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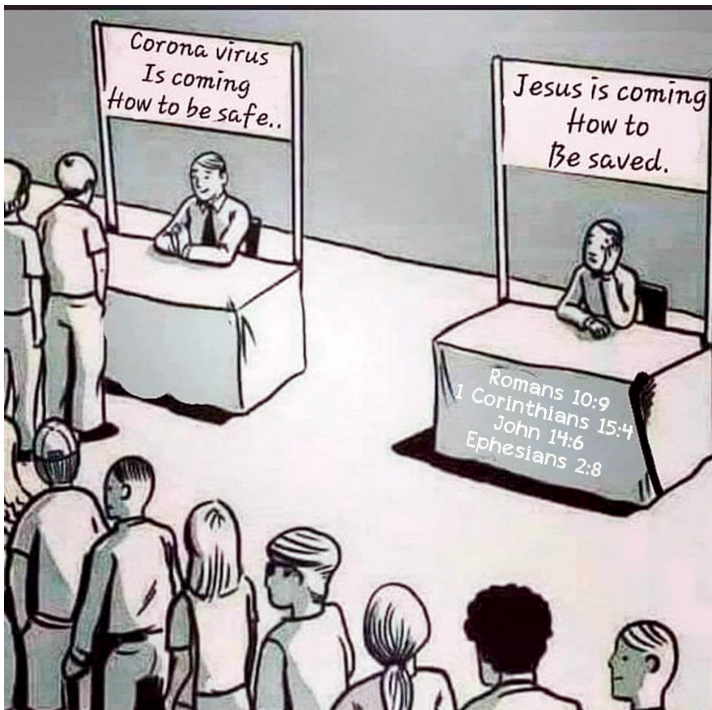
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“Let us be alert to the season in which we are living. It is the season of the Blessed Hope, calling for us to cut our ties with the world and build ourselves on this One who will soon appear. He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us to rise above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



So Many Agendas, So Little Time

For your consideration Mary Danielsen

Let's say you're a globalist. A card-carrying power starved manipulator of mankind. There's a nationalist in office in the free world and he's forced a complete stop to the globalist agenda, making the cabal to sit on its hands and go underground for a spell, restless and enraged for the most part. What to do, what to do? What kind of plot can we weave to bring not only the free world to its knees and run a real life test of all the things we already envisioned before we were so rudely interrupted?

I know! Let's "trump" up a global emergency so we can kickstart our program again - a socialist, wicked and rebellious all-encompassing slavitude of useless humans. A virus - whether a real or veiled threat, in which contact with other humans ensures its survival, is the perfect storm of control and uncertainty in which the state is now in full control of every single aspect of daily life. And the humans who deep down can't seem to govern themselves or visit a doc on their own are willing go along. It's devilishly perfect.

So here we are, and our president is even forced to go along with everything that is mandated, in effect, enslaving him as well. This season of time, whether a test run or a point of no return, is so full of holes and nonsensical panic that a thinking person has got to question a majority of it or risk losing their minds. Malls are open but churches are not, and Easter is coming fast. What is wrong with this picture?

I predict that in hindsight, this will be a season of some fairly unreasonable rules and regulations, blind obedience and economic challenges the likes of which no one has ever seen in this country's recent history. Even if people think that schools being closed and binge watching the worst made

for TV envelope pushing filth is fun, it will stop being fun real quickly and we may never be the same, ever. The globalists have taken back more territory than they lost, and I believe this was well thought out once the impeachment process self-destructed. Never let a crisis go to waste.

As usual, the humans are caught in the middle, the spoils of all these goings-on. The virus is real, that is the real-time portion of it all. The average sufferer recovers completely, as with all the viruses that vex us every year. People get sick, people die. Now, if anyone out there has lost someone to it, I am very sorry, there are no words to make that pain disappear and I do not want to minimize the difficulties people are facing. This is a complex issue, both publically and privately.

But truly, the fallout, economically and socially, will be beyond the pale unless this is brought to sanity. At the end of the day, I trust the Lord's mercy and faithfulness above all. But what about all those who do not know Him? What is their hope? Where is their hope?

Remember, the enemy of every soul is on the prowl. Everyone needs to get their house in order, tear down the fences they are sitting on, and get priorities fixed, we all have time on our hands thanks to the spirit of the age. I know the Lord will use this in people's lives, He is the Saviour and that is what He does.

Final thought: what if people took the warning of His coming as seriously as the threat of this virus, those in bondage to this sin-soaked world already cursed and under threat of judgment?

U.N. Asks World Religions to Defer Authority to Them

By Geri Ungurean

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When I first saw this headline, I thought for sure I was looking at a satirical website. I then researched to see if the claims of this were factual.

They are.

Brethren, the Signs of the Times told to us by Jesus Himself are all around us. Open your eyes and your Bible if you cannot see this!

“Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?’ And Jesus answered and said to them: ‘Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:3-14).

I have written so many articles about the evil within the United Nations. I have written about Alice Bailey of the Lucis Trust and many other New Age characters who were accepted with open arms by this devilish institution.

We have been praying that the United Nations building would be moved from the U.S. to another location – ANYWHERE but here!

UN expert: World religions should defer to the authority of UN experts

Special reporter Ahmad Shaheed concluded that laws based in traditional morality, often religious in nature, should be repealed if they conflict with the opinions of human rights scholars and U.N. experts:

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 6, 2020 (C-Fam) — According to the UN’s special expert on freedom of religion, the fringe views of UN human rights bodies must take precedence over the mainstream beliefs of many leading world religions, when it comes to law and policy.

In his newly-launched annual report, Ahmad Shaheed, the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, wrote about the intersection of religion and gender equality. He concluded that laws based in traditional morality, often religious in nature, should be repealed if they conflict with the opinions of human rights scholars and UN experts.

“States have an obligation to guarantee to everyone, including women, girls and LGBT+ people, an equal right to freedom of religion or belief,” he said, “including by creating an enabling environment where pluralist and progressive self-understandings can manifest.”

In order to enable these “self-understandings,” laws criminalizing abortion or various sexual behaviors would need to be overruled.

Shaheed noted that laws regarding abortion and homosexual behavior often arise from the application of religious teachings regarding the sanctity of life, the family, and sexual morality. While stopping short of directly calling on major world religions, such as Christianity or Islam, to change their doctrines, he attempted to differentiate between “patriarchal” and “gender equal” interpretations of religious teachings. The report cites the work of scholars who have worked to promote “progressive” reinterpretations of faith traditions, adding that the source of gender-based violence or discrimination is not necessarily religions, but, rather, certain interpretations of them, “which are not protected per se.”

The notion of “LGBT+ rights,” a concept that has only recently entered the parlance of scholars, and which has no international consensus, much less a formally accepted definition, is treated by the report as a given. In contrast, religious traditions, some dating back thousands of years, are treated as subordinate. The special rapporteur cites “many feminists and human rights scholars” in arguing that “rules regulating the status of men and women, including in the appointment of clergy,” are not only religious, but political, and therefore “are a concern for the State and international human rights law.”

Last November, Shaheed Tweeted a quote from a workshop focusing on gender equality and freedom of religion: “When access to safe abortion is denied, the right to life, the right to health, the right to equal human dignity is denied.”

On Monday, the Human Rights Council held an interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur, where a joint statement was presented on behalf of several pro-life and pro-family organizations, including C-Fam, raising objections to the report’s disregard for the rights of unborn children and calls to restrict the rights of

conscientious objection to abortion by health care professionals.

The position of the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief is part of the subset of the UN Human Rights Council known as Special Procedures. As such, he serves in an individual unpaid capacity, and his reports are advisory and nonbinding. Nevertheless, they feed into the UN's library of human rights documents that frequently cite each other in defending interpretations of human rights that are far from gaining widespread support among UN Member States.

Only today, Rapture Ready posted an article of mine:
The U.N. Will Usher in Antichrist
Coincidence? I think not.

The Convergence of Events are upon us, and one would have to be oblivious of the Words from the Bible to not see it. The whole world watches in horror as we see the Coronavirus travel from one country to another. Scientists have never seen a virus like this one.

And now we see the United Nations brazenly telling the world that all Religions should come under their authority?

The only thing which keeps me calm is knowing that none of this is new to our God. He is in full control!

MARANATHA!!

Europe Under Siege

Barbarians are storming the gates, but Europeans still won't pull in the welcome mat.
Tue Mar 10, 2020 Bruce Bawer

In 1683 a massive army of the Ottoman Empire laid siege to the Christian city of Vienna. After two months, an allied force that consisted of men from all over the Holy Roman Empire and from other central European states, including Hungary, and that was led by John III Sobieski, the King of Poland and Lithuania, turned the Ottoman soldiers back, preventing the potential Islamization of the continent.

In recent days, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, president of the Ottoman Empire's successor state, Turkey, has unleashed thousands of Muslims, mostly young males of military age, upon the European Union, today's not-so-holy but increasingly imperial reincarnation of the Holy Roman Empire. More specifically, Erdogan, in violation of an agreement with the EU that netted him billions, has allowed – and encouraged – these people, who have been routinely described in the Western media as “refugees” and “migrants,” to storm the border separating his country from the EU's southeasternmost satrapy, Greece. Indeed, he's lent them active support, providing many of them with free transport to the border, which they've attacked with rocks, “makeshift battering rams,” and tear-gas canisters (supplied by Ergodan) while setting fires and shouting “Allahu akbar!” Photos taken at the border underscore just how perverse it is to call these thugs “refugees” or “migrants.”

Seems like old times. What's different this time around is that whereas seventeenth-century Europeans understood that they were confronting, in the Islamic invaders of their day, an existential threat to their way of life, many of their descendants don't seem to have a clue about what they're dealing with. On Tuesday of last week, and again on Saturday, thousands of Germans, rallying in Berlin and other cities, demanded that the “migrants” on the Greek borders be allowed to pour into the continent and to find their way to

Germany, if they wish, so that they can help form “a solidarity society” in which there will be “no more suffering.”

The youth division (CUF) of the Swedish Center Party sent out a similar message, calling on Europeans to “Open your hearts – and your borders” and let the hustling hordes “come here and become part of our society.” In the Swedish cities of Gothenburg (last Wednesday) and Stockholm (Friday), crowds gathered in support of open borders; the latter demo was organized by the group Feminist Initiative, which, in a show of goodwill, has apparently decided to overlook the tendency of Muslim male arrivals to treat their own wives like chattel and treat Swedish women like sex dolls.

It was only five years ago that German chancellor Angela Merkel made the fateful decision to allow into her country tens of thousands of Muslims who were said to be Syrian refugees. Then as now, the Western world’s mainstream media distributed images of suffering women and children (not a few of which were staged). Ultimately, it turned out that the overwhelming majority of the “migrants” were not Syrian families fleeing war but, yes, young males of military age from all over the Muslim world. Nonetheless Merkel’s action was applauded by many of her country’s citizens, who, desperate as ever to prove that they aren’t Nazis, gathered at railroad stations to welcome these aspiring malefactors and welfare recipients with hugs and kisses.

One consequence of Merkel’s irresponsible move was that upwards of a thousand German women were sexually assaulted by their colorful and exotic new countrymen while celebrating New Year’s Eve 2015-16 in the central squares of Cologne and several other major cities. That was a particularly tough night, but hardly a brand-new phenomenon in a continent where the last few decades of Muslim immigration have led to an ever-rising incidence of violent crimes and to drastic funding cuts in everything from education to health care in order to feed, clothe, and house the restive, and not especially appreciative, denizens of ever-expanding sharia enclaves.

A few of the would-be conquerors who are charging the Greek border are indeed Syrians. But most, as an article in the British Metro acknowledged last Friday, are from “other Middle Eastern states and Afghanistan.” (Plus Pakistan, Bangladesh, etc.) Have Europeans forgotten the lessons of the 2015 debacle? Well, some of them obviously never learned them in the first place: the CUF’s chairperson, Ida Alterå, who is all of 22 years old, has reportedly expressed the view “that the main problem of the 2015 migrant crisis was that Europe did not let enough migrants in.”

Stephen Erlanger of the New York Times, who is presumably somewhat older than Ms. Alterå, had an equally fatuous take on what he called “the mismanaged chaos of the 2015 influx of migrants and refugees.” While stating that that inundation “produced horrible pictures of dead children, masses of unregistered people wandering the roads, political divisions and a significant boost to far-right populism across the Continent,” Erlanger avoided mentioning that the tide of immigrants also led to countless rapes and other weighty challenges to European freedom and security.

Some European leaders have taken these challenges seriously by acting to protect their nations, but here’s how Erlanger characterized their moves: “populists from Viktor Orban in Hungary to Matteo Salvini in Italy and the Alternative for Germany party have profited from the chaos of 2015 and the influx of more than a million people, mostly Muslim. The populists have vowed loudly to defend European and national borders, and identity.” So it is that responsible attempts by leaders to protect their own citizens are reduced to cynical, self-serving, and probably racist political moves.

As for the Greek government, it’s doing its best to push back the barbarians at its gates. It has no choice. Greece is an economic basket case and has already been overrun with more Muslims than it can ever hope

to handle. As Patrick Strickland admitted last week in a long report on the border crisis for the New York Review of Books (NYRB), Greece – which at first reacted with hospitality to the arrival of Muslim masses on its shores – has long since become a “refugee warehouse” in which the residents of some islands are outnumbered by the needy and raucous newcomers.

Nonetheless, all the usual suspects are savaging Greece for trying to save itself. Amnesty International has accused Greece of violating EU and international law by putting an emergency one-month hold on accepting new asylum applications. The UN High Commissioner on Refugees adds that Greece is in breach of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees. Human Rights Watch (HRW), maintaining that there’s “no legal basis or justification” for Greece’s stance, has called on the EU to “respond with compassion to the arrival of people fleeing conflict and persecution by putting their dignity and humanity at the center of its response.” And Edouard Rodier of the Norwegian Refugee Council has urged European countries to take in the Muslims: “Europe needs to take responsibility for what is happening now at its external borders. It cannot suspend people’s right to seek asylum.”

A few questions. If the governments of Europe are obliged “to take responsibility for” foreigners – most of whom, frankly, are healthy-looking young males – what responsibility do those governments have to their own citizens – among them the elderly, the infirm, the women who are already scared to walk the streets at night, and the girls who are the same age as Britain’s grooming-gang victims? If the Muslims at the Greek border have a “right to seek asylum,” exactly what rights do the taxpayers of Europe have? Do they deserve the “compassion” to which HRW refers? Why should the “dignity and humanity” of Muslims from other continents trump the “dignity and humanity” of native Europeans? At what point in this decades-long Islamic tsunami will it be acceptable for the people of Europe to say “enough” without being called bigots?

Strickland, in his NYRB piece, introduced us to two men, “twenty-five-year-old Omar al-Daloo and thirty-year-old Saber al-Kolak,” whom he met at a Greek migrant camp. Both were from the Gaza strip; both had left home with the goal of reaching “Germany or somewhere else in Western Europe”; and both “have wives and children at home, and hope that obtaining asylum will afford them family reunification.”

Strickland was plainly out to gin up reader sympathy for these gents and their kinfolk. But they’re not refugees. They have absolutely no right of asylum in Europe. They’re economic migrants, plain and simple, who seek to exploit the present situation in order to relocate their broods to welfare states that already are diverting too much taxpayer money to pay for the upkeep of alien freeloaders. The irony here is that the countries Omar and Saber are eager to fleece have already poured untold sums into their native Gaza, money that was intended to relieve poverty and that has instead been used for a range of other purposes, all of them nefarious.

“With everyone living on top of one another” at the Greek refugee camp, reported Strickland, “fights over food and water distribution and spots in the morning queue to see the doctor” have become “a daily reality.” Note to Strickland: people live “on top of one another” in a great many cities around the world without constantly resorting to violence. A day before Strickland’s visit to the camp, “some Palestinians and Somalis had clashed after a minor disagreement, over exactly what no one could recall. There were threats, stones thrown, knives pulled out, and several men ended up being carted off to the hospital.” Yes, by all means let’s throw open the gates of Europe for these delightful folks.

In a report published last Thursday, Marie Jégo outdid Strickland in the sob-sister department, waxing poetic about the “haggard eyes” and “drawn features” of the people she encountered at a migrant camp in northwestern Turkey. “Distraught, demoralized, they no longer know where to go....Their most ardent dream, to live a dignified and peaceful life under the European sky, was shattered.” Jégo’s piece appeared in *Le Monde*, the most prominent newspaper in France, where millions of Frenchmen can no longer lead “a

dignified and peaceful life” because their rulers, without ever consulting them, have set their country on the path to becoming an Islamic dystopia.

On the same day that Jégo’s article appeared, a writer for the Swedish daily Aftonbladet also engaged in a bit of hand-wringing: “Who will take responsibility for these people’s lives and freedoms?” Let’s turn that question around: why is the welfare of everybody from everywhere on the planet the responsibility of Europeans? The Aftonbladet writer called it “absurd” to suggest that “Sweden has no more room” for migrants – this in a nation that’s on the brink of social and economic collapse because of the huge number of Muslim immigrants it’s taken in.

Not to be outdone, Turkey’s deputy foreign minister, Yavuz Selim Kiran, sent out a tweet on Saturday in which he compared Greece’s treatment of “innocent migrants crossing the border” to the incineration of Jews at Auschwitz. Yesterday, Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis was scheduled to meet Angela Merkel in Berlin. Meanwhile Erdogan was headed for Brussels to butt heads with officials of the EU, which disclosed yesterday that it might take in 1,000 to 1,500 children currently living in Greek migrant camps. Is there any good news here? Just this: while Western European politicians, activists, and commentators keep virtue signaling, the leaders of the Visegrad countries – Czechia, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia – have affirmed their readiness to help Greece guard its borders. On Sunday, Cyprus announced it would pitch in as well. At least one weekend report indicated that the EU, too, is prepared to take action on behalf of Greece; if true, this might mark a turning point. In any event, how appropriate is it people from pretty much the same places whose inhabitants defended Vienna in 1683 are standing with Greece in the year 2020? Somewhere up there, one likes to imagine, John III Sobieski is smiling.