

NEWS BYTES

December 14, 2022

No. 1093

Since 2001

A ministry of Calvary Chapel of Appleton

“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

Coming soon: Climate lockdowns?

BY KRISTIN TATE

The past two years have been a checklist for the worst impulses of government and public sentiment. COVID allowed for supposedly temporary measures to morph into two years of “emergency” restrictions. But what if COVID was only the opening act, and another proclaimed crisis is the main event? Implementing significant but partial restrictions, one by one, in the name of the common good can allow for encompassing government control that results in relatively little backlash. Fear over climate change could lead to long-term soft lockdowns, given the precedent of immense growth of government power and significant support for sweeping state actions.

This isn't a right-wing fever dream. Calls for harsh government measures in the name of saving the environment are already in the parlance of influential organizations and figures. In November 2020, the Red Cross proclaimed that climate change is a bigger threat than COVID and should be confronted with “the same urgency.” Bill Gates recently demanded dramatic measures to prevent climate change, claiming it will be worse than the pandemic. Despite millions of people having died from COVID, former governor of the Bank of England Mark Carney last year predicted that climate deaths will dwarf those of the pandemic. Lockdowns, which significantly reduced carbon emissions during 2020, could be the solution. After all, the EU's climate service gloated, the first COVID lockdown may have saved 800 lives.

What would climate lockdowns look like? Most likely, cities and states would begin a gradual and discrete ramp-up of restrictions. During the early days of the pandemic, millions of Americans worked from home; this could become the permanent norm if special carbon taxes are put in place. Such taxes could be imposed on companies, limiting driving or air miles, and extend to individual employees. Drive to work in a car? You get hit with the tax. Children could be impacted by climate lockdowns, too. Schools, especially those heavily influenced by teachers' unions, could impose permanent online-only days. Delhi, India is already using a version of this concept to crack down on smog pollution.

At the same time, either through direct government fiat or due to ineffective green energy policies, some areas of the country could regularly experience California-style rolling blackouts. And as fossil fuels (and nuclear power) go by the wayside, consumers may be prevented from buying new gasoline cars, lawnmowers, or chainsaws.

Significant measures are already being planned to combat climate change. California will ban the sale of gasoline cars in 13 years, as will Germany. Britain plans to do the same in just eight. Prohibiting internal combustion engines could save the planet, the argument goes. As each negative weather event is blamed on climate change, government will increasingly use its restrictive tools.

While deaths from natural disasters have fallen by two-thirds over the past five decades, mostly thanks to technological innovations, elites insist that climate change is the “biggest threat modern humans have ever faced.” Climate lockdowns and other restrictions will be framed as saving the people of the United States, and the world, from themselves. What goal could be more noble?

Anyone against such measures could be labeled a “climate denier” who stands against progress — or simply a “domestic terrorist.” Defectors likely won’t have much choice, anyhow. Facial recognition and plate-reading software, coupled with the impressive scope of drones, could lead to severe enforcement. Don’t like the restrictions on your gas guzzler? The government could easily track its location and send automatic tickets — or worse. The ability for officials to depend on a significant minority of zealous supporters to enforce measures is invaluable, as well. How many COVID “Karens” justify their fanaticism by contrasting themselves with uneducated, rural Donald Trump supporters?

But don’t expect the new rules to apply to everyone equally. During the pandemic, elites don’t wear masks in private — only their servers, drivers and cleaners do. You will be held responsible for your personal carbon footprint, enforced by either law or social convention. But climate evangelists such as Jeff Bezos or “climate czar” John Kerry will receive special dispensations for their carbon use.

The pandemic proved to be the precedent of 21st century governance. The initial lockdowns were a desperate attempt to understand more about the virus and shut it down. In hindsight, the overreaction will simply provide a backdrop for the next major government overreach. If COVID could kill millions, imagine the powers the government will assume against a threat that could kill billions.

Political leaders have learned that fear prompts the public to accept dramatic curtailing of freedoms for vague promises of safety — they must realize the incredible power at their fingertips. COVID gave the government mouse a cookie, and power-hungry officials and bureaucrats can utilize the precedents of the past two years to institute a much longer, much more comprehensive lockdown.

US warns 'unprecedented' Moscow-Tehran ties could significantly bolster Iran's air force

According to the White House, Russia and Iran are considering standing up a drone assembly line in Russia for the Ukraine conflict, while Russia was training Iranian pilots on the Sukhoi Su-35 fighter and Iran could receive deliveries of the plane within the year.

The Biden administration is accusing Russia of moving to provide advanced military assistance to Iran, including air defense systems, helicopters and fighter jets, part of deepening cooperation between the two nations as Tehran provides drones to support Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby on Friday cited US intelligence assessments for the allegations, saying Russia was offering Iran "an unprecedented level of military and technical support that is transforming their relationship into a full-fledged defense partnership."

Kirby said Russia and Iran were considering standing up a drone assembly line in Russia for the Ukraine conflict, while Russia was training Iranian pilots on the Sukhoi Su-35 fighter and Iran could receive deliveries of the plane within the year. "These fighter planes will significantly strengthen Iran's air force relative to its regional neighbors," Kirby said.

The US allegations are part of a deliberate effort by the US to drive global isolation of Russia, in this case targeted at Arab nations who have looked to contain Iran's regional malevolence and who have not taken a strong stance against Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Earlier this year, the Biden administration accused Saudi Arabia of siding with Russia in the conflict by shepherding cuts by the OPEC+ cartel to boost the price of oil, crucial to funding Moscow's war effort. Saudi Arabia and Iran have been on opposite sides of a yearslong proxy war in Yemen. Kirby said the arms transfers were in violation of UN Security Council resolutions and that the US would be "using the tools at our disposal to expose and disrupt these activities."

Concerns about the "deepening and a burgeoning defense partnership" between Russia and Iran come as the Biden administration has repeatedly accused Iran of assisting Russia with its invasion of Ukraine. The administration says Iran sold hundreds of attack drones to Russia over the summer. Kirby on Friday reiterated the administration's belief that Iran is considering the sale of hundreds of ballistic missiles to Russia, but acknowledged that the US doesn't have "perfect visibility into Iranian thinking on why" the deal hasn't been consummated.

Britain's UN ambassador, Barbara Woodward, on Friday accused Russia of attempting to obtain more weapons from Iran, including hundreds of ballistic missiles, in return for "an unprecedented level of military and technical support" to Tehran.

"We are concerned that Russia intends to provide Iran with more advanced military components, which will allow Iran to strengthen their weapons capability," she said. "So it is imperative that the truth about Iran's supply to Russia is exposed, and is investigated by the UN as soon as possible."

At a UN Security Council meeting called by Russia to assess the impact of Western weapons pumped into Ukraine, Russia's UN Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia again denied that Iran is supplying weapons to Ukraine. "The military-industrial complex in Russia can work perfectly fine and doesn't need anyone's assistance, whereas the Ukrainian military industry does not basically exist and is being assisted by the Western industry and Western companies," he said.

The White House says Russia has also turned to North Korea for artillery as the nine-month war grinds on. North Korea has denied the claim. The White House has repeatedly sought to spotlight Russia's reliance on Iran and North Korea, another broadly isolated nation on the international stage, for support as it prosecutes its war against Ukraine.

Who Is Purposely Sabotaging Power Plants All Over America?

prophecynewswatch.com

Someone has been attacking power plants all over the country, and federal authorities are trying to determine who it is. In recent days, we have seen significant sabotage on both the east and west coasts, and so it can't just be one individual that is responsible.

During the first eight months of this year, there were a total of 106 attacks on the electrical grid in the United States, and that represents the highest number ever recorded in a single year.

Hopefully authorities will be able to get to the bottom of this mystery, because winter will soon officially begin. If power goes out in your neck of the woods for an extended period of time during the months ahead, what will you do?

Nobody is trying to claim that the string of attacks that we have been witnessing is "accidental", and ABC News is reporting that "federal authorities are investigating" this very disturbing trend...

Federal authorities are investigating a number of recent reported acts of sabotage on utility companies, a senior law enforcement source told ABC News.

The move comes in the wake of substations being riddled with bullets in North Carolina, leaving tens of thousands without power for days.

After the incident, the utility companies reached out to federal authorities in recent days to investigate, the source said.

The recent incident in North Carolina was particularly alarming.

At approximately 7 PM on Saturday night, gunfire erupted at two electrical substations in Moore County. Officials are calling this "an intentional and coordinated attack"...

Duke Energy restored power to all of its North Carolina customers Wednesday evening, four days after 45,000 customers were left in the dark after what officials have said was an intentional and coordinated attack on two substations in Moore County. Moore County Sheriff Ronnie Fields has said a motive for the attack is not known. It is also not clear what kind of protective measures were in place to prevent such an assault.

So who is to blame?

Well, these days authorities seem to have a rule for this sort of thing. When in doubt, blame the right-wing people.

Apparently a drag show was going on at the same time that the attacks on the substations happened, and so investigators are now focusing on that angle...

An LGBTQ nonprofit in North Carolina had set up a drag show at the Sunrise Theater in Southern Pines on Saturday night around the same time when the electric facilities were targeted with gunfire around 7pm.

The incident led to officials declaring a state of emergency as about 32,000 southeastern residents were left without power until Thursday.

Investigators are now determining if the backlash the 18 or older show received leading up to the performance led to the targeted attack.

That theory may or may not turn out to be accurate, but what about all of the other attacks that have been taking place all over the nation?

Just a few days prior to the sabotage in North Carolina, two electrical substations in the Portland area were attacked...

Two power substations in the Portland metro area have been deliberately damaged, utility companies say, with both incidents preceding targeted gunfire that damaged substation equipment in North Carolina, leaving thousands without power.

Portland General Electric and the Bonneville Power Administration each had a separate substation location in Clackamas County attacked.

Did the same people that shot up substations in the Portland area hop on a plane and fly to the east coast so that they could shoot up some substations in North Carolina?

Of course not.

Something very strange appears to be happening, and a federal law enforcement memo that has been made public makes it sound like these attacks are definitely being planned in advance. A federal law enforcement memo revealed that the Pacific Northwest substations have described attacks using 'handtools, arson, firearms, and metal chains possibly in response to an online call for attacks on critical infrastructure.'

'In recent attacks, criminal actors bypassed security fences by cutting the fence links, lighting nearby fires, shooting equipment from a distance or throwing objects over the fence and on to equipment,' read the memo.

Who in the world would want to do something like this?

According to the Department of Homeland Security, "domestic extremists" have had "specific plans to attack electricity infrastructure since at least 2020".

Of course when they say "domestic extremists", they really mean "right-wing extremists".

But is that what is really going on here?

In recent years, left-wing extremists have sabotaged and attacked far more buildings in the United States than anyone else has.

And to be honest, it could just as easily be a foreign terror group or intelligence agents from a hostile country.

At this point, we just don't know.

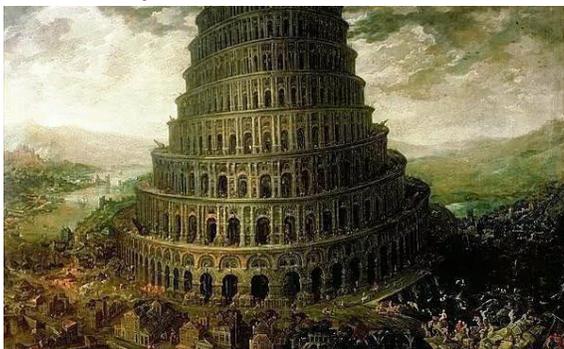
The 'Great Reset' Towers in Babel

They're back.

December 13, 2022 Front Page

23

In Noah's generation, the book of Genesis records that mankind had utterly corrupted God's way. They were "filled with violence," greatly wicked, with their thoughts and imaginations being "only evil continually."



God warned Noah of a flood that would destroy man and alter the Earth as it existed until that time. "Moved with fear," Noah built an ark and warned his generation about "things not seen as yet" (Hebrews 11:7).

They didn't listen.

The flood came and went, and God instructed Noah to “be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth,” exactly as He did the first man, Adam. Noah and his family were to be the beginning of a regenerated and re-peopling of the Earth – the planet’s first and greatest-ever “reset.”

God promised Noah, his sons, and “every living creature” ... “for perpetual generations” that He would never destroy “all flesh,” or the Earth, again with a flood. The reminder? His “bow” in the clouds.

But many came to doubt that promise, according to Jewish historian Flavius Josephus in an account of the biblical story in his *Antiquities of the Jews* (93 AD).

Thanks to the tyrannical influence of Noah’s great-grandson, Nimrod, Josephus wrote that “multitudes” were “ill-instructed” into having contempt for God. Repeating a narrative that submission to God was cowardice, Nimrod used exaggerated fears of a catastrophic flood to harness his power and to build a tower “whose top may reach to heaven” (Gen. 11:4).

If He “should have a mind to drown the world again,” Josephus wrote of Nimrod’s intent, mankind would stand a better chance by working together rather than scattering to re-people the Earth. “... for that he [Nimrod] would build a tower too high for the waters to be able to reach! ... and that he would avenge himself of God for destroying their forefathers!”

It worked.

No pains were spared to create cutting-edge technologies – burnt brick “cemented together with mortar made of bitumen” – to build a tower designed to avert a climate disaster that, as God had promised, was never going to happen.

The massive building project only stopped after God confused their language. The ancient skyscraper, a true marvel of that day, came to symbolize a giant middle finger to the Creator.

Fast forward to 2022.

Despite the near-magical advance of human invention, the same rebel spirit that inspired the tower in the ancient city of Babel (eventually Babylon), thrives today.

Unelected global elites, using fear and force, have big plans for the world. And, unless I missed it, submission to God is not in them.

Elite revolutionaries are working feverishly on cutting-edge technologies to avert a flood of climate catastrophes that, more than likely, will never happen. To save the planet, they’ve turned to the gods of “science” and money.

“We are on a fast track to climate disaster,” said Antonio Guterres, UN General Secretary, in a video message to a panel on climate change in New York in April. “Major cities underwater. Unprecedented heatwaves. Terrifying storms. Widespread water shortages. The extinction of a million species of

plants and animals. And this is not fiction or exaggeration. This is what science tells us will result from our current energy policies. This is a climate emergency.”

Leaders in governments, businesses, and global institutions who believe the planet has a better chance by working together have created a highly influential global movement to reconstruct “a better world” – a Great Reset.

Thanks to technology, the movement towers over anything the planet has ever seen (except the flood) in a global effort to remake the world.

These elites make up the world’s largest banks, pension funds, insurance companies, asset managers, and international organizations, like the World Economic Forum, which partnered with the United Nations in 2019 to implement its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) for Agenda 2030.

Today, hundreds of the world’s largest corporations in finance, technology, media, credit cards, energy, food, heavy industry, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, consulting, and consumer goods, have signed pledges to be strategic partners in the movement.

Doing “voluntarily” what governments, by law, cannot do, unelected elites have implemented a scoring system called ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) that audits and measures the value of private companies – even whole countries – based primarily on their performance on climate change, social justice, and a more “inclusive capitalism.”

That means working to disinvest in fossil fuels, cutting gas-powered cars, and subsidizing wind, solar, and electric cars. It means fighting for social justice, and racial and gender equity, diversifying corporate boards by race and gender through DEI training, and taking a stand on transgender rights, voting laws, abortion, and gun control.

Governments, universities, and private institutions have become so malignant with these ideas that the simplest things we know to do to get “back to normal” post-COVID, post-George Floyd, have never been more frustratingly difficult.

But “normal” is not part of the plan.

“Many of us are pondering when things will return to normal,” wrote Klaus Schwab, founder of the World Economic Forum in his book COVID-19: The Great Reset. “The short answer is: never. Nothing will ever return to the ‘broken’ sense of normalcy that prevailed before the crisis because the coronavirus pandemic marks a fundamental inflection point in our global trajectory.”

The COVID pandemic, and all the record suffering and death that came with it, is never-ending because people like Schwab use it as a pretext to accelerate a “reset” of the world – “a time for reinvention” when “many things will change forever.”

“A new world will emerge,” Schwab wrote, “the contours of which are for us to both imagine and to draw.” The future is not just happening, he said at a Davos meeting in May. “The future is built by us. ... we have the means to improve the state of the world”

It would be laughable if it weren't for the fact that Schwab and a cabal of hydra-headed central planners have spared no expense to reimagine the world.

"The sustainability revolution is the single, largest business and investing opportunity in the entire history of the world," said climate crusader Al Gore, co-founder of the \$36 billion investment firm, Generation Investment Management.

And that's not fiction.

In a 2021 Bloomberg report, ESG assets were tracked to surpass \$50 trillion by 2025, which is more "than a third of the projected \$140 trillion in total global assets under management."

But what globalists and Joe Biden sees as "an incredible transition," people with common sense see global elites using a common woke language to create mass confusion – modern towers of babel: gender confusion, border confusion, confusion over fighting crime, energy confusion, confusion over race, confusion about history, confusion about the constitution and the rule of law, climate confusion, confusion over food production and supply chains, economic confusion, confusion over the legitimacy of the Judeo-Christian ethic, and confusion over the meaning of once-settled things, like the rainbow.

Synchronized at a moment in history to deliberately demolish norms at the heart of Western democracies, global do-gooders have unleashed a brand of violence, wickedness, and "imaginings" reminiscent of the days of Noah and Nimrod.

While efforts to oppose this stuff should be big, bold, relentless, and never-ending, at this rate, it may require another divine intervention to break up the cabal of "ill-instructed" false prophets who toy around with the lives of billions, as if they are gods.