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"Blessed be the LORD God of *Israel*; For He hath visited and redeemed *His* people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for *us* in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began; That *we* should be saved from *our* enemies and from the hand of all that hate *us*; to perform the mercy promised to *our* fathers and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to *our* father Abraham, That he would grant unto *us*, that *we* being delivered out of the hand of *our* enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of *our* lives." Luke 1:68-75; the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Germanic-Scandinavian people are *ISRAEL!*

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### THE FUTURE OF PROPHECY

by Pastor Mark Downey

*"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."* 1 Cor. 13:4-10.

If you recall, earlier I did a series called '**Rebuttal to JVT**,' and I mocked their promulgation of so called prophetic "blood moons," the last of which was Monday morning on the 28th of September (2015). And what spectacular event fulfilled all the hoopla we've been hearing from prophecy experts for the last couple of years? Nothing, zip, zero, zilch. The Pope came to America and made a big Jesuit ass out of himself, addressing Congress for the first time ever and not once did he mention Jesus the Anointed! There is nothing in the prophets about the rank of Pope. Russia and China have vowed to fight ISIS, because they know Obongo is Commander in Chief of ISIS. There is nothing in the prophets allowing strangers, who are not our kin, to rule over us, unless the wrath of God is kindled and we get somebody like Barry Sotero as punishment.

Maybe the Apocalypse has been cancelled until the next blood moons in 2033. John Hagee, one of the most celebrated Jewish stooges of the century, has milked this cash cow with his bestselling book rattling the cages of his followers, with the premise that "The coming four blood moons point to a world-shaking event that will happen between April 2014 and October 2015," told reporters the day after the lunar lunacy, it meant, "an event of historical significance to the Jewish people is occurring or will occur." Do you think he could be a little bit more generalized with egg on his face, in saving face? It's ironic that these prophecy teachers contend that it's the end of the world, when no such thing is taught in the Bible. Nothing in the prophets indicates the planet Earth will cease to exist. Do you think he cares about God's Law for false prophets? And why are so many people fooled by fools? The blind leading the blind. The prophets were never respected because they went against the status quo.

It's bad enough that some misguided Christians teach the absurd notion that the entire planet is going to be vaporized by misreading 2 Peter 3:10 (KJV) which says: "*But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*" Sounds grim if taken literally, until you start to rightly divide these words to mean the dissolving of those ungodly elements that will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. The gory picture of global warming from its guru Al Gore, paints an earth parched as dry and desolate as Mars. And hey, NASA just announced the other day that Mars has flowing water. If the earth is going to be destroyed, then what's the point of Jesus returning? Please don't say, "the Rapture," another butchered version of prophecy minced into easy to swallow bits of nonsense.

There is nothing in the prophets rapturing Christians off into outer space. The only thing that's going to be removed from earth is the wicked world of Jewry. You can take that to the bank. What else is going down by fire? Rev. 18:9-10 says, "*When they shall see the smoke of her burning.*" Who?

"*That great city Babylon.*" "*And she shall utterly be burned with fire.*" (v8). Peter and John were writing about the same thing. Now that may explain why there is so much false prophecy; the real doom and gloom is reserved for the Jew and all of the institutionalized systems rebuilt in the

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name of Babylon (after all, the Talmud is the Babylonian Talmud) such as the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund, the World Health Organization, the Council on Foreign Relations, the United Nations, the World Court, etc. Their aspired-for capitol is Jerusalem, also prophesied for destruction; 70AD was just a warm up. Malachi 1:4, speaking of the Jews says, *“They shall build, but I (the Lord of Hosts) shall throw down.”* You can bank on it.

We always pray for inspiration, for holy spirit to help us out in these messages, that they are inspired. And we know that many of our friends pray for us as well and we consider them part of the team to get the Identity message out there. I first gave this message in 2002 and it was only in audio. So, this is a revised and expanded version 13 years later, given a sequence of events that warranted a second look with text. I have never prayed for God to reveal to me when prophecy shall come to pass, otherwise I would be an “observer of times” (Deut. 18:10) and be no better than the charlatans that think they have an inside track predicting the future, abusing the pulpit with sorceries and mesmerization. In my opinion, we never know the fulfillment of a prophecy until after the fact. In a bit of poetic justice, an adversary I’ve mentioned before, the dirty preacher, recently disclosed that he almost died; for 2 months getting sicker and sicker until it was discovered that his sewer line was leaking and leaching into his house with toxic fumes.

He’s the one who has continually accused me of being a false prophet even though I have never prophesied anything. So what does this poor fool do? After recovering from his deathbed, takes it upon himself to do a sermon on “dung” with the promotional synopsis: “Examines excrement in Scripture — all in relation to the disobedient thus this necessary and somewhat rare sermon on DUNG. The first segment helps the faithful spot egotists and slanderers that inherit manure without works.” Well, this slanderer just doesn’t get it; he inherited two months of sewage and he’s still hurling the charge of “false prophet” like a frozen meadow muffin. Not only that, but had the audacity to beg for money to recoup his losses during his time of judgment.

Only the mind of a Jew would put our Lord and Saviour into a vat of boiling excrement, found in five places of their not so sacred book, the **Talmud**, because the Jew is void of circumspection and obsessed with a seatological theology. They are so foul, that the day prophesied of their demise, shall come in one hour (Rev. 18:11); *“gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world [the institutionalized systems of Babylon]”* Mt. 13:40. *“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil”* 1 John 3:8. The devil is one who makes a profession of false accusations. God is not mocked, the liar’s mouth will be stopped permanently and forever; at that point in time, their love of money will finally end. *“Indeed whatever a man should sow, that shall he also reap. Because he who is sowing for his own flesh, from the flesh shall he reap destruction; but he who is sowing for the Spirit, from the Spirit he shall reap life eternal”* (Gal. 6:7-8 CNT). All I have to say is thank you Lord for this example for a real life devil who belongs in that vat of his own devices.

Here’s a few reasons why I would never entertain the

profession of a prophet:

1. I’m not in the business of predicting the future, as it has become big business with churchianity, There’s no profits in real prophecy. We are to be engaged in our Father in Heaven’s business, not conforming to the judaized world. We are not to be making merchandise of God or His saints (II Pet. 2:3).

2. I’m a God-fearing man and thus, I know what happened to false prophets, they’re to be put to death just like sodomites. *“But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.”* Deut. 18:20. This wasn’t talking about teachers or false teachers, which some like to equate with prophecy. Prophecy is the exclusive domain of God and it’s for the purpose of warnings and establishing the veracity of a Divine Creator through the auspices of predicting the future. This is not to minimize the rest of Scripture, but we do not kill teachers over petty mistakes, otherwise there would be no apostles disseminating the Good News. We all fall short of the glory, but we strive for perfection. Within Christian Identity, there are dirty preachers who play this shell game, because they have murder in their hearts from their father the devil, the parent religion of Babylon.

3. I believe all prophecies have been given; there are no new revelations predicting the future. This should not be confused with the revelations of dreams and visions (Acts 2:17), which have their own special purpose. I’ll elaborate on this later. and..

4. I just don’t think modern prophets have a very bright or promising future, by virtue of the fact that the modern prophecy of man is never in accord or in harmony with the Word of God. All the warnings given to ancient Israel are just as relevant to modern Israel, comprising the white nations of the world. The divine destiny of Jesus was to reconcile Israel to their God: if you’re

not an Israelite, you have no part in that destiny. To know the truth of God’s plan for the future, the prerequisite for understanding prophecy is Christian Identity.

This sermon was prompted by some junk mail I got, which was a very slick color brochure promoting a prophecy seminar. At the time, it occurred to me that every January there is stiff competition to persuade people’s expectations for the coming year, whether it’s secular politics or crackpot religionists or a combination thereof. Here’s the benchmark i.e. the reference or standard from which we measure or judge something to be good or bad. From Rev. 19:10 we read, *“The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of [interpreting] prophecy.”* What does that mean?

To the experienced disciple of the Bible, the context of this passage is exclusively Christian Identity, in that it is not only the reunification of God and Israel in the symbolism of a wedding feast to whom the only invitees are the children of Israel (as those without wedding garments are rejected and cast out), but also is the very motivation and purpose of the whole message of God’s Word. Never do we read where Jesus came for all races nor the replacement theology of the church being arbitrarily redefined as Israel. We can only interpret prophecy from this perspective, that Jesus came, as He Himself said, for *“the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”* (Matt. 15:24).

This is the testimony of Jesus the Anointed and if it is racist, then so be it. It is what it is, no matter how much the

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church world is in denial. I love Bill Finck's Welcome page at Christogenea.org that says, "You can deny it. You can rant and rave. You can scream. You can cry "hate" and utter blasphemies. You can make railing accusations.. But you cannot change the truth. A shining city on a hill cannot be hid. A lamp when lit is not placed under a couch. There is indeed a God of all creation. And there is indeed a race anointed by that God. Here it is identified. Whenever that race allows itself to amalgamate with others, it falls into permanent decay.

Understanding this is one of the keys to all history, and it is the understanding of the rise and fall of all great cultures. You can go away mad, even spouting profanities, or you can face the reality, and consider the implications while investigating the assertions being made."

To prophesy is to understand and proclaim the truth concerning God, especially flying in the face of a society prevailing in ignorance and abject opposition. But, didn't Jesus say, "*If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you, but it hates Me because I testify of it, that its deeds are evil*" (John 7:7)? I frequently reassure neophytes to our message that those who despise what we say, really don't have a beef with us, but with God. That's why it's important to know exactly what God is saying or prophesying.

The words of God are His not mine, therefore He is to be the object of our adoration and the scorn of adversaries. The preaching of the Gospel, which is the testimony of Jesus, is the Spirit of God, not the prophet's spirit of prophesying, lest both be considered equals and equally worshipped. A sidebar of Rev. 19:10 is a clear condemnation of what would emanate from the RCC to invoke the canonization of saints as if they were to be superior and adored religiously. Therefore, all of the catholic saints are a form of idolatry and can never be with prophetic credentials and that includes the fantastic hoax of Fatima given to 3 kids in Portugal, not by God, but by the Virgin Mary, who makes special guest appearances from the grave from time to time. The point is that Jesus is the target of which all prophecies circulate. If a prophecy does not gravitate towards Jesus, then it is from the priestcraft of antichrists.

My last sermon was about the County Clerk here in Kentucky, **Kim Davis**, who refused to issue marriage licenses to sodomites. I was saddened to hear in the news that she and her husband Joe had a secret meeting with Pope Francis during his recent stint in the US. Presidential huckster, Mike Huckabee, cheered the meeting, saying it gave an implicit endorsement of Davis' stance. But, didn't the pope say a couple of months ago in regards to homosexuality, "Who am I to judge?" I don't know about you, but I'm getting a mixed message here. This is kind of weird, but I did send her my sermon notes and a cover letter before she met the Pope and the last sentence in my letter said, "God bless and stay strong in the Lord." In an interview with CNN, Davis said, "Pope Francis thanked me for my courage and told me to 'stay strong.'" Well, it is a common sentiment. This is starting to get "curiouser and curiouser." For the moment, I can only think of one prophecy that may or may not pertain to this unusual development: "*For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders: insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect*" Mt. 24:24. Now I know

there are more standard interpretations of this verse, but it is uncanny that the Popes, (claiming to) being the vicars or substitutes of Christ are false Christs and Kim Davis is an elected official who is the most well-known County Clerk in the United States right now. I get the feeling that is story is going to grow substantially, not only with the symbolism, but with the facts. We'll just have to wait and see; I'm not going to predict the future with a wild conspiracy theory, but it does epitomize how greatly deceived we are about the dichotomies of this case.

Why do I say there are no new prophecies? Well, because the prophetic word given to Israel prior to the completion of the written word, the Old and New Testaments, was just a part of God's plan that was superseded by that which is perfect. By that I mean something inferior replaced with something superior. And what is that superior perfection but Jesus the Anointed?

From today's Scripture reading, we heard a terrible rendering from the KJV. Instead of conveying the import of 1 Corinthians in the 13th chapter, which is about permanent and temporary gifts, we get the impression that we can bear all things, believe and hope for all things, endure all things, which through charity is promised. The Masoretic rabbis chose to translate the Greek word *agape* as 'charity' instead of love. I wondered why. Perhaps the Jews would rather have Christians patronizing their god stone by stone, building their mansion in the sky and giving latitude for the Jew to believe his twisted religion, a type of Hindu tolerance respecting the other gods. But *agape* is the highest form of love and that love is not the diluted version of affections and romance. It is the godly love of duty and responsibility for Israelites only. "*This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments*" 1 John 5:3. Who received the commandments? Israel (only).

To get a better translation of 1 Cor. 13:4-10 let's read the Christogenea New Testament and let it grip your soul to know the true meaning of love. It starts with "*Love has patience, is beneficial, love is not jealous, love does not vaunt [boast] itself, is not inflated, does not behave disgracefully, seeks not things of injustice, but rejoices with the truth; contains all, trusts all, expects all, endures all.*" This is more akin to Covenant theology than the universal spin on the word "all." How does this relate to our subject? Prophecy is an expression of love, for it helps to edify and build up the ecclesia. Are we to imagine that God might have forgotten something which portends to the future? An addendum to the Word? God forbid!

His prophecy is earmarked for those who have ears to hear. Let's continue in verse 8, "*Love never fails. But whether interpretations of prophecy, they shall be abolished; or languages, they shall be brought to an end; or knowledge, it shall be left unemployed. By destiny we know, and by destiny we interpret prophecy; but when the fulfillment would come, that by destiny shall be abolished.*" What Paul is saying here is that not only the interpretations of prophecy have been finalized, but prophecy itself. You can't interpret something that is not given. Therefore, anything that presents itself as prophecy is not from God. All prophecy is within the confines of the Word of God not the word of man. Those who try and predict the future will fail or use trickery.

Likewise, the modern manifestation of what is called "speaking in tongues" is a deviant aberration of hyper emo-

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tionalism, being ignorant about the tongues being spoken in the 1st century by Christians was merely a foreign language, not cryptic language from heaven. That's as talmudic as the Jewish contention that Moses was given a separate set of laws at Sinai, which became Judaism. Hogwash! The last part about knowledge doesn't mean that all of a sudden we're going to be dumb and dumber; rather this was in reference to the first hand eyewitnesses who had knowledge of Jesus the Anointed in the flesh, whereby that generation would eventually die off. Make sense?

Verse 10 declares that when our fulfillment or perfection or completion in Jesus comes, then that which is unfulfilled and imperfect and incomplete will vanish, because it's our divine destiny. When the last words of the Bible were written by inspiration of God, that was it; the gift of predicting the future came to an end. I think that's something good to know and understand, to keep us away from false prophets and the ability to discern damnable heresies that come from outside of God's Word, the extrabiblical sources that feed pet doctrines and error. They may be poetic or of historical significance, but inspired? No.

I have some pity for the 1st century Christians, who must have been under the impression that all these prophecies were going to happen in their lifetime, but in reality would be another thousand years or more. Some of these prophecies have come to pass, some during the apostolic age, and others are yet to be fulfilled. It's like a jigsaw puzzle with blank pieces you can't put together until they get their color. Jesus said He didn't come to eliminate these predictions. Mt. 5:17 is a pivotal verse that rebukes the modern church for thinking the Law was nailed to the Cross or that now they are just New Testament Christians, throwing the Old out the window.

It's been said that the Old Testament is the New Testament concealed and that the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed. The Lord starts out by telling them don't even think that, don't go there. *"Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfill."* Some people think this verse is a pretzel and they can twist the word "fulfill" to mean abolish, making Jesus contradicting Himself — that's what they're thinking. Jews hate God's Law and that's why they are hated throughout history; they are the world's greatest used car salesmen of sin, promoting the *"transgression of the Law."*

The Law and the prophets were symbiotic; Israel's national sins were given warning time and time again by the prophets, sent by God. What Jesus did abolish were the ceremonial laws and temple ordinances of animal sacrifices and shedding of blood and hence the Levitical priesthood (that had morphed into a non-Israelite hybrid religion of traditions), which is exactly what the antinomian priest craft clings to today in rituals and pious works. How could they be so dumb? How? They don't know Jesus, especially the Law which He obeyed perfectly as our example and was the manifestation of the prophetic Messiah.

The Jews knew who He was and yet they killed Him, fulfilling yet Jesus' own prophecy of His death and the enemies who would not have Him reign over them—then, as well as now. Read the parable of the householder and see how the Jews perceived that Jesus spoke of them; *"Although they [the Jews] were looking for a way to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they regarded Him as*

*a prophet"* (Mt. 21:46). Jesus was not only a King and High Priest, but a prophet. It was a stark contrast between the **godliness of courage** and the **ungodliness of cowards**. The latter having the mindset of what's in it for me (WIFM) in the here and now, forsaking the promises of eternal rewards. The conflict between the racially pure Jacob-Israel and his brother Esau-Edom mixing his seed and forsaking his birthright, is the prophetic enmity of Gen. 3:15.

The oral declarations Jesus made about the future is what became documented in the New Testament Gospels and Epistles and separates the Lord from all other prophets who would come after that which is made perfect. In other words, although Jesus was a man, He was the Son of God, the sacrifice without blemish for the sins of the (Israel) world, the perfection that only God could attain in His manifestations, effecting the reconciliation of Israel with God.

Moses' teachings designated mortals as chief priests even though they had weaknesses. But God's promise, which came after Moses' teachings, designated the Son who forever accomplished everything that God required (Heb. 7:28). The Jews rejected Jesus, killed Him, and transferred the blood guilt to every generation of Jews to the present day. After Pilate washed his hands of the tumultuous lynch mob, declaring himself innocent of the Lord's blood, he told the Jews to do their thing. *"And responding all the people [Jews] said, His blood is upon us, and upon our children!"* Mat. 27:25.

If we were to tell the Jews today that if they were descendants of Abraham, they would be doing the same kind of works he did (John 8:39), but they don't. If we told the Jews, if they were the lineal descendants of Abraham, they would have rejoiced at the Messiah's First Advent (John 8:56), but they don't. If we tell the Jews they cannot believe the truth (John 8:45), because they sought to kill Jesus (John 8:40), they would repent and confess their sins, but they don't, because they are not of God (John 8:47). There is nothing in the prophets about "Jews" being the same things as Israel.

A parable in Luke 16:31 drives home the point, *"If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."* A true man of Israel, according to the Abrahamic Covenant, God declares, *"I will make thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing; in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed"* Gen 12:2-3. This prophecy couldn't have been more forsaken last week (Oct-1-2015) when IsraelIE Prime Minister Netanyahu levelled 45 seconds of condescending scorn to the nations of the world in scowling silence. The neurotic persecution complex expecting the world to bless the Jew after the Jew makes a vocation of cursings, goes way beyond the pale of diplomacy and far from being great. They have the arrogant audacity to whine about the potential for Iranian nukes, while Dimona is up to their eyeballs in nuclear missiles. They are the world's greatest deceivers and purveyors of hate against non-jews and Jesus the Anointed, and have sworn to destroy the world, known as the Samson Option, if they are attacked. If Jerusalem is nuked or destroyed forever, then it is the prophecy and will of God coming to pass. God has nothing but contempt for the Jews, who **live under the code of murder and lies**. Not

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*all pastor John Weaver*



all prophecy has come to pass as evidenced by Jewish power and Jerusalem still standing as the bulwark of evil. That evil permeates every facet of White societies through the decades of cultural Marxism and the rape of the church.

Just this week we witnessed yet another school venue multiple shooting in Oregon and almost a carbon copy of what has been going on for years. Only the pattern this time progressed to the shooter identifying those students who were Christians and shooting them in the head, while only wounding non-Christians.

The two Jew boys at Columbine were targeting Christians also, but it leaked out that there was another person involved and that person was most like their handler. If this was a false flag op, at least we get the impression that the agape love of the victims was so great, that they did not deny their Lord Jesus. And the prophetic fulfillment in principle is that we are "accounted as sheep for the slaughter" (Romans 8:36); John 16:2 says, "They will make you outcasts from the synagogue (meeting/place), but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God."

If I could paraphrase this, it is saying you will be excluded from the politically correct crowd generated by Jewish propaganda, which may be hazardous to your health, it may be deathly, and in the mind of the killer, it is serving the will of his god, albeit not the God of Israel. The Oregon shooter was a *mamzer* and fits the profile perfectly for a scapegoat. I'd say another MKULTRA drone who has been either drugged, tortured or hypnotized or all three. Of course, the ready-made agenda is the need for gun control reforms. The reality of which is taking guns away from lawful White Christians to defend themselves against the millions of half-breeds who hate us so much, they see nothing wrong with killing us. (Headline today: 14/09/16 [Aust.] Federal Government to hold second gun amnesty..... Federal Justice Minister Michael Keenan said legislation which will see the maximum penalties for fire-arm related crimes doubled, and provide a mandatory five years jail for firearms trafficking will be introduced in parliament this week - [9news.com.au](http://9news.com.au))

There is no commentary in the media about the 'Black Lives Matter' crowd who perpetuate this mindset. The *mamzer* was said to have had an attraction to the occult and Wicca, before his Facebook account was quickly 'sanitized.' We reap what we sow. Our race is living under the wrath of God's judgment and they don't even know it.

As I said, not all prophecy has come to pass in either the OT or NT. If the book of Obadiah, one of the shortest books of the Minor Prophets, but crucial to the fate of Esau-Edom, happened, then what are we looking at today? Babylon is more of a mystery than ever before. The Jew can only be seen through the lens of Christian Identity, and they are still living deliciously on what remains of the carcass of White civilization. The Revelation of John, that is Jesus, speaks of the fall of Mystery Babylon, the last beast empire of prophecy. The Babylonian house of cards is thriving, but **wind will bring it down.**

This is why I have a problem with preterism, the theory that says all prophecy has been fulfilled and then proceeds to build a plethora of false teachings to support the premise; somewhat like the Trinity or Rapture doctrine. I suppose each generation yearns so much for the Kingdom that they rationalize it as a clear and present danger manifest in trials and tribulations. There are a lot of exciting things happening that would suggest the Bible is unfolding right before our eyes, and I don't know how much closer we could be to **the days of Noah and Lot, than what we witness now with rampant race mixing and homosexual perversion.**

But, we cannot force the future. "Take therefore no thought for tomorrow: for tomorrow shall take thought of the things for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" Mat. 6:34. Prophecy is about timing, but let us not forget that God created time. "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven" Eccl. 3:1. We cannot identify prophecy, and by that I mean in a national sense, without the testimony of Jesus the Anointed, as some kind of gift.

Therefore, the likes of the Catholic soothsayers, Nostradamus, Edgar Cayce, Jeanne Dixon, Gordon Michael Scallion etc. (and that's going back a few years when it was more popular and people were more gullible to self-appointed prophets), they must have been quacks for their poor performance. I don't want to confuse these people with scientific prognostication or just engaging in an educated guess. There's nothing wrong with discerning trends and watching the signs of the times. About 30 years ago I read Alvin Tofler's book 'Future Shock,' which pioneered the intellectual projection of social trends in business, culture, economics etc. Scholars who are into the study of what's called 'futurism' are quite a breed apart from the supermarket tabloid variety of getting a pulse on the future.

When I wrote this article 13 years ago, I said, "Technology and information have pre-empted and stalled Orwell's '1984' and Huxley's 'Brave New World' as well as a myriad of science fiction scenarios of the apocalypse. In 2015

much of Orwell's hunches have materialized.

Earthquake researcher, Jim Bergstrom, from San Francisco, is a good example of taking variables/data, from tidal charts/lunar gravitational pull, missing pet statistics, seismic activity to earth cycle probabilities, so that he averages a 75% accuracy in forecasting. Meteorology enjoys a similar early warning with Doppler radar and satellite surveillance [I wrote that before chemtrails and HAARP went bonkers].

Although, I'm sure there are still some grandmas out there who can feel rain coming in their bones. As advanced as we are in this modern world, it seems almost incredible that people would fall for the chicanery of New Age and Judeo-Christian gurus.

It seems as if Adamic man has always had this sign pasted to his rear end that says, "kick me!" And nobody knows this better than the Baal priests and his co-conspirators exercising the occult technology of power politics through the **illusion of magick.** The phenomenon of denominationalism is a picture of Simon Magus clones.

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## BLESSING OF FELLOWSHIP

by Holly Mills

"If there be therefore any consolation in Anointing, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." (Phil. 2:1-3).

There is something truly wonderful about fellowship with people of like mind. When you meet them you feel like you have known them forever and the conversations you have with them are so easy and not forced or uneasy. This was definitely the case at the recent BIWF Summer Convention I attended in England in July. We were joined together by our love for Jesus the Anointed our Lord and our belief in the Israel message. This is not easy to find in our world today, to have believers in both Jesus and His salvation and the Israel message. You can find many wonderful Christians who believe faithfully and totally in Jesus and His message of Salvation [including many false doctrines] but they know nothing or little about the Kingdom message. You can also find people who believe in conspiracy and like to concentrate on all the corrupt things that are happening in our world but do not acknowledge Jesus as their Saviour and His gifts of Grace and Mercy.

We are very fortunate when we can meet together with those who know the complete message of the Bible and can acknowledge what is happening in the world today but also know of God's redemptive plan for His Israel people. **It is a wonderful gift from God that we can join together with one another of like mind to speak of these things.** We lift each other up and benefit each other in ways that cannot

happen with others of unlike mind. We are united in the Spirit with Jesus and the Father. "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." (John 17:22-23) We live in a world full of violence and corruption and it is easy to get caught up in all that is happening and think that everything is so awful, but through it all God is working out His plan for His people and **it does help to meet together and discuss these things.** It reinforces our faith and gives us strength for the things to come.

It was such a privilege to have had the opportunity to visit with our brethren in the United Kingdom and others from South Africa, New Zealand, Germany and Holland to share our thoughts on the Israel message and how God is working in our Israel lands. It was a great message of hope and renewing of our faith in the Lord Jesus.

We are living in extremely exciting times and although things appear to be quite dismal at times we know it is only for a short time. Our "redemption draweth nigh" and we

must keep our focus on the Lord Jesus Anointed. His mercy endureth forever and He will not forsake us in our time of need. It is not an easy world and it is unfortunate that there are not many to talk to of like mind. We do hope our magazine and others that many of you receive will give you comfort and fellowship knowing there are others of like mind waiting for our Lord's return.

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Heb. 10:24-

25)

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:7).

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## WATCH OUT TRUE ISRAEL FOR DIVINE INDIGNATION

by Destiny

(TKC Editor's Comments: *It's frightening to look at our Israel nations in light of the warnings in Deuteronomy 28 and throughout the writings of the various prophets. And when you take into consideration all the natural disasters, terrorist actions and all the Israelite problems, such as financial, employment and health, then you can easily relate them to the Time of Jacob's Trouble or at the very least, the beginning of judgment on True Israel. But, let's face it! True Israel has, for the most part, departed from the fabulous Laws and Commandments of the Lord God Almighty, the very gems that made us great in the first place. So, it is no wonder that our disobedience has brought forth God's admonition as He sadly related in Ezekiel 7:8 "Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will judge*

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*thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations.” As if to emphasize when this will take place, five times He warned, “the end is come” and he followed this with statements like, “The time is come” or “the day of trouble is near.” Thank God the prophet Isaiah records hope to Christians with God’s words in chapter 26:20. Because God then makes His pronouncement, “For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity ...” Time is really short!)*

While stressing the individual’s responsibility to God for their personal conduct, many are prone to overlook the fact that society is also responsible to God for its community behaviour. **History reveals that God does bring cities and nations to judgment for collective acts of evil**, just as He moves in retribution against sinful individuals.

The outstanding example of such a judgment upon evil cities was the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah as recorded in the Bible (Gen. 19). Moral depravity was so rampant and the administration of justice was at such a low ebb in those cities of the plain that evil and corruption flourished without restraint. A government reconciled to countenancing gross evil refused to move against the perpetrators of the crimes for which the cities were noted. Abraham was told that if there had been ten righteous persons in the cities they would have been spared (Gen. 18:23-33). But ten righteous persons were not found there.

The prophets of the Lord often refer to the fact that God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah because of their iniquity. From time to time the people of Israel were threatened with a similar type of destruction unless they turned away from their unrighteousness and idolatrous practices. At the beginning of the Christian Era the city of Pompeii was a pleasure resort for many of the nobles of Rome. It was well situated and vice and crime were at the height in this wealthy metropolis just prior to its overthrow.

Since the destruction of Pompeii, Mt. Vesuvius has often been in eruption, but this was not so in former days. It was described by the ancients as a cone-shaped mountain with a flat top, upon which there was a deep, circular valley filled with vines and grapes and surrounded by high precipices. Upon the slopes of the mountain were beautiful forests with many people living in them, and there were fine cities flourishing at its foot.

So little was the terrible nature of the “valley” on the top of the mountain understood, that in 72AD Spartacus, a rebellious Roman gladiator, encamped there with some thousands of fighting men. The Roman soldiers were let down the precipices in order to surprise and capture Spartacus and his forces.

Suddenly, in the year 79 AD the volcano erupted and the side of the valley, where seven years previously Spartacus had encamped, was blown off. Its rocks, with a vast quantity of ashes, burning stones and sand, were hurled high into the sky. The metropolis of Pompeii was buried under a shower of volcanic ash and it was not until 1748,

seventeen centuries later, that this forgotten city was discovered. Seven years after that, in 1755, systematic excavations were begun, revealing in almost exact detail the habits and manners of the life and culture of that time.

Fire was responsible for the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and, in a later generation, the molten fires of Mt. Vesuvius destroyed Pompeii and all the cities at its base. Setting forth the sins of Sodom, Ezekiel declared: “*She and her daughters [the cities destroyed with her] lived in pride, plenty, and thoughtless ease; they supported not the poor and needy; they grew haughty, and committed abomination before me; so I swept them away, as you have seen.*” (Eze. 16:49-50, Smith & Goodspeed Translation).

There is much food for thought in the fact that Lot chose to dwell in the plain of Jordan, where Sodom and Gomorrah were situated, because “*.. it was well watered everywhere.*” (Gen. 13:10) Yet it is also true that those cities were built over great underground reservoirs of oil.

Thus, when the cities of the plain were destroyed by fire, the nature of this territory, with its asphalt and oil-laded soil, greatly augmented the great catastrophe. In the same way, in a later generation, the heedless inhabitants of Pompeii were unaware of the shadow of destruction hanging over them until the time of judgment came and pent-up fires within the earth suddenly burst forth to engulf them.

A recapitulation of conditions extant in areas overwhelmed by great cataclysms recorded in history has revealed the necessity for Divine intervention to intercept the spread of corruption. We who dwell upon the earth today reside on a mammoth time bomb, with Divinely restrained forces of stupendous power straining within this earthly globe.

The magnitude of this continuing build-up is emphasized by the fact that well over a half million

inhabitants of the earth have already perished as the result of increased earthquake activity since the beginning of the twentieth century. Through earthquake, tempest and storm God is indeed moving to check the permeation of evil and people are helpless in the face of titanic upheavals when, from His arsenal, the Lord determines to bring forth the weapons of His indignation.

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## RETHINKING CHILDBEARING - PT 2

by Andrea Schwartz

“Natural” childbirth came into fashion in the 1970s with the practice of husbands or other support persons being present during labor and birth of their children while assuming the role of labor coach and companion for the birthing mother. Many heralded this as a great advance, and hospitals began to provide nicely decorated birthing rooms so that women could labor and deliver their babies in an atmosphere much closer to a bedroom than a hospital room. Previous hospital practice had involved a woman being moved to a delivery room once she had dilated fully, so this was a big change. The hope was that women would regain

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the capacity to deliver babies without unnecessary interventions, as they were deemed to be detrimental to both mother and baby. The idea was to let nature take its course.

One would expect that this change would have established “natural childbirth” as the norm, rather than the exception; allowing a woman to have someone of her choosing present was supposed to be a sure way to relax and comfort her. However, there has been an *increase* in the number of women requesting non-emergency medical interventions during the process of laboring, resulting in an increase in the use of electronic fetal monitoring (to note the vital signs of the baby in utero), epidurals (spinal medication used to numb the woman from the waist down), Pitocin (a synthetic form of the hormone oxytocin to speed up the first stage of labor), rupturing of membranes (in cases where the amniotic sac has not done so spontaneously), episiotomies (a surgical cut to expand the opening from which the baby passes), and caesarean sections (major surgery to deliver a baby in place of vaginal delivery).

The first issue that needs to be addressed is why these interventions are best avoided. If in the end it doesn't matter *how* a baby is born, just *that* it is born, why make all this a concern at all?

Simply put, these interventions have consequences for the long-term relationship between mother and child. Because today there is an unrealistic expectation on the part of parents and medical personnel as to how long labor should take, especially a first labor, the many “helps” that are available from the hospital “pain reduction” menu often are the very factors that lead to eventual C-sections.

Michel Odent, a French obstetrician, gets to the heart of the matter when he says:

*Oxytocin is the hormone of love, and to give birth without releasing this complex cocktail of love chemicals disturbs the first contact between the mother and the baby. The hormone is produced during sex and breastfeeding, as well as birth, but in the moments after birth, a woman's oxytocin level is the highest it will ever be in her life, and this peak is vital. It is this hormone flood that enables a woman to fall in love with her newborn and forget the pain of birth.*

*What we can say for sure is that when a woman gives birth with a pre-labour Caesarean section she does not release this flow of love hormones, so she is a different woman than if she had given birth naturally and the first contact between mother and baby is different.<sup>1</sup>*

As it turned out, the push for natural childbirth didn't materialize into a significant change. The woman still was placed in a bed on her back with feet in stirrups, a very unnatural position for giving birth. That in itself intensifies the pain and lengthens the labor. Given these “accepted practices,” over time women resorted to the pain meds that were readily offered as the only way to endure.<sup>2</sup> [no doubt promoted by the pharmaceutical companies].

Add to that the artificial time schedule assigned to “normal” labor that made it so birth had to occur at the convenience of the hospital staff, who would have a tendency to rush things along if a shift change were approaching, or

to accommodate a doctor's schedule, or should there be a need for the hospital bed. So what happened to the *natural* part of childbirth? What does the term even mean?

## NATURAL CHILDBIRTH

Obstetrician Grantly Dick-Read is credited with coining the term “natural childbirth,” which he used in his books *Natural Childbirth* (1933) and *Childbirth Without Fear* (1944). His philosophy centers on the idea that women are innately able to give birth to children, without external intervention. He took a stand against the pathological model modern medicine had adopted, and he feared practitioners were rapidly forgetting what a *normal* birth even looked like.

*One of the most important factors in the production of complicated labour and therefore of maternal and infantile morbidity, is the inability of obstetricians and midwives to stand by and allow the natural and uninterrupted course of labour. It may be an excess of zeal, or anxiety born of ignorance, but it is an unquestionable fact that interference is still one of the greatest dangers with which both mother and child have to contend.<sup>3</sup>*

Dick-Read was addressing what Dr. Jo Loomis outlined in a recent FFAOL article<sup>4</sup>—the shift that had occurred in the practice of childbearing in the West in the early part of the twentieth century. The routine practice of home-birth attended by a midwife had given way to obstetricians (surgeons) and nurses overseeing the birthing process in hospital settings.

Had adopting the hospital model caused women to lose their innate instincts of how to give birth? Had the shift in thinking produced a generation of women who wanted “natural childbirth” but found it difficult to proceed because their own perspective (as well as the hospital's perspective) of “natural childbirth” lacked a full understanding of the process? Was it inevitable that the trend toward natural childbirth would give way to the practice of unnecessary medical interventions?

Dick-Read sized up the situation back in the 30s and 40s:

*Woman ... is adapted primarily for the perfection of womanhood which is, according to the law of Nature, reproduction. All that is most beautiful in her life is associated with the emotions leading up to this ultimate function. but unfortunately in the final perfection of these joys a large majority remember only the pain and anguish and even terror that they were called upon to endure at the birth of their first child. That is indeed a paradox. For generations, childbirth has been accepted as a dangerous and painful experience.<sup>5</sup>*

He noted that medicine had placed too much focus in the direction of pharmaceutical relief, and not enough emphasis on adequately preparing women for the birthing process.

*Obstetric teaching has made great advances in the use of drugs, analgesics and anaesthetics, but little has been done to investigate the problem of pain from the point of view of its preclusion ... Anything that disturbs the confidence and peacefulness of the mother disrupts the neuromuscular harmony of her labour ... In child-*

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birth, fear and the anticipation of pain give rise to natural protective tensions the body.

Unfortunately, the natural muscular tension produced by fear also influences the muscles that close the womb and thus delay the progress of the labour and create pain ... The safest and most effective way to minimize the discomforts of childbirth is to enable the woman, by preparation for, and understanding attention at labour to have her baby naturally ... Education and antenatal instruction are important factors in the relief of pain in childbirth.<sup>6</sup>

### SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY OF CHILDBIRTH

In part 1 (#306, Nov. 2011, p8, available on our CIM website) of this essay, I explored what the Bible has to say about labor, pointing out that the travail of childbirth is an important component for women becoming committed to the task of motherhood. Jesus' analogy to His apostles concerning their future sadness at His death being turned into joy at His resurrection drew comparisons to the process of labor and delivery, with the apparent implication that this travail was not something to be avoided (John 16:21) but rather one that would actually result in an exuberant outcome.<sup>7</sup> Dick-Read made the observation based on his experience:

*It is my custom to lift up the crying child even before the cord is cut so that the mother may see ... the reality of her dreams ... the first to grasp the small fingers and touch gingerly the soft skin of the infant's cheek ... Its first cry remains an indelible memory on the mind of the mother ... No mother and no child should be denied that great mystical association ... it lays a foundation of unity of both body and spirit upon which the whole edifice of mother love stands. Many times I have called attention to the wonderful picture of pure ecstasy that we see at a natural birth ... Is it just an accident that the brilliant sunlight of motherhood breaks through and dispels for all time the clouds of her labour? No change in human emotions is more dramatic ... Such an aura of beauty has filled the whole atmosphere of the room and such superhuman loveliness has swept over the features of the girl whose baby is crying in her hands ... I have experienced a sense of happiness myself much more akin to reverence and awe than to the simple satisfaction of just another natural birth.<sup>8</sup>*

On its face, then, John 16:21 seems quite compatible with this firsthand observation by an experienced practitioner. In that light, it would seem to follow that to achieve the God-intended bond between mother and child, the first prerequisite to a "good labor" is for the mother to be spiritually prepared and bolstered for what lies ahead.

There are numerous Bible passages that speak to the reality that bringing a child into the world is not without intense emotion and physical discomfort (Rev. 12:2, Isa. 13:8, 21:3, 37:3). Given the concomitant realities—intense physical, often painful, exertion followed by equally intense emotional exuberance—women are well advised to look to additional passages of Scripture that, while not expressly written to a woman in labor, have a fitting general application to her state as she moved through the normal stages of labor that culminate in the delivery of her child.

*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn*

*from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. (Matt. 11:28-30 NKJV)*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff they comfort me. Psalms 23:4 NKJV*

*Cast your burden on the LORD, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved. Psalm 55:22 NKJV.*

As with every area of life and thought, approaching childbirth with the most Biblical mindset we can muster will surely maximize the blessings God intends for His people.

### THE HUSBAND'S DILEMMA

Dick-Read, in positing a better way to approach the process of childbearing and birth, noted,

*I never left any woman alone during labour, a prey to the destructive forces of uncontrolled imagination. If I could not be there myself from the start, I made sure that someone was with her—her husband, mother, or sister, to whom I had already given a little instruction on what to expect.<sup>9</sup>*

So, the resurgence of natural childbirth practices proved correct in attempting to create a safe, secure environment for the birthing woman, but some unexpected results came about with the introduction of the husband into the process.

Partly due to the breakdown of trustee family, many couples in the 70s and 80s were living within the atomistic framework of family life. Women who wanted their mothers or other mother-like figures present were few and far between, and the hospital nurse, often a new acquaintance, was the major support a woman received. That left the husband to fulfill a role that over the centuries usually fell to doulas and midwives, women with the position and experience to bolster a woman through successful labor and delivery.. The calm that is needed is one that is not a natural response to seeing the woman they love in such apparent pain.

Michel Odent, an obstetrician with thousands of births to his credit, points out that the last thing a woman in labor needs is adrenaline—her own or that of her support person. Adrenaline is a combatant to oxytocin, the hormone that is at play to encourage contractions and bring about a narcotic type relief between them. According to Odent, often the husband, inadvertently, produces such an adrenaline response that he lengthens her labor considerably.<sup>10</sup>

Peter Dunn, in his paper for the National Institutes of Health, summarizes Dick-Read's observations after Dick-Read had spent a considerable amount of time travelling throughout Africa in 1948. Through his travels, he discovered that childbirth was not a forgotten skill among the women he encountered.

*[Dick-Read] found that well over 90 per cent of women in the tribes he visited had normal, natural births and needed no more convalescence than a few hours' rest. He noted how they automatically adopted an upright position which made passage through the birth canal both safer and easier for the child. He observed that in most tribes the mother was well instructed in the course of labour by old women in whom she had complete confidence and that she was never left alone when in labour. It was particularly interesting to him to see at first hand the profound respect that every tribe had for*



the afterbirth and the manner of its delivery. Again, any interference with the work of nature was banned. A child was never separated from the placenta until that structure had been delivered. Only then might the cord be cut and the offspring delivered into its mother's embrace.<sup>11</sup>

### THE ULTIMATE ATHLETIC EVENT

Consider the woman who is pregnant with her first child. It is an understatement to say everything is new for her. Contrast her with a woman who is pregnant for a second or third time. This woman's body has already undergone delivery; she has a greater sense of the marathon before her, and has previously experienced the joy of holding, nursing, and loving the child she labored over.

Since every woman's birthing experience will be unique to her, physical, mental, and spiritual preparation is of vital importance, especially if she has to combat the images she's seen in film and television depictions of screaming out-of-control women.<sup>12</sup> Having a mentor, an experienced doula, or midwife helping her maneuver her way through this strenuous, athletic process enables her to remain focused on the task at hand, not getting too far ahead of herself and taking each contraction as it comes, without a pre-determined agenda for how long her labor should take.

Dick-Read, in the preface to the fourth edition (1959) of *Childbirth Without Fear*, speaks to the importance of approaching the birth of a baby with reverence and respect.

Childbirth is fundamentally a spiritual as well as physical achievement and throughout this book it must be read and understood that the birth of a child is the ultimate perfection of human love. In the Christian ethic we teach that God is love in which the blessing of sexual necessity and pleasure is but an essential part. Obstetrics must be approached as a science demanding the most profound respect. It must maintain the poise and dignity of those whose estimate finds a place for all types and variations of women. It demands cheerfulness without frivolity and sacrifice without reward, for of itself no guerdon (reward, gift) could be greater than the gratitude of those whom we are privileged to serve.

I am persuaded from long years of experience amongst women of many nationalities that good midwifery is essential for the true happiness of motherhood—that good midwifery is the birth of a baby in a manner nearest to the natural law and design—and good midwifery, next to wise and healthy pregnancy, sets the pattern of the newborn infant and its relationship to its mother.

For this sequence a sound and stable philosophy is a basic necessity. Materialism and atheism are not included in the make-up of motherhood. Neither can a robot lead a blind man across the road.<sup>13</sup>

### CONCLUSION

Michel Odent, a strong proponent of gentle birth, points out the irony that if non-emergency medical interventions were to stop altogether, many women and children today would be put at risk—not because C-sections and other standard medical practices are good for mother or baby in the long term, but rather because women have lost their innate capacity to travail through the normal birthing

process and need to learn how to regain that skill.<sup>14</sup>

Why have Western women seemingly lost the ability to proceed through labor and delivery without medical interventions when women from less medically advanced cultures seem to glide through the process? Could it be that with the humanistic thrust that has dominated the West, with science determining there is no longer any need for God and His Word, that women have become convinced that their bodies are incapable of doing precisely that task God has designed them to do? From a Biblical point of view, childbirth cannot as a rule be seen as a pathology that demands massive intervention, but rather as a God-ordained process through which the command to *be fruitful and multiply* is to be fulfilled.

When people put their trust in materialistic philosophies in opposition to God and fail to acknowledge the supremacy of Scripture over every activity and segment of life, the results are sure to be detrimental. R.J. Rushdoony hits the nail on the head when he notes,

*The growth of non-Christian materialism had led to false and rather mechanical views of medicine. If our car needs oil or gas, we add these things to the car; if we need a new fuel pump, we replace the old one. In like manner, some people expect cure-all dosages and changes and are resentful when the doctor cannot work miracles. Their expectation, however mechanical, is still religious, but it is in essence paganism, not Biblical faith.*

*This, of course, is the heart of the matter. There must be a return to a Biblical*

*view of medicine as a calling, and as a priestly-pastoral calling, but there must also be a return to Christian faith on the part of the people, or false and unreasonable demands will be made of medicine.*<sup>15</sup> -----

Notes: 1. Quoted in Emily Cook, "Women who have Caesarean's 'less likely to bond,'" *MailOnline*, July 13, 2006, <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-395218/Women-Caesareans-likely-bond.html#ixzz1Oi15Fyh6>.

Dr. Odent was speaking at a conference sponsored by an educational charity promoting a holistic approach to pregnancy, birth, and babyhood.

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4. Dr. Jo Loomis, "Important Considerations for Expectant Parents," *Faith for All of Life*, May/June 2011.

5. Dunn, "Perinatal Lessons."

6. *Ibid.*

7. This is in no way to posit that childbirth must be excruciatingly painful in order for it to be handled in a scriptural fashion, given the limited weight we can attach to any arguments drawn from an analogy. See Andrea Schwartz, *Retinking Childbearing*, pt 1, (#306 on CIM website).

8. Dunn, "Perinatal Lessons."

9. *Ibid.*

10. The subject of the husband's role will be given further attention in a future essay.

11. Dunn, "Perinatal Lessons."

12. A recent Lifetime Channel series called "One Born Every Minute" gave such a lopsided view of labor, to the point that in their opening trailer, woman after woman is shown screaming and groaning. Repeatedly, nurses offered epidurals the way waitresses offer water to restaurant customers. It was expected that women would want and need one.

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## WHY LIBERTY IS PART OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

by Mark R. Rushdoony

Man is a moral being because he was created in the image of God. Man's basic problem, however, is that he is a fallen moral being a sinner, and thus separated from his Creator. The core message of the gospel of Jesus the Anointed is that, despite our fallen nature, the forgiveness of God gives us the most essential liberation possible, freedom from both sin and guilt.

The unregenerate reject this freedom from sin and guilt when they reject forgiveness through the atonement of Jesus. The forgiveness they seek is only from the consequences of sin, and the freedom they seek is that which allows them to continue in sin without condemnation.

Forgiveness by God is a legal, judicial act. The indictment against the sinner is dropped and he is pardoned: he is no longer liable to prosecution or the penalty for sin that was paid for by Jesus. He remains a sinner, but his legal relationship to God's justice has changed. The redeemed man is no longer wanted and on the run; he is not only free but restored to full citizenship in the Kingdom of God.

### THE STATE AND FORGIVENESS

Sin and guilt are commonly used as manipulative tools of social and political power. Both religion and morality are particularly useful to the state. Religion makes some things reprehensible and other things morally sanctified. Politics has always invoked what is "just," "good," and "right," while it has condemned what its practicing faith calls "sinner," "unjust," "hurtful," etc. The term "justice," which in Scripture is synonymous with "righteousness," is particularly abused by modern courts to convey a moral sanctity to frequently very immoral legislative law.

At the same time, the state has often self-consciously promoted sin in the name of freedom in order to distract people from their political enslavement. Liberty is then defined as freedom from morality and slavery as a moral standard. Today, freedom of sexual activity is considered the measure of liberty. Any talk of Christian law is quietly met with modern man's first objection: the specter of laws against some sexual perversion and "righteous" indignation at the thought. Such a people are slaves to sin but fail to see the servitude in higher taxes, lawless government that rules at will, fiat money, or the police state.

All this favors the state. Guilty men are less likely to judge when they are themselves liable to judgment. An immoral people have no moral courage to stand up for anything. What could they possibly stand for? *Righteousness* is a Christian concept. *Justice*? By what standard can a depraved society define justice? *Liberty*? They think they have it.

Sin creates a moral bondage. Ask any wife whose husband is addicted to pornography. Why desire freedom when

you can only use your freedom for immorality? How can a sinner war against sin? He might complain about tyranny, but is himself a slave to evil.

### CHRISTIANITY AND FORGIVENESS

Guilty men, as with Adam and Eve, flee from God and His righteousness, but forgiveness gives us boldness in approaching Him (Heb. 10:16-25). A man who knows he has the privilege of standing before God will be able to stand before men. The freedom we have in our redemption is not one of license, but of restoration to communion with God, to our calling, and to dominion. Man is liberated from judgment and restored to be a child of God, even a joint heir with Jesus.

### CREATUREHOOD AND LIBERTY

The liberty of man is limited in three fundamental ways. *First*, man is a creature and cannot be more than God made him to be. Only the Creator has total freedom. Our freedoms of action and will are dependent on those of God. We are limited because only God is sovereign.

We are not free to act like a god any more than we are free to be a god. Our real freedom is in being what God made us to be, and this comes through forgiveness, restoration, and accountability to God.

A *second* reason man's liberty is limited is sin. Even in Eden, Adam's liberty was limited to his created nature. He was, moreover, accountable to the law-word of God. In disobedience, he rebelled against that role and followed the temptation that he could "be as gods" (Gen 3:5). Adam not only rebelled against God, but he also

rebelled against himself, what God created him to be. Man has never been freer than Adam was in Eden. He rebelled at once against the moral nature of God and his own created purpose.

A *third* reason man's liberty is limited is related to creaturehood and the fall. The redemption of Jesus limits man's liberty because it acknowledges the lordship of Jesus. Because only Jesus is Lord, our liberty as sinners must necessarily be secondary and derivative.

### CHURCH COUNCILS AND THE CREEDS

The early church councils and creeds were an attempt to subsume man to the claims of God. They were not academic exercises by theologians, but responses to pagan Hellenic philosophy, which was attempting to infiltrate the church while claiming to be orthodox. The "orthodoxy" of these Hellenic churchmen against which the councils contended was that of the prevailing philosophy of the ancient world. Chief among these was the idea of the oneness of all being, the idea that all being, mortal and divine, is one and that divinity is accessible to man. The orthodox rightly read the Scriptures as describing a discontinuity, a distinction between the human and the divine and Jesus as the unique link between God and man.

The Hellenic thinkers tried to define Jesus in such a way that He was a man whose will, nature, or both were absorbed into the divine Christ. Some specifically held that other men might follow the same path of becoming divine. Against this, the Council of Chalcedon, AD 451, held that Jesus was:

*in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence...*

This was a complete break from Hellenism's attempt to

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### AUTHORITY: RESISTANCE OR OBEDIENCE?

*Most today fail to understand that there are 2 distinct governing authorities in Scripture with 2 distinct purposes requiring 2 distinct responses on the part of Christians. The one promoted by humanists, the other by (or should be by) Christians.*

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allow for man's absorption into the divine. It meant Jesus was the unique link between God and man, not an example of man's access to divinity.

The creeds put man in his place *theologically*. They clearly defined the faith in non-Hellenic terms, specifically professing the scriptural doctrines. They were thus a *life view*.

The creeds also put man in place historically, clearly holding to the events of creation, the fall, redemption in the atonement of Jesus under Pontius Pilate (a specific event in time and history, not a process), the accomplished resurrection of Jesus on the third day as a promise of our own, the final judgment, and eternal life. The creeds were thus a view of world history, its beginning, end, and direction. This "world and life view" of the creeds assures redeemed man's purpose is a recall to dominion and triumph over sin and death. Jesus changed man's state legally before God and made him more of the creature he was meant to be. He did not merge humanity into the divine nature. The ecumenical creeds represent a great triumph of the church over Hellenic thought.

### HELLENIC LIBERTY

The sinner's liberty is a freedom from God. Man's every desire to be free of God and His Word represents a repetition of the first sin. In sinning we show, as Paul said, that we are "in Adam," that is, in his fallen state.

The sinner, like Adam, defies God's Word and demands that his own will, logic, reason, experience, or common sense should determine his norms. Humanism is the elevation of man to the position in which theism holds God. When God is eliminated from man's life and thought, some other entity must take that vacated position. Other religions may have deities, but they leave man in charge and are humanistic. An obvious example is Islam, which ostensibly has a powerful supreme being, but which had always operated on an entirely humanistic basis through the power of the state. Islam's Allah does not act, his followers do. Being an external religion of works, it can be instituted by force, and this has historically always been its method of expansion.

Man makes a lousy god, though it's not for lack of trying. All humanism tends toward one of two extremes: lawlessness or authoritarianism. Lawlessness is the rejection of all moral standards and the elevation of *individual* man to supremacy. Authoritarianism seeks to impose some standard of man on others. Thus humanism elevates the needs of the *group* to supremacy and justifies coercive behavior. In the political sphere these two extremes are exhibited as anarchism and statism. In anarchism, each individual is the source of sovereign right and establishes his own norms. This never lasts long. In Statism, sovereignty resides in the group, in collective man, in the form of the state, which identifies and enforces norms for all. Historically, humanistic statism has always prevailed over humanistic anarchism.

The alternative to humanism and its placing of man as the focal point of power and right is Biblical faith, which sees sovereignty as belonging solely to God, and man at every point subject to Him and His Law. It is important to note however, that even though this submission to God's Law is absolute, submission to enforcement by men is not. God's absolute sovereignty is never transferred to man. Many laws of Scripture carried no civil penalty (and others

would have been difficult to prove given the requirement for two or three witnesses). Laws were given by God, but without a civil penalty were a test of obedience to God, but not a test of obedience to man. Though morally constrained by God, these were not enforceable by human authorities. Responsible to God, man had freedom either to obey or disobey and face the consequences. Biblical law does not allow for a "nanny state."

### THE NATURE OF LIBERTY

Liberty involves the interaction between the prerogatives and responsibilities of men in the areas of law and ethics. Both law and ethics are religious in origin and practice. Law is an enforced morality, a standard of right and wrong. No culture has ever claimed its ethics were purely arbitrary. Ethics are by definition authoritative, because they are a "higher" standard. Likewise no regime has ever claimed its laws were random, they are always to promote "fairness," "justice," "what's right," etc. The source of its ethics and law is the god of a society, the higher, authoritative way that can not be challenged. For humanistic orders, that god may be man individually (anarchism), collectively (democracy), or institutionally (state, church, oligarchy, academia). For the Christian, that source of law must be God and His Word. Liberty is always at risk in any humanistic order; man has too many false claimants to supremacy, and all are subject to the elevation of self-interest over justice.

### WHO'S IN CHARGE?

Every law order is an enforced moral order, religious in nature. Political religions see politics as the source of morals and law. In political religions, ultimate accountability is to the state; no

area of human activity is thus outside the state's jurisdictions, and man may, at the state's demand, be constrained in any area. No room is left for liberty but the state's willingness to test its practical limits.

In Biblical faith all human authority is limited, including that of the civil magistrate. All men and institutions are accountable to God, and the civil authority is limited to an administration of a higher law. Only Biblical faith limits all human authority and thus allows a realm of human liberty. The sovereignty of God precludes the sovereignty of any man or group of men.

Sovereignty is a necessary concept. Though some have derided it as though it were an invention of Calvin, it is an unavoidable concept. Sovereignty must reside somewhere. The common thread among all ancient political regimes was their claim to either divinity or exclusive access to the gods. Christianity produced the first attempts to deny absolute authority to the state. Theologically, this attempt to deny men access to divine claims was fought in the ecumenical councils. Later, it was a battle against the "divine right" of kings, a revival after feudalism of the ancient claim. The English Civil War under Cromwell partially accomplished what the U.S. Constitution did more openly—limit the power of the state. It is the return of the U.S. to a humanistic, anti-Christian faith that has caused it to revert to the ancient pattern of absolutism by the state.

*Transcendent* sovereignty means that sovereignty is in God and is not the prerogative of men. This is the only limitation that works, but it is itself an article of religious faith and cannot be enforced by humanistic, legislative law. Today, the faith of the U.S. is a thoroughly humanistic one, so that sovereignty is seen as immanent, within man and his

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### THE GREATEST DISCOVERY OF OUR AGE

*It is my prayer that this book may assist you in seeing this great truth, truth being something Christians are commanded to grow in, and is rewarding but never comes without a price. The price may be rejection by friends and family. It may be putting aside pride and admitting error. But the truth is worth it!*

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affairs. A sovereign is a god, and one does not limit, but submits to that god. The rule of men is often a very harsh one, but throughout all history, that has been the end of humanistic faith—some men control other men. Without any real divine ability, all that is left to man is force or threat of force. The predictable result is absolutism—do as we say or you are a criminal, an enemy of the state.

### RECOGNIZING THE ISSUE

America has changed because its faith has changed. It has denied the sovereignty of God for a humanistic law and morality. When the faith was attacked, the church retreated to the “fundamentals” and the “simple gospel.” Humanism met little resistance in the sciences, law, economics, art, education, and more until humanism had won the day. Even then, the defense was a “conservative” approach—let’s save what was because it was good. Individual issues are addressed when the real problem is the ideological/religious supplanting of Christianity with humanism. Conservatism often ends up defending forms and traditions and criticizing the opposition for their blindness to the harm they are doing.

The opposition is not blind. They believe the ultimate good is the casting down of Christianity and its moral influence. Because they see theirs as a higher way, an more enlightened path for the future, all else should be laid waste so that their glorious future might emerge.

The issue is one of sovereignty, of ultimate authority. To whatever extent this is claimed as the prerogative of any man, group of men, or institution, the liberties of all others must be correspondingly limited or eliminated. Western liberty was a creation of Christianity, and its loss directly parallels the decline of Christian faith and the resurgence of humanistic statism. The only hope for freedom is the revival of Biblical faith and the repudiation of absolutism in man, whether individually or collectively.

Courtesy Faith for all of Life. address above.

## THE CITIES OF REFUGE

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*“When the Lord thy God hath cut off the nations, whose land the Lord thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses; Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it. Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither. And this is the case of the slayer, which shall flee thither, that he may live: Whoso killeth his neighbour ignorantly, whom he hated not in time past; As when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbour to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall flee unto one of those cities, and live. Lest the avenger of blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; whereas he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past. Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee. And if the Lord thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers; If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the Lord thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more*

*for thee, beside these three: That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee. (Deut 19:1-10).*

We have, in other contexts, dealt with the cities of refuge. Now we can apply their meaning to our world today. In vs 9-10, we are told the meaning of this law. *First*, they are to love God by keeping His commandments, “to walk ever in his ways” (vs 9). The stress here again on the love of God *and* obedience to Him tells us that this is an important law. We cannot set it aside as inappropriate to our time. It is true that blood feuds no longer exist, except in rare areas, in the Christian world, but this does not exhaust the meaning of this law. The law remains, but its application may vary from age to age.

*Second*, God’s purpose in this law is justice, “that innocent blood be not shed in thy land” (vs 10). Justice is a perpetual concern, and we cannot treat a law pertaining to justice as obsolete. This law has a clear purpose, the protection of the innocent. Under normal circumstances, the function of the courts of law might take care of most cases, but, in every society, there are instances where the legal system fails: then some recourse is necessary to avoid injustice. Where injustice prevails in and through the justice system, the results are deadly. The instruments of justice are compromised; they become agencies of evil. This poisons the

social order. We see it in our time in such statements as, “You can’t fight city hall.” The justice system is assumed to be corrupt and beyond redemption. If there is no appeal except *within* the system, cynicism and injustice prevail. We see today a very prevalent distrust and even contempt for our justice system. The courts on all levels are radically politicized and distrusted. They move in terms of technicalities, not in terms of justice, all too often. Even

lawyers are commonly cynical about the system.

*Third* God requires this law “that innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee” (v 10). He reminds us that our land is an inheritance from Him, because all peoples and nations have their places and the bounds of their habitation as a gift from God; they exist by His grace (Acts 17:26-27, Deut 32:8-9). God can at any time dispossess any nation, people, or race. Because of His overlordship, God does not tolerate the shedding of innocent blood: sooner or later, His judgment follows. Men and nations may believe that some people’s blood can be shed without consequences because they see them as insignificant and trifling, but not so the Lord. He is mindful of *all* injustices, great and small.

Failure to protect innocent blood means *guilt*: if innocent blood is shed, there will be blood-guiltiness upon a people. God requires that justice prevail, and, where it does not, in God’s time that people is judged and set aside. Obviously, this means that this law is as relevant as ever, and God required us to obey it and to put it into practice.

Failure to keep this law is arrogance, in that it is an assertion that our legal system provides the full measure of justice. This law militates against a self-contained legal system that assumes that it dispenses full and complete justice. This is a prevalent sin of state.

From the standpoint of humanism, dissatisfaction with the existing system has led to such agencies as the ombudsman. These have had minor benefits but a major defect: they do not have a definition of justice apart from a humanistic code. What good they accomplish is a relic of Christian morality. The Marquis de Sade was right: without God,

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### A DOUBLE-MINDED PEOPLE

*“Double think means the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one’s mind simultaneously and accepting both of them.” When one force (thesis) is pitted against an opposing force (antithesis) the result is a synthesis.*

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justice is a myth. For Karl Marx, the law and its justice merely represented a class interest. Marx was right in seeing that, if God be denied, law and its justice will inevitably reflect nothing more than some special interest. There will then be a struggle for power, with the victor imposing his will on the losers.

Because of the survival of Biblical law in Western nations, there are remnants of belief in an absolute justice, in God's Law. This makes the problem of establishing a naked power state more difficult than in Cambodia, China, or Vietnam. At the same time, the Western world is marked by a vehement hostility to God's Law. It is rightly recognized that it is irreconcilable with humanism and its legal systems.

The cities of refuge were religious centers in that they were to be governed by God's Law in dealing with refugees. We are told that the congregation was to decide in each case. The cities of refuge were all Levitical cities (Num. 35, Josh. 20-21). This meant that God's clerisy, in an assembly, determined in each instance whether or not the refugee deserved the protection of the city.

In the context of our time, we have a growing tyranny because of our growing power states. These states have no regard for God's Law. They are increasingly evil.

In a Christian state, there should be regional assemblies of appeal to which men may go, or to which they can appeal for a restraining order against the state. At present, we see many, many illegal seizures of money and property. We have seen innocent people murdered by agents of the state. The fact that some of these people have been heretical or unbelieving makes no difference: under God, they are to be given *justice*.

This is the meaning of this law concerning the cities of refuge. A Christian society must not only govern by God's Law, but it must also provide sanctuary and refuge from its own human limitations.

The cities of refuge mean that justice has priority over the affairs of state. The justice system needs an escape valve, a check on its failings. God is not content with pastoral justice. He demands that men and nations work for full justice, "that innocent blood be not shed."

The implications of this law are routinely bypassed because they challenge the humanistic premise of our fallen world. Human justice is fallible, but, *even more*, the justice system can be evil. If a society has only man's justice system to rely on, it sooner or later deteriorates into tyranny and evil.

Man needs a city of refuge as against man and his systems. For centuries, all churches were cities of refuge; the refugee was tried in terms of God's Law, and agents of state could present their case before the court, as could the refugee and his witnesses. The court's decision was binding upon the crown and the state. There is now no escape from the state's legal system, the cost of which is prohibitive. Those who refuse to accept God's Law in time shut the doors on justice. The anti-theonomists pay a heavy price for rejecting the Law of God.

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## I WALKED INTO MY FAMILY ROOM AND I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT I JUST SAW.

by *Todd Wilson*

Hay Dad. The article title doesn't have a thing to do with this post ... except to help me conduct an experiment. If you've followed me at all, you know I hate Facebook. I get worn down by the volume of articles, posts and "thoughts" that are known as "notifications."

Now, there seems to be a new trend of "Amazing, life-

changing, mind-blowing, God-breathed articles" that you have to read to believe. And, they all start with some magic title formula ... like the title of this blog post. I guess, to be honest, most of the articles are pretty amazing, but it just seems to me that we're happily abandoning our *real* family time for amazing articles and photos. In short, we're wasting our life on ... drivel. And, all the while, our children grow older. I'm afraid we're going to get to the end of our life and say, with regret, "I Facebooked my life away."

Think about it: That next time you walk into your family room and see ... your precious family. Why not put your iPhone to good use?

I just finished watching my two youngest sons, Cal (7) and Jed (6) give a virtual tour of their Play Mobile world on my wife's iPhone. I think my dad-phone takes video—but it's so hard to figure out that I've never done it. I think she took the video because we realized we didn't have any video of our youngest kids. The other night, we watched some old family videos. My oldest kids are featured as little children (as in our old CIM camp videos, from 1993-2004)—but my youngest four weren't even born at the time.

I'm thinking my wife didn't want to miss out on having them in our archives. In the decades to come, we might forget what they sound and talk like now. I feel teary-eyes just thinking about it. So, Dad, let me encourage you to do a little video-ing of your children tonight. Then download it and put it on a DVD for the ages. One day, when you're old and wrinkled, you can pop it in and relive those wonderful days that you are living TODAY.

By the way, make sure you're LIVING those wonderful days TODAY.

You know I don't always feel madly in love with my family—but I do today. I don't know why that is, but today I feel overwhelmed by how good God has been to this dad. I know it may not last more than another hour, because I'm amazed by how quickly that "feeling" vanishes. But, today ... right now ... I feel it — and it feels good. You may not "feel it" right now but you're still 'da dad'!

Twenty years ago, I never thought it would end, but today is the last day that I'll have a 5-year-old in my family. Tomorrow, we celebrate Jedidiah's sixth birthday, but today I am mourning the loss of my five-year-old.

Five-year-olds are so full of life and animation ... and six-year-olds are so .... SIX!

I know it's all part of God's amazing plan, but I feel sad at the passage of time (I won't even talk about 20-year-olds). I don't know how your kids are, Dad, but make sure you enjoy them today because tomorrow they won't be this age anymore.

Don't ever think what you do as a dad isn't the MOST important thing happening on the planet right now. Right now, I'm going up to play UNO with my five-year-old.\*-\*

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This month another contribution was sent to the Loeries children, and a 'thank you' was received. God willing the next contribution will be sent in March '17. The Magnesium Citrate is continuing to have a positive effect on my heart. Thank you for your support, and letters, and please continue to try and get more subscribers; and may our God continue to bless you, and guide you and keep you safe,

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