

## *King of the Ages, Almighty God*

By Steve Huston



Shhh. In the quiet of your mind, go to your favorite outdoor place. It's early morning and the sun is getting ready to peek up over the horizon, splashing its splendor of varying hues in the distance while its rays are streaking across the morning skies. After the dark of night, even before this orb could be seen, darkness dissipates and the birds begin to sing, forecasting the beauty of the rising sun, heralding a new day – a fresh start. Beginning its ascent, you notice the chill of night give way to the warmth of day. This “greater light” which was created on the fourth day and designated to “rule the day” is a reminder of God’s greatness, of His goodness, of His care for and willingness to communicate with man.

Sunsets are beautiful, but sunrises bring promise, hope, and new beginning. Such splendor points to the greater Light who is the Light of the world; Who is “the grace of God that bringeth salvation and hath appeared to all men,” “with healing in His wings.” Praise God! For we desperately need both His saving and His healing.

Of course, I refer to Jesus – King of ages, Almighty God!

Paul points to Christ’s worthiness of praise: “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.” Keith Getty and Stuart Townend do a remarkable job of

fulfilling that admonition with the chorus of their hymn *King of the Ages*:

*King of the ages, almighty God, perfect love, ever just and true. Who will not fear you and bring you praise? All the nations will come to you.*

The glorious sunrise is but midnight darkness in comparison to He Who is King of the ages, Almighty God! **Is our God worthy of worship and praise? HE IS!**

It draws me to David’s Psalm 9:1-2 “***I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.***”

David’s four-fold vow should describe our lives; let us be people of perpetual praise. Again, this hymn, *King of the Ages*, fuels our minds with a few of the things for which we can and rightfully should praise Him.

**1.** *Your ways of love have won my heart, and brought me joy unending. Your saving power at work in me, bringing peace and the hope of glory.* (What better reason for perpetual personal praise than our own salvation, the joy which is ours regardless of present circumstances, the transforming work of His Spirit within us, and the peace and hope which is ours – PRAISE HIS NAME!) **2.** *Your arms of love are reaching*

*out to every soul that seeks you; your light will shine in all the earth, bringing grace and a great salvation.* (Praise God for the transcending love of Christ shown to the world. Such wondrous works should give us evangelistic zeal to proclaim such grace.) **3.** *The day will come when you appear, and every eye shall see you. Then we shall rise with hearts ablaze, with a song we will sing forever.* (Our perpetual praise includes our hope for the future which is grounded upon the truth of Christ’s sure return. Every eye will see and every knee shall bow; every believer’s trust will be vindicated before a watching world. Our God reigns!)

Psalm 9 closes, “Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight. Put them in fear, O Lord: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah.” The hubris of men will not stand in the face of God’s holiness; may they learn truth and turn to righteousness. Either way, the Lord will be praised and worshiped. The song’s second verse reminds us that God’s “light will shine in all the earth, bringing grace and great salvation.” Might our praise lead others to His salvation.

God’s grace is shed upon us daily and His mercies are new every morning. May our praise and worship of King of the ages, Almighty God be full and fresh each day with the rising of the sun till the setting of the same.

## Personal Note from the President



In my years growing up in Portland, Michigan, I lived in an old, picturesque, red brick house on Maynard Road. Just 400 yards down that gravel road lived George and Letty Hudson. They had a small herd of dairy cows that pastured directly across the road from us. In the morning, George had that old, distinct, shrill voice and he'd call out "Cu-Boss – Cu Boss!"

I did some research and, long ago, cows were referred to as 'Boss.' So, "Come Boss" became "Cu Boss," a common cry of cattle herdsman. My old neighbor friend, George Hudson, could sure bellow out that call.

When I was in junior high, I went with my friend, Lee Riley, to his little old-fashioned white church with an old-fashioned steeple. The people there were sure nice to me, and George and Letty were there too. They made a wonderful impression on me.

Years later I moved back to Portland for a couple of years to try my hand at my dad's profession. He was the Chevrolet and Oldsmobile dealer in Portland. I thought I should leave my teaching and see if I was cut out for his way of life.

During those years, Jan and I began to attend the church and the people were kind and accepting. I saw, too, how they loved to sing the old-time hymns and how they enjoyed the preaching of the Word and fellowship together. George was still so faithful there and had remarried due to the loss of his beloved Letty. We became regular attendees and became the leaders of their small youth group. Because they were in need of a piano player, I also made myself available to play the piano and make use of the four years of piano lessons that my folks

had coaxed me into.

As I look back, I see how God's Spirit was already at work - calling me to Himself by kindly people, neighbors, hymns of the faith, a humble congregation. Often these days people ask at events, "but what can we do?" Without question, one of the first places to start is to find a Bible-believing local church to grow and serve in. In my case of long ago, I saw people like George Hudson with joy in his heart and just plain interested in and caring for people. He didn't even have to *do* that much, he simply lived out joy, kindness, and a sense of contentment in the life God gave him. He was like a rock in that local church, along with many others.

As I look about me now, I see people who are floundering: seeking purpose, meaning, someone to accept them and who care about someone other than themselves. Not only younger people, but older folks, too - lonely, having lost loved ones to death or being confined in a facility. There is an increasing sense of despair, of wondering: Where is this country headed with all of its variety of issues? What will be the outcome of the issues I'm facing myself? Think of so many people in your own lives that you come in contact with, in and out of church. Who do you see reaching out to others who might be languishing in despair, or struggling with sin?

What can we do? Listen. Spend time.

We can see the turmoil in our land. But, God reminds us: "*We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world; against spiritual wickedness in high places.*" In addition to being in church, we need God to be teaching and guiding, encouraging, disciplining, inspiring, discipling us throughout every day.

The founder of the American Family Association, Don Wildmon, gave a message at a dedication service for our new building in 2007. He stated, prophetically (paraphrasing): "I don't know if we are going to win this war, I really don't. America has not done a good job of raising our youth over

these generations. Too busy to train our youth. We are a distracted people – sports, entertainment."

We cannot teach what we don't know. We need to open our Bibles and learn how to read for our own training: how to love, how to overcome temptation, what does God say about the Lord's Day, how are husbands to be spiritual heads in our families, to meditate on the wisdom of God's Word, how do I forgive someone who has hurt me, why is it important for me to apologize to another when I have done them wrong, how to pray.

We have to follow the Lord's leading. Just as old George used to call out "Cu Boss!" to bring his herd out to pasture, God calls us out to 'feed' on His Word.

I didn't last too long in the car sales business. Dad told me after a couple of months that I should go look for another job as my heart was not in the work. It would take years of growing in the faith before I would realize that God had called me to lead a ministry like this one. God can call us to a particular ministry through the circumstances He puts in our lives, but His call to all of us is in His Word. For example, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

F.B. Meyer (1847-1939), writing long ago, put it this way: "*The give and take of life is so important. We are all glad enough to take what we can get, but how about to give! We like to be waited on, but how about the serving? Yet true gladness and happiness depends, not on being ministered to, but in ministry. When we have learnt the secret of praising God in and for everything; when we refuse to shut ourselves up in our own griefs, but compel our dull spirits to enter into the joys of those around, then we shall have no difficulty in living joyfully and gladly.*"

I believe God calls us to stand against wickedness. That's always been the purpose of this organization. But, His heart cry is for us to love Him and to seek to be holy as He is holy. 'What can we do?' "*Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.*" (Matthew 6:33) God help you and me.

# Education or Indoctrination?

By Lisa Van Houten



We warn our children about “stranger danger.” We tell them that no adult should ever ask children to keep a secret from their parents. Yet as millions of children head back to school, that is exactly what teachers will be doing. Over 1,000 school districts in the U.S. have adopted policies telling teachers to keep students’ gender identities secret from their parents. Pedophiles tell children - “*this will be our little secret.*” Now teachers are telling kids - “*don’t tell your parents you changed your gender.*” Family Research Council warns, “*parents need to assume they will be deceived by their school if their child makes a gender identity declaration to a teacher or counselor.*”

I taught in the public schools for 11 years and I know there are many good teachers in public schools who don’t agree with transgender ideology and are not trying to indoctrinate your kids. However, I also know that often their hands are tied as to what they’re required to teach and what they’re not allowed to teach. Administrators, curriculum companies infiltrated with leftist/Marxist ideology, Democrat state and federal Departments of Education which threaten to withhold funding, radical teacher unions – are pulling the strings and forcing conformity to woke ideology. And when schools do strive to do the right thing, this happens: in New Jersey, three school districts put in place a policy requiring faculty to inform parents if students expressed gender identity confusion; however, a state judge blocked the policy, forcing the schools to keep parents in the dark.

Parents have a fundamental, God-given right to direct the upbringing of their children. And while the law has long recognized that right, increasingly the government and public schools are seeking to usurp parental authority. The Left has long striven to separate children from their

parents, claiming children have a “right to privacy” apart from parents. They want the right to control your kids and turn them into little leftists.

President Biden has repeatedly made comments such as this from last April: “***There is no such thing as someone else’s child. Our nation’s children are all our children.***” And a 2016 ad for the liberal group “Lean Forward,” stated: “*we have to break through our kind of private idea that kids belong to their parents ... and recognize that kids belong to whole communities.*” That lie that children belong to the state is blatant Marxist-Communist ideology. As parental rights group, Moms for Liberty, stated: “**We do NOT CO-PARENT with the GOVERNMENT.**”

A New Mexican school board administrator, speaking to members of local school boards, stated: “*Parents do not have a fundamental right to tell you how public school teaches their child. **Parental rights end when you decide to send your kids to public school. What you teach this generation, that will soon be voting, are going to be instrumental to the future of us as a democracy and as society goes forward.***” This view permeates the ideology of the lion’s share of those who set the agenda for our nation’s public schools. And he’s right on one thing – what is taught to this generation will be instrumental to the future of our nation – and that is exactly why the Left wants to capture the minds and hearts of your kids and grandkids.

At their annual convention, the powerful and very liberal teachers’ union, National Education Association, used the ironic hashtag “TeachTruth,” demanding the “freedom to teach” and the “freedom to learn.” They don’t want to teach THE truth, but their “truth.” They want the freedom to teach LGBT ideology, re-write American history, and push CRT. Their message to parents and taxpayers, as signs held by teachers at the NEA convention stated, is: “**keep your nose out of my classroom.**”

While math and reading scores plummet, many schools seem more focused on indoctrination than education. How many students today would be able to answer these

questions from the 1924 Stephenson’s Iowa State Eighth Grade Examination Question Book? Arithmetic: “*A wall 77 feet long, 6-1/2 feet high, and 14 inches thick is built of bricks costing \$9 per M. What was the entire cost of the bricks if 22 bricks were sufficient to make a cubic foot of wall?*” Grammar: “*Define five of the following terms: antecedent, tense, object, conjugation, auxiliary verb, expletive, reflexive pronoun.*” Civil government: “*Name three township, three county, and three state officers and state what office each person holds ...*”

And not only are schools not educating, they’re stripping children of their innocence. Corrie ten Boom wrote in The Hiding Place: “*‘Sex,’ I was pretty sure, meant whether you were a boy or girl, and ‘sin’ made Tante Jans very angry, but what the two together meant I could not imagine. And so, seated next to Father in the train compartment, I suddenly asked, ‘Father, what is sex sin?’*”

*He turned to look at me, as he always did when answering a question, but to my surprise he said nothing. At last he stood up, lifted his traveling case from the rack over our heads, and set it on the floor. ‘Will you carry it off the train, Corrie?’ he said.*

*I stood up and tugged at it. It was crammed with the watches and spare parts he had purchased that morning. ‘It’s too heavy,’ I said.*

*‘Yes,’ he said. ‘And it would be a pretty poor father who would ask his little girl to carry such a load. It’s the same way, Corrie, with knowledge. Some knowledge is too heavy for children. When you are older and stronger you can bear it. For now you must trust me to carry it for you.’”*

As one pastor wrote in response: “We are asking our children to carry loads that are way too heavy for them. ... Innocence is worth protecting and worth fighting for.”

**God gives parents the responsibility to guide, direct, and protect their children. Don’t let agenda-driven schools usurp your authority and lead your children into sin.**

# What is the Heart of Worship?

By Kimberly Cargill



Sunday morning, I was singing, the song, “The Heart of Worship” on our Praise Team, and I really thought about the words.

*When the music fades  
All is stripped away  
And I simply come*

*Longin' just to bring  
Something that's of worth  
That will bless Your heart*

*I'll bring You more than a song  
For a song in itself  
Is not what You have required*

*You search much deeper within  
Through the ways things appear  
You're looking into my heart*

*I'm comin' back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You  
It's all about You, Jesus*

*I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You  
It's all about You, Jesus*

I thought about what true worship is and if we are truly worshiping God on Sunday or any other day. Are we just singing words that we don't mean? Am I singing empty words that have no meaning behind them for me?

I started at the beginning to see what Webster's definition of worship is – “the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity.” When we worship we should be showing respect and thanking God for what he has done for us. We don't deserve God's mercy, that He chose us. Paul described true worship in Romans 12:1-2: “*I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may*

*prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable, or well pleasing and perfect.*”

God is asking us to “*present [our] bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God which is [our] spiritual service of worship.*” Every day, we, as Christians, are to be living and striving to be like God wants us to be. Being a Christian isn't just a once and done type of act. It is a daily choice to put off the old ways and put on the armor of God.

I had an opportunity to speak with the youth group at my church the other night. We are in Psalms 119. One of the points that I was trying to remind them of was that every day we need to get up in the morning and we need to ask God for help. We need to put on the armor of God (everyday).



Ephesians 6:10-18: “*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.*”

The last part of Romans 12:1-2 is “*And do not be conformed to this world but be trans-*

*formed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable, or well pleasing and perfect.*” God tells us not to conform (the process whereby people change their beliefs, attitudes, actions, or perceptions to more closely match those held by groups to which they belong or want to belong or by groups whose approval they desire) to the world. **God wants us to be different. He wants us to be like Him.** So often, we, no matter what age we are, get caught up into acting, believing, and thinking like the world. There is so much being thrown at us and that is why everyday we need the armor of God. Even in our churches you will see “worldly ways” seeping in. We have seen pastors only preach the “fluffy” stuff so that no one will be offended. They don't want to call out that sin is sin and make people uncomfortable. LGBTQ+ has even been accepted and so much more. **Those churches are conforming to the world and are not teaching their flock to be different.**

So, I go back to the song - “*You search much deeper within Through the ways things appear You're looking into my heart.*” **Where is my heart of worship?** Will He see that you are not conforming, but instead are walking the path that God wants you to walk? Worship isn't just on Sunday morning in church. We need to be worshiping every day, in all areas of our lives. What am I listening to or watching online/television? What is taking up my time? What is my attitude like? All of these question/answers reflect your heart and mind. **God sees that.**

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# How the Modern Liberal Thinks

By Chris Johnson



*“The Modern Liberal will invariably and inevitably side with evil over good, wrong over right, ugly over beautiful, profane over profound, and failure over success. The Modern Liberal is not only always wrong, he is always as wrong as wrong can be. Everything he believes about himself [and] about the world is diametrically opposed to the truth.”*

So said conservative writer and speaker Evan Sayet sixteen years ago in what would become the Heritage Foundation’s most watched video on their YouTube channel. At the time, Sayet was reacting to Senator Obama’s first presidential campaign with a speech entitled: “Regurgitating the Apple: How the Modern Liberal Thinks,” and announcing his forthcoming book which he called The KinderGarden of Eden, using the same subtitle.

In 2007 when he gave the speech, “Critical Theory” was not in the average political pundit’s vocabulary. “Social Justice Warriors” were a new phenomenon. States were still voting to uphold traditional marriage. “Tropic Thunder” – a comedy which would feature white actor Robert Downy Junior as a black man, was a year from its widely celebrated release. In short, it was a different world.

Yet, although I (along with Andrew Breitbart) would have listed Sayet’s talk among the most important political speeches I’d ever heard, it took me until now to get around to reading his book. And the week that I read the words I opened this article with, Maui was engulfed in the flames of a wildfire as the Obama Foundation’s “representative” and Hawaii’s Deputy Director for Water Resource Management, M. Kaleo Manuel, withheld the use of water from firefighters in service of his mission for “water equity” – not just a wrong decision, “*but as wrong as wrong can be.*”

The fact is, in spite of using a different vocabulary than what has been adopted in the past decade and a half to discuss the insanity of Critical Theory, Sayet’s explanation for “How Modern Liberals Think” is even more relevant today than it was over a decade and a half ago.

What sets someone apart as a Modern Liberal, according to Evan Sayet, is their agreement with this quote by Howard Zinn: “Objectivity is impossible, and it is also undesirable. That is, if it were possible it would be undesirable.”

What he means by “objectivity” is having the ability to understand the world in an accurate and unbiased way. Some time ago, a group of these “Modern Liberal” “educators” took to Twitter to delegitimize the unshakeable *objective* truth that  $2+2=4$ , for example. Why? Because that was just the ‘traditional’ way that math was taught.

Sayet divides the Modern Liberal into two classes: the True Believer and the Mindless Foot Soldier. This helps to answer the question many of us have been asking the past few years, that is – ‘are people really that stupid or are they just that wicked?’ Sayet says, it depends who you’re talking to.

*“The Mindless Foot Soldier... has for all intents and purposes been brainwashed – most significantly by the “education” system he first entered at the age of 5 and didn’t leave for almost two decades (and sometimes longer) – to believe that objectivity is impossible.*

*...Since he believes all points of view are equally right and equally valid, the Mindless Foot Soldier is convinced that anyone who would declare his own point of view right or another point of view wrong is and can only be a bigot (for his side) or a phobic (against the other).”*

Doesn’t that explain so much about the way that we’ve seen the left react to nearly every incident the world has faced? How can we criticize Black Lives Matter or say a twelve-year-old can’t change their gender without being some kind of bigot? You’ve done your own research into the Covid vaccine and don’t trust it? You must hate your neighbors. You’re not sure the 2020 election

was all above board? You must be racist, because Donald Trump is racist, because he thinks America should be great.

Here we come to the second classification of the Modern Liberal, the True Believer: “*The True Believer, on the other hand, subscribes to the **second** part of Zinn’s statement. He rejects the use of his intellect, not because he thinks objectivity is impossible, but because he knows that its product – the truth – is undesirable.*

*“This is because the True Believer is an ideologue with a utopian vision, and, as with both ideologues and those with utopian visions, the truth invariably gets in the way.”*

The truth invariably gets in the way; what a chilling statement, and more so because of how it rings true. Our friend Frank Gaffney used to refer to “willful blindness” – purposely turning away from the truth because it does not serve your purposes.

Elsewhere in the book, Mr. Sayet goes on to say: “*The scientific ‘truth’ would now no longer be what was found through fact, evidence and reason but would be determined only and always by the needs of this new Cult of Indiscriminateness.*”

We cannot trust our own thoughts because we’re guaranteed to be bigoted or phobic if we reach our own conclusions, but we can always “trust the science,” right? Never mind what you see with your own eyes, you must “trust the experts.”

Having read several of the most recent books coming from the conservative side and attempting to explain the “rationale,” for lack of a better word (because it’s anti-rational), of today’s leftists, Evan Sayet’s The KinderGarden of Eden does the best job of explaining the conclusions in an understandable way. His videos of his talks at the Heritage Foundation are both incredibly helpful as well, and can be found on the Evan Sayet YouTube Channel.

How gracious God is for revealing objective, ultimate Truth to us in His Word, on which we train our kids through the old Sunday School song, we can “stand alone.” May we have the courage and wisdom to do so.

# Digital Dollar Dangers (You can bank on that!)

By Steve Huston



To cover such broad topics as bank weaponization, the digital dollar and its “cashless society” dangers, the importance of privacy and freedom, then to pull them all together in a short space, it’s necessary for me to mostly quote from others who are more knowledgeable. Add to this list our own government pushing to oversee our monies through the creation of a central bank digital currency (CBDC) that would be managed by the Federal Reserve Bank (which is neither federal, nor a bank, and has no reserves – for more information read G. Edward Griffin’s [The Creature from Jekyll Island](#)). These things reek of tyranny – individual privacy, freedom to spend versus government oversight/control, and a China-type social credit score system would be issues with which each of us must deal.

If one doesn’t know what a CBDC is, *AMAC* magazine gives a good working definition: it’s “a digital form of money issued by a central bank, similar to paper money but in electronic format. A US CBDC would be the digital version of the US dollar issued by the Federal Reserve, backed and regulated by the central bank.”

If one questions the potential of bank weaponization outside the reach of the digital dollar, let me point out that such weaponization along political and religious lines is already taking place both here and abroad.

England’s Brexit leader, Nigel Farage, is launching a new initiative to resist “de-banking,” and Central Bank Digital Currencies [after his account was shut down](#) over his political views. In a YouTube video entitled *Farage EXPOSES new push for cashless society*, he states, in part:

“The business of account closures is as nothing compared to the rapid move toward a cashless society.” After warning that the

war on cash has come to Australia, he describes how it’s coming to the largest bank in England, NatWest. “From September the 11th, NatWest will be limiting cash that you can deposit and cash that you can take out, and they keep the absolute right to refuse cash. They even keep the right to refuse checks. Basically, they want everything to be electronic. ... The cashless society is coming. The big banks want it and with that there will be control on how you can spend your money. We already have legally binding targets for carbon emissions for countries, companies, carbon trading schemes. It’s not going to be very long before you have your own personal carbon limit. And what better way to stop you buying that extra flight, that extra holiday, than being able to control what you spend. Do take this seriously. ... Cash IS legal tender. ... We need the government to stand up and make it clear that cash is legal tender. ... The alternative, if everything you do is controlled by the banks, frankly, it won’t be very long before, as they monitor your social media, we head towards communist China on a social credit system where, only if you obey the prevailing orthodoxy of the day, can you take part in life. We must not allow cash to disappear. We need the government to act very, very, quickly.”

Lest you think de-banking is only a problem in other countries, remember that retired [Lt. Gen.] Michael Flynn, Defense of Liberty, and Family Council all had their accounts closed by JP Morgan Chase due to being “designated either high risk or reputational risk.”

Justin Haskins, director at the Heartland Institute, was quoted by The Epoch Times. “There is a mountain of evidence that shows many of America’s largest and most powerful banks are discriminating against customers because of their ideological, social, cultural, religious, or political views.

“Through various environmental, social, and governance (ESG) policies and frameworks, banks regularly choose to screen out customers who are deemed ‘reputational risks’ or considered part of industries disfavored by elites and their powerful institutions.” Warning that such banking actions

may not be limited to the political realm, he stated, “Current discriminatory practices in banking could soon expand to personal CO2 emissions or gun purchases.”

The Epoch Times also reported: “19 state attorneys general wrote a letter to Mr. Dimon. ‘It is clear that JPMorgan Chase & Co. has persistently discriminated against certain customers due to their religious or political affiliation. This discrimination is unacceptable,’ the AGs wrote. ‘Chase must stop such behavior and align its business practices with the anti-discrimination policies that Chase proclaims.’”

With such weaponization of our monies taking place outside digital currency, what should we expect to happen once we’ve entered a cashless society? When the government controls those CBDCs, what won’t they control?

Frank Gaffney gives a somber warning to all Americans: “Among the most dangerous of Joe Biden’s many assaults on our freedoms is a so-called Central Bank Digital Currency initiative. The banking crisis spawned by his administration’s disastrous spending and inflation is accelerating its plan to replace cash with government-controlled digital dollars that will enable the feds to control us too.”

Sen. Braun (R-IA) rightly states: “Allowing the government to centralize Americans’ financial information and increase surveillance of Americans’ financial activity is simply a bad idea.”

As our government further attempts to expand their reach on Americans and their belongings, corralling us into particular lines of thought and limiting our speech, the warning of Benjamin Franklin looms ever closer: “Without freedom of thought there can be no such thing as wisdom; and no such thing as public liberty, without freedom of speech.”

Christian, whether prince or pauper, your treasure occupies and your freedom comes from a different, a heavenly, land. Be faithful in living out and speaking the truth, come what may.

# The Weaponization of Weather

By Lisa Van Houten



**“Climate change is the existential threat to humanity,”** Joe Biden ominously warned. **“The era of global warming has ended, the era of global boiling has arrived,”** United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres recently decreed. According to the Left, every flood, hurricane, heat wave, or wildfire is blamed on humanity’s new mortal enemy – “climate change.” Even though the recent horrific wildfire in Maui was caused by downed power lines, leftist media still tried to blame climate change as a cause. We’ve seen the fear-mongering headlines in recent weeks about the supposed “hottest global weather on record” and “blistering heatwave.” **In other words, it’s summer.**

While liberal media breathlessly warns about the “hottest summer on record,” they ignore the areas of the U.S. which are having cooler summers than average. They also typically fail to report that global temperature data has been recorded for less than 45 years. While CNN did acknowledge in one report: “While the NCEP’s (National Centers for Environmental Prediction) data only goes back to 1979, these temperatures are ‘almost certainly’ the warmest temperatures the planet has seen ‘probably going back at least 100,000 years,’ Jennifer Francis, a senior scientist at Woodwell Climate Research Center, told CNN.”

“Probably” and “almost certainly?” Forgive my skepticism, but we’re supposed to believe scientists can tell that the earth has never been warmer than today, when meteorologists struggle to accurately predict tomorrow’s weather? Let’s take a look about how accurate scientists’ doomsday predictions have been in recent years. In 1970 it was predicted: *“Ice Age By 2000; America Subject to Water Rationing By 1974 and Food Rationing By 1980.”* In 1974 we were told: *“Space Satellites Show New Ice Age Coming Fast.”* In 1988: *“Maldives Islands*

*will Be Underwater by 2018”* (they’re not). In 2002 we were told: *“Famine In 10 Years If We Don’t Give Up Eating Fish, Meat, and Dairy.* In 2004: *Britain will Be Siberia by 2024.* In 2008: *Arctic will Be Ice Free by 2018”* (it’s not). In 2005 we were warned: *“Manhattan Underwater by 2015.”* And my personal favorite from 1989: *“UN Warns That Entire Nations Wiped Off the Face of the Earth by 2000 From Global Warming.”* That didn’t happen either. And just 11 years before this dire prediction, in 1978, we were being told: *“No End in Sight to 30-Year Cooling Trend.”* Which is it – global warming or cooling? Actually, recent data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) shows that there has not been global warming for the past eight years.

Yet U.N. Secretary-General Guterres, who claims we’re in an era of “global boiling,” also stated: *“For the entire planet, it is a disaster. ... All this is entirely consistent with predictions and repeated warnings... Climate change is here. It is terrifying, and it is just the beginning.”* He also added this telling statement: *“For scientists, it is unequivocal — humans are to blame.”*

That is the lie globalists and leftists are using to foster climate hysteria, convincing millions of people to give up freedom and their way of life to “save” the planet. H.L. Mencken wrote: *“The urge to save humanity is almost always a false-front for the urge to rule it.”* Putting in place oppressive regulations is not to stop climate change, but a means to further the iron-fisted power of the authoritarian state. The apocalyptic hysteria about the climate is nothing more than a diversionary tactic by the radical Left to implement a globalist, Marxist agenda.

Covid hysteria demonstrated to those in power how easy it is to frighten citizens into willingly accepting oppressive mandates in order to “protect” their health. If people would trade their freedom for unproven security once, they’ll do it again – this time to “protect” the planet. Covid-19 mandates are a template for what governments will do to restrict freedom to save us from a “climate emergency.” As Biden said, “it’s the existential threat to humanity,” after all. That’s why we now hear the media chang-

ing the language from climate change to climate emergency. Joe Biden is being urged to declare a national “climate emergency” under the National Emergencies Act, which would give him the power to circumvent Congress and unilaterally implement mandates, as we experienced under Covid. Once again, it’s not about science, but about control.

With the radical Left convincing people that the planet is on the brink of destruction, naturally-occurring weather has been weaponized, giving government an excuse for more control over the energy we use, the food we eat, and the products we purchase (as we just saw with the elimination of the incandescent lightbulb and the ongoing efforts to restrict the use of gas stoves and cars).

In 2018 the World Economic Forum (WEF) released a video listing its goals to be implemented by 2030; #4 is: *“You’ll eat much less meat. An occasional treat, not a staple, for the good of the environment and our health.”* Thus, we’ve seen the recent war on meat and dairy, trying to convince Americans to turn to plant-based substitutes. In Ireland, the government has a plan to slaughter 200,000 dairy cows over the next three years to “reduce greenhouse gas emissions.” Destroying the livestock industry is one of the objectives of the WEF. Their goal is not human flourishing, but control.

In the eyes of radical environmentalists, human beings are the Earth’s enemy. And millions of people buy into this belief system. It becomes their “religion” – refusing to recognize God who has revealed Himself in nature, they worship the creation, rather than the Creator. **We’re called to be good stewards of creation, but everything God created and called good, is intended to point to His glory and to be used as a blessing for the benefit of mankind.**

Climate naturally changes, and it has since the Fall, but what hubris to think that mere man can control it. Such thinking is shaking the fist in the face of the One of Whom the disciples exclaimed: *“Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”* They call us “climate-deniers.” I suggest these God-deniers read Job 38 to find out Who actually controls the weather.

# Reporting Live from the County Fair

By Chris Johnson



This is Chris Johnson, reporting live from the Newaygo County Fair, where the spirit of America is alive and mostly well.

If you're tired of hearing news about corrupt government, failing families, the loss of traditional American culture, and a growing culture of death, I would encourage you to find yourself a small, rural, county fair like this one to spend some time at.

The atmosphere here is a celebration of the opposite of those things. Here, there are intact, multigenerational families as parents and grandparents pass on their knowledge of livestock and show horses to their kids and grandkids. For us in the North, it can be a shock to see so many cowboy hats, cowboy boots, and Western wear in one place. Country music plays over loudspeakers on "Fair Radio 88.1," with "Take Me Home, Country Roads," carrying more than its share of airplay.

I kid you not, as I'm writing this, the radio is playing "What the World Needs is a Few More Rednecks," by Charlie Daniels:

*"What this world needs is a few more rednecks/ Some people ain't afraid to take a stand/ What this world needs is a little more respect/ For the Lord and the law and the workin' man/ We could use a little peace and satisfaction/ Some good people up front to take the lead/ A little less talk and a little more action/ And a few more rednecks is what we need."*

*I was raised on beans and cornbread/ And I like my chicken fried/ Yes, I drive a pickup truck/ And I'm full of American pride/ I keep a Bible on my table/ I got a flag out on my lawn/ And I don't believe in mindin' / No one's business but my own."*

Speaking of driving a pickup, mine is my "office" right now. I'm out here with a wal-

kie talkie while my kids wander the fair on the other end, going back and forth between where their cousin is showing her steer and their grandma is handing out Bibles to kids walking by.



My view in the parking lot is mostly pickup trucks and livestock trailers which carried in the steers, pigs, lambs, and goats, which kids from 8 to 20 will show, and sometimes sell to save for their first car or for college, or maybe just to buy next year's animal for another shot at winning Grand Champion. In one of the barns on the fairgrounds, my daughter's own pig, which we raised with her cousins throughout the summer, rests up for tomorrow's livestock auction, blissfully unaware of how it's week will end.

In the evenings, there's a different – let's call them cultural experiences – every day of the week: several forms of demolition derbies, various pulling competitions – from horses to enormous modified trucks and tractors, children's Power Wheels races, and farm Olympics.

At Monday's "Night of Destruction," the announcer suddenly lost control of his microphone as a furious fair board member seized control to excoriate someone smoking weed in the bleachers.

"Only in Fremont," was my first thought, but I don't think it is only in Fremont. I think wherever you find honest, hard-working people who are on a first-name basis with reality, you'll find folks like this. Charlie Daniels affectionately calls them "rednecks," but, in a lot of ways, these are the heirs of American tradition. Here you can still see hints of what made America great: the hard work, the unity, the knowledge of our need for the Lord.

One winner of one heat of Monday's "Night of Destruction" demolition derby was asked who he'd like to thank. "The Big Man Up-

stairs," he boldly said, in a confused effort to honor God with a rather disrespectful title. The instinct is there, but the practice is untrained. The tradition as it's survived is beautiful, but still a shadow of its former self. In the midst of the family-friendly atmosphere, you might sit in front of someone who's cussing up a storm, and sometimes young cowgirls' outfits make you wonder what their dads are thinking, ...

I realize you don't know I was gone, but I'm back. Had to step away to see my niece show her steer for the market class. Her first year showing and she won first place! And, as the Lord does, He made sure I was there to hear the judge telling the crowd as they waited to hear which would be named the Grand Champion steer, *"this competition is not about winning or losing, it's about raising quality young people."*



This place is dusty and dirty and it can be a little rough around the edges, but there is a lot of goodness here.

In our time it is so easy to turn on the radio or the television or some news site or paper to see what's wrong with the world, but I hope this little bit of an unconventional article from us can be a reminder that there's still a lot of good in this world too. I encourage you not to just put your energy into tearing down what's wicked, but into building what's good.