. If farmers do not sell out voluntarily, the result might be forced buyouts.

Farmers who close down their homestead must guarantee they will not start up livestock farming operations again elsewhere in the Netherlands or the EU. “The Dutch government says it must curb its nitrogen oxide and ammonia emissions by 50% by 2030 to comply with EU greenhouse gas emissions targets,” according to *Farmers Weekly*. “It considers livestock farms as ‘peak polluters’ and says their closure is necessary to meet the regulations.”

In Ireland, last September, in a plan that would reportedly cost \$640 million, the government, suggested killing 200,000 cows over the next three years to “reduce methane emissions.”

In the UK, Prime Minister Keir Starmer is waging a tax war on farmers that will force many out of business. In addition, the government is offering farmers money for not producing food crops but rather growing feed for birds. “We’ve been offered £2500 [by the government] to join a scheme for three years, where we don’t supply you any food,” a British farmer told a Reform UK meeting.

As one British farmer rhetorically asked, “Where will the food come from in the future?”

That’s an excellent question, but the “climate change” elites have answers for that, too.

The “climate change” movement is huge business; the billionaires pushing this scrofulous narra-



Prime Minister Keir Starmer

tive have it all figured out. They have been investing in plant-based fake meat foodstuffs to reap the profits once the war on farmers has been won. People like Bill Gates and Jeff Bezos have for years been investing in fake meat ventures. The entire purpose of Beyond Meat, Impossible Foods and others is to become a replacement for real meat, which, if the elites get their way, you will no longer be able to eat. If these highly processed foods are not healthy, too bad. The earnings will line the WEF elites’ pockets.

“Alternative proteins” would have to replace meat, Bill Gates said in a 2021 interview; the climate crisis “is much worse than the pandemic.” For that reason, he is also betting on Nature’s Fynd, a company that makes food that sounds irresistible.

“This company, Nature’s Fynd, is using fungi. And then they turn them into sausages and yogurt. Pretty amazing,” Gates said. He himself, of course, says he prefers real meat burgers, just as he also prefers private jets to fly him between his multiple mansions.

“I probably have one of the highest greenhouse gas footprints of anyone on the planet. Personal flying alone is gigantic,” he admitted. But that’s okay, according to Gates. He is rich and can afford to pay for his preferences, unlike us peasants, who will have to eat fungi and bugs.

“Now, I’m spending quite a bit to buy aviation fuel that was made with plants. You know, I switched to an electric car. I use solar panels. I’m paying a company that actually, at a very high price, can pull a bit of carbon out of the air and stick it underground.”

Gates is also the largest private landowner in the U.S.

The elites know what they are doing. Shutting down farms and killing livestock means that prices will skyrocket, even more than they are today, forcing “ordinary” people without the financial means of Gates, Bezos and Klaus Schwab to stop eating meat, and eventually live off plants and insects to “save the planet,” all while the citizenry’s elected and unelected overlords continue living their billionaire lifestyles.

Costs will continue to rise for as long as people permit those “leaders” to determine how we should live and what we should eat. The time to put a stop to their warmhearted “protection” is now. ■

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# The Interfaith Legacy of Pope Francis

By Carl Teichrib

Pope Francis passed away on April 21, and a new Pope – American cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, now known as Leo XIV – has taken his seat at the Vatican. In reviewing Pope Francis' legacy, it's evident that the global interfaith movement was of high importance. In this respect, he actively extended the trajectory established by Pope John Paul II.

If you remember, Pope John Paul II played a significant role in bringing the Catholic Church into the interfaith arena. Although earlier multifaith bridge building had taken place – Vatican II being the prime example – John Paul II set a global precedent by hosting the first Assisi "Prayer for Peace" Interfaith Summit in October 1986. It was a landmark moment for "religious diplomacy." He was also the first Pope to visit a Jewish synagogue, doing so in April of that year, and later he established full diplomatic relations with Israel. Similarly, he engaged with Muslim leaders and was the first Pope to visit an Islamic Mosque. In this respect, Pope John Paul II was an interfaith trailblazer.

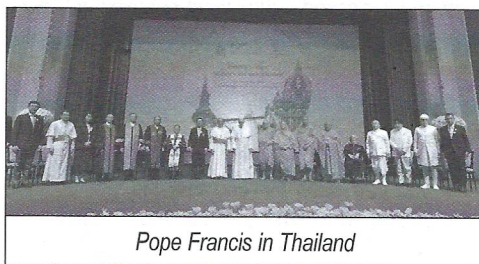
John Paul II's replacement, Pope Benedict XVI, was more cautious in his approach. Nevertheless, he hosted a 25-year anniversary of his predecessor's Assisi gathering, bringing to the table spiritual voices from various faiths. He also continued with Islamic dialogues, especially in the aftermath of his 2006 Regensburg Speech, which stirred up criticism from the Muslim community. But with Benedict resigning in 2013, and Pope Francis taking his place, there was a renewed emphasis on interfaith engagement. Indeed, Francis significantly increased the Vatican's involvement within the global movement.

Below is an incomplete list of interfaith activities that Francis contributed to.

**2013-2024:** Every year Pope Francis either sent messages of support or personally attended the "Meetings of Prayer for Peace in the Spirit of Assisi," organized and hosted by the Community of Sant'Egidio. These conferences, focusing on world peace and international cooperation, brought together Catholic leaders, representatives from other religions, along with activists, diplomats and political figures.

**2016:** Following the footsteps of his predecessors, Pope Francis hosted the 30th anniversary gathering of the Assisi Prayer for Peace summit with leaders from a range of other religions.

**2017:** During his tour of Myanmar and Bangladesh, the Pope stressed interfaith and ecumenical dialogue. He addressed the Supreme Sangha Council of Buddhist Monks, and in Rangoon his interfaith meeting included representatives of Christianity, Islam,



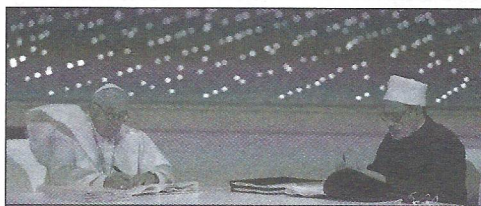
Pope Francis in Thailand

Buddhism, Hinduism, and Judaism. Such interfaith work was common during Francis' foreign trips.

**2018:** He sent a message to the G20 Interfaith Forum, a gathering of faith leaders operating in parallel to the G20 political meetings. That year's G20 Forum theme was "Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development: Religious Contributions for a Dignified Future." Francis' speech stressed the need for religions to cooperate in "how we are building society," and that interfaith events like the G20 Forum offer the international community an important voice in social concerns.

**2019:** After a series of meetings between Vatican insiders and Islamic leaders, Pope Francis and the Grand Imam Ahmed el-Tayeb of Al-Azhar co-signed the *Document on Human Fraternity* in Abu Dhabi. This historical event marked a new era of cooperation between Roman Catholicism and Islam. To solidify this relationship within the international community, representatives from the Vatican and the Islamic community met with the United Nations Secretary General and petitioned to create an "International Day of Human Fraternity." Hence, on December 28, 2020, the UN General Assembly passed Resolution 75/200, making February 4 the "International Day of Human Fraternity."

Later, in 2023, the Abrahamic Family House was opened in the UAE. Inspired by Pope Francis' 2019 fellowship with the Grand Imam, the Abrahamic Family House is comprised of three structures for the three Abrahamic faiths: a synagogue, church, and mosque.



Pope Francis and the Grand Imam together in 2019

**2020:** Pope Francis released his encyclical, *Fratelli tutti* – "All Brothers" – highlighting the desire for universal harmony and social cohesion, in which all of humanity acts as "a single human family." What makes this encyclical more significant is that Pope Francis acknowledges in the text that it was inspired by his 2019 meeting with the Grand Imam.

That same year, Pope Francis invited other religious leaders, academics, and NGO representatives for a meeting on global education. Openly taking the approach that a village is needed to educate a child – in this case, a global village – a lesson learned from his time with the Grand Imam, and that interdependence was necessary to guide humanity, an international educational program was launched from the Vatican. In October, the *Global Compact for Education* was released, to "advance universal fraternity in our world." Point 5 in the Compact acknowledged the role of diverse religions in this goal of universal fellowship.

**2021:** Pope Francis traveled to Ur of the Chaldeans in Iraq where he met with contemporaries from Islam and Judaism. The purpose was to help cement the "Abrahamic family" in a bid to foster unity and fraternal brotherhood.

That same year, the Vatican hosted a conference in preparation for the UN Climate Summit. Titled "Faith and Science," the Pope invited scientists and faith leaders from different religions to help flesh out a global response to the "crisis" of climate change. To that end, he called for an international collaboration with civil society organizations and religions. In his *Joint Appeal* he stressed that we must "come together united, in human fraternity... As leaders and scholars from various religious traditions, we unite in a spirit of humility, responsibility, mutual respect and open dialogue... recognizing our call to live in harmony with one another and with nature."

The *Joint Appeal* offered a series of solidarity recommendations.

...we underline the importance of taking *far-reaching environmental action* within our own institutions and communities, informed by science and based on religious wisdom. While calling on governments and international organizations to be ambitious, we also recognize the major role we play. We wish to emphasize the importance of:

- Supporting actions to reduce carbon emissions, achieve carbon neutrality, promote disaster risk reduction, improve waste management, conserve water and energy, develop renewable energy, provide green open spaces, conserve coastal areas, prevent deforestation and restore forests. Many of these actions require *partnership* with farming and fishery communities, especially small-scale and family farmers, whom we will support.

- Working to make bold plans to achieve *full sustainability in our buildings*, land, vehicles and other properties, joining the global race to save our planet.

- Encouraging our communities to embrace *simple and sustainable lifestyles* at home, so as



to reduce our collective carbon footprint. (*italics in original*)

**2022:** The Pope attended the 7th Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions in Kazakhstan, meeting with representatives from Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism and other spiritual traditions. That year he also traveled to the Middle East and participated in the *Bahrain Forum for Dialogue*, an interfaith gathering of Islamic clergy with leaders from other religions.

**2023:** In May, the Pope labored towards creating a faith-based global response to climate change. The *Vatican News* service reported,

Pope Francis met privately with Judge Mohamed Abdelsalam, Secretary-General of the Muslim Council of Elders, and Ambassador Majid Al-Suwaidi, Director-General and Special

Representative of the UAE Presidency for COP28 to discuss preparations and the involvement of faith-based groups in the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28).

Later in the year, because of the work of the Vatican – in conjunction with the Muslim Council of Elders and the United Nations Environment Program – a two-day Faith Leaders Summit was held. Twenty-eight representatives from a range of faiths engaged in discussion on climate change and governance, issuing a final declaration that said, in part, “We recognize the Sacredness and Sanctity of Life and Nature, honoring the inherent value of all living beings and the landscapes they inhabit on Mother Earth.”

Then, during COP28, a faith-based pavilion was established through which religions could exert

influence on the UN climate summit, thanks to the initiative started by Francis.

**2024:** At a youth forum in Singapore, responding to a question from one of the students, Pope Francis said, “All religions are paths to God. I will use an analogy, they are like different languages that express the divine. But God is for everyone, and therefore, we are all God’s children... There is only one God, and religions are like languages, paths to reach God. Some Sikh, some Muslim, some Hindu, some Christian.”

So now that Pope Leo XIV has taken the place of Francis, the question must be asked; will he continue this interfaith legacy? The trendline says yes. ■

## Fast Facts on World Change

### Two-State Resolution?

By the time you read this, the planned June 2-4 conference at the United Nations to essentially grant Palestinians statehood will be over. Led by France and Saudi Arabia, the goal of this event is to finalize the movement towards recognition.

Looking ahead to the conference, UN Watch – an organization monitoring UN activities – outlined some of its concerns:

This represents a bad faith attempt by the Palestinians to circumvent the Oslo Accords, the treaty that governs their relationship with Israel. The Oslo Accords obligates them to negotiate final status issues with Israel, including borders – a prerequisite for Palestinian statehood.

Moreover, Israel’s right to security and the Palestinians’ obligations to combat terrorism are key components of the Oslo Accords, which have been completely ignored both by the ICJ in its July 19, 2024 advisory opinion and by the UN in its resolutions setting this upcoming conference and its modalities. Palestinian statehood cannot come at the expense of Israel’s right to secure borders and the safety and security of its citizens.

The international community should not

indulge this Palestinian effort to achieve international recognition outside of the Oslo framework.

Speaking to *France5* television in April, President Emmanuel Macron said, “We must move towards recognition, and we will do so in the coming months.”

### Paying for What Reform?

The European Union has announced a financial aid package to the Palestinian Authority, to the tune of \$1.8 billion, and dispersed over a three-year period. However, the aid package is contingent on the PA reforming itself.

“We want them to reform themselves because without reforming, they won’t be strong enough and credible in order to be an interlocutor, not for only for us, but an interlocutor also for Israel,” explained EU Mediterranean Commissioner Dubravka Suica.

Reporting on this development, the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD) writes,

The aid package will fund PA projects in the West Bank, eastern Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip. Approximately \$93 million is earmarked for UNRWA, the United Nations dedicated to the descendants of Palestinian refugees, several of whose employees participated in the October 7, 2023, Hamas atrocities in Israel.

FDD research analyst, Ahmad Sharawi, observed that, “The international community’s calls for reform within the PA have fallen on deaf ears for years. The PA remains deeply corrupt and continues to turn a blind eye to incitement against Israel.”

### Klaus Canned?

Near the end of April, Klaus Schwab, the leader of the World Economic Forum, stepped down from the WEF. The reason? Accusations of financial misconduct and clashes at the board level.

According to a May 15 *Bloomberg* article,

Schwab denies any wrongdoing. But his exit effectively leaves the WEF without a clear choice of leader at a pivotal moment. Whomever is chosen will have to ensure the WEF’s flagship gathering in Davos remains an event of choice for the world’s financial and political elite. They also may need to address allegations of sexism and bullying from the Schwab era while at the same time keeping CEOs paying membership fees that bring in hundreds of millions of dollars every year.

The interim leader of the WEF is Peter Brabeck-Letmathe, an Austrian-born former CEO of Nestle, the Swiss-based food giant. He has also held board memberships with Roche, Credit Suisse,

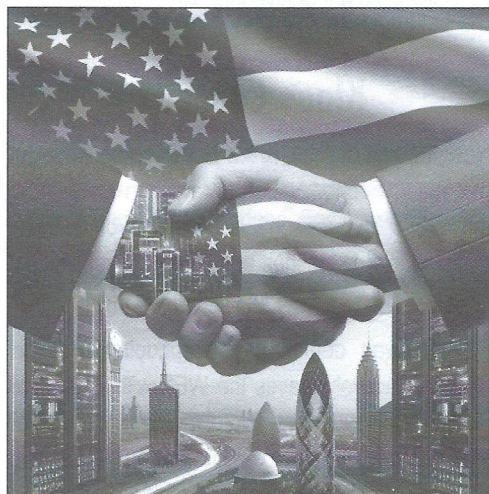


L'Oreal, Exxon Mobil and Salt Mobile SA. Brabeck is the founder and chairman of the 2030 Water Resources Group, a public-private partnership within the World Bank. He seeks to tighten global control of our water supplies.

## AI, UAE, USA

In mid-May the Trump administration agreed to jointly build a massive Artificial Intelligence hub in the United Arab Emirates, under the banner of the "US-UAE AI Acceleration Partnership." This super-project will use American made chips, have a campus covering 10 square miles, and be energized by a newly constructed 5-gigawatt power station. According to Lennart Heim of the RAND Corporation, this is "bigger than all other major AI infrastructure announcements we've seen so far."

The US Department of Commerce announced that once operational, it will "offer latency-friendly services to nearly half of the global population living within 3,200 km (2,000 miles) of the UAE. Once completed, the facility will leverage nuclear, solar, and gas power to minimize carbon emissions and will also house a science park driving advancements in AI innovation."



## A European Army?

With President Trump's criticism of NATO and his motioning to scale back American forces in Europe, the idea of forming a European army has re-surfaced. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez has vocalized his support for an EU military force, stating, "It is time to create a European army, EU armed forces with troops from all 27 member countries, working under a single flag with the same objectives."

And herein actually lies the roadblock for an EU army: coalescing the political will of 27 nations, along with overcoming financial problems and other structural hurdles. In a recent interview with *The Telegraph*, one EU official put it this way, "First there has to be political will, no leader wants to send troops to die under an EU flag." Edward Lucas from the Center for European Policy Analysis was equally blunt, "We are never going to get a European Union Army, we may have a European Nato force, but it'll be extremely difficult."

Nevertheless, Germany's new Chancellor Friedrich Merz recently announced a significant commitment to building up his nation's military – to quickly make it the "strongest conventional army in Europe." And Merz's overall position on the EU, shared in a recent press conference with the President of the European Council, is pro-unification, stating that "we need to join forces when it comes to building a European defense industry."

Merz's stance fits with the European Commissions' *Readiness 2030* plan, which recognizes that EU members have the responsibility for their own troops, but places this within a more coordinated structure: a dedicated European defense market, common procurement, and greater interoperability. And if political will happens? It would likely require a crisis of magnitude, but that's not out of the picture.

## Alternative Spiritual Beliefs Proliferate

In the spring of this year, the Pew Research Center released their multi-national study on spiritual beliefs. Their findings demonstrated a strong acceptance of pagan/New Age beliefs:

...majorities of adults in most countries surveyed say that animals can have spirits or spiritual energies. This includes 83% of adults in India, which has a Hindu majority. It also includes 81% in Muslim-majority Turkey, 76% in Christian-majority Argentina and 70% in Israel, the world's only country with a Jewish majority.

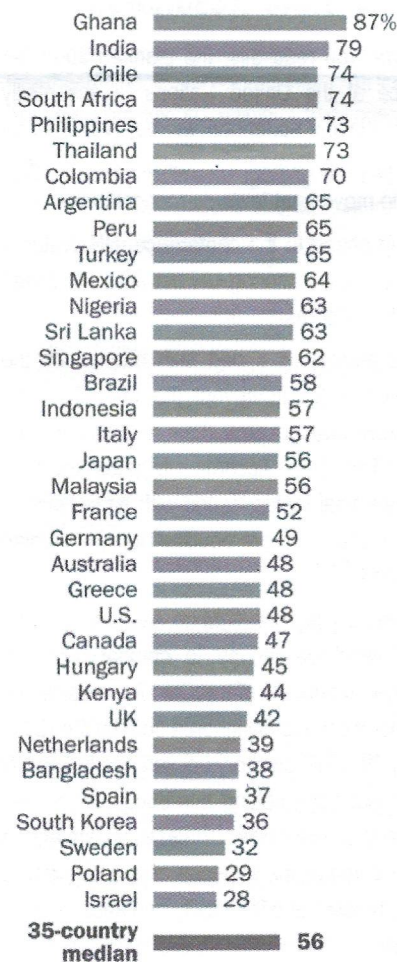
Many people around the world also

believe that parts of nature (such as mountains, rivers or trees) can have spirits or spiritual energies. This belief is voiced by nearly three-quarters of adults in Christian-majority Chile (74%) and Buddhist-majority Thailand (73%), and by 57% in Muslim-majority Indonesia.

The U.S. falls somewhere in the middle of the countries surveyed on these questions: 57% of U.S. adults believe that animals can have spirits, while 48% say the same about mountains, rivers or trees. (Around six-in-ten U.S. adults identify as Christian, and about three-in-ten are religiously unaffiliated.) ■

### A median of 56% across the countries surveyed believe in spirits in nature

% who say parts of nature, like mountains, rivers or trees, can have spirits or spiritual energies





## **Inspirational Quotes**

- ❶ **"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."**  
– Psalm 118:8.
- ❷ **"It is better to trust God than yourself. I would rather trust God than my own deceitful heart."**  
– D.L. Moody, *The Gospel Awakening* (L.T. Palmer, 1877), p.77.
- ❸ **"The One who laid earth's foundations and settled its dimensions knows where the lines are drawn. He gives all the light we need for trust and for obedience."**  
– Elizabeth Elliot, *Through Gates of Splendor* (Tyndale House, 1981), p.172.
- ❹ **"Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him, how I've proved Him o'er and o'er. Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more."**  
– William J. Kirkpatrick, from his hymn, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," 1882.
- ❺ **"In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise."**  
– Ephesians 1:13.
- ❻ **"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD."**  
– Jeremiah 17:7.



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A short message of trust, by Charles Spurgeon.

“He who heeds the word wisely will find good, and whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he.” – Proverbs 16:20

But what, then, is the way of wisdom? The text answers the question – “He that trusteth in the Lord, happy is he.”

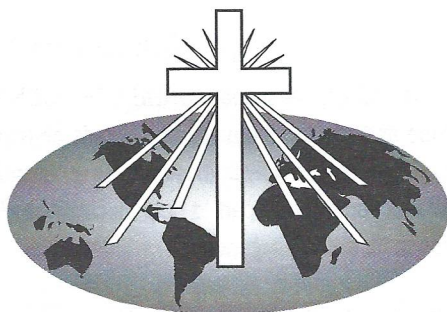
So, then, if I understand the text aright, in temporal things, if we learn to trust in God, we shall be happy. We are not to be idle, that would show we did not trust in God, who worketh hitherto, but in the devil, who is the father of idleness. We are not to be imprudent and rash; that were to trust chance, but not to trust God, for God is a God of economy and order. We are to trust God; acting in all prudence, and in all uprightness, we are to rely simply and entirely upon him.

Now I have no doubt there are many here who say, “Well, that is not the way to get on in the world; that can never be the path of success, simply trusting in God.”

Ay, but it is so, only one must have grace in the heart to do it. One must first be made a child of God, and then he can trust his affairs in his Father’s hands; one must come to depend upon the Eternal One, because the Eternal One has enabled him to use this Christian grace which is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. I am persuaded that faith is as much the rule of temporal as of spiritual life, and that we ought to have faith in God for our shops as well as for our souls.

Worldly men may sneer at this, but it is none the less true; at any rate, I pray that it may be my course as long as I live...

...The practical lesson from all this is – “trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not to thine own understanding.” Whatever thy trouble be, take it to God this morning; do not bear it till the night. ■



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