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America, Eager to Embrace Iran's New "Butcher" President

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Why is the American government so eager to continue talks with an Iranian leader who is known as "the Butcher of Tehran"?

Concerning Ebrahim Raisi's inauguration this week as the new president of Iran, Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennet said:

"Raisi is the most extreme Iranian president so far, and the competition is tough. I call from here to the European Union: We cannot speak about human rights, while at the same time honoring a murderer, hangman, who eliminated hundreds of opponents of the regime."

Raisi earned the infamous nickname "Butcher of Tehran" after being denounced by the international community for his direct role in the extrajudicial executions of over 30,000 people in Iran in 1988. More recent reports of Raisi also hold him responsible for tortures and executions in Iran. This is the man who has just taken the helm of Iran's government.

When Raisi was first elected, Israel's Foreign Ministry had this to say about him:

"An extremist figure, committed to Iran's rapidly advancing military nuclear program, his election makes clear Iran's true malign intentions, and should prompt grave concern among the international community. More than ever, Iran's nuclear program must be halted immediately, rolled back entirely and stopped indefinitely. Iran's ballistic missile program must be dismantled and its global terror campaign vigorously countered by a broad international coalition."

Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz said that Iran is a mere ten weeks away from acquiring enough enriched uranium to build a nuclear weapon. Prime Minister Naftali Bennet also stated this week that the recent increase in the IDF's budget is to assist in preparing the military for an attack on Iran should it be deemed necessary.

Speaking to Ynet news, Defense Minister Gantz responded in the affirmative when asked if Israel was prepared to attack Iran. He said:

"We are at a point where we need to take military action against Iran. The world needs to take action against Iran now."

Prime Minister Naftali Bennet this week also stated:

"On the issue of the ship, and on the Iranian issue in general, we are working to enlist the world, but at the same time, we also know to act alone. Iran already knows the price that we charge, when someone threatens our security. The Iranians need to understand that they cannot sit in tranquility in Tehran, while they set the entire Middle East ablaze from where they sit. That's over."

Bennet's remarks refer to last week's deadly tanker attack off the coast of Oman in which two people were killed. Israel, the US, and Britain have all accused Iran of being behind the attack.

After vehemently denying the accusation, Iran's Foreign Ministry issued a threat of their own:

"We state this clearly: ANY foolish act against Iran will be met with a DECISIVE response. Don't test us."

In the meantime, the United States has called for Iran to resume nuclear talks now that Iran's new president has been sworn into office. Since Iran wouldn't even speak to the US in previous talks, but sent couriers back and forth with letters, it is doubtful that resuming these "talks" will lead to anything productive.

In the meantime, Iran may only be weeks away from a nuclear bomb. They have already enriched uranium more than fourteen times the amount that was to be allowed under the 2015 JCPOA agreement, an agreement that the United States is eager to reenter.

The time bomb in Iran is ticking.

Vaccine-mandating our way merrily toward Communism



A proof of vaccination sign is posted at a bar in San Francisco on Thursday, July 29, 2021. Until now, many employers had taken a passive approach to their unvaccinated workers, relying outreach and incentives. But that has been shifting.

By [Cheryl K. Chumley](#) - *The Washington Times* - Thursday, August 5, 2021
The coronavirus is killing America — but not in the way the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Anthony Fauci, President Biden and all the other COVID-19 vaccine pushers put out.

Not in the physical, not so much. In the spiritual.

In the spirit.

The spirit of America is being blotted and bludgeoned by an angry pro-vaccine crowd that wants to strip away an entire chunk of freedom in one coronavirus-crying fell swoop: that of informed consent.

Yes, the coronavirus has proved fatal for some. In America, it's proven fatal for 611,791, according to the latest CDC figures. But in America, that's out of a total 35.7 million cases. Reported cases. Cases reported to and by the CDC. And those fatalities also include deaths with coronavirus, not just deaths due entirely to coronavirus. And those figures neglect any contextual observances that show, for instance, it's mostly the elderly and otherwise sickly who've died from the coronavirus or that specify, for example, that since people do indeed die every day, even in America, that the more important figure to focus on is excess deaths — a number that helps highlight fatalities that wouldn't normally have occurred, except for this coronavirus.

It goes to the truth factor, dontcha see. It helps separate the deceptions from the, dare say, science? And speaking of science: It seems by the CDC's own numbers that if 1.74 percent of those who catch the coronavirus die from the coronavirus, then 98.26 percent don't.

With odds like that, no wonder there's a reluctance to take the vaccine. No wonder some hesitate because of questions.

Yet the "just take the dang vaccine!" tyrants continue their tirades; the political beasts keep up their attacks.

But if an individual doesn't have the right to decide whether or not to accept or refuse a medical treatment without punishment, then that individual is not free. Simple as that. So look around. Smell the stink of oppression. What we have here in America is a White House, a batch of political leaders, a complicit group of private businesses and a loud-mouthed faction of know-it-all medical bureaucrats who think nothing of pushing the coronavirus as a condition of free travel, as a condition of freely attending school, as a condition of free and unfettered access to certain venues, as a condition of walking about without a stupid face mask, maybe even two — who think nothing of doing all that while at the same time insisting they're not infringing upon the individual's right to choose.

That's fascism at its worst — at its double-speaking, propaganda pressing worst.

If America's not careful, we'll soon vaccine mandate ourselves into communism. It's only the dictatorial nations, after all, with leaders who demand collectivism while attacking all things individualist, that can get by with forcing citizens to take a vaccine that, by the same dictatorial nation's own definition, is entirely experimental. That's what "emergency use authorization" is, in essence — a phrase to describe the preliminary nature of a medical treatment that hasn't been studied for long-term effects and hasn't even been completely vetted for short-term effects and efficacy. Experimental. That's the coronavirus vaccine, all of them, in a nutshell.

Of course, for those who want to take it — have at it. That's how a free country works. But for those who don't, for whatever reason? Increasingly, the zealots and adherents of Big Government, Big Pharma, Big Business and in general, Big Busybody-ville, are condemning to the point of stripping freedoms, or trying to strip freedoms, from those whose primary crime is to exercise a right called informed consent.

Thankfully, some medical professionals are fighting this insanity.

"I am a PhD experiment psychologist with 20 years of research experience, analyzing data with medical researchers and doctoral students, many in epidemiology and public health. Researchers must protect participants from harm. Informed consent is critical. I am appalled," Statistics Diva tweeted, about the surge of vaccine mandates.

Another: "They are firing healthcare providers standing up for their patients and themselves. The ones who believe in informed consent, bodily autonomy, and a right to choose. The same ones

defending a career they love and an oath they took to do no harm. The order-followers remain,” tweeted NurseErin, a registered nurse whose Twitter profile also identifies her as an Army combat veteran.

Another: “We have AUTONOMY to consent to an experimental drug that has unclear scientific efficacy, safety profile, and dare I say, purpose. We aren’t Truman patients w/ seconds to live. We are healthy citizens that have the right to think [and] choose for ourselves and our families,” tweeted PatrioticTraumaSurgeon, MD, in one of 15 posts about the horrors of losing informed consent.

Another from the same thread, from the same Twitter poster: “So to fire people from their job, restrict them from education, segregate based on v@x status … all based on unclear science (and perhaps even harmful science) is purely unjust and dare I say evil.”

It is evil.

It is an evil thing for the powers-who-be — and the powers who are trying to be — in this country to shatter a time-honored facet of freedom that allows the individual the control of his or her personal health-related choices. It’s evil because it’s morally reprehensible; it’s evil because it’s the height of arrogance and pride; it’s evil because it flies in the face of common decency and courteous regard for human life, for individual boundaries, for personal privacies.

But mostly, in this country, in America, it’s evil because it’s an attack on the nation’s spirit. If the spirit of this nation is floated around the idea that individuals are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, and that government’s decidedly subservient role is to ensure those God-given liberties aren’t infringed — then the coronavirus is doing far more damage to the long-term sustainability of American Exceptionalism than anything else.

If this coronavirus is ultimately empowered to sub out the “God-given” for the “government granted,” the end result will be communism and collectivism. It’s not just a vaccine mandate, folks. It’s not even simply a matter of informed consent. It’s the fate of the nation and the ability of the people to derive rights from God, not government, that’s at stake. And in America, that is everything. See the battle for what it is and fight accordingly.

If Only God Would Speak Clearly

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God’s words are hard to figure out, aren’t they? If He would only speak clearly, we could understand what He means. Some people say that He doesn’t want us to understand Scripture, so that’s why He makes it so difficult. Here are some examples of how hard He makes it for us. Let’s start at the beginning.

“In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth” (**Genesis 1:1**).

I know that sounds as if Scripture says that evolution is wrong, but that just can’t be true. Darwin had a theory that everything evolved over millions of years. Or was it billions of years? Doesn’t matter; the proof is that finches have different-sized beaks. We know that somehow through the fantastical process of evolution, amoeba (I’m not sure where they came from) developed into fish with gills and fins. Some fish began the process of changing into land animals, and over time grew teeth, a digestive tract (very different from fish), and lost their scales. Those animals began changing, and some grew fur, some grew feathers, some grew hooves, some grew paws,

while others grew fingers and toes. Each has a respiratory system, digestive system, and reproductive system specific to its kind.

Why wasn't God specific when He described creation? His Word says it took six literal days with no evolution involved. Scripture even tells us exactly who the Creator was.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made" (**John 1:1-3**).

Jesus is "the Word." The first chapter of Romans even makes it clear what happens when people reject God as the Creator.

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen" (**Romans 1:21-25**).

It goes on from there, describing some very perverted sexual acts. Evolution is taught in schools as fact rather than fiction, and we can see that Paul, writing by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, describes what's happening today. **Maybe God does speak clearly, but we don't believe Him.**

Let's look at another example. The Garden of Eden. What a beautiful place that must have been. Birds chirping, flowers blooming, and the topmost of all of Creation, Adam. The only "problem" is God had a rule.

"And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (**Genesis 2:16**).

What a cryptic message! Adam hadn't been around very long, but now God warned of him dying. What could God possibly mean by "die"? Very cryptic. God seemed to have thought it wasn't a good thing to die, so that should have been enough of a warning for Adam to stay away from that fruit.

Adam was lonely, so God gave him a blessing. Eve. Adam loved her. He did tell her not to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge, but she made a big mistake. She talked to Satan. Instead of believing God, she believed that liar. She told him that they weren't to even touch the fruit or else they would die. It seems pretty clear to me what God said, but then I try not to question God even if I don't fully understand. Right away, Satan became the authority, and God was made out to be the liar.

"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (**Genesis 3:4-5**).

Boy, oh boy, did she come to understand the difference between good and evil... God is good, and Satan is evil. By then, it was too late. She had died. Oh, not physically, but spiritually. She was separated from God. So, Adam joined her in death. Why would he do that? Because he loved her. He joined her in sin rather than be parted from her forever.

Eventually, humanity was saved from this curse. Jesus Christ, God incarnate, loved mankind enough to become sin in our place and shed His blood, thereby giving us the only way to live with Him forever. If only God had been clear in the beginning and told Adam not to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge. Wait a minute. Let me go back and read that again.

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Actually, God's words are crystal clear. It's Satan's words that muddled the meaning.

Maybe that wasn't a good example. God was clear about what He meant by disobedience and death. It's just that Adam and Eve didn't believe Him by faith. So, let's look at another example of God not being at all clear about what He means.

After Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden, they began to have children. Lots of children. That can happen when you live hundreds and hundreds of years. Those children had lots of children, and so on. Because of Adam's sin, people began to turn away from God, and sin was rampant. Bad sin.

"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose" (**Genesis 6:1-2**).

Somehow, through the ages, people had again stopped believing God. The Holy Spirit told the men who wrote Scripture what to say. God said that angels began mating with human women, but humans have corrupted the meaning to say Seth's sons married Cain's daughters, and that's why God destroyed all of creation in a flood. God is depicted as mean for destroying people, but they weren't fully human. Much of Scripture cannot be understood unless the truth of Genesis 6 is seen as the fallen angels mating with humans. All of creation was corrupted by their evil doing. The only way God could keep His creation from being utterly corrupted was to send judgment. Noah and his family were genetically pure and honored God. So, God told Noah what to do.

"And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch" (**Genesis 6:13-14**).

Why would this ark be necessary? Noah couldn't really understand why God wanted this, but God clearly told him to build it. There was a river, but the ark was huge! It wouldn't float on the river, but since God said to build an ark, Noah built an ark. The people all around saw the ark but saw it as foolishness. Did they think it was just a new style of architecture? Any of the people who were genetically pure could have entered the ark and been saved, but only Noah and his family believed God. Noah entered the ark along with his family and the animals which God had sent. Then it rained. God said it would, but only Noah had trusted God even though he couldn't have understood at the time what rain was. Because he believed God and obeyed, people and animals got a new start.

Jesus said that at the end of time, it would be like the days of Noah. Have you studied "transhumanism" and genetic manipulation? Once again, this isn't a good example of God not speaking clearly. Even though Noah couldn't intellectually understand about rains and flood, he didn't try to out-think God. Noah knew that when God said, "Build an ark," it was time to start building. Because Noah was obedient, creation was saved. Maybe we should be more like Noah and believe what God says, not what man interprets.

There are many accounts in Scripture of men not totally understanding what God meant, but because they didn't act by their own understanding, wonderful things resulted.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report" (**Hebrews 11:1-2**).

God clearly told Abraham that he and Sarah (who was past child-bearing age) would have a child in their old age. Instead of trusting God, they acted on their own understanding, and Ishmael was born. But God meant Abraham and Sarah would have a son. Eventually, just as God clearly said, they did; Isaac was that son. And because of him, we have the nation of Israel, and Jesus Christ was born through his lineage.

Moses spoke to a burning bush and was told to lead the Children of Israel out of captivity. Did he know how that was to be accomplished? Not really. But he obeyed and reluctantly approached Pharaoh. Eventually, the Israelites were set free and headed to the land which God promised to Abraham. The point is, God does speak clearly. It's people who confuse things when they try to put their own human understanding into play. Chapter 11 of the letter to the Hebrews is a roll call of people who believed God and acted in faith to accomplish great things.

Scripture also is filled with prophecy. Sometimes it's hard to understand, but it's always accurate. For instance, when God spoke through the prophet Isaiah and said a virgin would give birth, that was hard to understand. Actually, to my human understanding, it would be impossible. When the time was right, a young virgin named Mary became pregnant by the Holy Spirit, and Jesus was born. Jesus is fully God because He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and He is fully human because Mary was human. Why is that important?

When Eve had been confused by listening to Satan's lies, she convinced Adam to eat the fruit. God had clearly told Adam not to eat it or else he would die. Eve was deceived, but Adam knew full well what he was doing when he ate the forbidden fruit. In that one act of disobedience, the entire creation fell. Adam's blood was no longer untainted by sin. From that point on, sin was passed on genetically through the blood. All humans are descendants from Adam, so all human blood is corrupted.

When Gabriel told Mary she would bear a child, she didn't understand how but was obedient. "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (**Luke 1:34-35**).

The Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary, and a human became pregnant with God's Son. Because Mary was willing to believe God, she gave birth to the Messiah... the Saviour of the world. All who believe in Him gain eternal life.

Jesus grew into manhood and began His ministry on earth. Twelve men were chosen to follow him and learn to spread the Gospel to the whole world. These men followed Him for three years and saw miracles, and heard His teachings. They should have been experts in the Gospel! So, at their final meal together, they should have understood when Jesus told them He would soon leave them. He was going to prepare a place for them.

"And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know" (**John 14:4**).

After three years, they should have understood exactly what the Lord meant. It was Thomas who spoke up and wanted to know what Jesus was talking about. They should have believed all they heard and saw, but they needed to have it spelled out clearly.

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (**John 14:6**).

Does that clear things up for you? Only faith in Jesus Christ will bring eternal life. Mormonism won't bring salvation, Buddhism won't save, Mohammed cannot save, works won't save, baptism won't save, no denomination can save. Only Jesus can give eternal life. He made that very clear. It's people who are confused by Satan and his lies. Only Faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ will bring salvation. God made that very clear many times in Scripture.

God included prophecy in Scripture in order to let us know how close we are to the end of time. Today, many prophecies are being fulfilled, and it's amazing to see God's words being made clear.

Some ill-informed people would have us believe that Christians have replaced Israel in God's eyes. Wrong. Yet another example of God speaking clearly and people misinterpreting His truth. God said Israel would be re-established as a nation in their God-given land, and they are. God says there will be seven years of tribulation prior to the end of time. He also says Christians will be Raptured prior to the Time of Jacob's Trouble, the final

seven years. The events of Revelation, beginning in chapter 6, are being put in place today. Jesus gave a detailed description of the events leading to the end. He began by warning against deception.

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you" (**Matthew 24:4**).

The only way to avoid deception is to believe what God clearly said, as recorded in Scriptures. Believe what He says, and don't misinterpret them using human understanding.

The stage is being set and is almost ready for the Anti-Christ to place himself in leadership of the world. He will set himself above all gods; he will put an abomination in the Jewish temple (which will be rebuilt) and cause everyone to take his mark... the Mark of the Beast. It's all being set in place now.

God clearly says that Christians will be called Home prior to His wrath. "And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come" (**1 Thessalonians 1:10**).

Believe God, and you'll find hope and peace in these troubling times.

Study God's word because He does speak clearly. The problem is people don't hear clearly.

God bless you all,

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