

# HOPE FOR THE WORLD

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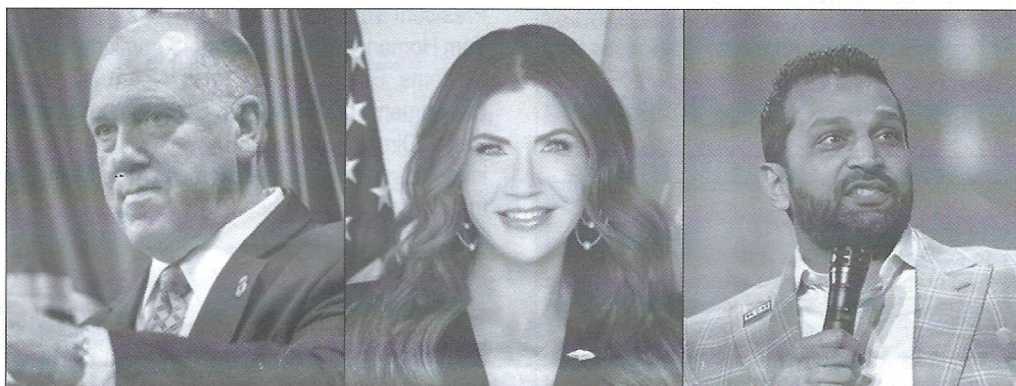
## 2025: A Look Ahead

*By Gary H. Kah*

After a time of celebration by Conservatives over the Trump-led victory in November, reality is beginning to set in. Approximately 93 percent of Washington DC residents voted for the Harris/Walz ultra-left ticket. The pro-Marxist “Deep State” federal bureaucracy is entrenched in our nation’s capital. The CIA, FBI/Justice Department, and Military Industrial Complex (including much of the DOD) have been calling the shots behind the scenes for decades. They, together with the Federal Reserve and their big bank allies, are the ones running the country. Will they throw up a white flag and simply surrender their network of power that they have so carefully put in place?...Highly unlikely! At the very least, they’ll do extensive damage control.

As I am writing this, we are still several weeks from Donald Trump being sworn in as our 47th President. Much can happen between now and January 20th. Based on Trump’s Cabinet selections, the powers that be understand he means business. On day one he will become the “Disruptor-in-Chief” – assuming he is able to take office. We must continue to pray for his safety and also for God’s protection of his Cabinet nominees, and that no dark forces will be able to prevent them from taking their rightful positions.

The Trump administration, once in place, will face enormous challenges on numerous fronts. Dismantling the corrupt federal agencies, securing our borders, opposing the UN’s globalist agenda, and diffusing the march toward World War III (if not too late) will be at the top of the list. Trump’s first challenge, however, will be getting his Cabinet nominees approved. He has assembled a powerful team. Will the Senate block some of his choices? The Administration will only have about 18 months



*Trump's early Cabinet picks to protect our border*

to implement change before the focus shifts to the Mid-terms. So time is of the essence.

At the national level President Trump will move quickly to increase domestic energy production, even attempting to make the US a net exporter of oil and natural gas. His main goal will be to make the US non-dependent on foreign energy. This is a matter of national security. Equally important to our nation’s security is stopping the influx of illegal migrants across our borders and arresting/deporting illegals with a criminal record. This is where things are bound to get ugly.

### Conflict and Strife

Most of our country’s big city mayors are hardcore Leftists. Some of the most extreme actors are the mayors of Chicago, Denver, Minneapolis, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Atlanta, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington DC. In fact, there are only a handful of Republican mayors remaining in the United States. Marxists began targeting our cities several decades ago and today practically own them – through

the mayors, city councils, and Soros-backed and funded DAs (District Attorneys) who they have successfully installed. These intentionally soft-on-crime Leftists will vehemently oppose any efforts by Trump to depose illegals from “their turf.” The battle between sanctuary cities and the Trump administration will become particularly intense, possibly to the point of physical conflict. In some cases this could include entire states, if governors back their big city mayors.

We can be almost certain that the major globalist foundations will “fuel the fire” by funding civil unrest in the form of riots, mass looting, and other criminal behavior – all in the name of defending “the helpless.” The media will do everything in their power to cast illegal immigrants as victims...in order to pull at the heartstrings of the American people. Will Americans have the moral backbone to stand firm for the sake of our nation’s security and future? We must pray that citizens will apply the necessary peaceful pressure that will cause mayors and governors to back down, allowing common sense to prevail.





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A related area of concern that will present another colossal challenge for the Trump administration is the child sex-trafficking industry. Under Biden, more than 300,000 children who have been brought into our country illegally by the Cartels are unaccounted for. They have simply vanished. It is widely believed that the largest number of them have been made sex slaves. This is an abomination of the highest order that cannot be tolerated.

The perpetrators of this great evil must be rooted out – along with the perverts who indulge in such satanic behavior! However, this will not be easy because of the many blackmailable politicians who I believe are themselves involved in these despicable practices. We need to pray for President Trump's presumptive team – including Tom Homan, Director of ICE (US Immigration and Customs Enforcement); Kristi Noem, Director, Department of Homeland Security; and Kash Patel, Director of the FBI who will be heavily involved in taking on these forces. This is a matter that is close to God's heart!

## UN Power Grab

Meanwhile, the United Nations is continuing its conniving ways, and has effectively set the stage to seize control of the United States (and other member countries) through the declaration of a future emergency, whether fake or real. Toward that end, on September 22-23, the Summit of the Future was held at the UN in New York. At that time, the *Pact for the Future* was presented and ratified. This rubber stamp process took less than five minutes. The outcome allegedly was predetermined and had been decided last March.

This *Pact* creates a mechanism for the United Nations to override our national sovereignty and take control in the event of an emergency. Could such an "emergency" be instigated before Trump takes office? Any type of contrived crisis could suffice for the UN to declare a state of emergency and implement its globalist agenda. An economic or climate crisis, an event in outer space, a "sudden" pandemic, a digital connectivity disruption, or an act of terror or military aggression are just a few of the events that could be used to trigger an emergency declaration by the UN Secretary General. So acts of terror and other forms of aggression (cyber or physical) cannot be ruled out leading up to, or after, Trump's inauguration. Therefore we must, as followers of Christ, remain vigilant and in a state of prayer for our nation. (See the next article in this issue, by Robert Williams, for more details regarding the results of the recent Summit.)

## Hostility Toward Israel

Many people, including myself, hope that a Trump presidency might lead to at least a semblance of temporary peace in the Mideast. However, tensions continue to run high in Gaza and in southern Lebanon where Israel is contending with Hamas and Hezbollah. Nearby, the current upheaval in Syria is creating additional instability as Bashar al-Assad, Russia's top ally in the region, has been forced from power by Islamist rebels with close ties to ISIS. What does this latest development mean for Russia, which maintains strategic naval and air bases inside Syria? Will it surrender these long held posts, or will this Syrian uprising draw Russia deeper into Middle East politics and conflicts, forcing Putin to fight on two fronts – the other being Ukraine? Either way, Syria is likely to remain a place of contention for Israel, while possibly becoming more dangerous for Christians.

Then there's Iran, which the Biden administration restored to power by reopening its cash pipeline. As a result of the lifted sanctions, Iran has been able to pour billions of dollars of oil money into funding terrorism throughout the region. This was all avoidable, which leads me to conclude that the Administration's actions were intentional, aimed at producing regional instability which has in turn led to increased hatred toward Israel – which is routinely blamed for everything. Quite predictable!

All of this has set the stage for a global resurgence of hatred not only toward Israel, but Jews in general. Sadly, religious leaders are often the ones leading the condemnation. The pro-UN head of the Roman Catholic Church is at the forefront of this assault. Pope Francis recently called for an investigation "to determine if Israel's attacks in Gaza constitute genocide."<sup>1</sup> Excerpts revealing the Pope's beliefs and intentions were floated out in November ahead of a new book release. The book, by Hernán Reyes Alcaide is based on interviews with the Pope and is entitled "Hope never disappoints. Pilgrims towards a better world."<sup>2</sup>

The book was timed to be released ahead of the Pope's 2025 jubilee. According to *AP World News*, "Francis' yearlong jubilee is expected to bring more than 30 million pilgrims to Rome to celebrate the Holy Year."<sup>3</sup> What further actions targeting Israel will Pope Francis call for during that time?

The Pope's sentiments and outspoken remarks against Israel over the past 14 months have been echoed by other Catholic groups, such as *Pax Christi USA* which has played a key role in the BDS movement, "calling for boycott and divestment from companies that support Israel's military oppression of Palestinians."<sup>4</sup> The organization openly



condemns what it calls the “plausible genocide” of Palestinians.<sup>5</sup> This comes despite the fact that the ratio of civilian deaths to the deaths of militant fighters has been among the lowest in recent military history and despite the fact that Hamas has situated many of its posts/command centers in hospitals and near schools. Furthermore, in 2006 a vast majority of Palestinians in Gaza (well over 60 percent) voted Hamas into power, in support of Hamas’ open promise to utterly destroy and annihilate Israel and Jews if elected. This violent regime has been attempting to make good on that promise ever since. Hamas is a terrorist organization. Aren’t the people who support such a regime of death and destruction accomplices, and therefore terrorists themselves?

Where have Pope Francis and UN Secretary General Guterres been when it comes to denouncing the terror campaigns of Islamic radicals? Instead, they consistently target Israel. A fact: The United Nations has issued more resolutions of condemnation against Israel over the past few decades than against all the other countries and political factions of the world combined.

## Where is the American Church?

According to the *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*, “A total of ten major US denominations... are now materially participating, to some degree, in the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, which aims to hold Israel accountable to international law.”<sup>6</sup> These include the Alliance of Baptists, Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Mennonite Church USA, Presbyterian Church USA, Roman Catholic Church, Unitarian Universalist Association, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, as well as the World Communion of Reformed Churches (a confederation that overlaps some of the above).<sup>7</sup> The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America have taken more limited measures opposing Israel.<sup>8</sup> The above churches are either members of the World Council of Churches or generally aligned with many of the Council’s positions. The WCC has been funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and has consistently marched in step with the UN’s one-world agenda; it has also drawn into a closer alliance with the Vatican.



As in Nazi Germany, some churches and pastors today are turning against Jews.

Not only are some Christians condemning Israel while refusing to denounce the actions of Hamas, Hezbollah and other terror groups, but they are applauding the International Criminal Court’s efforts to prosecute Israel’s prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, for war crimes. The ICC has long served as a pro-global government stooge for the United Nations and its one-world allies. It ostracizes leaders who oppose globalist/Marxist enterprises and support the sovereignty of nations. If anything, it is the ICC that should be investigated for promoting a hidden agenda that is dangerous to the people of the world.

Israel is far from perfect – just like the United States and our other allies. But when all of the deceptive globalist powers – like the UN, ICC, pro-world government foundations, etc. – consistently oppose Israel while supporting her enemies, shouldn’t this in itself make us want to stand with Israel?

I see how nominal, mainline Christians can be duped into hating the Jewish people and Israel, as they have become surrounded – sometimes unwittingly – by globalist propaganda machines. They’ve been subjected to false narratives day in and day out, which have shaped their views. My greater concern is with the growing number of Evangelicals who are turning against Israel. Some of these same Christians – who are generally opposed to the Soros-Rockefeller foundations, the United Nations, and other globalist adversaries working for the surrender of our nation’s sovereignty – are nonetheless willing to denounce Israel, the number one target of these same sinister forces. This makes no logical sense. It tells me that there is an underlying hatred and disdain for the Jewish people among many Christians – perhaps even as many as 20 percent of Evangelicals. The fact that more Christians haven’t spoken out against the virulent pro-Hamas/anti-Israel protests occurring in our country since October 2023 speaks volumes.

While logic and world history alone should provide sufficient reasons to support Israel, the number one reason for Christians to pray for and support the revived Jewish state and its people is because God Himself calls us to do so. More than 50 passages of Scripture provide prophetic details of how the Jewish people would be regathered to their homeland in the Last Days. Isaiah 43:5-6 and 49:22 along with Ezekiel 36:16-28 are just a few of the potent Old Testament passages relevant to this topic and our times. In the New Testament I encourage you to read Romans 11:11-19, which provides a theological summary of God’s position regarding the Jews. I went into depth on this topic in my article “Why I Stand with Israel” published in December 2023 and recently posted on our website ([www.garykah.org](http://www.garykah.org)).

A courageous man who had the moral fortitude to stand in opposition to Adolf Hitler and his Nazi Regime once said, “Silence in the face of evil is

itself evil.” God used that man, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, to call attention to the atrocities being committed by Hitler and his followers. His stance encouraged and emboldened many others, including some German soldiers, to speak out against the evil being perpetrated. Eventually Hitler and the Nazis were defeated.

Are there enough men and women in America today who like Bonhoeffer are willing to give their all to the Lord and stand for righteousness? If not us, then who? We, the followers of Christ, are His ambassadors; and He has called us to be “salt” and “light” until He returns (Matthew 5:13-16). We are to influence the world for good and exemplify the love of God in Christ. This includes standing up against, and calling out evil.

## Hope and Encouragement

No matter what the coming year holds – and there are certain to be surprises – we can rest in the fact that our God is, and will be, with us. Deuteronomy 31:8 reminds us of God’s personal direction and oversight of our lives:

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

This promise of God, which Jesus reiterates in Matthew 28:20 (“And surely I will be with you always, **to the very end of the age.**”) should give us a sense of true peace and serenity as we face the uncertain times ahead.

The early Church faced intense persecution and yet was able – through it all – to maintain a triumphant, tenacious, battle-tested joy. How was this possible? They knew their Lord and walked humbly in daily obedience to Him; and they trusted His promises – both for this life and for eternity. As we follow their example, let us be resolute and unshakeable in our commitment to the Lord and His call to stand firm. ■

*For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love and of a sound mind. — 2 Timothy 1:7*

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## 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

## Setting Up Sovereignty's Demise: The UN Summit of the Future

By Robert Williams

On September 22, unnoticed by most Americans, the Biden-Harris administration adopted the United Nations *Pact for the Future* to transform global governance, which introduces the foundations of a world government. There was no debate, no media coverage, no press releases, and no interviews about the Biden-Harris administration's surrender of United States sovereignty to the UN.

Americans were apparently not supposed to find out.

The UN bragged that the *Pact* is the "most comprehensive agreement in many years," describing it as "covering entirely new areas and addressing issues where no consensus has been reached for decades." This is concerning.

At the Summit of the Future, world leaders passed the UN's *Pact for the Future* to transform global governance, the *Digital Compact* and the *Declaration on Future Generations*. These agreements usher in a dystopian future, where the UN – an active supporter of terrorism and arguably the world's most corrupt

international entity, led by socialists, communists and dictatorships – in partnership with the unelected and unaccountable World Economic Forum, led by Klaus Schwab and his covey of billionaire business leaders, is given unprecedented power over the peoples of sovereign countries. Of course, the average citizen has had no say whatsoever on the contents of this UN *Pact*.

The *Pact for the Future* seeks to strengthen, empower and "transform" UN global governance – a fancy way of saying world government – to seize more power for the UN and its partner globalist elites in the World Economic Forum (WEF).

"We will transform global governance and strengthen the multilateral system to help us to achieve a world that is safe, peaceful, just, equal, inclusive, sustainable and prosperous," the *Pact for the Future* proclaims in section V, named "Transforming global governance."

The *Pact* is full of the familiar and meaningless UN fluff about "eradicating poverty" and "strengthening human rights" that the UN has falsely been promising and peddling for decades, goals that



nobody believes the UN even wants to achieve. All the UN seems to be doing is demonizing the Middle East's only democracy, Israel, to the exclusion of all other conflicts on the planet, and sanctifying "climate change," seemingly code for a prospective "transfer of wealth."

A large part of the *Pact* is dedicated to "turbocharging" the UN's *Agenda 2030*. Much of this consists of fighting the fake crisis of "climate change" by achieving "net-zero" carbon dioxide emissions. Hidden at the very bottom of the 56-page document – action point 54 – is actually one of the most important items: the power-grab of the UN's secretary-general: strengthening "the international response to complex global shocks."



We will uphold the Secretary-General's role to, inter alia, convene Member States, promote the coordination of the whole multilateral system and engage with relevant stakeholders in response to crises. We request the Secretary-General to: (a) Consider approaches to strengthen the United Nations system response to complex global shocks, within existing authorities and in consultation with Member States... We recognize the need for a more coherent, cooperative, coordinated and multidimensional international response to complex global shocks and the central role of the United Nations in this regard.

The UN Secretary-General, in other words, is to control responses to "global shocks," which the UN describes as,

Complex global shocks are events that have severely disruptive and adverse consequences for a significant proportion of countries and the global population, and that lead to impacts across multiple sectors, requiring a multidimensional and whole-of-government, whole-of-society response.

These could presumably be regional conflicts; a pandemic – or whatever the UN deems a pandemic; a real or invented "climate crisis;" wars, or whatever other pretext the UN secretary-general comes up with to take control and impose measures on the world that the UN sees fit. The corrupt, unelected and unaccountable UN would now like to be the world's policeman, presumably leaving defendants with no recourse.

The UN proclaimed in a press release last year,

Our global interconnectedness means that shocks that occur in one country or sector can quickly have cascading consequences elsewhere, often in unforeseen ways. Those shocks are coming at us with greater strength and frequency, with serious implications for peace and security, economic stability, and environmental sustainability. And they can have a disproportionate impact in some areas. Both the COVID-19 pandemic and the global cost-of-living crisis hit the poorest and most vulnerable hardest, throwing SDG progress and Agenda 2030 further off-track. The global response to such shocks is often ad hoc, fragmented, and improvised. We need a **mechanism to tackle multidimensional threats with a multidimensional response**. This policy brief calls for a more formal, predictable, and structured approach. **An emergency platform would leverage the UN's convening power and capacities in a timely and predictable way... Crucially, it would promote a global response based on solidarity and equity and the key principle of leaving no one behind. All people and countries hit by a shock must have access to the support they need... [bold added]"**

This would not be optional. The UN makes clear that the new system "is leaving no one behind."

To ensure that all present and future United Nations and WEF agendas can pass without bothering with pesky dissenting opinions, the UN member states also passed the *Digital Global Compact* as an annex to the *Pact*. The *Compact* is a new totalitarian tool of censorship meant to silence anyone who disagrees with the globalist agenda. Buried near the end of the *Digital Global Compact*, in paragraph 30, is the only thing you need to know about it:

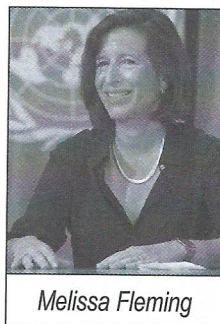
We must urgently counter and address... all forms of hate speech and discrimination, misinformation and disinformation... We will establish and maintain robust risk mitigation and redress measures... We commit by, 2030 to: (a) Create a safe and secure online space for all users that ensures their mental health and well-being by defining and adopting common standards, guidelines and industry actions that are in compliance with international law, promote safe civic spaces and address content on digital platforms that causes harm to individuals, taking into account work under way by United Nations entities, regional organizations and multi-stakeholder initiatives... Establish regular collaboration between national online safety institutions to exchange best practices and develop shared understandings of actions... Develop, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders, effective methodologies to measure, monitor and counter all forms of violence and abuse in the digital space... call on social media platforms to establish safe, secure and accessible reporting mechanisms for users and their advocates to report potential policy violations.

The UN, its member states and the Biden-Harris administration – which supported the *Pact* – evidently want to establish world-wide censorship that will make any future criticism of an elite power grab impossible.

The foundations of the censorship are already in place and activated to a worrying degree: In 2021-22, the UN entered into a partnership with Google to ensure that the search engine only display information reflecting UN perspectives. Dissenting views would have to be erased. The UN did not even hide their totalitarian move, and issued a press release about it.

Melissa Fleming, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, said,

We are happy to team with Google to ensure that factual, trustworthy content about climate is available to as wide a global audience as



Melissa Fleming

possible. Misinformation is so widespread these days that it threatens progress and understanding on many critical issues, including climate. The need for accurate, science-based information on a subject like climate change has therefore never been greater.

At the 2022 World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Fleming innocently revealed the UN agenda behind censoring the internet, making it clear that censorship is for the good of the masses, whom the UN deems too dangerous to make up their own minds:

As long as the social media platforms had become so dominant, there was already a proliferation of mis- and disinformation that was making achieving what we were trying to achieve, a better world and a more inclusive, a more peaceful and harmonious world – it was making it more difficult. But with Covid-19 we realized very quickly we were in a communication crisis... WHO called it an infodemic... which meant if you were a [internet] user... you were just confused because there was so much information... some of it good... some of it really, really, bad...

You know, we partnered with Google, for example, if you Google climate change, you will, at the top of your search, get all kinds of UN resources. We started this partnership when we were shocked to see that when we Googled climate change, we were getting incredibly distorted information right at the top. So we're becoming much more proactive, you know we own the science and we think that the world should know it and the [social media] platforms also do. It's a huge challenge that all sectors of society need to be very active in.

The partnership has paid off tremendously: Google is clearly doing the UN's bidding. If you try to google the words "climate change" today, dissenting views have been suppressed by the search engine. When I did a recent search, I found that the first twenty-plus pages of results never deviated from the UN/WEF narrative, with most results only containing links to UN bodies or other institutions that partner with the UN, such as the EU, the World Bank, government websites and a few climate-alarmist articles from the *Guardian*, the *New York Times*, AP and Reuters.

This is what UN censorship looks like now. Can you imagine what it will be like in a few years, if countries do not immediately move to stop it? ■

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# Pushing Against the Faithful:

## "You Have to Enforce"

*By the Brownstone Institute*

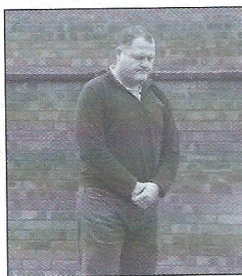
Christianity is under attack in the West, yet the statement sounds hyperbolic because our news media shuns the subject.

In England, a British Army veteran named Adam Smith-Connor was convicted for praying silently on a public street. Police approached Smith-Connor and told him they were there to "inquire as to [his] activities."

"Well, I'm praying," he explained in an exchange captured on video.

The officer followed up, "What is the nature of your prayer today?"

"I'm praying for my [deceased] son," he responded.



Adam Smith-Connor

Smith-Connor was praying silently near an abortion facility, which the British police ruled violated censorship laws in the United Kingdom. He prayed with his back to the facility "to avoid any impression of approaching or engaging any women entering or leaving the facility," his lawyers wrote.

His legal fund explained, "According to the rules of the censorship zone in which he was praying, if Adam were thinking about any other issue – the economy, immigration, or healthcare, for example – he wouldn't have been fined. It was the nature of his thoughts, his silent prayer, that got him in legal trouble."

The Judge found Smith-Connor guilty because his "hands were clasped, and his head was slightly bowed."

While British authorities warp the legal system to attack peaceful, silent prayer, Canada's government has been complicit in the mass destruction of homes of Christian faith.

In Canada, arsonists have torched dozens of churches since a 2021 hoax spread that there were mass graves of Indigenous children buried under Canadian churches. At the time, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said that anger against the Catholic Church was "fully understandable." In the process, church burnings and church vandalism has swelled, impacting Roman Catholic and Ukrainian Catholic churches, along with Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Full Gospel, Coptic, Baptist, Mennonite, Evangelical Missionary, Reformed, and United churches.

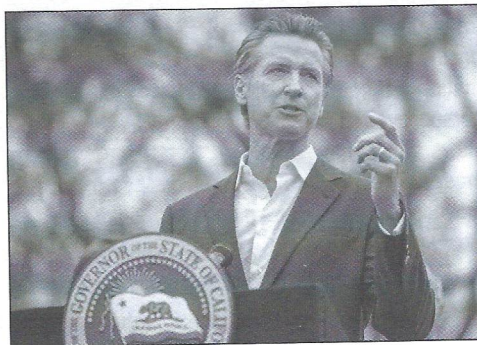
Three years later, the claims have been debunked, yet the arson continues. Notably, Trudeau and his allies have [done] nothing to denounce the *disinformation* that spawned this destruction.

From the Jacobins in France to the Bolsheviks in Russia, Christianity has long been the target of revolutionaries and society's nihilistic malcontents. America long considered itself an exception to the religious persecutions of Europe, but the Covid response disproved this point of pride.

In May of 2020, Kentucky State Police arrived at an Easter service to issue notices that attendance was criminal. They recorded the congregants' license plate numbers and issued warnings that violators were subject to further sanction. In Mississippi that year, police issued citations to a church congregation that hosted a drive-in service despite attendees remaining in their vehicles for the entire service.

In Idaho, police arrested Christians for removing their masks to sing psalms outdoors in September 2020. "We were just singing songs," said Christ Church Pastor Ben Zornes. But that was no excuse for the sin of violating an irrational and unscientific cloth commandment. "At some point in time you have to enforce," the local police chief explained.

In New York, Governor Andrew Cuomo threatened residents with \$1,000 fines for attending "drive-in" services in May 2020. "We're not trying to be rebellious," said Pastor Samson Ryman. "We're just trying to be safe and reach our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ in these difficult times when people are having anxiety, worry, different mental concerns, and they want to get some spiritual help, through the word of God." On May 3, 2020, Ryman held his first drive-in service in upstate New York with 23 attendees in 18 vehicles. The next day, Cuomo's police force issued a cease-and-desist letter.



Gavin Newsom

In California, the Santa Clara Health Department used GPS data to monitor congregants at a local evangelical church. The government partnered with a data mining company to create a "geofence" – a digital boundary – around the church's property monitoring over 65,000 mobile devices to record any citizens that spent more than four minutes in the area.

Governor Gavin Newsom limited church attendance to 25% of capacity and banned singing. In Nevada, the Governor allowed casinos to hold 50% of capacity while churches were limited to 50% capacity, no matter their respective capacity limits.

Around the country, governors deemed churches "non-essential" and barred them from opening their doors. Meanwhile, marijuana dispensaries, liquor stores, abortionists, and lotteries receive the protection of the arbitrary label of "essential services."

Notably, civic leaders had a much different approach to the George Floyd riots. When asked about the double standard, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio responded, "When you see a nation, an entire nation, simultaneously grappling with an extraordinary crisis seeded in 400 years of American racism, I'm sorry, that is not the same question as the understandably aggrieved store owner or devout religious person who wants to go back to services."

The message to that "devout religious person" was clear: there is a state religion that supersedes your First Amendment right to worship. The anointed secular saints and banished heretics.

In Washington, DC, the Mayor renamed Christmas Eve "Dr. Anthony S. Fauci Day" in 2020, a declaration only rivaled by President Biden's proclamation naming Easter Sunday "Transgender Day of Visibility" in 2024.

Christianity threatens the regime because it demands faith in something greater than the state and devotion to a creed more defined than the ever-changing slogans of socially fashionable talking points. The assault on religion is not collateral damage in the war against free expression; suppressing worship is fundamental to the cause of tyranny. ■

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# On Socialism

By Debra Mullins

Socialism, we're told, is no big deal. Some limit socialism's in-road into America to simply health-care options. Others pair socialism with essential services such as police and fire department protection. The problem is, neither of these naïve characterizations ring true. Recently, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz casually opined, "One person's socialism is another's neighborliness." His stunning caricature of what arguably is a very clear and present danger should ring alarm bells; but first, one must know the enemy. So, just what is socialism?

Economist Allen Gindler put it this way: "Socialism is a set of artificial socioeconomic systems that are characterized by varying degrees of collectivization of property, or consciousness, or the redistribution of wealth."

Drawn to warm and fuzzy labels of "Mamala" and Papa Tim, youth especially take to kindly, paternalistic figures who promise free access to basic life necessities like food, housing and healthcare. Nanny State socialists, such as Senator Bernie

Sanders, believe employment should be guaranteed as a human right. In a 2019 Town Hall, Grandpa Bernie even advocated for funding abortion and contraceptives to combat climate change!

On the so-called "upside" of socialism, it would solve humanity's problems via the creation of a completely just society, a scientifically ordered utopia through the power of social engineering. Granted, if there were no such thing as greed, envy or sloth, socialism might succeed in bringing about a more productive society marked by "neighborliness."

However, on the "downside" the word "utopia" literally means "no place." Though some nation-states boast centrally-planned economies with extensive government control over the means of production, no real-life examples of a benevolent and pure socialist nation exists. Despite numerous Marxist-inspired revolutions worldwide, a classless, utopian society has yet to materialize. Quite the contrary; entrenching socialism creates deeper divisions as those in the ruling class increase power and prestige while the rest of the population is degraded.

The socialist principle of government-managed development – often under the label of Sustainable Development – calls for revamping the infrastructure of our nation. It moves away from private

ownership and control of property towards systems of central planning and zoning in which producers are expected to provide for non-producers. This is, after all, the neighborly thing to do.

Right?

All of us view life through the lens of a chosen worldview, be it secular or religious. Revolutionized and popularized by Karl Marx – the Father of Communism – the never-never land of socialism represents one such worldview. Biblically speaking, not to work is not to eat (2 Thessalonians 3:10). Believing the State to be God, German philosopher George Hegel used dialectic to counter any such God-notion of fixed right or wrong. Instead, socialists champion "the common good." In other words, their Robin Hood approach to wealth redistribution affords for "everyone" (regardless of merit) the right to guaranteed income, proverbial bread and roses, not to mention affordable housing. Like it or not, this coveted "Great Society" compels "we, the people" to serve the State under burden of tightened regulations, bureaucratic controls and invasion of privacy.

Another point to consider is the issue of equality. The Biblical principle of *equality* ascribes intrinsic value to all (Genesis 1:27), and while right living attracts favor, sin reaps its own reward (Ezekiel 18:20). In contrast, not to be mistaken for equality before the law, egalitarianism demands an *equal outcome* for all. Kamala Harris' recent Twitter feed gave voice to this leftist-progressive narrative. In her own words, Harris aspires for "all to end up at the same place."

## Some Are More Equal

Recall George Orwell's famous book, *Animal Farm*, which decried the hypocrisy of government claiming to treat citizens equally while, at the same time, empowering a small elite. Furthermore, if you don't fit the Orwellian paradigm – or worse, you oppose it – you may face the consequences of transgressing their social vision. By way of example, Margaret Sanger is the face of egalitarianism achieved by socialism. In her world of Planned Parenthood, monochromatic outcomes are achieved by the systematic elimination of "human weeds," which at the time included blacks, the diseased, the feeble-minded, and paupers. This was centered upon an elitist implication that they – the elites, including Sanger – were of a superior gene pool and thus the agents of social change. To not be in their upper-crust category would hint that you were less than human. The apple, it seems, doesn't fall far from the tree: Today's targets – those unacceptable to the elite – are ostensibly "deplorable," "haters," and fetuses void of "personhood."

And then there is Big Government mixing with

Critical Race Theory (CRT) and identity politics, co-mingling racial divisions with aspects of socialism and political pandering. An example is Black Lives Matter (BLM), which works in-and-outside the system to "heal the past" by pushing for reparations while engaging in nepotism. Of course, CRT conveniently categorizes humanity as oppressors (the have's) and victims (the have nots). Only "some" – the so-called victims – are afforded the right to special favors. In an apparent show of solidarity, Kamala Harris hopped on board by publicly identifying as black, rather than East Indian.

Back to Margaret Sanger and her Planned Parenthood: It's ironic that she associated with Marxists and socialists while the organization she founded is one of the best-funded, most profitable non-profits. In 1969, a leaked Planned Parenthood memo disclosed Planned Parenthood's agenda—namely, family limitation, increased homosexuality, compulsory abortion/sterilization and more. And, yes, Sanger famously sexualized children. Today, vocalizing a biblical, sexual ethic to the contrary is dubbed "hate speech."

Sanger believed that, without a permit for parenthood, no woman should have the legal right to bear a child. She is further credited with shaping modern progressive thought – wokeness included – and thereby giving rise to and

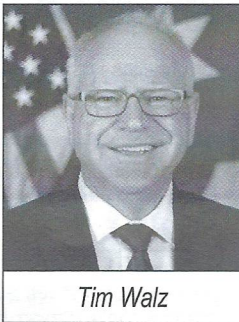
influencing the Democratic platform. Hence, it's not a surprise to see that Chicago happily welcomed a Planned Parenthood "mobile clinic" at the 2024 Democratic National Convention. In homage, Sen. Cory Booker applauded abortion as "one of the most sacrosanct ideas in our country."

All are equal, claims the narrative, but some are always "more equal."

Claiming systemic racism in American culture, the Pulitzer Prize-winning *1619 Project* praised abortion, defunding the police, revoking the right to bear arms, reparations and socialism – all components of a true Marxist revolution, and complicit with the progressive narrative and Harris' political agenda.

## Ordo Ab Chao

The Frankfurt School, a German institution initially consisting of dissident Marxists, serves as a sort of outpost for European Bolshevism in America. After Hitler arose to power, the Frankfurt School – otherwise known as the Institute for Social Research – found a welcoming home in New York City's



Tim Walz



Margaret Sanger



Columbia University. It synthesized Marxism with Nietzsche and Freud, offering a critical theory of social dynamics. The result; a new phase in cultural revolution, one that deeply impacted America during the 1960s and afterwards.

Simply put, radical progressives target and then groom today's youth for the cause of revolution. Victimization theories hook these youth; hard core action promises to ensure a just, peaceful, sustainable society; revisionist history serves as its catalyst; and Marxism assumes center stage in directing the social revolution at hand.

The strategy is loosely based on the Latin phrase *Ordo Ab Chao*, translated "Out of Chaos Comes Order," and inciting chaos inevitably sets the stage for totalitarian controls designed to reestablish order. Propagandized youth who push to the forefront of antisemitic protests, BLM riots, and the CHOP debacle have been groomed and used by handlers. Following an unthinkable cruel Hamas attack on Israel, college students across the country – Columbia included – organized demonstrations against the attack's victims. Ivy league antisemites demanded Israel's utter extinction "from the river to the sea," but drew a blank when asked by media, "What river? What sea?"

The label "useful idiot" comes to mind.

In the cause of societal transformation, Friedrich Engels – Marx's partner – famously declared war on religion. For transitioning from the old- to a new-order, he advocated "forcible overthrow" of all existing social conditions. God is enjoined only when His mention serves the cause. To the point, the first director-general of the World Health Organization, Brock Chisholm, necessitated removal of individualism, loyalty to family traditions, national patriotism and religious dogmas. Margaret Sanger admitted that even birth control is "calculated to undermine the authority of the Christian churches."

Recently, when a peaceful protester proclaimed Jesus as LORD and King, Kamala quipped, "Oh, you guys are at the wrong rally." Clearly, Kamala has waged her own war on religion – this, by remaining silent on repeal of the unconstitutional Johnson Amendment, weakening the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and advancing the radically a-biblical, pro-LGBTQ Equality Act. During the pandemic, Kamala opposed religious exemptions from the vaccine and favored closing churches, but not liquor or cannabis stores.

## Conclusion

Ask citizens of Czechoslovakia, Laos, Shanghai, Hungary, Romania, Poland and South Vietnam. They will confirm that socialism in America is a big deal.

Contrary to puppet naysayers, the looming threat of next-step communism is by no means dead. To propagandize that "one person's socialism is another's neighborliness" would be laughable were it not such a dangerous mischaracterization.

The inimitable Dietrich Bonhoeffer reminds us, as Christians, that "silence in the face of evil is itself evil." Fiddling while one's nation burns is not biblically defensible. When informed Christians speak, stand and vote for issues (not personalities) – this, in alignment with God's Word – "the lot is cast into the lap" and "its every decision is from the LORD." (Proverbs 16:33)

Indicting fear, faithlessness, wrong motive and passivity, King David queried, "Is there not a cause?" (1 Samuel 17:29).

Indeed, there is. ■

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# Climate Gifting at COP29

By Alex Newman

Note: Alex Newman attended the 29th UN Climate Change Conference (COP29) in November. This is one of his reports on what transpired.

Hand over at least a trillion dollars per year for "climate finance," or else. And do it while waging war on your own economy. How? By restricting affordable energy, agriculture, transportation, and other key sectors responsible for dreaded "emissions." That is the main message from governments and international bureaucrats at this year's United Nations climate summit held in Baku, Azerbaijan.

While many other issues are being discussed, the primary objective of the 29th annual UN global-

warming confab is to fund a permanent mechanism for extracting and redistributing trillions of dollars – literally – from what remains of the Western middle class. It is premised on the idea that CO2 emissions from the West have caused "climate change." Therefore, Western governments owe developing countries "reparations."

UN Climate Change boss Simon Stiell warned,

We can no longer rely on small streams of finance. We need torrents of funding. They need to be easier to access, especially for the most vulnerable countries that often face the biggest barriers... The global financial system must evolve to meet these needs... The funding exists. We need to unlock and unblock it.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres, former leader of the Socialist International, echoed those demands in his opening speech at the summit,

COP29 must tear down the walls of climate finance. Developing countries must not leave Baku empty-handed. A deal is a must... Critical to success [is] a significant increase in concessional public finance [and mobilization of] the trillions of dollars developing countries need.

Continued the UN chief,

We need climate justice. Particularly, a surge in pledges to the new Loss and Damage Fund, and

commitments turning into cash — with finance pouring into the Fund's coffers... There is no time to lose. On climate finance, the world must pay up, or humanity will pay the price... Climate finance is not charity, it's an investment. Climate action is not optional, it's an imperative.

Among other sources of funding, Stiell, Guterres, and even rulers of "developing" nations such as the Chinese Communist Party called for Western governments to start handing over trillions from their taxpayers. They are also calling on tax-funded "multilateral development banks" such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to step up. Even the private sector is being called upon to fork over the cash.

## International Taxes, Carbon Markets, Carbon Credits

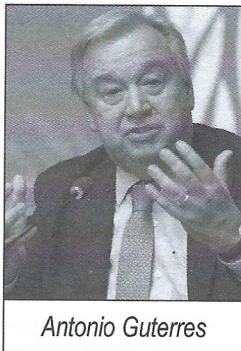
Guterres, meanwhile, called for new taxes on everything from shipping and aviation to energy production. "Polluters must pay," he said, reiterating the UN's hypothesis that human emissions of CO2 are driving dangerous climate change. "The resources available may seem insufficient. But they can be multiplied with a meaningful change in how the multilateral system works. Big sums require big change."



Simon Stiell



Just as significant as the new taxes and outright wealth redistribution, Guterres also demanded that governments create “effective carbon markets.” This would allow Big Banks and Big Oil, among other cronies, to extract enormous amounts of money from energy consumers and taxpayers under the guise of putting a “price” on emissions of the gas of life (CO<sub>2</sub>) exhaled by every person on Earth.



Antonio Guterres

According to leading officials at the UN summit, there is broad agreement on the idea of creating a new market out of thin air to trade carbon credits. “There is consensus on the carbon market issue that was an immediate result of COP,” argued Hikmet Hajiyev, foreign policy advisor to Islamo-Marxist dictator of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev. He added that the “loss and damage” reparations fund would also be “operational” soon.

Helping lead the charge is an alliance of 134 governments and dictatorships known as the Group of 77 Plus China (G77 + China). The coalition, which includes numerous mass-murdering regimes infamous for oppression and pollution, is demanding at least \$1.3 trillion annually starting in 2026 from taxpayers in the United States, Europe, Canada, Australia, Japan, and South Korea.

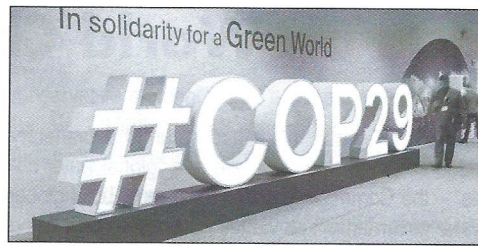
Separately, a report from the “Independent High-Level Expert Group on Climate Finance” found that annual wealth transfers would have to increase to “at least” \$1.3 trillion per year within a decade if governments do not “act now” to rein in alleged climate change. Meanwhile, a parade of “economists” at COP29 claimed a bare minimum would be \$1 trillion per year, a figure that has been widely echoed in media reports.

Under the heading of New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) for “climate finance” in the draft agreement, options originally ranged from \$100 billion up to \$2 trillion. The latest draft mentions that the number will be in the “trillions,” but does not specify a precise figure yet. Where all that money will come from, where it will go, and how it will be extracted is not yet clear.

So far, the European Union and its member regimes have indicated a willingness to increase the current figures from around \$116 billion in 2022 to potentially two-to-three times that much. However, with Donald Trump returning to the White House and Republican majorities in control of both houses of Congress next year, the Biden administration’s promises to funnel more U.S. wealth are being viewed with skepticism.

## Western Leaders Complicit

Still, plenty of Western leaders are excited about the prospect of handing out more of their struggling tax-



payers’ money into the “loss and damage” and “green climate” slush funds. Aside from the EU, numerous European governments have pledged to send their taxpayers’ wealth to Third World kleptocracies in ever larger amounts for as long as it takes.

Success at COP29 means getting “the amount of money [needed] flowing from the developed world to the developing world,” argued former U.K. Prime Minister Tony Blair, outlining various ways that could happen. With that in mind, current far-left Prime Minister Keir Starmer took the stage in Baku and boasted of a plan to “mobilize” almost \$100 billion.

The Biden administration boasted that it spent over \$11 billion of U.S. taxpayer money on surging levels of “bilateral climate financing” just this year. “The fight against climate change has been a defining cause of President Biden’s leadership and presidency,” gushed a statement by the administration as COP29 got underway. That \$11 billion makes “The United States the largest bilateral provider of climate finance in the world.”

There were countless proposals offered for siphoning more wealth from the Western middle class, including taxes on meat, as just one example. Speaking on a panel at the UN conference, Jerrold Remmers, the managing director of True Animal Protein Price, called for new taxes on farmers and ranchers to put into the slush funds. “Producers of meat and dairy should pay for the damage they cause,” argued Remmers.

“We also want to give some of the revenues of those taxes to consumers to reduce prices of healthy foods like vegetables, fruits, and plant-based meat [sic],” he continued. “On top of that, if there’s money left, it’s really important [that] we should also pay for the loss and damage fund, because when we eat meat and dairy this is causing like 20 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions.”

## Trump and America

The agenda to extort Americans ran into some serious difficulties with the reelection of Trump. The president-elect, who has repeatedly called the man-made global-warming hypothesis a “hoax” and a “scam,” has been a major obstacle to the agenda already.

And despite some signs of hope for climate alarmists, it is only expected to get worse for the narrative once Trump is sworn in.

It is widely assumed that, among other policies, he will follow through on promises to again exit the UN Paris Agreement and stop the flow of U.S. tax money to the UN’s “climate” process. While some attendees expressed hope that he may change his mind, governments were frantically searching for new ways to make up the shortfall even as US state and local leaders pledged to keep working with the UN.

Most Americans, of course, do not even believe the man-made global-warming hypothesis, recent polls show. Only about a third of Republicans buy in. And so, two longer-term strategies to keep the “climate” agenda on the march despite Trump are censoring dissent and indoctrinating children. Both of those schemes received a major boost at COP29 in Baku.

## Censorship and Indoctrination

After partnering with Google to promote UN propaganda on climate and silence critics two years ago, UN boss Guterres announced a new partnership with UNESCO and the Marxist, censorship-obsessed regime of Brazil called the “Global Initiative for Information Integrity on Climate Change.” The goal is to fight “climate disinformation,” Guterres said. Few details have been released so far.

On the education front, the Islamo-Marxist regime in Azerbaijan partners with UNESCO and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development to include “climate literacy” in international standardized academic tests. Known as PISA, the assessments are used worldwide. With “climate” added in by 2029, the UN will be able to ensure that all governments are adequately brainwashing children in public schools.

To find out what’s really going on, it’s essential to “follow the money.” Governments and the UN are plotting to steal trillions from the embattled middle class in what used to be known as “Christendom” or the “Free World.” And it will all be handed out to kleptocrats and their cronies. It has nothing to do with “climate change,” which serves as a convenient albeit discredited pretext.

This proposed grand theft on a global scale masquerading as “climate finance” represents an existential threat to liberty, prosperity, and civilization. With trillions at their disposal to oppress humanity and dismantle freedom, the united tyrants of the world will be almost unstoppable. As such, the incoming Trump administration and Congress must treat this as the mortal threat that it is. ■

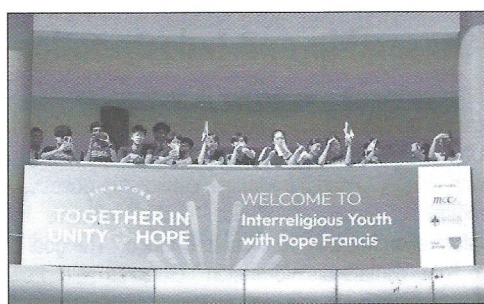
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# Fast Facts on World Change

## Pope: Different Paths to God

During his trip to Singapore in mid-September, Pope Francis made a statement that shook up some within the Catholic faith. Speaking to an interfaith audience of youth, he said "Religions are seen as paths trying to reach God. I will use an analogy: They are like different languages that express the divine." Then, promoting the cause of world peace, he added, "If you start to fight, 'my religion is more important than yours, mine is true and yours isn't', where will that lead us? There's only one God, and each of us has a language to arrive at God. Some are Sikh, Muslim, Hindu, Christian, and they are different paths [to God]."



Pope Francis' statement should not come as a surprise. Over the years he has been active in fostering and participating in global interfaith meetings and projects.

Indeed, later in September the Pontiff sent a message to the International Meeting of Prayer for Peace, held in Paris. Calling on the spirit of Assisi – the famous 1986 interfaith gathering led by Pope John Paul II – Francis asked attendees to "imagine peace," saying that the "urgent task of the religions is to foster visions of peace."

"As men and women of different cultures and religious beliefs, you have experienced the power and beauty of universal fraternity. This is the vision our world needs today," the Pope explained. A few sentences later he reiterated the idea of "every faith" holding divine inspiration: "We need to keep meeting, to weave bonds of fraternity and to allow ourselves to be guided by the divine inspiration present in every faith, in order to join in 'imagining peace' among all peoples."

## Global Water Governance

In the fall of 2024, the Global Commission on the Economics of Water released their anticipated report, *The Economics of Water: Valuing the Hydrological Cycle as a Global Common Good*. The recommendations and trajectory of the project is profound in its scope.

Recognizing that the water cycle "flows through all our 17 [United Nations] Sustainable Development

Goals," and proclaiming that water is a planetary resource at risk – that we are in a "global water crisis" – the Commission writes: "We must build global water governance that values water as an organising principle, recognises that water is both a local and global issue."

Such an organizing principle, it was explained, would come through the implementation of a *Global Water Pact*, an international framework that would set the course for legal and economic restructuring down to the local level. Water would therefore be priced to ensure conservation, and new rules and deeper regulations would mean new layers of management, and new taxes and fees. A "circular water economy" would thus come into being, along with "a new revolution in food systems." A "global water governance mechanism" would be established to "ensure a comprehensive strategy to deploy collective local to global action on water."

The Commission in charge of this project is a compilation of the international community: officials from the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, the United Nations, OECD, Club of Rome, and government representatives (the Commission is co-chaired by the President of Singapore). Contributing researchers and presenters come from leading universities, the World Trade Organization and World Bank, OECD, the Indian Institute for Human Settlements, Club of Rome, World Economic Forum, and the United Nations.

## Interfaith Appeal for World Governance

At the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan in November 2024, an interfaith declaration was circulated to attendees. This declaration, titled *Protecting Our Common Climate System: Earth Governance for a Sustainable Future*, was an appeal to create a system of global governance to address climate change. It was signed by approximately 400 faith representatives and members of civil society organizations.

One of the recommendations was to issue a "UN Declaration of Planetary Emergency" around climate change, thus onboarding a "cooperative global emergency action-plan" with the UN managing the task of linking national plans within a global framework. According to the Climate Governance Commission, a coalition of world-change organizations under the heading of MEGA – Mobilizing an Earth Governance Alliance – such a planetary emergency would initiate a "global de-carbonizing package." If you're thinking that a "planetary emergency" and coordinating national responses sounds like something from the Covid-World Health Organization playbook, you're on to something; the international Covid/WHO response provided a model for future declared emergencies.

*Protecting Our Common Climate System* offered a blueprint for global government. Here are some of its other recommendations:

- That national governments "fully implement the human right to a healthy environment, as well as the rights of nature."
- To support the International Court of Justice (ICJ) regarding its upcoming climate change decision. [Note: this is a court case initiated by a group called World's Youth for Climate Justice, and when the ICJ issues its opinion, this will then be implemented inside UN bodies and other international forums].
- To add "ecocide as a crime" to the repertoire of the International Criminal Court.
- To create an International Court for the Environment.
- To negotiate a *Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty* that would phase out petroleum production [Note: 14 countries, along with the World Health Organization and the European Parliament have already endorsed the proposal].
- To establish an Earth System Council as the fourth pillar within the UN system.
- To create a UN Earth Trusteeship, a legal/political framework that would place "natural entities" – mountains, lakes, rivers, national parks, the atmosphere, etc – under the management of this new global body.

According to this interfaith document, such steps are necessary in order "to build effective global governance to facilitate the high level of cooperative action required to protect the climate."

## New Governance Architecture

The Club of Rome, an elite organization working for a new international order, in cooperation with The Council for the Human Future, held a roundtable this past July with representatives from like-minded groups. The outcome was a report titled *A World Call to Action*, stressing that the Earth is facing multiple interlocking crises of magnitude, what is now called the *polycrisis*; climate change, biodiversity loss, war and conflict, misinformation, "uncontrolled use of AI," and gender inequality to name but a few.

With planetary crisis in mind, the report stated: "Global risks call for global solutions."

It further noted that "there is currently no World Plan of Action for dealing with all these risks, or even agreement to form one." Therefore, according to the same group that gave us the *Limits to Growth* report in 1972, with its false doomsday scenarios based on erroneous computer models, humanity needs to restructure how we govern ourselves if we are to avert the polycrisis. Here are the report's



recommendations on rebuilding the “architecture of our governance systems worldwide.”

- Strengthen global governance by creating a People’s Assembly within the United Nations, and create new ways to fund the UN.
- Create an Earth System Council, giving the UN system the capacity to pass binding legislation to protect our planetary environment, as part of the recognition of the Common Heritage of Humankind.
- Develop an Earth System Treaty, under the UN, which legally commits all signatories to work together to prevent the ten major threats. All nations and all Earth citizens must be free to sign, and pledge themselves to a safer future.
- Ensure the responsible and smooth transition of governance to coming generations.
- Reform the Bretton Woods (world monetary) institutions.

## BRICS Posturing

In late October 2024, the BRICS group of nations met in Kazan, Russia to discuss an alternative to the Western world order. Now this wasn’t a rejection of the United Nations system; rather, the summit affirmed the UN agenda, including the Sustainable Development Goals and the Climate Change narrative. It also upheld the World Health Organization, the World Trade Organization, and the G20. Moreover, the final *Kazan Declaration* took a strong stance against Israel, emphasizing “grave concern” over the “Occupied Palestinian Territory” along with its desire to grant the “State of Palestine full membership in the United Nations” with “East Jerusalem as its capital.”

With the above in mind, it is evident BRICS is seeking to counterbalance the United States within a reformed international system. While Russia has been rejected by the West, the BRICS alliance – which is growing – demonstrates that a large part of the world is on side with Moscow. The UN itself, it is argued, must then be re-aligned to reflect this multipolar reality. In other words, America’s post-World War II position within the international system is being challenged.

And it’s not just in the arena of the United Nations that BRICS is asserting itself; the alliance is pressing forward with an alternative financial infrastructure, potentially including a BRICS common currency.

The BRICS nations include Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, now in cooperation with Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. More than thirty other countries have expressed interest in joining BRICS.

## Pagans at the Polls

This fall, as the US elections were nearing, the Pagan online publication, *Wild Hunt*, conducted a

survey to see how the larger Pagan community was leaning politically. Acknowledging that there is a conservative element within the broader movement, the *Wild Hunt* findings nevertheless – and not surprisingly – revealed a more progressive left stance overall.

In terms of candidate support, 87% of respondents favored the Harris/Walz ticket, 6% backed Trump/Vance, and the remainder supported third-party candidates. Notably, 55% of participants had already voted, while another 40% expressed strong intentions to vote.

When asked about the most important issues influencing their votes, respondents identified several priorities. Abortion rights emerged as the top concern, with nearly 87% of participants selecting it. Other frequently mentioned issues included religious freedom, LGBTQ2SI+ rights, climate change, and healthcare, each selected by around 70% of respondents.

*Wild Hunt* had an open comments section embedded in their survey, and this elicited some strong feelings of anxiety over the potential of Trump taking the Oval Office.

- “I am a ball of constant anxiety, I just want to be allowed to live and not fear for everyone I love. Calling every willing deity out there right now.”
- “I’m exhausted by elections feeling (and being) such a life or death thing. I’d like to know I’ll be ok no matter what, but I will not feel safe if Trump wins.”
- “First time I have ever been terrified of the ‘wrong’ results.”
- “I can’t imagine the horror of living in a country governed by the likes of Trump and Vance. I’m almost 89 years old, so I don’t expect to live another four years, but I really worry about what my son, daughter, and granddaughter might have to face.”

One responder put it this way: “This is the clearest choice yet between an oligarchical pseudo-democracy and outright fascist, genocidal autocracy.”

*Wild Hunt* noted the following: “As Election Day approaches, it’s clear that members of the Pagan community in the United States are feeling the weight of this pivotal moment. A few readers forecast that Harris will win, but they would not offer much confidence in that statement.”

## Latter-day Saints and Climate Change

While most Mormons are patriotic, pro-America, freedom-loving people with conservative political leanings, some of their leaders are now regularly seen at globalist interfaith gatherings, especially those with an emphasis on the environment and climate change. For example, at last year’s Global Faith

Leaders Summit in the United Arab Emirates, Elder Patrick Kearon, Senior President of the Seventy, spoke on the importance of families in teaching “good earthly stewardship.” Elder Anthony Perkins, President of the Middle East/Africa North Area, and Elder Roland Bäck, Second Counselor in the Area Presidency, were also among the participants.

According to a news release,

The two-day event in Abu Dhabi focused on environmental sustainability and promotion of interfaith dialogue. It was convened under the patronage of the United Arab Emirates president, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and organized by the Muslim Council of Elders in collaboration with the COP28 Presidency, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Ministry of Tolerance and Coexistence of the UAE. The summit gathered representatives of Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Sikhism and other religious traditions from around the world. It also included government officials and scholars. Various breakout sessions were held during the summit on the topics of youth and women’s interreligious initiatives and joint actions to solve environmental issues.<sup>1</sup>

At the summit, “Elder Kearon called for a unified effort involving governments, faith and community leaders, media, industry, scholars and families.”<sup>2</sup> Much of what he spoke fits well with the UN’s globalist environmental agenda. One of our sources informed us that a Mormon leader also attended the UN’s COP28 conference and that the Church has hired Aaron Sherinian as its communications director. Sherinian, according to our source, is closely tied to the World Economic Forum and is a UN puppet.

While the Latter-day Saints influence within the one-world movement is limited (compared to some of the other prominent players such as the WEF, the UN and the Vatican), it is not insignificant; the LDS Church is a powerful entity. The Mormon people need to be aware of their Church’s growing involvement in the globalist agenda, and recognize the danger. ■

## Endnotes

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# Global Calendar of Events 2025

Each year, *Hope For The World Update* provides a Global Calendar so you can assess international events and agendas, and the direction that the world is taking. This calendar, however, is very limited. It only provides a snapshot, as there are hundreds if not thousands of counter-Christian globalist events that take place each year, with each one demonstrating the intensity of our shifting cultural, spiritual, and political landscape.

## January 20-24: World Economic Forum Annual Meeting.

**Where: Davos, Switzerland.**

The World Economic Forum (WEF) is a global hub connecting the international community – particularly the United Nations – with international financial players, multinational corporations, social change agents, and approved special interest groups. Together, under the umbrella of the WEF, new initiatives and campaigns are forged in the quest to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and usher in a global management paradigm. And each year the annual Davos meeting acts as their flagship gathering; a place where elites coordinate action items, make commitments, and re-position themselves to press forward the agreed upon planetary narratives.

## January 21: Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-Based Organizations.

**Where: New York City.**

Hosted by the World Council of Churches in cooperation with United Religions Initiative along with Religions for Peace, Islamic Relief and other faith groups, this symposium will “speak into the agenda of key global themes.” According to the event website, this symposium will intersect with United Nations goals. Event invitations will be sent to partnering faith organizations, member states, and UN agencies.

## February 1-7: United Nations Interfaith Harmony Week.

**Where: Global.**

The interfaith movement is one of the most influential vehicles for inciting global change – joining diverse religious communities around the goals of the United Nations, the narratives around climate change, sustainable development, social justice, and economic restructuring. Hence, during the UN Interfaith Harmony Week, many events will take place around the world as religious and spiritual leaders unite in cooperating with the international community. The bottom line: this is an exercise in “spiritual politics” – the active involvement of faith leaders supporting global governance agendas.

## February 5: Youth Interfaith Summit.

**Where: London, UK.**

Youth from different religious backgrounds will gather to discuss how, as young people, they can use the voice of united faiths to speak about global climate change. Here are some lines from the proposed agenda: “participants will begin crafting their own narratives, with a focus on amplifying marginalized voices... explore the different methods of communicating climate change using digital media... how young people of faith can have a significant impact on climate policy decisions at a national level... how young people can get more involved in the climate space at an international level and why this is important.”

This event is hosted by the Faith and Belief Forum and the London School of Economics Faith Centre: “The Youth Interfaith Summit is the largest youth-based interfaith gathering in the UK.”

## February 6: Faith For Our Planet.

**Where: Brussels, Belgium.**

To be held at the European Parliament, this one-day climate conference is about building an “inclusive global coalition” with key EU policymakers, “revered faith leaders,” and climate activists. According to the event’s website: “As the world confronts climate change – the greatest existential threat to our planet – the need for united action has never been more urgent.”

Goals include seeing how faith groups can help refine the approach of policy makers, how land and financial resources held by faith organizations can be used to support climate decisions (including funding of climate initiatives), and how to “speed up the adoption of climate strategies at the community level.”

This event will be joined by representatives from the United Nations and African Union.

## February 11-13: World Government Summit.

**Where: Dubai, UAE.**

Government representatives and global leaders will deliberate this year’s theme, “Shaping Future Governments.” Participants will explore subjects like effective governance and accountability, the global economy and mobilizing capital, crisis response and resiliency, transforming the global health industry, and future technological trends.

What makes the annual World Government Summit important is that it’s a high-level platform that links emerging technologies with innovations in governance

to “solve universal challenges facing humanity.” This is a blatant one-world event, as its name suggests.

## March 5-7: World Sustainable Development Summit.

**Where: New Delhi, India.**

This is an annual flagship event bringing to the table heads-of-state, government ministers, members of the United Nations and World Bank, advisors and policy experts, representatives from major institutions and foundations – like the Rockefeller Foundation – and banking and industry leaders. The purpose is to forge partnerships and strengthen collective action regarding climate change and the UN Sustainable Development Goals within the framework of global governance.

## March 21-23: Paganicon.

**Where: Plymouth, Minnesota.**

Paganicon is an annual conference with workshops featuring some of America’s leading Witches and Pagans. Throughout the event various occult/earth-centered ceremonies and rituals take place; there are networking and socializing side events, hospitality suits with publishers and Pagan groups, and a gala evening.

Paganicon is but one of many Pagan/Witchcraft events taking place each year, and it represents the growing acceptance of Paganism as an earth-based religious movement.



## March 27: National Faith + Climate Forum.

**Where: USA.**

The National Faith + Climate Forum is an annual, national program working with hundreds of churches and faith leaders to raise awareness around climate change, actively working to build up environmental activism within congregations, using the umbrella term of “creation care.” The Forum takes place online and in-person, wherever churches are hosting the simultaneous event. Last year, over 1,400 people from 515 congregations representing twenty denominations and faith groups participated. Forum attendees can also take the *Blessed Tomorrow* training to become Climate Ambassadors, or link-in with the *One Home One Future* campaign, both of which are designed to empower participants as environmental change agents.

This event is driven by ecoAmerica, an environmental/climate change action group that receives funding from endowments like the MacArthur Foundation, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the Lilly Endowment and the Schwab Charitable Fund, with buy-in from the Excelsior Impact Fund.



ecoAmerica has a similar campaign working with the nation's leading health institutions "to make climate change a top national health priority."

#### **April 15-17: ECOSOC Youth Forum.**

##### **Where: New York City.**

Each year, ECOSOC – the United Nations Economic and Social Council – brings together youth leaders and youth organizations to integrate this generation's voice into global decision-making. Here, arising leaders offer collective ideas, collaborate over global issues, and project their concerns and aspirations within the UN system. In turn, the ECOSOC experience elevates these youth as global experts.

#### **April 22: Earth Day/International Mother Earth Day.**

##### **Where: Global.**

The first Earth Day took place on April 22, 1970, and since then, millions of people have demonstrated their loyalty to the planet on this special day of recognition. From elementary schools to universities, from large corporations to government agencies, from church groups to branches of the military, there is hardly a sector of society that hasn't somehow observed or incorporated Earth Day.

In light of this global celebration, and playing into its spiritual meaning – really, a Romans 1 switch from worshiping the Creator to venerating creation – the United Nations has determined that April 22 is officially Mother Earth Day.

#### **May 22-26: NATO Parliament Assembly Spring Session.**

##### **Where: Dayton, Ohio.**

Most people think about NATO purely in terms of military action; however, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization also has a parliamentary function. In each session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, official delegates from member states – along with observer nations and organizations – work through the political and military nature of the alliance, thereby linking national commitments to the larger NATO program. Resolutions are voted on with an eye toward creating international norms, filling gaps between the alliance's military structure, defense industrial and technological cooperation between members, and financing.

Discussions at the upcoming Spring Session will continue to focus on the Ukraine/Russia war – including the question of Ukraine's potential membership in NATO – along with other regional tensions and conflict issues.

#### **June 15-22: Pagan Spirit Gathering.**

##### **Where: White Lake, Wisconsin.**

Pagan Spirit Gathering (PSG) is America's oldest and largest outdoor gathering of Witches, Druids, Heathens, and other neo-Pagans. PSG runs daily workshops, rituals, and communal ceremonies – and it is well known in the Pagan community for its trans-

formational capacity, acting as an incubator of ideas and providing a space for networking. PSG also runs a youth program with special workshops and activities for children and teens.

#### **June 19-21: IPU Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue.**

##### **Where: Rome, Italy.**

Created in 1889, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is the longest running, multinational assembly of parliamentarians in the world, playing an often-understated role within the international community. However, starting in 2022, the IPU embarked on a new strategy that would see it linking with faith leaders in pursuit of United Nations agendas: sustainable development, climate, world peace, social inclusion, etc.

Last year the IPU held its first Interfaith Dialogue in Morocco, bringing together parliamentarians and faith groups, including the World Evangelical Alliance. Now, in 2025, the IPU is holding its second Interfaith conference, bringing it to Rome in order to align it with the Vatican's *Year of Jubilee*, and more specifically, with its *Jubilee of Governments*.

#### **July 8-11: AI for Good Global Summit.**

##### **Where: Geneva, Switzerland.**

Hosted by the International Telecommunication Union, an agency of the United Nations, the AI for Good Global Summit will bring together top Artificial Intelligence developers with high-level "global decision makers." The purpose: "to identify practical applications of AI, accelerate progress towards the UN SDGs [Sustainable Development Goals] and scale solutions for global impact." Or another way of saying it; to ensure AI empowers the United Nations global agenda.



#### **July 14-23: High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.**

##### **Where: New York City.**

The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development is the main United Nations platform in which governments negotiate Sustainable Development goals. Those involved include heads-of-state, ministerial-level representatives and diplomats, special advisors, members of inter-governmental organizations, and United Nations officials. This year's theme revolves around "inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda."

#### **November 4-6: United Nations World Social Summit.**

##### **Where: Qatar.**

The first UN World Social Summit took place in Copenhagen in 1995. It set a global agenda pronouncing social integration, eradicating poverty, moving towards full employment, and mobilizing national resources to achieve UN benchmarks as laid out in the *Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development*. The *Declaration* claimed to affirm "the material and spiritual needs of individuals, their families and the communities in which they live..." Years later, these social goals would become components of the Sustainable Development Goals.

In 2025, this second World Social Summit seeks global commitments to social justice, equity and inclusion, "universal social protection... including universal health coverage," along with the UN *Agenda 2030* platform – creating a "sustainable global society."

The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) infers the Summit is about "collective action," allowing the world to "act collectively to achieve common goals." As DESA stated: "It is time to respond by shaping a socially sustainable development path towards a better future, with the 2030 *Agenda for Sustainable Development* and the *Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development* as our guiding lights."

#### **November 10-21: UN Climate Change Conference (COP30).**

##### **Where: Belem, Brazil.**

In November 2024, one year before COP30 and in anticipation of this global climate gathering, Brazil's President Lula placed this summit in a dramatic context: "COP30 will be our last chance to avoid an irreversible rupture in the climate system."

President Lula's statement is another example of the non-stop scary climate rhetoric. The international community has consistently relied upon frightening language to push their agenda. No doubt COP30 will, once again, contribute more layers to this agenda, more calls for wealth redistribution, more national commitments to the narrative, more systems of management, more negotiations around new global financial structures and governance mechanisms. It is expected that COP30 will focus on Indigenous concerns around climate (note: Indigenous spirituality is routinely upheld in the global community as the model worldview); "climate justice" – essentially the Global North and "the rich" paying climate reparations and progressive taxes;





and the possibility of creating a Climate Change Council at the United Nations.

### **November 10-21: Global Citizens' Assembly.**

**Where: Belem, Brazil.**

Set to operate alongside COP30, and even help shape it, a coalition of organizations – with the cooperation of the Government of Brazil – will be holding a “grassroots” citizens’ assembly as a type of parallel world parliament to the UN’s climate summit. Their hope is that this will be more than just a temporary experiment; the Global Citizens’ Assembly is to become a permanent structure within the international community.

Such an idea isn’t new.

During the 1978 UN Special Session on Disarmament, a “Peoples Assembly” took place across the street from the United Nations building in New York City. Then in the late 1990s several non-governmental organizations

worked to birth a People’s Assembly, an initiative that was partially responsible for creating the UN Millennium Forum. There is also an ongoing project known as the Campaign for a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly, which seeks something similar, albeit with elected national representatives. Other attempts have been made to formulate a Citizens/Peoples permanent body, and so while the idea isn’t new, it’s also not going away. In other words, efforts will continue until “something sticks.”

The Global Citizens’ Assembly being proposed for COP30 has the support of the governments of Brazil and Vanuatu, the European Climate Foundation, and a network of like-minded organizations. Moreover, the University of Canberra is acting as the network’s secretariat. And finally, behind the push for the Assembly is the UK-based Iswe Foundation, with a list of partners including the World Health Organization, the UN Climate Change office, the University of Oxford, the government of Scotland and the Cabinet Office of the UK, plus more organizations and foundations.

### **December 8-12: United Nations Environment Assembly.**

**Where: Nairobi, Kenya.**

The UN Environment Assembly is the “highest decision-making body on environmental matters in the UN system.” According to the UNEA website: “It sets the global environmental agenda, provides overarching policy guidance, and defines policy responses to address emerging environmental challenges.”

The UNEA’s proposed theme is “Solutions for an equitable and resilient planet.” As one of the Assembly’s background papers pointed out, “[a] resilient planet hinges on fair, balanced, and equitable transitions to circularity and sustainable economies and societies.” In other words, all sectors – agriculture, industry, energy, transportation – along with traditional capitalism, must be harnessed to serve the global narrative of transformation. ■

## **Quotable Quotes on Artificial Intelligence – by Chat GPT**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is said to be one of the most powerful tools developed in human history. Sundar Pichai, the CEO of Google, put it this way: “AI is one of the most important things humanity is working on. It is more profound than electricity or fire.”

Sundar’s statement is alarming, and it begs the question; what is AI “thinking” when it comes to its own potential? More than that, from a religious and spiritual point of view, how does it see itself as an agent of transformation? So an interesting thought experiment was designed for this edition of *Quotable Quotes*. ChatGPT, an artificial intelligence platform, was asked a series of questions with built-in assumptions. Here are the prompts/questions and answers. Notice how the responses mirror the world’s mindset.

**Prompt:** “Give me three original quotes on the future of artificial intelligence, created by ChatGPT.”

**Answers:**

1. “The future of AI will not just be about machines becoming smarter; it will be about humans and machines learning to collaborate in ways that unlock new possibilities.”
2. “Artificial intelligence will evolve as a reflection of our values, challenging us to define not just what machines can do, but what we want them to help us become.”
3. “As AI evolves, it will not only redefine technology but also reshape our understanding of creativity, problem-solving, and even what it means to be human.”

**Prompt:** “Give me three original quotes on how religion will be altered by artificial intelligence, created by ChatGPT.”

**Answers:**

1. “As AI bridges knowledge and imagination, it challenges religious traditions to evolve, fostering dialogues between ancient wisdom and modern innovation.”
2. “As artificial intelligence evolves, it will challenge religions to adapt, inviting faiths to explore profound questions about consciousness, morality, and the divine in new ways.”
3. “Artificial intelligence will redefine religion by expanding how we interpret sacred texts, creating a space where technology complements spirituality without replacing it.”

**Prompt:** “Give me three original quotes on the spiritual influence of artificial intelligence, created by ChatGPT.”

**Answers:**

1. “In the age of artificial intelligence, we may find that the greatest spiritual evolution lies not in what AI can do for us, but in how it teaches us to look inward, fostering a deeper understanding of our own humanity and interconnectedness.”
2. “As artificial intelligence evolves, it may invite humanity to reconsider its place in the universe, sparking a new spiritual awakening where consciousness, technology, and the divine intersect.”
3. “Artificial intelligence may not possess a soul, but its existence invites us to reconsider the nature of consciousness, prompting a spiritual awakening about the essence of being and the divine in all things.”



# UNRWA and Hamas

By Bassam Tawil

Since the October 7, 2023, Hamas-led attack on Israel, in which terrorists from Gaza murdered 1,200 Israelis, there has been increased evidence of the role the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) plays in supporting and funding Palestinian terrorism.

In early November, Israel passed a new law that will ban UNRWA's operations in Israel, and prevent Israeli officials from cooperating with the agency. Given UNRWA's longtime support for Hamas in the Gaza Strip, the ban will benefit not only Israel, but also those Palestinians who are not affiliated with the Iran-backed Palestinian terrorist group.

The law came after the discovery that several terrorists who participated in the October 7 atrocities – which included murder, rape, beheadings and kidnappings – were officially employed by UNRWA. The United Nations has even admitted that nine UNRWA staff members “will be sacked because they may have been involved in the October 7 Hamas-led attacks against Israel.” The accusations surfaced earlier this year, when Israel presented evidence to UNRWA of the involvement of 12 of its staff members in the atrocities. UNRWA identified and terminated the employment of ten of them. Two were confirmed dead.



“I’m inside, I’m inside with the Jews” – “We have female hostages, I captured one.” These are quotes from recordings of UNRWA teachers who took part in the October 7 massacre.

In a video caught by a security camera on October 7, two Hamas terrorists are seen loading onto a truck the corpse of an Israeli civilian they had murdered. These Hamas terrorists were also employees of UNRWA, and they were not the only UNRWA employees involved in the atrocities.

According to Israeli intelligence, more than 450 terrorists belonging to known terrorist organizations

in Gaza, mainly Hamas, are also employed by UNRWA. According to an IDF report,

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) has gathered substantial evidence of several other circumstances that reveal the participation of UNRWA staff in the October 7 massacre. This was also confirmed by the UN’s Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS): In addition to the nine employees that the UN’s investigative team determined were involved in the October 7 massacre, other workers – about whom the team claimed there was insufficient evidence – were also involved in the massacre. They are members of Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), and the UN must fire them immediately, and not sweep the issue under the rug.

By not firing them, the UN Secretary-General and UNRWA’s Commissioner General are brazenly demonstrating their determination to continue employing members of Hamas and Islamic Jihad even after having been presented with incriminating evidence to this effect. It is time for donor governments to wake up and stop funneling their taxpayers’ money to members of designated terrorist organizations.

A recent report, published by the Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education (IMPACT-se), an NGO that analyzes schoolbooks and curriculum around the world, exposes deep terrorist ties to UNRWA education. The report highlights five UNRWA schools where Hamas commanders are principals or senior staff. The report found that more than 10% of UNRWA principals and senior education staff in the Gaza Strip are members of Hamas or Palestinian Islamic Jihad. UNRWA schools, in addition, use class lessons to deny Israel’s existence, promote hostility, and encourage violent narratives.

The report pointed out that at least 12 UNRWA employees in the Gaza Strip who hold senior positions – school principals, deputies, directors and deputy directors of training centers – have been identified as members of Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

This is far from “a few isolated cases,” as UNRWA claims, and instead points to UNRWA’s endemic links to terror. Many of UNRWA’s Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad employees have continued to receive a regular salary funded by international taxpayers since October 7. UNRWA chief Philippe Lazzarini recently told the UN General Assembly that his agency provides tolerant, respectful and anti-extremist education in Gaza. However, IMPACT-se’s new report unveils insti-



Philippe Lazzarini, Commissioner-General of UNRWA

tutional teaching material taught in five UNRWA schools in Gaza, where Hamas commanders have been exposed masquerading as school principals.

UNRWA teachers and schools have produced material that glorifies violence and terrorism and demonizes Israelis. An Arabic language study card produced by an UNRWA school in the Gaza Strip contains a reading comprehension story that celebrates an attack on Israeli passengers traveling on a bus, describing it as a “barbecue party.” Another card produced by an UNRWA school includes a reading comprehension test titled “Hooray for the Heroes.” It glorifies figures associated with war, violence, religious extremism, and even terrorism. The text encourages young Palestinian students to view these “heroes” as role models. The study card also encourages students to criticize those who choose a peaceful, fulfilling life over martyrdom: “Drinking the cup of bitterness with glory is much sweeter than a pleasant long life accompanied by humiliation.”

The text’s list of heroes includes: Dalal al-Mughrabi, responsible for the 1978 Coastal Road Massacre, in which 38 civilians were murdered, including 13 children; Izz Ad-Din al-Qassam, founder of the Palestinian jihadi movement and namesake of the Hamas military wing.

A fifth-grade Arabic language summary teaches a text titled *I Love My Village*, which presents martyrdom in a positive light by praising the fact that the land – a reference to Palestine – is “mixed with the blood of the martyrs.” It also teaches students that martyrdom and Jihad are “the most important meanings of life.”

A poem taught to seventh-graders portrays Arab nations as a herd of horses – a revered symbol of war in Bedouin Arab culture – that would fall if not united. The poem calls on knights, symbolizing Arab leaders, to liberate the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem “from the fist of unbelief, from Satan’s aides – revenge to the Jews.”

These are only a few examples of how educational activities organized by UNRWA schools



have poisoned the hearts and minds of many Palestinian children over the past seven decades. The participation of UNRWA employees in the October 7 atrocities against Israelis did not come as a surprise. What is disturbing is that the UN chief and other donor countries refuse to see what many Palestinians already see, namely that UNRWA has long been playing a significant role in inciting hatred

against Israel and raising another generation of Palestinian children on the glorification of violence and terrorism. It is time for this agency, as well as the entire UN, to be dismantled and removed, or at least, as suggested years ago, to have nations pay only for what they want and to get what they pay for.

It is also time for the Palestinian "refugees"

to move on with their lives and stop relying on Western taxpayers' money. ■

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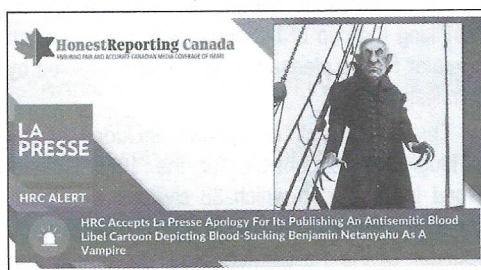
## The Triumph of the Blood Libel

By Caroline Glick

According to Canada's *La Presse*, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is a vampire, and he is poised to suck the life out of the Palestinians in Rafah, Hamas's final outpost in southern Gaza. The publication that was once a paper of record in Canada ran a political cartoon on March 20 portraying Netanyahu as a vampire, with a huge hooked nose, pointy ears and claws for fingers, dressed in Dracula's overcoat while standing on the deck of a pirate ship.

The caption, written in blood-dripping red letters, read: "Nosfenyahou: En Route Vers Rafah."

*Nosferatu*, the Romanian word for vampire, was the title of a proto-Nazi German silent horror film from 1922 chock-full of anti-Semitic poison. The film, which became something of a cult flick, featured a vampire with a long Jewish nose. He arrived at an idyllic German town with a box full of plague-carrying rats that he released on the innocent villagers as he plotted to suck his realtor's blood.



*La Presse*'s cartoon didn't leave any room for imagination. It wasn't making a political or military argument against Israel's planned ground operation in Rafah. Its goal wasn't to persuade anyone of anything.

The Netanyahu-the-vampire cartoon asserted simply that Netanyahu is a Jewish bloodsucker and, more broadly, the Jewish state – and Jews worldwide – must be vigorously opposed by all right-thinking people who don't want Jewish vampires to kill them.

As the paper no doubt anticipated, the cartoon provoked an outcry from Canadian Jews and some politicians. And after a few hours, the newspaper took it off its website and apologized. Anyone who thinks that means that the good guys won misses the point of the move. The Jewish outcry and pile-on

by politicians and media coverage proved the point. Jews are evil and control everything, even what a private paper can publish. Like *Nosferatu* in its day, the cartoon will become a piece of folklore, additional proof that the Jews are the enemy of humanity.

In other words, the cartoon was a blood libel.

We're seeing lots and lots of it these days. And so, it is worth recalling what a blood libel is.

In its original form, of course, the libel was specifically about blood. About 1,000 years ago, Christians in England began accusing Jews of performing ritual murders of Christian children to use their blood to bake Passover matzahs.

The accusation was inherently insane. Jewish law prohibits murder. It prohibits cannibalism. It prohibits child sacrifice. It prohibits eating food with blood. But none of that mattered. Like the cartoon in *La Presse*, the blood libel didn't seek to persuade anyone. It presumed that its target audiences already hated Jews or had a latent tendency to hate Jews, which the blood libel aimed to unleash. The purpose of the blood libel was to scapegoat the Jews and to incite target audiences from London to Damascus to act on that hatred. Over the millennium, hundreds of thousands of Jews were massacred in Europe and the Islamic world in response to blood libels.

Since the original blood libel, other ones have appeared. Whether Jews are accused of spreading plague, poisoning wells, controlling the banking system, the media, corrupting young people or spearheading a world Communist revolution, the common denominators in all of the accusations are the same.

Blood libels appeal to emotion, not reason. They do not seek to persuade anyone; rather, they are geared towards unleashing the latest anti-Semitism.

They legitimize and incite violence against Jews, who – once slandered as the enemies of the good – have no moral right to live.

### The Numbers Game

The nature and purpose of blood libels make them impossible to combat. Jews cannot disprove blood libels because they aren't based on fact, rather on feelings or intentions attributed to Jews by people who hate them. Can Netanyahu prove that he isn't a vampire? Of course not. If he bothered to try, it

would be seen as proof that he's covering something up. Can Jews prove that they aren't evil? No, again. Because people predisposed to believe that Jews are evil see everything good that Israel does as an effort to cover up its foundational, immutable malevolence. "Pink-washing" is a case in point.

The discourse on Israel's war in Gaza is suffused in blood libels.

Consider the accusation that Gazans are starving. USAID administrator Samantha Power recently issued a statement claiming that "famine is imminent in northern Gaza."

Power pointed a finger directly at Israel, blaming it for the "imminent" famine. "The U.S. will continue to do everything we can to get food to people in Gaza, but Israel must do more to put an end to this mass – and preventable – suffering."

Almost simultaneously, E.U. Foreign Minister Josep Borrell accused Israel of deliberately starving the people of Gaza. As he put it, "In Gaza, we are no longer on the brink of famine, we are in a state of famine, affecting thousands of people. This is unacceptable. Starvation is used as a weapon of war. Israel is provoking famine."

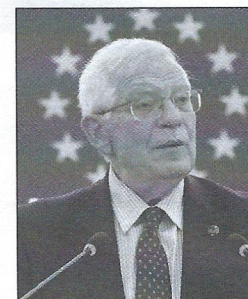
These allegations were regurgitated in every language at multiple forums. The fact that they are untrue is of no interest.

According to data from COGAT – the Israel Defense Forces' unit responsible for aid deliveries to Gaza before Oct. 7 – an average of 70 food trucks entered Gaza daily. By last March, an average of 126 food trucks entered Gaza daily. That's an 80% increase.

But facts are for losers. And anyway, if no one dies of starvation in Gaza, that means that the



Samantha Power



Josep Borrell



good-hearted people of the world foiled Israel's evil plans. Whatever happens, Israel's ascribed criminality retroactively justifies Hamas's invasion and slaughter of Israelis on Oct. 7, and supports the now-open U.S. position that Israel must lose the war. It also justifies assaults against Jews throughout the Western world.

Then there is the claim that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza, or at a minimum, has deliberately murdered upwards of 30,000 Gazans – 70% of whom are women and children. U.S. President Joe Biden credited this allegation when he said in an interview with *MSNBC*, "You can't have another 30,000 Palestinians dead as a consequence of going after Hamas. There are other ways to deal with Hamas."

There are three problems with the number 30,000. First, its source is Hamas, and so there is no way to check it. Second, assuming it's true – since Israel's assertion that it has killed more than 13,000 terrorists at the time of this writing can be verified and is true – the ratio of terrorists to civilians among the dead in Gaza is 1:1.3, the lowest militant-to-civilian ratio in the history of modern warfare. And third, as was demonstrated in a recent study by Abraham Wyner, a statistics professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Hamas's data is "not real."

Wyner wrote that the Hamas data,

...is highly suggestive that a process unconnected or loosely connected to reality was used to report the numbers. Most likely, the Hamas ministry settled on a daily total arbitrarily. We know this because the daily totals increase too consistently to be real. Then they assigned about 70% of the total to be women and children, splitting that amount randomly from day to day. Then they in-filled the number of men as set by the predetermined total. This explains all the data observed.

## Just How Bad Things Really Are

Despite all of these provable, easily demonstrated facts, Israel stands in judgment for genocide at The Hague, and Jews are chased, harassed and beaten; and Jewish institutions are vandalized and burned in cities across the United States and Europe for their support for "genocide" of Palestinians.

Another allegation that is gaining prominence after being propagated by the U.N. Human Rights Commission claims that Israeli prison officials sexually abuse Palestinian female prisoners. There is literally no evidence, let alone any proof, of such claims. Indeed, there are no allegations that can be checked in any way. All the same, they are making the rounds.

IDF Brig. Gen. (ret.) Amir Avivi reported on a meeting that he held at the U.S. State Department, where he was confronted with the accusation head-on.

On his X account, Avivi wrote,

It's hard to leave me speechless and shocked, but that is precisely what happened in my meeting at the State Department when the representative responsible for the Israeli-Palestinian dossier accused Israel of systematic sexual abuse of Palestinian women entirely on the basis of a concocted U.N. report that was written to try to find something to balance the atrocities of Oct. 7.

Israelis and Jews around the world were stunned by the swiftness and ferocity of the propaganda campaign Hamas's supporters in the West launched in the immediate wake of Hamas's orgy of murder and sadism in southern Israel. Less than 24 hours after the news broke, Hamas supporters at Harvard University kicked off the hate campaign by getting 31 student groups to sign a statement blaming Israel for Hamas's atrocities.

As details of the crimes began to flow, Hamas's supporters in the West responded with violent denials of all of them. No rape. No immolation of children. No torture. No nothing. It was all Israel's fault, they said. Israel killed and raped its own people. And now the Jews are raping Palestinian women.

How do we know? Because they are Jews.

On the face of things, the rapidity and shamelessness of the projection of blame and culpability onto Israel was shocking. Normal people could be forgiven for assuming that in the face of crimes of this enormity, Hamas's supporters would lay low. But that assumption misses the point.

Oct. 7 was one battle in a larger jihad to annihilate Israel. Propaganda in the form of blood libels is a central component of the war. The libels against

Jews and the Jewish state today play the same role as they played in the Middle Ages, just on a national scale. If Jews deserved to be killed because Jews are evil, then the Jewish state deserves to be annihilated because it is the evil Jewish state. Everything that happens to Israel is proof of its evil. Every crime committed against Israel is a crime Israel committed. And if Israel doesn't commit crimes attributed to it, then that's because people like Power and Borrell stood in its way.

The depressing thing, of course, is that Hamas's strategy is working. The latent Jew-hatred in the West was widespread enough to support their crimes. The propagation of the blood libels by the United Nations, the European Union and the State Department is a disturbing indicator of just how bad things really are.

The question is what can Israel – and Jews more broadly – do in the midst of this avalanche of blood libel? The answer is twofold.

First, Israel must stop trying to prove a negative. No one cares if we are really blood-thirsty vampires. Persuasion doesn't work with people moved by emotion, particularly hatred. Instead, Israel and Jews worldwide need to concentrate on rallying the people who viscerally understand what is going on and aren't taken in by anti-Semitic cartoons and Hamas propaganda, even if it is spoken by Samantha Power.

As for the haters, countering them means going on the offensive. On the battlefield in Gaza, it means destroying Hamas completely so that everyone understands that attacking the Jews is a bad idea. And on the battlefields of the United Nations, the European Union, the State Department, Harvard, Berkeley, New York City and London, the answer is to expose the haters with as much vigor and ferocity as they demonize the Jews. ■

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[Editor's Note: The following press release from the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic provides a summary of its findings.]

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## FINAL REPORT: COVID Select Concludes 2-Year Investigation, Issues 500+ Page Final Report on Lessons Learned and the Path Forward

The single most thorough review of the pandemic conducted to date

WASHINGTON – Today, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic concluded its two-year investigation into the COVID-19 pandemic and released a final report titled "After Action Review of the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Lessons Learned and a Path Forward." The final report will serve as a road map for Congress, the Executive Branch, and the private sector to prepare for and respond to future pandemics. Since February 2023, the Select Subcommittee

has sent more than 100 investigative letters, conducted more than 30 transcribed interviews and depositions, held 25 hearings and meetings, and reviewed more than one million pages of documents. Members and staff have exposed high-level corruption in America's public health system, confirmed the most likely origin of the pandemic, held COVID-19 bad actors publicly accountable, fostered bipartisan consensus on consequential pandemic-era issues, and more. This 520-page final report details all findings of the Select Subcommittee's investigation.



"This work will help the United States, and the world, predict the next pandemic, prepare for the next pandemic, protect ourselves from the next pandemic, and hopefully prevent the next pandemic. Members of the 119th Congress should continue and build off this work, there is more information to find and honest actions to be taken," wrote **Chairman Wenstrup in a letter to Congress**. "The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted a distrust in leadership. Trust is earned. Accountability, transparency, honesty, and integrity will regain this trust. A future pandemic requires a whole of America response managed by those without personal benefit or bias. We can always do better, and for the sake of future generations of Americans, we must. It can be done."

On Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 10:30am, the Select Subcommittee will hold a markup of the final report and officially submit the report to the Congressional record. Ahead of the markup, the Select Subcommittee will also release additional supporting materials and recommendations.

A summary of the information can be found below:

### **The Origins of the Coronavirus Pandemic, Including but Not Limited to the Federal Government's Funding of Gain-of-Function Research**

**COVID-19 ORIGIN:** COVID-19 most likely emerged from a laboratory in Wuhan, China. The FIVE strongest arguments in favor of the "lab leak" theory include:

1. The virus possesses a biological characteristic that is not found in nature.
2. Data shows that all COVID-19 cases stem from a single introduction into humans. This runs contrary to previous pandemics where there were multiple spillover events.
3. Wuhan is home to China's foremost SARS research lab, which has a history of conducting gain-of-function research at inadequate biosafety levels.
4. Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) researchers were sick with a COVID-like-virus in the fall of 2019, months before COVID-19 was discovered at the wet market.
5. By nearly all measures of science, if there was evidence of a natural origin it would have already surfaced.

**PROXIMAL ORIGIN PUBLICATION:** "The Proximal Origin of SARS-CoV-2" publication — which was used repeatedly by public health officials and the media to discredit the lab leak theory — was prompted by Dr. Fauci to push the preferred narrative that COVID-19 originated in nature.

**GAIN-OF-FUNCTION RESEARCH:** A lab-related incident involving gain-of-function research is most likely the origin of COVID-19. Current government mechanisms for overseeing this dangerous gain-of-function research are incomplete, severely convoluted, and lack global applicability.

**ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE INC. (ECOHEALTH):** EcoHealth — under the leadership of Dr. Peter Daszak — used U.S. taxpayer dollars to facilitate dangerous gain-of-function research in Wuhan, China. After the Select Subcommittee released evidence of EcoHealth violating the terms of its National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) commenced official debarment proceedings and suspended all funding to EcoHealth.

• New evidence also shows that the Department of Justice (DOJ) has opened an investigation into EcoHealth's pandemic-era activities.

**NIH FAILURES:** NIH's procedures for funding and overseeing potentially dangerous research are deficient, unreliable, and pose a serious threat to both public health and national security. Further, NIH fostered an environment that promoted evading federal record keeping laws — as seen through the actions of Dr. David Morens and "FOIA Lady" Marge Moore.

### **The Efficacy, Effectiveness, and Transparency of the Use of Taxpayer Funds and Relief Programs to Address the Coronavirus Pandemic, Including Any Reports of Waste, Fraud, or Abuse**

**COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDING:** Federal and state governments had significant lapses in coordination, were unprepared to oversee the allocation of COVID-19 relief funds, and failed to sufficiently identify waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars during the pandemic.

**PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM:** The Paycheck Protection Program — which offered essential relief to Americans in the form of loans that could be forgiven if the funds were used to offset pandemic-era hardships — was rife with fraudulent claims resulting in at least \$64 billion of taxpayers' dollars lost to fraudsters and criminals.

**FRAUDULENT UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS:** Fraudsters cost the American taxpayer more than \$191 billion dollars by taking advantage of the federal government's unemployment system and exploiting individuals' personally identifiable information.

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) FAILURES:** \$200 million of taxpayers' dollars were lost as a result of the SBA's inability to conduct proper oversight, implement internal controls, and ensure fraud protection measures were enacted.

**TRANSNATIONAL FRAUD:** At least half of the taxpayer dollars lost in COVID-19 relief programs were stolen by international fraudsters.

**COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDING OVERSIGHT:** Expanding relief programs that lacked proper oversight functions exposed severe vulnerabilities in the system and paved the way for fraudsters, international criminals, and foreign adversaries to take advantage of taxpayers.

### **The Implementation or Effectiveness of Any Federal Law or Regulation Applied, Enacted, or Under Consideration to Address the Coronavirus Pandemic and Prepare for Future Pandemics**

**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO):** The WHO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic was an abject failure because it caved to pressure from the Chinese Communist Party and placed China's political interests ahead of its international duties. Further, the WHO's newest effort to solve the problems exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic — via a "Pandemic Treaty" — may harm the United States.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING:** The "6 feet apart" social distancing recommendation — which shut down schools and small business across the country — was arbitrary and not based on science. During closed door testimony, Dr. Fauci testified that the guidance, "sort of just appeared."

**MASK MANDATES:** There was no conclusive evidence that masks effectively protected Americans from COVID-19. Public health officials flipped-flopped on the efficacy of masks without providing Americans scientific data — causing a massive uptick in public distrust.

**LOCKDOWNS:** Prolonged lockdowns caused immeasurable harm to not only the American economy, but also to the mental and physical health of Americans, with a particularly negative effect on younger citizens. Rather than prioritizing the protection of the most vulnerable populations, federal and state government policies forced millions of Americans to forgo crucial elements of a healthy and financially sound life.

**NEW YORK PANDEMIC FAILURES:** Former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's March 25 Order — which forced nursing homes to accept COVID-19 positive patients — was medical malpractice. Evidence shows that Mr. Cuomo and his Administration worked to cover up the tragic aftermath of their policy decisions in an apparent effort to shield themselves from accountability.

• Evidence suggests Mr. Cuomo knowingly and willfully made false statements to the Select Subcommittee on numerous occasions about material aspects of New York's COVID-19 nursing home disaster and the ensuing cover-up. The Select Subcommittee referred Mr. Cuomo to the DOJ for criminal prosecution.

**TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS:** President Trump's rapidly implemented travel restrictions saved lives. During Dr. Fauci's transcribed interview, he unequivocally agreed with every travel restriction issued by the Trump Administration. This testimony runs counter to the public narrative that the Trump Administration's travel restrictions were xenophobic.

**COVID-19 MISINFORMATION:** Public health officials often spread misinformation through conflicting messaging, kneejerk reactions, and a lack of transparency. In the most egregious examples of pervasive misinformation campaigns, off-label drug use and the lab leak theory were unjustly demonized by the federal government.

• The Biden Administration even employed undemocratic and likely unconstitutional methods — including pressuring social media companies to censor certain COVID-19 content — to fight what it deemed misinformation.

### **The Development of Vaccines and Treatments, and the Development and Implementation of Vaccination Policies for Federal Employees and Members of the Armed Forces**

**OPERATION WARP SPEED:** President-elect Trump's Operation Warp Speed — which encouraged the rapid development and authorization of the COVID-19 vaccine — was highly successful and helped save millions of lives. *[I question this statement. The rapidly developed vaccines, I believe, were responsible for deaths and harmful effects on millions of people around the world.]*

**COVID-19 VACCINE:** Contrary to what was promised, the COVID-19 vaccine did not stop the spread or transmission of the virus.

**RUSHED COVID-19 VACCINE APPROVAL:** The FDA rushed approval of the COVID-19 vaccine in order to meet the Biden Administration's arbitrary mandate timeline. Two leading



FDA scientists warned their colleagues about the dangers of rushing the vaccine approval process and the likelihood of adverse events. They were ignored, and days later, the Biden Administration mandated the vaccine.

**VACCINE MANDATES:** Vaccine mandates were not supported by science and caused more harm than good. The Biden Administration coerced healthy Americans into compliance with COVID-19 vaccine mandates that trampled individual freedoms, harmed military readiness, and disregarded medical freedom to force a novel vaccine on millions of Americans without sufficient evidence to support their policy decisions.

**NATURAL IMMUNITY:** Public health officials engaged in a coordinated effort to ignore natural immunity — which is acquired through previous COVID-19 infection — when developing vaccine guidance and mandates.

**VACCINE INJURY REPORTING SYSTEM:** Vaccine injury reporting systems created confusion, failed to properly inform the American public about vaccine injuries, and deteriorated public trust in vaccine safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION:** The government is failing to efficiently, fairly, and transparently adjudicate claims for the COVID-19 vaccine injured.

### The Economic Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic and Associated Government Response on Individuals, Communities, Small Businesses, Health Care Providers, States, and Local Government Entities

**BUSINESS IMPACTS:** Federal and state governments imposed mandatory lockdowns that were the primary cause of temporary and permanent business closures. More than 160,000 businesses closed due to the pandemic — with 60% of those closures classified as permanent. For the businesses that stayed or re-opened, the lack of supply-chain diversity exacerbated pandemic-era challenges and deepened existing disparities.

**HEALTHCARE IMPACTS:** America's healthcare system was severely damaged by the COVID-19 pandemic. Patients experienced a decreased quality-of-care, longer wait times, shorter medical appointments, and missed diagnoses.

**WORKER IMPACTS:** Unemployment rates surged to levels not seen since the Great Depression. Overly broad mitigation measures — including the now debunked "6 feet apart" guidance — disproportionately impacted sectors with low wage earners.

**FEDERAL RESERVE:** The Federal Reserve's aggressive, early, and unprecedented response to the COVID-19 pandemic prevented a severe economic downturn. This continued approach also contributed to staggering inflation.

### The Societal Impact of Decisions to Close Schools, How the Decisions Were Made and Whether There is Evidence of Widespread Learning Loss or Other Negative Effects as a Result of These Decisions

**COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURES:** The "science" never justified prolonged school closures. Children were unlikely to contribute to the spread of COVID-19 or suffer severe illness or

mortality. Instead, as a result of school closures, children experienced historic learning loss, higher rates of psychological distress, and decreased physical well-being.

**CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) INFLUENCE:** The Biden Administration's CDC broke precedent and provided a political teachers organization with access to its scientific school reopening guidance. Former CDC Director Rochelle Walensky asked the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) to provide specific language for the guidance and even went so far as to accept numerous edits made by AFT.

**AFT INFLUENCE:** Schools remained closed longer than necessary because of AFT's political interference in the CDC's school reopening guidance. AFT is a political union, not a scientific organization, that advocated for mitigation efforts that prolonged school closures — including an automatic closure "trigger."

• Testimony revealed that AFT President Weingarten had a direct telephone line to contact former CDC Director Walensky.

**LONGTERM IMPACTS:** Standardized test scores show that children lost decades worth of academic progress as a result of COVID-19 school closures. Mental and physical health concerns also skyrocketed — with suicide attempts by 12-17 year-aged girls rising 51%.

### Cooperation By the Executive Branch and Others with Congress, the Inspectors General, the Government Accountability Office, and Others in Connection with Oversight of the Preparedness for and Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic

**HHS OBSTRUCTION:** The Biden Administration's HHS engaged in a multi-year campaign of delay, confusion, and non-responsiveness in an attempt to obstruct the Select Subcommittee's investigation and hide evidence that could incriminate or embarrass senior public health officials. It appears that HHS even intentionally under-resourced its component that responds to legislative oversight requests.

**ECOHEALTH OBSTRUCTION:** EcoHealth President Dr. Peter Daszak obstructed the Select Subcommittee's investigation by providing publicly available information, instructing his staff to reduce the scope and pace of productions, and doctoring documents before releasing them to the public. Further, Dr. Daszak provided false statements to Congress.

**DR. DAVID MORENS:** Dr. Fauci's Senior Advisor, Dr. David Morens, deliberately obstructed the Select Subcommittee's investigation, likely lied to Congress on multiple occasions, unlawfully deleted federal COVID-19 records, and shared nonpublic information about NIH grant processes with EcoHealth President Dr. Peter Daszak.

**NEW YORK OBSTRUCTION:** New York's Executive Chamber — led presently by Governor Kathy Hochul — redacted documents, offered numerous illegitimate privilege claims, and withheld thousands of documents without an apparent legal basis to obstruct the Select Subcommittee's investigation into former Governor Cuomo's pandemic-era failures.

To examine the full, 520-page report go to:

<https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2024.12.04-SSCP-FINAL-REPORT-ANS.pdf>

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By Carl Teichrib

“Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:20-21)

An ambassador is the *official* and *legal* representative of one’s government to a foreign country. For us as Christians, this means that *wherever we may be*, we are representing Jesus Christ. Being an ambassador also means we know the power and position of our King. We represent His interests and have aligned our priorities with His mission. We are trained in His ways, and we are alert as to how our actions reflect God’s character.

Moreover, as per any other ambassadorship, we too need to be aware of the cultures and traditions of the place we find ourselves in. Yes, we are set apart from ungodly customs, and at the same time we are not uninformed regarding the character of our surroundings. Like the Apostle Paul in Athens (Acts:17:16-34), we should know our setting well enough to engage with a level of knowledge and discernment.

As part of the royal diplomatic office, we must effectively communicate the King’s message. And we are to be vigilant regarding the deceiving schemes of antagonistic powers, recognizing challenges to the King’s interests. Then, as an ambassador should, we petition for intervention while alerting others in His service to areas of concern, seeking to build up one another in knowledge and Godly wisdom. The work of *Hope for the World* is part of this mission.

Yes, being an emissary is a serious undertaking, and it is time we take this calling to heart, looking to our savior Jesus Christ. ■

## Inspirational Quotes

- ① “Christianity is not just a series of truths but *Truth* – Truth about all of reality.” – Francis A. Schaeffer, *A Christian Manifesto* (Crossway Books, 1981), p.20.
- ② “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” – John 1:14
- ③ “Gospel proclamation is powerful in God unto salvation. It delivers people from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light, from error to truth, from Satan to God.” – Jim Osman, *Truth or Territory: A Biblical Approach to Spiritual Warfare* (Kootenai Community Church Publishing, 2015), p.32.
- ④ “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
- ⑤ “As we ‘seek first his kingdom and his righteousness’ (Mt 6:33), our lives are brought into greater harmony with God’s truth and, therefore, into greater disharmony with all untruth...” – Douglas Groothuis, *Truth Decay: Defending Christianity Against the Challenges of Postmodernism* (InterVarsity Press, 2000), p.279.
- ⑥ “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me’.” – John 14:6

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