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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

Security in A Dangerous World

By Hal Lindsey

Things are going wrong all over the world. Civilization itself seems on the verge of a terrible implosion. Economies are held together with bailing wire and spit. The UN and most nations tend to reward warmongers, while attacking those who resist military aggression. In a time of nuclear proliferation, our leaders keep choosing policies that encourage belligerence.

It is only by the grace of God that an ungrateful world continues its balancing act on the edge of a terrible abyss. But as the world rejects God, it also rejects His grace and His help. Without major changes, time is short. Meanwhile, it gets more dangerous every day to go to the grocery store or drive down the street. Tidal waves of drugs and drunkenness engulf the nations. Pestilences plague the world. Lies and fake news now permeate once trusted institutions.

Churches that ignore these things or fail to sound the alarm, neglect their duty to those they are called to serve. Meanwhile, some other churches and Christian organizations make the opposite error. Instead of looking for the coming of Christ, they diligently search for Antichrist. They focus on evil. Dark conspiracies have become their stock in trade. They act as if their job is to make Christians depressed, distressed, and afraid.

The signs of the times should focus our attention on Jesus. That's why we need to be aware of them and let Him help us understand them. In Matthew 16:2-3, Jesus chided the Pharisees and Sadducees because they understood signs in the weather, but not signs of the times. It is for good reason that the Bible gives detailed information about the times leading up to the Lord's return.

But signs only give part of the picture. The key to it all is Jesus. He should be our focus, especially in an era of chaos. 1 Corinthians 14:33 tells us that "God is not the author of confusion." The Greek word here translated as confusion means disorder and chaos. But Jesus is our Rock, our unchanging home even as bedlam overtakes the world.

Our hope as Christians has always rested in Him alone and not in the world system. But the world's present instability should remind us of the One who remains the same yesterday, today, and forever. We find our stability in Him.

I'm not saying to disengage with our neighbors in the world. The Bible admonishes us to be good citizens. And in a republic, citizens comprise the ultimate governing authority. We must discharge those duties with diligence and care, especially when it comes time to vote. We need to be informed and involved.

Sadly, many have taken this to unwarranted extremes. They started by simply pulling for their guy in an election. Nothing wrong with that. But some then became so absorbed in the world system that they began to place their hope in political messiahs. This leads to inner turmoil, anger, and fear. Many live in constant dread of the next election.

Remember Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith." He has never let you down. He never will. Romans 8 lists terrible difficulties Christians sometimes encounter. Verse 37 then proclaims, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

Australia's digital ID may launch in July, here's what to expect

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Australia's government has offered a tentative rollout date for its nationwide digital ID, setting it on July 1st, 2024. The exact date, however, will depend on the timing of its legislation which is due to be adopted by the federal parliament.

First introduced to Parliament in November, Australia's Digital ID Bill reached its closing date in late January after receiving submissions from business and financial groups as well as civil rights organizations. Currently, the government is in consultation with the states, ChannelNews Australia reports.

The Department of Finance told the media outlet that the new system will allow users to choose their preferred digital ID provider for accessing

government and private services. Private organizations can apply to be accredited as digital ID services from the Trusted Digital Identity Framework” (TDIF), the federal government’s accreditation framework. Among companies that have already received accreditation are Australia Post, MasterCard and OCR Labs (IDVerse) while banks and other institutions have expressed interest.

“The legislation will enable the expansion of the Australian Government Digital ID System to include state, territory and private sector organizations that choose to participate,” a spokesperson says.

The national digital ID will function like an expanded version of MyGovID, which Australians already use to access the Australian Taxation Office, Centrelink and Medicare. The country is planning on keeping other digital IDs such as those created by governments of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and possibly others. Officials dismissed concerns that it would lead to duplication with the state-level digital ID system.

All accredited digital ID systems will be expected to observe the same three levels of security standards with the highest one including registering user biometrics. A user will be able to generate a multipoint image on a device that will be checked against their passport photo and, in the future, driver’s license. Establishing your credentials only needed to be done once, officials say.

Once the legislation passes through the federal parliament, the new national digital ID will roll out in several phases, according to an [explainer](#) published by consumer protection group Choice.

(And so it begins....MD)

California And Nevada Have Been Rocked By 945 Earthquakes In Just The Past Week

February 12, 2024 by Michael

Have you noticed that the state of California has been getting absolutely monkey-hammered by earthquakes lately? According to the Southern California Earthquake Data Center, California and Nevada have been hit by a total of 945 earthquakes within the last seven days. That is a whole lot of shaking! As you can see from this map, southern California has been getting pummeled more than anywhere else. Could it be possible that the trillions of gallons of rain that were dumped on the region earlier this month have something to do with all of this? As I have discussed previously, scientists have determined that flooding can put an enormous amount of stress on fault lines. And without a doubt we have seen an unusual level of activity along California's fault lines in recent days.

13 significant earthquakes, including one measuring magnitude 4.8, shook the state very early on Monday morning in a span of just 25 minutes...

Parts of California were hit by more than a dozen earthquakes overnight, with 13 shaking the state during a span of just 25 minutes.

"Good morning Southern California! Did you feel the magnitude 4.8 earthquake about two miles north-west of El Centro at 12.36am? The #ShakeAlert system was activated," the United States Geological Survey Shake Alert account posted on X.

The good news is that none of the earthquakes were large enough to do much damage.

But the magnitude 4.8 quake was keenly felt by some local residents...

Although some near the area said they hadn't felt the tremors, one X user wrote:

"Definitely felt much stronger than a 4.8." Another added: "Earthquake swarms just as I was about to go to bed. strong enough for things to fall and break. sadly, a few broken decorations."

When people hear about earthquakes in California, most immediately think of the San Andreas fault system, but it was actually the San Jacinto fault system that caused most of the problems early on Monday...

The quakes appear to have been caused by the San Jacinto fault system, meteorologists have said. It is one of the most active faults in southern California.

Overall, the USGS says that there have been 27 significant quakes of at least magnitude 2.5 that have hit the state within the past 24 hours.

That certainly isn't anything to freak out about, but it is definitely noteworthy.

And all of this activity comes just a few days after a magnitude 4.6 earthquake shook up the wealthy residents of Malibu...

A magnitude 4.6 earthquake struck about 8 miles northwest of Malibu on Friday, according to the United States Geological Survey.

The earthquake was reported at 1:47 p.m., the USGS website said. It occurred at a geological depth of 13.9 kilometers, or nearly 9 miles.

The USGS is reporting at least a dozen aftershocks, with the largest measuring at a magnitude of 3.0.

We haven't seen this sort of sustained seismic activity in southern California in a long time.

Is something very unusual starting to happen?

Let's keep a very close eye on the numbers coming from the Southern California Earthquake Data Center.

If the number of quakes in a week rises above 1,000 and stays there, I would say that there is cause for alarm.

As I wrote about earlier this month, scientists assure us that we are way overdue for "the Big One".

When it finally arrives, the ground on the western side of a major fault line could suddenly drop by several feet (or more), and because much of that area is just barely above sea level that could potentially allow the Pacific Ocean to come rushing in.

Let us hope that nothing like that happens any time soon.

WEF Announces ‘New World’ of AI-Led ‘Humanocracy’



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World Economic Forum (WEF) founder and chairman, Klaus Schwab, has just announced plans for a “new world” that will “transition humankind into a new era.”

During an appearance at the globalist World Governments Summit in Dubai, Schwab unveiled plans for so-called “humanocracy.”

He described a disturbing “fusion” between human beings and artificial intelligence (AI) technology.

According to Schwab, the WEF’s plans for the “new world” involve a “fusion between our physical, our digital, and our biological dimensions.”

Schwab declared that, once the scheme has been rolled out globally, a “new era” of “humanocracy” will be ushered in.

Elsewhere during the event, Schwab gave a dedicated address where he laid out the WEF’s plans to world leaders.

The WEF chief made the announcement during a transhumanist-themed speech titled “Civilizations of Tomorrow: Built to Fail or Rise?”

Schwab touted a new “Intelligent Age” driven by what he has repeatedly described as a “Fourth Industrial Revolution.”

“We first had the transition about a hundred years ago from the agricultural society to the industrial society, but today we speak about transitioning into what I would call ‘the intelligent age,’” Schwab noted.

He stated “Humankind will enjoy many more opportunities and possibilities,” in this fusion with technology.

“We don’t want to move into using the Fourth Industrial Revolution into a cold bureaucracy; we don’t want to move into a technocracy; we want to move into what I would call a ‘Humanocracy’”

In a bizarre section of the speech, Schwab recalled a “conversation” he had with ChatGPT.

He said that the AI-powered chatbot told him “Envisioning a future propelled by the technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution we see a NEW DAWN of human civilization — one that harmonizes technology with the deepest needs and aspirations of humanity.”

“This mission unfolds within a society where artificial intelligence, robotics, the Internet of Things, 3D-printing, genetic engineering, quantum computing become the foundations of our daily life, yet are guided by a profound respect for human values, creativity, and the natural world,” Schwab continued.