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California passes law forcing churches to embrace LGBT

David Rogers

Times, they are a changin'. America, the most Christian of nations. Is in a death slide of sorts when it comes to its Christian legacy as the California State Assembly has just passed a resolution that requires pastors and their churches to affirm homosexuality.

No longer can a pastor and his or her church decide what is right according to the bible for them under the new law.

The Assembly Concurrent Resolution 99 law was passed this week and ironically signed by a number of prominent Christian leaders. The proposed resolution also condemns attempts to change unwanted same-sex attraction or gender confusion as “unethical,” “harmful,” and leading to high rates of suicide.

“They say there is a stigma associated with being LGBT that is often created by groups in society, including therapists and religious groups, and that stigma has caused disproportionately high rates of suicide, attempted suicide, and depression,” Dr. David said on The Todd Starnes Radio Show. “What they’re asking is that churches and religious groups change how they’re addressing this (lifestyle).” Gibbs, president and founder of the Christian Law Association, said churches are trying to help LGBT people.

“We want to reach these people, but we believe that the scriptures absolutely take a stand on this issue, and we can not change the stand that the Bible takes,” he continued. “They’re trying to make it where absolutely the churches and religious groups are being held up as the problem why these LGBT community people feel like they do. Nothing could be further from the truth.”

Syria says 4 killed as Israel hits targets in Homs and Damascus in major strike

Times of Israel

Syria said Israeli jets attacked several military sites near the capital Damascus and the central city of Homs early Monday, killing four civilians, including an infant.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based war monitor, said Israel launched strikes both from the air and sea, targeting Iranian-linked bases near Homs and at least 10 targets near Damascus, including a base where Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps forces are headquartered and a weapons research center. Israel did not comment on the attack — one of the most extensive series of strikes in several months, coming less than a week after a trilateral summit with Russia and the United States concerning Tehran’s activities and military presence in the region.

Syria's official mouthpiece said four civilians, among them a month-old baby, were killed and 21 people injured in explosions in Sahnaya, a neighborhood of Damascus. It blamed the deaths on "Zionist aggression."

Other news sites in the country reported at least 50 people injured in the strikes.

While hundreds of casualties have been linked to Israeli strikes in Syria — mostly Syrian soldiers, Iranian troops and other foreign nationals connected to pro-Iranian militias — it is exceedingly rare for civilians to be said injured in these attacks.

State news agency SANA said that Syrian air defense had intercepted several of the incoming missiles that were fired from Lebanese airspace. A projectile, later identified as a Syrian surface-to-air missile, crashed into a forest in northern Cyprus during the predawn exchange, sparking a large fire. SANA gave no further details on the sites targeted.

However, the Observatory for Human Rights said the strikes targeted a research center and a military airport west of the city of Homs, where the Shiite Hezbollah terror group and Iranian forces are deployed. Rami Abdel Rahman, the observatory chief, said the strikes injured some of those pro-Iranian troops. In the Damascus area, the monitor said strikes targeted the 91st Brigade base where the IRGC were headquartered and a research facility in Jamraya. Jamraya, which lies just over 10 kilometers (seven miles) northwest of Damascus, is home to several military positions and a branch of the Syrian Scientific Studies and Research Center (SSRC).

The US has repeatedly imposed sanctions on the SSRC for its alleged role in chemical weapons production. France has also imposed sanctions on the agency. Israeli airstrikes reportedly hit the facility in May 2013 and again in February 2018.

The monitor said that at some sites large blasts were caused by exploding ammunition depots and noted lots of ambulances had headed to the sites. There was no response from the Israel Defense Forces, which rarely comments on reported strikes. The Israeli military has acknowledged carrying out hundreds of airstrikes in Syria in recent years on targets linked to Iran, which is backing President Bashar Assad's regime in the Syrian civil war. The reported strikes came just hours after an Israeli satellite imagery analysis company said Syria's entire S-300 air defense system appeared to be operational, indicating a greater threat to Israel's ability to conduct airstrikes against Iranian and pro-Iranian forces in the country.

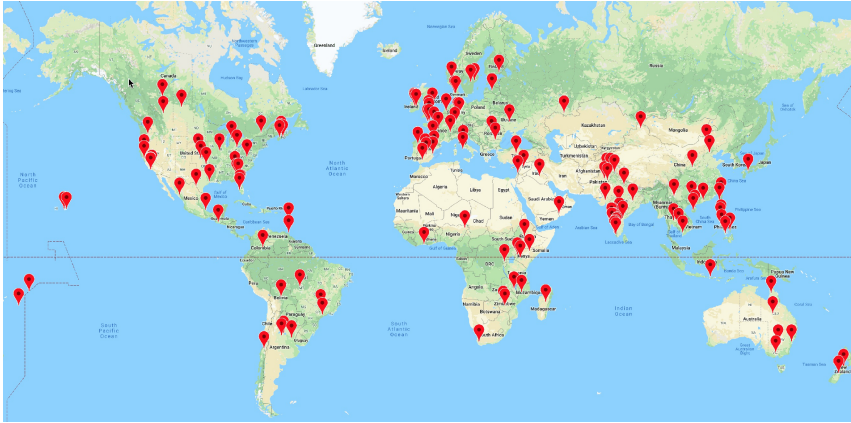
Until now, only three of the country's four surface-to-air missile launchers had been seen fully erected at the Masyaf base in northwestern Syria. Israel has threatened to destroy the S-300 system if it is used against its fighter jets, regardless of the potential blowback from Russia.

Devastating Crop Losses Are Happening All Over The Globe

Michael Snyder

If what some experts are telling us is true, a global food crisis appears to be inevitable. Even during good years we have a really difficult time feeding everyone on the planet, and now a major climate shift appears to be happening. Our sun has become exceedingly quiet, and many experts believe that this is a sign that a solar minimum is now upon us. Of course we have seen solar minimums happen quite regularly in the past, and if this is just a normal solar minimum then conditions should begin to return to normal after a couple of years. Unfortunately, evidence continues to mount that we have entered what is known as a "grand solar minimum". In fact, Professor Valentina Zharkova says that what we are facing is a "super grand solar minimum", and if that is true we are going to be facing climate chaos like we have never seen before. During previous "grand solar minimums" the globe was gripped by devastating famines and vast numbers of people died. Could a similar scenario potentially be in our future?

Ice Age Farmer has compiled a “Grand Solar Minimum Crop Loss Map” which you can view right here, and I appreciate our friends at ANP for pointing it out to us. Ice Age Farmer’s map shows that there are literally dozens of locations all over the globe right now that are reporting significant crop losses, and this is really unlike anything we have ever seen before. Some parts of our planet are dealing with horrific drought, but in the middle of the United States it just won’t stop raining. In some areas of the world it is too cold, while others are experiencing record heat. Everywhere we look we see extremes, and the behavior of our sun is the primary reason this is happening.



Last November I warned that we could be facing one of the coldest winters in modern times, and that is precisely what happened. Back then top scientists were warning us that a solar minimum had arrived, and since that time the behavior of the sun has continued to confirm that hypothesis.

The surface of the sun is normally a roiling, super-heated hellscape.

But Nasa images have revealed that the face of our star is looking ominously calm right now, prompting claims it’s reached a stage of its cycle called the solar minimum.

During the minimum, there are significantly fewer sunspots and its magnetic field weakens, allowing cosmic rays from outside our solar system to rain down on Earth. This solar minimum came early, and that is exactly what we would expect if we were entering a “grand solar minimum”. Perhaps the best known “grand solar minimum” in our history was the Maunder Minimum which stretched from 1645 to 1715.

The last time a deep solar minimum was in effect was the Maunder minimum, which saw seven decades of freezing weather, began in 1645 and lasted through to 1715, and happened when sunspots were exceedingly rare.

During this period, temperatures dropped globally by 1.3 degrees celsius leading to shorter seasons and ultimately food shortages. The food shortages during the Maunder Minimum were quite severe, and the global death toll was enormous.

Could we be facing a similar scenario this time around?

Actually, economist Martin Armstrong seems to believe that it could be even worse.

The Maunder Minimum created such a deep cold in Europe and extreme weather events elsewhere that what unfolds is a series of droughts, floods, and harvest failures. Historically, this leads to massive migrations, wars and revolutions. The fatal synergy between human and natural disasters eradicated perhaps one-third of the human population during the last event and this time we are crashing more rapidly than before. Therefore, we may exceed more than a reduction in population of one-third and reach the levels of the 14th century of 50%, which was also combined with the Black Plague.

Without a doubt, our planet is behaving very strangely right now, and reports of crop failures are regularly coming in from all over the planet.

Just check out these examples:

That layer of stress on the agricultural industry is only intensified when you zoom out to the international

level, where farmers around the world are facing various dire situations. As one North Dakota farmer and Twitter user Jordan Gackle pointed out in a recent thread: Drought is continuing to disrupt wheat crops in Australia forcing the country to import some of its wheat from Canada. Some farmers in Canada are now reporting long stretches without rain under the hashtag #drought19. Head over to China and you'll find that a legion of fall armyworms are spreading rapidly and devouring key grain crops.

It is becoming quite clear that food prices are going to rise substantially and that the world is going to produce a lot less food than it normally does this year.

And as I noted earlier, we have a tough time feeding everyone on the planet even during ideal conditions. Sadly, this even includes the United States.

In fact, it's not just older Americans who are already suffering from hunger and malnourishment, with this 2017 story over at Feeding America reporting that more than 41 million Americans were suffering from hunger daily, including more than 13 million children, with this National Geographic story reporting that 1 out of every 6 Americans aren't getting enough to eat.

So what will things look like if global food production drops 10 percent, 20 percent or even more? We have never had to deal with anything like this in modern times, and meanwhile the population of the planet has grown from 1.6 billion in 1900 to 7.5 billion today. We have entered the time of "the perfect storm", and we are going to start to witness things happen that many people would consider to be unimaginable. I truly hope that things will not be as bad as some of the experts are suggesting. But as far as crop failures are concerned, we don't have to speculate. They are happening right now all over the planet, and that means that global food supplies are going to get tighter and tighter in the months ahead.

Globalists Are Bringing Their One World Currency Plans Out Into The Open

by Brandon Smith via Alt-Market.com

People often ask me when they should begin to worry about the agenda for the "global economic reset" and the controlled demolition of the economy? If economic collapse is a process rather than an event, at what point in the process will we start to feel direct consequences? While crash conditions in economic fundamentals have indeed already started in the final quarter of 2018, culminating in faltering housing and retail numbers as well as an inverted yield curve, the average person is only affected so far in a minor way. It's true – even during the greatest of financial depressions, only a part of the population suffers while the rest live somewhat normally.

This "relativity" in crisis changes, though, when we start talking about a currency collapse. In the event that the primary mechanism for exchange becomes unstable, as in Weimar Germany in the 1920's or in Argentina in the early 2000's, the damage to the public is almost universal except for the elitist class. In the midst of stagflationary headwinds, many people could still live a comfortable life given they are willing to make some sacrifices. But, in the midst of a currency implosion, anyone who is ill prepared will have to face the pain.

As far as timing is concerned, we can make educated guesses according to the evidence, but there is no exact science to predicting when the globalists will pull the plug completely on economic life support. They will trigger a disaster when the timing most suits them. However, I do believe there are signals to watch for.

In the past I have said that when globalist criminals stop trying to hide their criminality – when they start to become brazen in their rhetoric and agenda, that is when it is time for people to worry. Why? Because when criminals act more confident it is usually because they think they have already gotten away with it.

Their plans are almost complete. Over the past year, the globalists have become absolutely brazen in flaunting their endgame for a single global currency system. Yes, it is time to be concerned. But there are people out there who will tell you that the notion is “far fetched”.

The evidence says otherwise.

Much of the argument against a one world currency hinges on the notion that the US dollar is too entrenched to be replaced anytime soon. In terms of a deliberate collapse of the dollar, the concept is simply too much for some people to wrap their heads around. The dollar is the world reserve currency, how could it possibly come under threat?

King dollar bias is at its peak today, and the delusion that the dollar is some kind of untouchable and essential apparatus infects the economic world like a cancer. There are two kinds of people who argue that the dollar cannot be dethroned – those with an agenda who seek to keep the masses oblivious to the threat, and the useful idiots who have attached their egos to the fiat currency like it is some kind of national flag. Their arguments go a little something like this:

Fallacy #1: The Globalists Need The Dollar To Maintain Power

This is patently untrue. The dollar is nothing, just like any other fiat currency system. It is a fabrication, a fantasy. Its value is an arbitrary product of manipulated forex markets. Its buying power has dwindled to a shadow of its former glory in the past century. The globalists have resided over the life and death of multiple reserve currencies, and the dollar is no different.

For people who make this claim, I suggest they consider the dominance of the British sterling in the early part of the 20th century. It was a world reserve as well as the petro-currency of the era. The world's central banks held sterling as the majority of their balances and its liquidity was strong. Its role was crushed, though, when globalists used British treasury bond holdings in America and France as leverage and forced oil producing nations in the Middle East to drop the sterling's petro-status.

The shift away from the sterling began in the late 1930's and was completed in the span of around five years when the Bretton Woods Conference established a kind of “shared reserve status” between the dollar and the sterling. The dollar took over quickly from this point on. When the dollar was decoupled completely from gold in 1971 under Richard Nixon and tied to oil through agreements with Saudi Arabia, the transformation was complete (I would also note that the IMF's Special Drawing Rights basket was launched at the same time the gold standard was completely abandoned).

The idea that the international banking elites care about protecting any single currency is absurd. They create these currencies out of thin air, and they can kill them almost as easily as they bring them to life.

Fallacy #2: There Is No Other Currency Mechanism In The World That Can Take The Dollar's Place

This fallacy relies on two assumptions – One, that no currency has the liquidity to match the dollar and fill the void in global trade if it were to fall. Two, the majority of reserves held in central banks around the world are denominated in dollars, therefore a replacement is unlikely because the world is “used to paying with dollars”.

First, liquidity is meaningless. Liquidity in any currency can be created on a whim. In fact, the Chinese have been ramping up the liquidity of the Yuan for the past ten years. Trillions in Yuan have been conjured from nothing, which is a development I have warned about repeatedly along with the Yuan's inclusion into the IMF's SDR basket.

This is not to say I think the Yuan will replace the dollar as the world reserve, far from it. That honor will go to another mechanism entirely, which we will discuss in a moment. The point is, fiat currencies are not limited by their liquidity, they are only limited by the restrictions that central banks set upon them. If global central banks decide in unison that they will dump the dollar as the world reserve and use another

currency, then that is exactly what will happen. Liquidity can be created with the push of a button.

When one accepts the fact that the Bank for International Settlements dictates and coordinates the policies of all major central banks, then the idea that they might all drop the dollar as the world reserve at the same time becomes less difficult to grasp.

Second, as mentioned above, the vast majority of central bank forex holdings used to be in sterling, and yet, the sterling was toppled and the dollar became the world reserve very quickly.

Fallacy #3: The Globalists Already Have Total Control Through The Dollar, So Why Would They Change Anything? This argument generally comes from people who have no understanding of the psychology of economics and the psychology of power.

First and foremost, the federal reserve and the dollar are merely a franchise of a larger system; they are but one tentacle writhing from the body of the globalist vampire squid. In the pyramid of banking power, the Fed is an errand boy, a workhorse, that is all. At the top of the pyramid sits the major global institutions which control policy, including the IMF, the BIS, World Bank and the UN.

While the US government does have “veto power” within the IMF, the IMF has made it clear this power is ceremonial, and can be taken away at a moment's notice. In reality it is the Fed that answers to the IMF and BIS, and the IMF and BIS answer to no one.

Even with control of national currencies, the globalists are not satisfied. What they want is global governance. They don't just want the masses to go along with it, they want the masses to BEG for it. This is about an ascendance to world empire, and if you have read my essays on the globalists and narcissistic sociopathy, then you know that these people want to be treated like gods, or god-kings, much like the pharaohs of ancient Egypt. It is not enough for them to stay in the shadows; they want to be worshiped in the light of day.

But before global governance can be instilled as a necessity in the public psyche and the banking elites established as the benevolent rulers of the planet, several things must be accomplished. One of the first steps to global government would be global economic management and a single world currency. After this is achieved, global government would become much easier to sell to the public.

Beyond this, the idea that the globalists have “total control already” is nonsense. The big secret the establishment does not want you to know about is that elitist power hangs by a thin thread, and that thread is public inaction and distraction. The establishment spends trillions of dollars and thousands of man-hours developing propaganda and launching wars in order to keep the populace preoccupied exactly because their control is an illusion. All it would take is for a marginal percentage of people to wake up one day and suddenly decide to grab their torches and pitchforks (or maybe sniper rifles in a modern hypothetical scenario) and start snuffing out the tiny faction of elites in highest positions.

Their control would vanish, and they would be hiding in the deepest holes they could find. Sure, others could take their place, but why would they want to when making the attempt would be a potential death sentence?

The globalists want total centralization and the subjugation of every nation under one system because this would make their illusory power more concrete. If the masses see them as saviors, and every nation is disarmed, docile and dependent on a single global monetary framework, who is going to snuff them out then?

The Agenda Is Out In The Open

Dollar exceptionalists ignore reality, they ignore evidence and they ignore history in their blind faith defense of the currency. Controlling the reserve currency did not stop the globalists from centralizing further and

dumping the pound sterling post-Bretton Woods in 1944. Why would it stop them from dumping the dollar today? The argument over whether or not the dollar can be sunk is, in the end, pointless, because the decision has already been made.

The ultimate goal of the globalists is openly admitted. As I have examined in numerous articles including 'The Economic End Game Explained', the Rothschild owned magazine The Economist outlined the plan for a one world currency system 30 years ago in 1988. This plan describes a shift starting in 2018, in which the US economy will be diminished to make way for a new system, rooted in the IMF's SDR basket. The article mentions that the SDR will not be the world currency, but a "bridge" to the world currency.

Skeptics will say "Ah, but 2018 has come and gone, and there is no global currency!" But these people have not been paying attention.

In my article 'The Globalist One World Currency Will Look A Lot Like Bitcoin', published in 2017, I examined the suspicious origins of cryptocurrency and blockchain technology. I also warned that this technology was key to the death of privacy in trade and the very cashless society that globalists had been lusting after for years. My position – That blockchain and crypto ARE the foundation for the one world currency system.

My position was confirmed by the IMF itself in 2018. In multiple white papers and articles, the IMF calls for the creation of a new digital currency system that would be based on blockchain technology. It is possible that this global crypto mechanism already exists and is being traded on the crypto-market today. Or, it is being held at the IMF as they wait for the right moment to put it into action.

Last month the General Manager of the BIS, Augustin Caroen, published a paper on 'The Future Of Money And Payments'. In it he calls for a cashless society driven by digital currency issued by central banks. He also suggests that digital accounts could be offered directly by central banks, bypassing normal corporate banks. Our friend Steven Guinness recently wrote an excellent article covering this.

The SDR's role as a bridge is also being confirmed in the mainstream. In 2017, globalist Mohamed El-Erian called for the SDR to act as a structure for a one world currency system, and stated that this would be useful in combating "the rise of populism".

This past week, former UN Under Secretary General Jose Antonio Ocampo published an essay calling for the IMF to fully fund itself using the SDR, and then issue the SDR as a global currency mechanism. Skeptics and dollar cheerleaders should argue with global bankers on what can and cannot be done with the greenback, because it is the global banks that are stating, unequivocally, that they are about to replace the dollar with something else. How would they go about doing this? In many articles I have suggested that the best way to kill the dollar's reserve status would be to first kill its petro-status. This is part of what they did to the pound sterling when they made the dollar the world reserve, is it not?

It is perhaps no coincidence then that Saudi Arabia, the key to the dollar's petro-currency dominance, has been cited as threatening to dump the dollar on multiple occasions the past few years. The latest incident comes within days of multiple globalist sources calling for a new world currency system. Though the Saudis have recently denied this news as a misrepresentation of their plans, I suspect this is spin control as the story has gone far more viral than they would have liked. The Saudi "Vision For 2030" requires dedollarization in order to be completed. And, guess who supplies the funding for the Saudi Vision For 2030 program? Globalist corporations like Goldman Sachs and the Carlyle Group.

If the US government passes a bill exposing OPEC members to antitrust lawsuits, watch how quickly a monetary structure can disintegrate. And, watch how quickly the IMF and other globalist organizations swoop in to "save the day" with their own one world system.

Moscow blamed for disruption of GPS systems at Ben Gurion Airport

Times of Israel

An airplane drives along the runwar at Ben Gurion International Airport, on May 8, 2018. (Flash90) Israeli officials on Thursday accused Russia of responsibility for the ongoing disruptions to the satellite navigation systems of airplanes flying around Ben Gurion International Airport. The Russian embassy in Israel dismissed the allegations as “fake news” that they “couldn’t respond to seriously.”

The issue has not yet caused any accidents or safety incidents, but has a “significant impact on all aspects of operating a plane from the cockpit, as well as on managing air traffic,” the Airports Authority said in a statement Wednesday.

The interference with the airplanes’ GPS reception appears to stem from a form of electronic warfare known as “spoofing,” which Russia has been accused of doing in the past as a defensive measure, despite the disruptions it causes to nearby aircraft and ships.

The interference appears to originate in Syria, where Russian troops and aircraft are fighting on behalf of the country’s dictator, Bashar Assad, Israeli officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The Israel Defense Forces refused to comment publicly on the source of the interference, but said it has not affected its operations. “The issue is of civilian concern and the IDF provides technological support in order to facilitate freedom of movement within Israel’s airspace,” the army said. “The IDF operates continuously to maintain operational freedom of movement and superiority in the electromagnetic spectrum.”

The Israeli Airline Pilots Association said Russia’s spoofing was a fairly advanced method of feeding GPS receivers with incorrect location data by a transmitter, making it appear to the pilot as though the aircraft is in a different location, sometimes miles away. As the GPS receiver continues to show location information, it does not immediately appear as a malfunction.

“This type of blocking requires great technical knowledge and high mechanical capability, which is not possessed by individuals or organizations,” the association wrote on Twitter. Since the interference began, planes in Israel have had to use an alternative method for landings, known as the Instrument Landing System. “It is a safe and professional method that is used every day in airports around the world, including Israel,” the Airports Authority said.

The GPS reception problem only affects airplanes in the sky, not sensors on the ground. “Ben Gurion Airport controllers have been giving full guidance to planes that are taking off and landing. At no point has there been a safety incident connected to this GPS interference or related to navigation instructions or flight paths,” the airports spokesman said.

GPS spoofing problems have been reported in Russia in the past. In June 2017, over 20 ships experienced GPS interference while sailing through the Black Sea, showing the vessels to be 25 nautical miles (46.3 kilometers) closer to the shore than they actually were and in some cases on land. Similar anomalies have been reported around the Kremlin and Putin’s Palace.

Researchers have surmised that Russian officials use GPS spoofing as a protective measure for Russian President Vladimir Putin, according to Norwegian news outlet NRKbeta. During the GPS interference in the Black Sea, Putin was located nearby, inspecting a natural gas pipeline.