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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

Torment of the Righteous Soul

By Hal Lindsey

The Bible gives amazing promises of peace and joy to the followers of Jesus. The Christian life is a life of renewal and refreshment. To be redeemed in Christ is exhilarating and at the same time peaceful. In John 14:27 (NASB), the Lord said to His disciples, “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.” Worldly peace comes and goes according to our circumstances. But the peace Jesus gives is based on Himself, and He never changes.

So, how can anyone who has been made righteous in Jesus, experience torment? 2 Peter 2:8 speaks of Lot and the people of Sodom. It says that living there, Lot “felt his righteous soul tormented day after day with their lawless deeds.” The King James Version says the corruption in Sodom “vexed his righteous soul.” The Living Bible says Lot was “sick of the terrible wickedness he saw everywhere around him.”

In our day, it’s easy to understand. We know what it is to be “sick of terrible wickedness” and “vexed” by lawless deeds. Such torment is not about self-righteousness or hate. It is about love. Sin brings pain, bondage, and death. And it vexes the righteous to see it happening.

To a large extent, today’s societal institutions have stopped trying to restrain evil. Instead, those institutions now encourage the worship of wickedness. The damage being done is incalculable — especially to the little ones among us. That’s why caring creates torment.

But remember this. None of us is righteous by nature. Romans 3:23 succinctly describes our condition. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Isaiah 64:6 says, “Our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment.” But according to 2 Corinthians 5:21, He grants to us His own perfect righteousness. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature.” Our righteousness comes entirely from Him, and He makes it available to anyone who asks Him.

With that righteousness comes refreshment, peace, and unspeakable joy. But there is also torment. To see things from God’s perspective turns everyone into a loved one. And we hurt to see them on their paths of pain. Luke 19:41 says that as Jesus approached Jerusalem, He “saw the city and wept over it.” The context shows that His righteous soul was tormented by the pain He knew was headed their way because they rejected Him.

You might feel torment when you watch the news and see the increasing brutality of our world. It's easy to be vexed by the self-destructiveness encouraged by popular entertainment. The ongoing celebration of evil probably makes you feel sick. You're in good company. The Lord Himself shares your grief.

Vexation comes with caring. But don't let it overwhelm you. Live in the peace and joy of the Lord. Remember Nehemiah 8:10 — "The joy of the Lord is your strength." You will not overcome evil by allowing it to depress you. Romans 12:21 says, "Overcome evil with good." And it is good to walk in "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17).

Bill Gates, the world's most dangerous centi-billionaire, proves he has learned NOTHING from the last three years

He is going to keep on pouring money into efforts to stop the next pandemic until he finally succeeds in making one that kills us all

Alex Berenson Mar 20

Bill Gates is becoming a menace.

He will not leave us alone.

And he's learned all the wrong lessons from Covid.

At this point he is worse than merely clueless. As one of the world's 10 richest men and controller of a \$50 billion charitable honeypot, Gates has the power to drive public health policy in dangerous directions.

He appears hellbent on doing so.

Gates is obsessed with the risk of future pandemics. Never mind that in the century following the 1918-19 flu pandemic, HIV was the only new infectious disease to cause significant societal disruption.

For all its ferocity, HIV proved controllable with anti-viral drugs that took barely a decade to develop after the virus was found. They would likely be developed much faster today, because scientists have developed far better computer modeling of viral surfaces and the way they interact with our cells.

(You got that right, Bill!)

But Covid.

BUT COVID!

The only problem with pointing to Covid as evidence of a rising threat of naturally emerging infectious diseases... is that it is unclear whether Covid is a naturally emerging infectious disease.

The weight of the evidence suggests otherwise. It suggests, in fact, that nothing is more likely to cause a pandemic than the search for a virus that might cause one.

The virologists who do this work are desperate to distract you from this fact. Thus the nattering about raccoon dogs, despite the fact that THEY HAVE FOUND NO EVIDENCE RACCOON DOGS CARRY A PRECURSOR VIRUS TO SARS-COV-2.

(Not a conspiracy theory if it's true)

No matter. Gates wants you to be afraid. And not just of the flu and the ro, which turned out to be a big disappointment to Team Apocalypse, since - as the infamous Sam Harris explained - it didn't kill enough kids to be properly scary and force everyone to be vaccinated.

No, Gates has other fears:

What if the next pandemic-potential pathogen spreads through surface droplets? Or if it is sexually transmitted like H.I.V.? What if it's the result of bioterrorism?

Yeah, what if? And what if aliens from Andromeda 6 come up with a fungi that turns us all into walking mushrooms, like the things in The Last of Us, but not as pretty? What then, huh?

Never fear. I mean, once you're done being terrified, never fear. Gates has the answer. It's called the Global Health Emergency Corps. They're like firefighters for a pandemic, you savvy?

(This one's for the ladeez...)

Anyhoo, when they're not fighting pandemics, the Global Health Emergency Corps will be pretending to fight pandemics:

The Emergency Corps plans to run drills to practice for outbreaks. The exercises will make sure that everyone — governments, health care providers, emergency health workers — knows what to do when a potential outbreak emerges.

Gates doesn't say so, but these drills will have - from his point of view, anyway - the salutary effect of reminding people of the threats of non-existent pandemics, and thus driving funding for more drills. The crypto boys called that a flywheel, until they all went broke.

And how will the Emergency Corps decide how to respond once another souped-up coronavirus leaks out of Wuhan - excuse me, I mean climate change makes bat to cough on a pangolin at a chicken farm orgy and boom, superflu?

You already know the answer to that:

To be successful, the Emergency Corps must build on existing networks of experts and be led by people like the heads of national public health agencies and their leads for epidemic response.

Which would be nice. Except that Gates seems to have forgotten the key fact of Covid (the second key fact, I mean, the first being that it leaked from a lab):

The key fact of Covid is this: the elites were wrong about everything.

Every. Thing.

This concept may seem difficult to accept. Everything? Could public health experts - and the governments and billionaires who funded them, and the media outlets that carried water for them - really have been wrong about everything?

Yes, everything.

To take a non-exhaustive list:

They were wrong about masks, lockdowns, school closures, and ventilators. Wrong about how well the mRNA vaccines would work, and what their side effects would be. Wrong about whether kids should even be offered them, given their pathetic effectiveness for children.

Wrong to encourage censorship and stifle debate. Wrong when they predicted Covid would hit the developing world harder than wealthy countries. Most of all, wrong about the risk the coronavirus posed to anyone who was not at death's door either because of age, other illnesses, or both.

I'm sure they were wrong about other stuff too, but that's enough.

Look, I could go on, but I've got long Covid* (hopes and prayers, people, hopes and prayers!) and really, **WHY DO WE HAVE TO LISTEN TO THESE PEOPLE ANYMORE? ESPECIALLY BILL GATES.**

Bill Gates made a fortune as a monopolist at Microsoft and a second fortune after he quit Microsoft and Satya Nadellab fixed it for him. Unfortunately, he is too rich and too in love with himself to spend his retirement owning sports teams, and not smart enough to try something truly weird like colonizing Mars.

Instead, he's surrounded himself with a bunch of people telling him that pandemics are a mortal threat, without bothering to notice that their salaries and careers all depend on convincing him of the mortal threat of pandemics.

It would all be a big joke, except that gain-of-function research (and even the bat expeditions) are actually dangerous.

I don't know how we stop these people - they have all the money, all the media, and most of the politicians - but we have to try.

Student “Red Guards” Terrorizing Children About Gender in Maine Schools

[The Newman Report](#)



Officially sanctioned bands of radicalized students dubbed “Civil Rights Teams” have been terrorizing fellow children who do not show total fealty to the “gender and sexuality” ideology being imposed by school officials, sparking outrage among parents.

The scandal gained national attention when a concerned mother from one Maine school confronted the school board and garnered headlines.

Earlier this month, parents in Windham, Maine, were expressing their opposition to pornography and intrusive sex surveys, including a book dealing with child rape, being foisted on children by Regional School Unit (RSU) 14. Mother Kristen Day, though, sounded the alarm about something potentially even more troubling: student ideological enforcers tasked with ensuring compliance.

According to Day, two students involved in what was described as the school's "Civil Rights Team" (CRT) were going around harassing and bullying children, including her daughter. The reason her daughter was targeted: She refused to openly discuss her sexuality at school, Day said. In fact, she added, the CRT operatives are specifically tasked with opening up "discussions" on sexuality as part of their goals.

"They insisted she was gay because she dressed gay and listened to gay music," Day was quoted as saying about the abuse her 7th grade daughter was subjected to at the hands of CRT students. "She was then called homophobic because she wasn't at least bi... She's not political, but she does not want to talk about her sexuality in school."

Another troubling incident her daughter went through involved the distribution of "pronoun pins" to children so they could "label themselves" as a way of opening up discussions on sexuality and gender, Day said. "It took over every aspect of the school for three years," the distraught mom continued, noting that discrimination and bullying resulting from the schemes are "dividing kids more than ever."

"This literal programming for tolerance, acceptance, and equity is woven into curriculum, clubs, library content, and counselors programming," continued Day, adding that lawyers were ensuring that policies were "loose enough" to enable it and that her daughter's teacher talked about his penis in class. "When every aspect of school encourages the blurring of private boundaries, how can we be surprised?"

Critics are comparing the student-led squads to Chairman Mao's "Red Guards," who were radicalized by government and then deployed to terrorize others into submission. "Using students to pressure other students into 'group-think' is right out of the Commie playbook," explained Megan Fox at PJ Media, adding that even the state attorney general was complicit in this abuse.

Other parents also scolded the school board about related matters — especially the grotesque, obscene, and pornographic materials being offered to students, including books with images of children having sex. One father at the meeting told the superintendent that if he put the types of books being given to children at the school into a church, he'd be "called a pedophile and arrested."

School officials, though, as they generally do, feigned ignorance. "In short, the focus of [Civil Rights] teams is on helping to create a safe school environment for all," claimed Windham Superintendent Christopher Howell in response to the outraged parents. "We are not aware of the Civil Rights Team being involved in the situation you're referring to."

The bizarre incident involves the Windham Raymond School System in Maine, though it appears that these "Civil Rights Teams" are a feature at government schools all across the state. A brief online search by The Newman Report revealed that multiple schools, including Freeport High School in Freeport, Old Town Elementary School in Old Town, and many more have such teams.

"The Civil Rights Team invites students to be part of a group that focuses on changing the culture and climate in our school to one that will actively prevent bias-based behaviors," reads the description on

Buckfield Junior-Senior High School's website. "Students in this group are leaders in effecting change through projects and initiatives that feature student voice."

The abuse of vulnerable children to terrorize fellow children and even adults into compliance with the evil dictates of tyrants and psychopaths is not a new phenomenon. In fact, for National Socialist (Nazi) leader Adolf Hitler and Communist Party boss Chairman Mao, both of whom murdered millions, the weaponization of children was an important tactic. All the adults responsible must be held accountable.

Big Tech Won't Protect Our Kids: Parents Must



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Parents today are caught between a rock and a hard place. On one hand, allowing kids online means exposure to content that threatens their mental health and their innocence. On the other hand, removing online access threatens to socially isolate kids from their friends and peer groups. What are parents to do?

Earlier this month, social media behemoth TikTok announced that it would soon introduce new features designed to limit access to the app for users under 18 to 60 minutes per day to help parents monitor usage and to silence notifications. Unfortunately, these steps are unlikely to provide the silver bullet parents so desperately need right now for at least two reasons.

First, the tool is flawed. As commentators have noted, there is nothing to stop minors from continuing to use the app once the hour limit is reached. Rather, at that point, TikTok will simply notify users with a prompt to keep using the app. Though kids under 13 will need parental approval to continue, minors aged 13 to 17 can simply create their own passcode to keep using the app.

Second, parental controls cannot override the ideological commitments of social media platforms. TikTok is a perfect example. Last year, the platform updated its community guidelines to prohibit "anti-LGBTQ+ content" and to promote inclusion. Today, a simple TikTok search will turn up thousands of videos of trans-identifying teen girls happily flaunting mutilated chests after "top" surgery.

One of these videos has garnered over 30 million views, 644,000 likes, and 18,000 shares. Parents should not rely on TikTok to shield kids from this content. So-called parental controls cannot replace direct and intentional parental engagement.

Jonathan Haidt has noted that social media's harms can no longer be reduced only to mere usage. Perhaps in 2012, a teen girl using Instagram for five hours a day would see improvements in mental health if she were to unplug. That is because most of her friends were not on Instagram yet.

Since 2015, however, the problem has changed. Once social media usage became ubiquitous amongst teens, and smartphone owners became a majority, the popularity of social media and smartphones meant that teens were spending less time together in person. As of 2021, almost three-quarters of minors were owners of smartphones by age 12, and 84% of 13-17-year-olds use social media.

Given that the majority of teens do interact online, limiting or eliminating a teen's use of social media seems unthinkable to many parents and could have isolating effects on students. Limiting screen time could even, in some cases, make pre-existing conditions like depression and mental instability worse. Haidt thinks that "each teen might be worse off quitting Instagram even though all teens would be better off if everyone quit."

I understand Haidt's comment, but I don't fully agree. As embodied creatures, we are not only shaped by ideas and images but also by our habitual practices. Any long-term solution to the problems that social media present will have to directly engage our habits and practices. Our current social media practices are not attuning us to the rhythms of reality. Rather, they are embedding in our hearts and minds rhythms of an alternative world, one that does not actually exist.

This means that parents must not only train their children to think critically and biblically about the content they encounter online--especially on matters of gender and sexuality--they must also work to cultivate better habits of heart and mind as practical alternatives in our present technological culture. That may include long fasts, forbidding and preventing access to social media platforms (especially TikTok and Instagram), or in some cases, taking away phones altogether.

This could even look like partnering with other parents to provide kids with alternative, tech-free communities. In Maryland, a group of 30 Christian families made a year-long commitment to keep their kids off smartphones and social media. Instead of using tech, these families provided alternatives for social interaction and connection, regularly coming together in person for things like Scottish dances, field days, and community picnics. A year in, parents reported that their kids were more focused, more intentional, and more aware of "what really nourishes and satisfies."

We cannot escape digital technology, but we can pursue embodied alternatives to online interactions, cultivate better habits, and foster critical thinking and discernment. In fact, we must.