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“Let us be alert to the season in which we are living. It is the season of the Blessed Hope, calling for us to cut our ties with the world and build ourselves on this One who will soon appear. He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us to rise above our times and fix our gaze upon Him.” Tozer

**This is spot on!** She could have gone into a lot more detail on what social justice is, but allow me to fill in a couple blanks. There is no such concept as social + justice. Justice is from God, and it reflects His nature in an immutable standard set by Him and Him alone. All humans are affected or will be, by God’s justice, in this life or the next. *Socialized justice* is a temporal attempt to level the playing field in every area of life by those who think others have something that everyone must have. Enhance the guilt dosage with political correctness, and you get the very thing that is destroying not only education but also the church. It’s wicked from an earthly perspective and will only aid in diminishing our humanity and enslaving mankind to a dictatorship.

## The social justice drive to destroy American education

By Heather Mac Donald December 11, 2019

Social justice has become a new excuse for prejudice.

Social justice ideology is turning higher education into an engine of progressive advocacy, according to a new report by the National Association of Scholars. Left-wing activists masquerading as professors are infiltrating traditional academic departments or creating new ones — such as “Solidarity and Social Justice” — to advance their cause.

They are entering the highest circles of college administration. From these perches, they require students to take social justice courses, such as “Native Sexualities and Queer Discourse” or “Hip-hop Workshop,” and attend social-justice events in order to graduate.

But social justice education is merely a symptom of an even deeper perversion of academic values: the cult of race and gender victimology a k a “diversity.” The diversity cult is driven by one overwhelming reality: the seemingly intractable achievement gap between whites and Asians on the one hand, and blacks and Hispanics on the other. Radical feminism, as well as LGBT advocacy, are also deeply intertwined with diversity and social justice thinking on campus and off. But race is the main impetus. Liberal whites are terrified that the achievement and behavior gaps will never close. So they have crafted a totalizing narrative about the supremacist white norms and racism that allegedly hold back black achievement.

Objectivity, a strong work ethic, individualism, a respect for the written word, perfectionism and promptness are among the “white norms” that diversity and social-justice theory seek to deconstruct. In New York City, Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza is inflicting social justice ideology on local schools. Any act of self-discipline or deferred gratification is now simply a manifestation of white supremacy.

The test for whether a norm is “white” and thus illegitimate is whether it has a disparate impact on blacks and Hispanics. Given the behavioral and academic skills gaps, every colorblind standard of achievement will have a disparate impact. The average black 12th-grader currently reads at the level of the average white eighth-grader. Math levels are similarly skewed. Truancy rates for black students are often four times as high as for white students.

The solution to this disparity is not greater effort on the part of students, according to social-justice and diversity proponents. Instead, teachers are now taught about “inclusive grading” and how to assess writing without judging its quality, since such quality judgments maintain white language supremacy.

It is impossible to overstate how fierce and sweeping the attack on meritocracy is: Every mainstream institution is either furiously revising its standards or finds itself in the crosshairs for failing to do so. Due to the diversity imperative, medical schools admit black students with MCAT scores that would be automatically disqualifying if presented by a white or Asian student. An oncology professor at an Ivy League medical school was berated by a supervisor for giving an exam in pharmacology that was too “fact-based.”

The only precedent for our current resentment-driven war on the West’s magnificent achievements is the Chinese Cultural Revolution, and that didn’t turn out well. Anti-racism has become the national religion, with the search for instances of racism to back up that religion becoming ever more desperate.

In fact, America is among the least racist countries on the planet. There is not a single mainstream institution not trying to hire and promote as many underrepresented minorities as possible.

Conservative philanthropists and firms spend billions each year on uplift programs to close the achievement gap. Taxpayer dollars are as liberally distributed from government coffers. We so take these efforts for granted that we don’t even see them; they have no effect on the dominant narrative about white indifference and exploitation.

How a civilization survives with so much contempt for itself is an open question. The claim that every feature of our world rests on racial oppression undermines the moral legitimacy of our country. The greatest sin of the social-justice and diversity crusade, however, is to teach students to hate their cultural inheritance. That inheritance allows us to trace the ever-changing reflection of human experience in the mirror of human imagination. The social justice crusaders are stripping the future of everything that gives human life meaning: beauty, sublimity and wit.

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## The New Antisemite

*Covering Jew hatred in Europe, one random incident at a time*

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Europe no longer hides its hostility to Israel.

Alain Destexhe, honorary Senator in Belgium, @ Gatestone Institute:

- The European Union seems deliberately to fail to recognize that Israel, a sovereign state, is regularly under threat -- even extreme continuous rocket fire from Gaza and Syria -- and, for that reason alone deserves its full support.

- The statement [by the European Union]... fails to mention that Israel had killed a terrorist belonging to an extremist group about to launch another attack. The statement also fails to mention the number of rockets fired on the country, or the right of Israel to defend itself.

- Four hundred and fifty rockets in under 48 hours is not a skirmish or a minor attack; it is a large-scale military attack. Any similar attack on France or Germany -- if they received even a single missile -- would have sparked a major crisis.

- By comparison, U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman tweeted: "Palestinian Islamic Jihad, an Islamist terrorist org backed by Iran, is again attacking Israel with 100's of missiles aimed at civilians. We stand w our friend & ally Israel at this critical moment & support Israel's right to defend itself & bring an end to these barbaric attacks."

- The contrast speaks for itself. The United States is a friend of Israel. The European Union is not.

- In other words, the EU, which is officially committed to fighting terrorism, supports the Palestinian Authority (PA), which supports terrorists and their families. Just try making sense of that.

- The European Union, for its part, is proud to be "the biggest donor of external assistance to the Palestinians". Since February 2008, more than €2.5 billion (\$2.8 billion) have been disbursed. The EU provides core financial support to the Palestinian Authority, even though part of the PA budget is earmarked for terrorists and terrorists' families, thereby actually incentivizing terrorism.

The European Union has, over the years, become increasingly hostile towards Israel. That attitude was confirmed in early November when the Court of Justice of the European Union ruled that food products made in the so-called settlements of East Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Golan Heights must be labeled as such and may not carry the generic label "Made in Israel."

As rightly argued by the strategic studies expert Soeren Kern, there are many territorial conflicts all over the world, but the European Court singles out only Israel. Examples of the EU's bias against Israel are numerous, particularly compared to the United States.

The EU seems deliberately not to recognize that Israel, a sovereign state, is regularly under threat -- even extreme continuous rocket fire from Gaza and Syria -- and, for that reason alone deserves its full support. No country in the world, especially one roughly the size of Vancouver Island, undergoes military attacks as perpetually as Israel does. On November 12 and 13, in under 48 hours, more than 450 rockets and mortars were fired from the Gaza Strip at Israeli towns. Rockets fired from Gaza caused countless damage, injuring at least 63 persons, and reached as far as the Tel Aviv area.

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# The Top 10 Bible Prophecy Stories of 2019

By Jan Markell

There was a time when news of last days' significance was sporadic. I could easily do a weekly radio program and hit the highlights of the week in an hour or two on air. In the last decade, that has all changed. Now, when trying to prepare a new message on the signs of the times, I find myself having to leave out information due to volume. Some things just have to be set aside.

In light of that, let me present what I think are the top ten Bible prophecy signs of 2019. As stated, I could present 110. In some cases, these signs are Tribulation-related events but they are still casting a shadow on the Church Age. They are not in order of importance because each item is important!

1) The spirit of the Antichrist has been poured out around the world.

In dozens of countries, we see anarchy, lawlessness, rage, and violence. It even came to the heartland of Minneapolis when President Trump spoke here in October. The area around the rally turned into a war zone. It is now cool to be a member of Antifa and to create destruction.

2) The last year has seen the rise of Romans 1 behavior and thinking, the explosion of strong delusion, and the increase in the hatred of God.

There is a collective shrug over things like "Drag Queen Story Hour." So what, yet this measures our decay more than anything else. A 6'5" male won the "woman of the week" award at the University of Montana—strong delusion.

Millions of free Americans long to have our country succumb to Socialism, and some are praising Marxism. Again, an irrational delusion.

The Western world now has a rabid hatred of God that would be unexplainable had the Bible not warned us that the last days would be characterized by this sentiment. First Europe threw God out, and now America is close to it. This is again delusional thinking.

Seminary students in New York are praying and confessing sins to plants. How else can these things be explained other than the pouring out of strong delusion and reprobate-mind thinking in these last days?

3) In the last year we have seen a rise in a new world religion.

The Pope of climate change has announced a global crisis. So will climate be the pathway to the New World Order? I think so. The NWO must have a crisis. It will ultimately be the Rapture of the Church, but before that, their sky is falling with perceived rising temperatures.

How does an autistic teenager take the world by storm just for having a climate temper tantrum at the U.N. in September? Greta Thunberg was named the successor to Jesus Christ by her home nation of Sweden. Understand she has a machine behind her—a globalist climate-alarmist machine. And this kind of radicalism is becoming a global religion. It will be a major component of the coming one-world religion.

4) There is a stunning rise in wickedness. Yes, evil is to wax worse and worse (II Timothy 3:13), but it is now out-of-control.

Voodoo dolls are sold in retail stores. Witches continue to try to hex President Trump as well as all Christians or conservatives. Today this makes headlines and is the lead story on Fox News.

Walmart, Amazon, Target, Barnes & Noble, and others are selling the “Children’s Book of Demons,” teaching them how to conjure demons and implement them in their lives. They advertise saying, “summoning demons has never been so much fun.”

We learned this year that the drag queen story hour is really rooted in occultism. And the world’s largest Ouija Board made national headlines.

There are now more witches in America than there are Presbyterians according to the Pew Research Center.

Netflix is releasing a new feature January 1 titled “Messiah” but, in looking at the trailer, one has to wonder if it isn’t promoting the Antichrist.

5) The mocking and scoffing of the truth has risen to new levels (II Peter 3).

People who want to share the good news of the gospel or the hope of Christ’s return have few who will listen, and those who will listen shoot the messenger and the message like never before.

Joy Behar on “The View” is acclaimed for saying Mike Pence has mental illness because he hears the voice of God.

Have you attended a good Bible prophecy conference lately? Understand these are just “hysteria conferences.” Shame on you for believing that the King is coming any day.

Just about the entire secular Left is mocking Christianity or coming up with new laws to undermine Christianity.

6) Christians and Jews are on the run.

Christians are running for their lives, and Jews are running to Israel for safety. As The Gatestone Institute reports, the numbers of Christians being killed for their faith is “too many to count.”

Pope Francis just stated that fundamentalist Christians are a “scourge.” Jews and Christians are the “people of the book,” and the predicted last days’ condemnation on both has risen to new heights in the last year.

A pro-Palestinian group at the University of Minnesota, just 20 minutes from my home, just called for the slaughter of all Jews and had enormous local support.

Anti-Semites like Rick Wiles are gaining in popularity as he calls the mess in Washington a “Jew coup” and blames the Jews for every problem in the world. He even says their goal is to kill all Christians!

7) The “epicenter”—the Middle East—is in a shake-up.

Vladimir Putin is now being called the new “King of the Middle East.” Is this a foreshadowing of Ezekiel 38-39—the Gog-Magog war?

The players in the Middle East are re-aligning according to the Bible since President Trump abandoned the Kurds this year. Even Israel was shaken by that mistake. Many Jews are asking if Israel is the next to be betrayed?

The constant turmoil is a foreshadowing and stage-setting of a foretold event, the obliteration of Damascus (Isaiah 17:1) likely followed by the Gog-Magog War.

We are just one election away from the complete U.S. abandonment of Israel if a leftist gains the White

House.

8) The efforts of the globalists were advanced in the last year.

Pope Francis continued to beat a drum for globalism. Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu continue to represent the nationalist mentality, and the globalists are trying to run both out of office.

The United Nations called for global government in less than 12 years.

Europe cries for no borders, and liberals in America decry borders.

The world continues to long for a single leader to make all things right, as well as for global government.

9) The Church of Laodicea blossomed and lurched even further to the left in the last year.

Apostasy is talked about more than just about any other end-time phenomenon.

Movements such as the New Apostolic Reformation gained new strength, calling for Heaven on earth and emphasizing experiential Christianity. This is the fastest-growing “denomination” in the world.

Social justice and “critical race theory” became prominent in the evangelical church that once emphasized soul-winning.

Bible prophecy and Christian support for Israel fell deeper into obscurity in the church.

10) The surveillance of humanity is now big business, and privacy is completely gone.

New technologies have emerged that reveal our every step is now being tracked. Someone is following our every move online, and our “smart” devices, that seem smarter than humans, are spying on us 24/7. This is a set-up for Antichrist’s empire, as is new technology utilizing artificial intelligence.

Limiting my list to just ten important items forced me to leave off events such as third temple talk in Israel, record-setting birth-pang natural disaster destruction, and the stunning “convergence” of things we have never seen so prominent.

But, I hope I have helped you focus on “signs of the times” that are a herald of His coming in the last year. And keep in mind that many of these items are going to fully blossom in the Tribulation. What we have now is just a foretaste. God will spare His Church from this wrath as we are enjoying Heaven during this seven-year period of utter chaos on earth.

While it is a challenge to be born for such a time as this, it is encouraging to know that everything is falling into place.