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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



THERE IS NO MORAL EQUIVALENCE

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FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

On Saturday, October 7, Hamas terrorists killed more than 1,000 Israeli civilians—men, women, and children—wounded thousands more, and seized more than 100 hostages. The Palestinian Arab terrorist organization fired thousands of rockets into Israel, killing Israelis indiscriminately, a murderous rampage that marks the bloodiest day in Jewish history since the Holocaust. Hamas even implored Israeli Arabs to continue the bloodshed by killing their Jewish countrymen.

Regardless of what happens next, not even time will heal the wounds of those in Israel devastated by Hamas's terrorism.

Israel quickly declared war for the first time since the Yom Kippur War in October 1973, almost 50 years to the day. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) responded effectively, countering Hamas's attack with strikes of its own on the terrorists' military targets in Gaza. But regardless of what happens next, not even time will heal the wounds of those in Israel devastated by Hamas's terrorism.

DECEIVING THE MASSES

It boggles my mind to consider how anyone could possibly continue to stand against Israel after what has transpired over the past week. In a war, armies attack each other. In an act of terror, people murder civilians. Clearly, Hamas committed terror by kidnapping and killing the innocent, sparking the war that has followed.

Yet many who mindlessly swallow up fabricated stories of Israeli oppression praise the Palestinian-led genocide campaign against Jewish Israelis. Israel's enemies hail the calculated killing of regular civilians, including children, as an honorable achievement.

Many organizations and celebrities have thrown their public support to Israel and the Jewish people, a sensible stand given that it seems impossible not to side with these victims. But those with a death wish on Israel still refuse to see the truth. Scroll through Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter), or Instagram, and you'll find a litany of posts, many supported by thousands of likes and shares, insulting and cursing Israel and its people while praising Hamas terrorists.

PRAISING TERRORISM AS LIBERATION

With blind hatred, Palestinian supporters justify more than 1,000 murders by citing a corrupted version of history in which Hamas is a righteous voice for oppressed Palestinians who have been trampled by the racist apartheid State of Israel. But what is righteous about an unprovoked killing spree? What makes the kidnapping and torture of women, children, and elderly Israelis palatable? How can the beheading of dozens of Jewish babies be found acceptable?

Hamas builds its infrastructure in densely populated areas of Gaza, effectively using human shields as an insurance policy against the IDF's retaliatory strikes. The terrorists set up shop next to hospitals, schools, mosques, and private homes, daring Israel to make a move that would cast the IDF in a poor light if any civilians near these military targets were harmed. Hamas has implemented this tactic many times, violating international humanitarian law.

Palestinian leaders have tried to brand Israel as a colonialist, occupying force, leading people to believe they can enact social justice by persecuting the nation. Hamas attempts to make Palestinian terror synonymous with the U.S. civil rights movement, creating a dangerous false equivalency that emboldens people with little knowledge of Israel to call for its annihilation.

VINDICATING THE JEWISH STATE

In reality, Israel is the Middle East's only democratic nation, surrounded by intolerant neighbors that endlessly seek its destruction. Too many rebels without a cause have foolishly hitched their wagon to the Palestinians, believing them to be enslaved to Israel. So they condemn Israel and praise terrorists, even when the facts that validate the Jewish state's justice are right in front of them.

Israel's enemies intend to portray the nation as an apartheid state in which Jewish people lord over and suppress poor Palestinians. Yet Israelis and Arabs reside and work side by side in Israel, a fact anyone can easily attest to after spending time in the nation. Two million Arabs—20% of Israel's population—most of whom identify as Palestinians, live in Israel.

But no Jews live in Gaza today because they cannot survive there, despite a 2,000-year Jewish presence in this territory. In 2005, violent riots caused Israel to unilaterally withdraw its remaining 9,000 residents from their homes in the Gaza Strip, which Hamas took over in 2007 and has ruled ever since. Hamas leadership carries out attacks on Israel at the expense of supplying its civilians with food, water, and healthcare.

This catastrophe screams to us that war is never far from Israel's doorstep. It confirms Israel's tragic necessity for mandatory military service, as the little nation of 9 million faces incessant existential threats from countries far larger who constantly seek the opportune moment to strike the Jewish state.

"I will plant them (Israel) in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them" ([Amos 9:15](#)).

As people who love Israel, we are angry. God demonstrated His righteous anger often throughout Scripture; and likewise, we must follow the instruction to "be angry, and do not sin" ([Ephesians 4:26](#)). We seek peace—an end to the bloodshed that is ravaging the Holy Land. We seek justice—that Hamas would be subdued and held accountable for its crimes. And we seek redemption—that hearts would be moved to seek the Messiah in the midst of evil. We must bring these petitions to the Lord as we seek for His will to be done.

We can take great comfort in God's promise to Israel: "I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them" ([Amos 9:15](#)). God will preserve His Chosen People forever, and He has promised that the land of Israel will be their eternal home. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem ([Psalm 122:6](#)) and all Israel, knowing only He can deliver them from their deadly enemies once again.

A New Phase of Accelerated Decline

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What is your opinion of America today?

Have you said (or heard anyone say), “The America I am living in today is not the America I grew up in?”

Have you said (or heard anyone say), “I believe America is headed in the wrong direction?”

What is your opinion of the global situation today?

Have you said (or heard anyone say), “The world is in a mess?”

Have you said (or heard anyone say), “The UN has done a wonderful job of solving the world’s problems for more than 70 years?”

Come to think of it, the UN (I call it the United Nothing) has done little, if anything, to solve the world’s problems.

I am aware that on Oct. 30, 2008, Pres. candidate Barack Obama said, “We are five days away from fundamentally transforming the United States of America,” and it seems to me that America is going through a fundamental transformation (a spiritual, moral, and economic downward spiral).

I am aware that in late Sept. 2015, the UN passed a document called “Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,” and UN Sec. Gen. Ban Ki-moon called it the “start of a new era.”

Considering that the fundamental transformation of America and the world was revealed before many of these fundamental changes started coming on the scene, it seems like the changes must be part of a plan.

Having said this, it is a little disturbing to know that UN Sec. Gen. Guterres thinks the fundamental transformation of the world needs to be speeded up.

It is even more disturbing to know that world leaders agreed with him on Sept. 18-19, 2023, and they voted to do everything they can to complete the fundamental transformation of the world by 2030 or sooner.

They are calling the next seven years “a new phase of accelerated progress.”

Have you got that?

They called the Sept. 2015 vote the “start of a new era,” and now, they are calling the Sept. 18-19 vote “a new phase of accelerated progress.”

Pardon me for being a skeptic, and I hope I am wrong, but I tend to believe the next seven years will turn out to be “a new phase of accelerated decline” (not accelerated progress).

Here are some recent articles that made the news this week.

One, on Sept. 29, 2023, World Net Daily (WND) posted a commentary by well-known author Craigie McMillan that I believe is right on target (and full of hope).

According to McMillan:

- “The real problem for the globalists rolling out a new World War, to bring forth their One-World Government out of the ashes, is that they are battling the Original Creator of the heavens and the earth for control of His Creation.”
- “If you doubt the outcome of this globalist war against the Creator, go through the Bible and count the number of battles God has lost.”
- “Arrogance before one’s Creator has only one possible outcome.”
- “The globalists will not be left in control of anything.”
- The entire “system that Satan has built for humanity is coming down.”

Here is a link to McMillan’s great article:

<https://www.wnd.com/2023/09/god-vs-globalists-guess-wins/>

Two, concerning the coming global economic collapse: as I am writing this segment of my article on Sept. 30, 2023, the highly respected credit rating agency called Moody’s is warning that a government shutdown on Oct. 1, 2023, “could have dire consequences for the economy and stock markets.”

I am not an economic expert, but as I understand the situation, conservative Republicans blame America’s runaway national debt on excessive government spending, and many Democrats do not want to reign it in.

Conservative Republicans want the U.S.-Mexico border closed, and many Democrats do not want it closed.

America is a divided nation, and a nation divided against itself cannot stand.

America may be about to move into a new phase of accelerated decline.

(Update: On Sept. 30, 2023, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy caved, abandoned most of the major spending cuts conservative Republicans wanted, joined the Democrats, and agreed to a 45-day temporary funding bill to keep the government operating until Nov. 16, 2023. It is a crisis delayed, not a crisis solved, and the division in America continues.)

Three, on Sept. 18-23, 2023, the UN General Assembly met in New York, and the U.S. greatly criticized Israel for settlement construction on the West Bank and refusing to divide the Promised Land.

A record-breaking storm developed off the East Coast and dumped more than eight inches of rain on parts of New York on Sept. 28-29, 2023.

New York Gov. Hochul declared a state of emergency; flights were canceled; homes, streets and subways were flooded; and many people were stranded.

Four, concerning deceit and corruption in the mainstream media: in late Sept. 2023, it was reported that CNN, MSNBC, NBC, CBS and ABC were mocking or refusing to cover the Republican impeachment hearings on Pres. Biden.

This contrasts with the constant criticism of Trump and the wall-to-wall coverage they gave to the staged Democrat impeachment hearings of Trump.

I know that my reporting on this sounds politically motivated. My purpose is to show that the truth has been cast to the ground by the media, and the media's dishonest reporting is contributing to the fact that America is in a new phase of decline.

Five, concerning world government and the decline of America: on Sept. 29, 2023, it was reported that the World Economic Forum (WEF) has taken control of several old U.S. military bases in Panama and is using them to assemble illegal immigrants for transport across the U.S. border with Mexico.

A picture was posted of the WEF flag flying over an old U.S. military base near the Panama Canal called Fort Clayton.

U.S. citizens paid to build the base, the U.S. flag has been taken down, the WEF flag is flying there, and the base is being used to send hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants across Biden's open border.

(My opinion: The decline of America is being deliberately orchestrated to bring our nation into a one-world government. If this is not true, how is it that the WEF is sending thousands of illegal immigrants across our border without government knowledge and permission?)

Six, concerning the deliberate destruction of America's Judeo-Christian values: on Oct. 2, 2023, it was reported that Cal. Gov. Gavin Newsom has appointed Laphonza Butler, a black lesbian, to replace the recently deceased Dianne Feinstein in the U.S. Senate.

Butler will be the first openly gay female senator in the history of California.

Seven, concerning a normalization agreement between Israel and Saudi Arabia: on Oct. 2, 2023, it was reported that Israeli and Saudi officials believe the Biden administration is hampering the deal.

Israeli and Saudi officials believe they are close to a deal, but the Biden administration continues to push for more concessions (more money for the PA, an independent U.S. consulate to serve the PA in Jerusalem, etc.) to the Palestinians that could cause everything to fall apart.

Biden just cannot stop telling Israel how to run the country.

Eight, concerning corruption, world government, and a population reduction on earth: on Sept. 13, 2023, two well-known medical professionals were asked to address the European Union Parliament about the so-called Covid-19 pandemic.

(Note: Concerning the recognition and credibility of these men, and because the globalist propaganda machine tries to discredit them, I want to re-emphasize that they were invited to address the EU Parliament.)

Among other things, Dr. Peter McCullough (cardiologist, professor, and author of many academic papers) suggested that:

- The EU should stop Covid-19 inoculations and leave the WHO.
- The WHO is part of a massive power grab to depopulate much of the earth and usher in what has been called the [Great Reset](#)— having a one-world government.
- The mRNA shots are causing enormous waves of diseases.
- The path forward is, clearly, for no one to take another shot – no one.
- The COVID-19 vaccines and all of their progeny and future boosters are not safe for human use.

Among other things, Dr. David E. Martin (professor, researcher, and author of many publications) suggested that:

- WHO officials and its supporters and donors have committed crimes against humanity and bio-terrorism.
- Until we treat this as a criminal conspiracy of criminal racketeers, resulting in global terrorism for the purpose of profiteering and murder, until we have that conversation, we're having the wrong conversation. We did not have a pandemic. We had a genocide.

Here is a link to the article, which was a reprint from The American Thinker.

https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/dr-mccullough-demands-the-eu-us-pull-out-of-world-health-organization-over-covid-response/?utm_source=daily-usa-2023-10-04&utm_medium=email

Nine, following the Rapture of the Church, but during the Tribulation Period, a one-world religious system will exist that Jesus identified as Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth (Rev. 17:5).

The head of this harlot system (the Scriptures present the true Church as a good woman—the Bride of Christ—and the false religious system as a bad woman—the mother of harlots) will support global government and manipulate multitudes to support a government-approved antichrist religion (Rev. 17:2).

There are differences of opinion about the identity of the harlots, but I believe they are lost Church members (Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, etc.) that will be left behind after the Rapture and unite with other religions (Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, etc.) in a godless one-world religion.

Having said this, on Oct. 3, 2023, the LifeSiteNews staff posted a statement by Roman Catholic Archbishop Vignano that says or suggests (his words and mine):

- > Pope Francis hid his intentions from those that elected him and used his authority to undermine the Church and make it the handmaid of the New World Order.
- > The Throne of Peter (the chair of Peter, who, *according to Catholics*, was the first pope of the Church) is occupied by a person who abuses his power, using it for the opposite purpose to that for which Our Lord instituted it.
- > Francis does and says things that are foreign to what is expected of a pope.

> In his ten years of papal service, Francis has done things that one would expect an apostate to do but not what one would expect a pope to do.

> His support for the globalist elite (the Clintons and others), his proud support for the 2030 Agenda (Ecumenism, ecology, vaccinism, immigrationism, LGBTQ+ and gender ideology, and other instances of the globalist religion), and his opposition and persecution of those who oppose these things show that he is a heretic and blatantly hostile to the Church.

Here is a link to Vigano's stunning and exceptionally long statement.

https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/archbishop-vigano-catholics-must-seriously-consider-the-possibility-that-francis-isnt-the-pope/?utm_source=daily-usa-2023-10-04&utm_medium=email

(My Opinion: Some prophecy teachers think Pope Francis might be the False Prophet. I wonder about that because of his age and health. I do not see him hanging around for another seven years or more. However, I have profound respect for Archbishop Vigano and his willingness to speak out against Pope Francis. I think the same way he does about Francis.)

FYI: God does not send anyone to Hell (all of us are born with a sin nature and destined to go to Hell because we sin), but God has provided a way (Jesus) for everyone to go to Heaven (and He is the only way to get there; John 14:6).