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Hello my friends. We are back with The Stormrider Magazine which is themed around freedom and country living. Here is a fun little article on timber felling followed by two in depth articles on Politics and the Creation of a New



World Order and the Emerging World Super-church. These articles contain my opinion on end-time events. Please weigh these carefully. I welcome your feedback. God bless you!

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TIMBER FELLING

The purpose of this article is to give some basic points on felling a tree. It is not a substitute for professional instruction from a professional tree-feller. Tree felling is dangerous work and you should not attempt it until you feel confident that you are prepared and ready.

Getting ready starts with having the right equipment. What should you be wearing if you are felling a tree? Gloves, eye protection, helmet or hard hat, ear protection, chainsaw chaps or pants. Chainsaw pants are made of special material that is difficult to cut through and if penetrated by a live chainsaw would likely jam it up before too much injury is inflicted. Chainsaw pants are better than chaps because they protect both sides of your legs.

The next point of timber felling prep is to study your area. Are there buildings, roads or power lines that may be in danger of being hit if your desired tree is to be brought down? If so, bring in a professional.

Next determine the direction of probable fall. The tree will always fall in the direction that its weight is leaning. Remember, a crooked tree may change direction. You must prepare for this. Also, if the tree is dead or partly injured, it might break apart and not fall where you are expecting it to. Look for any soft spots or discolouration.

Make sure you have an area cleared away on either side of the tree where you can run to get away from a falling tree. Prune the tree of any branches that could wack you as the tree is falling.

Use either an axe or a chainsaw to cut your tree. Because I personally have only brought down alder trees, I am quite happy to use an axe for the whole job. For larger trees one would have to use a chainsaw.

Make a small relief cut on the opposite side to where you want it to fall. Now start cutting out a pie slice on the side where you have planned for the tree to fall. Once you hear it cracking or you see it beginning to go, get away from the falling tree.

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POLITICS AND THE CREATION OF A NEW WORLD ORDER

What does sacred Scripture tell us about the last days? Where is politics carrying us? What is the New World Order?

The above questions have been asked and remain an ongoing issue of great interest to many of us, that is those of us, who realize that our own futures and the futures of everyone around us, may be powerfully affected by the coming of a New World Order.

Our first question is; “What does sacred Scripture (The Bible) tell us about the last days?” This is of course an enormous topic but for anyone who would venture to unpack some of the answer, the following words from the Apostle Paul should reflect our attitude also. Speaking about understanding the future, he says; “For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”

1 Corinthians 13:12 King James Version (KJV)

We see through a glass, darkly. He is admitting that he only knows about the future, in part, imperfectly, as if he was looking through a dark piece of glass and could make out some of what is on the other side. I am saying the same. In my very limited understanding, the following seems to me, to summarize some of what we can expect.

There is coming a Great Tribulation. The Great Tribulation is a period of what is believed to be seven years in which the world is undergoing tremendous upheaval and catastrophe unlike anything ever experienced to date. In the Great Tribulation the world will be ruled by a man called the anti-Christ. He will be totally evil and he and his government will persecute and kill anyone they catch who does not commit to their worldwide kingdom by taking an identifying mark. During this time, there will also be tremendous cataclysmic ecological disasters on a global scale that are sent by God as judgements. In the end, Jesus Christ will come and destroy the anti-Christ and his forces and set up a new peaceful kingdom on earth.

Somewhere in this timeline, Christian believers will be raptured out of this world. Theologians disagree and debate over whether this will occur before, during or after the Tribulation.

How do we come to an understanding of the Tribulation being seven years? I don't claim to be an expert on this, but eschatological passages of the Scriptures have been interpreted to say this. Because

it is a little complicated I am going to give you the following quote from a theological source that summarizes this interpretation:

[Daniel 9:24–27](#) reveals the purpose and time of the tribulation. This passage speaks of [70 weeks](#) that have been declared against “your people.” Daniel’s people are the Jews, the nation of Israel, and [Daniel 9:24](#) speaks of a period of time in which God’s purpose is “to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.” God declares that “seventy sevens” will fulfill all these things. The “sevens” are groups of years, so 70 sevens is 490 years. (Some translations refer to 70 “weeks” of years.)

In [Daniel 9:25](#) and [26](#), the Messiah will be cut off after “seven sevens and sixty-two sevens” (69 total sevens), beginning with the decree to rebuild Jerusalem. In other words, 69 sevens (483 years) after the decree to rebuild is issued, the Messiah will die. Biblical historians confirm that 483 years passed from the time of the decree to rebuild Jerusalem to the time when Jesus was crucified. Most Christian scholars, regardless of their view of eschatology, have the above understanding of Daniel’s 70 sevens.

God said that 70 weeks had been determined (490 years), but, with the death of the Messiah, we only have 69 weeks accounted for (483 years). This leaves one seven-year period to be fulfilled “to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy” ([Daniel 9:24](#)). This final seven-year period is what we call the tribulation—the time when God finishes judging Israel and brings them back to Himself.

[Daniel 9:27](#) gives a few highlights of the final week, the seven-year tribulation period: “[A ruler] will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.” Jesus refers to this passage in [Matthew 24:15](#). The ruler who confirms the covenant and then sets up the abomination is called “the beast” in [Revelation 13](#). According to [Daniel 9:27](#), the beast’s covenant will be for seven years, but in the middle of this week (3 ½ years into the tribulation), the beast will break the covenant, putting a stop to the Jewish

sacrifices. [Revelation 13](#) explains that the beast will place an image of himself in the temple and require the world to worship him. [Revelation 13:5](#) says that this will go on for 42 months, which is 3 ½ years (the second half of the tribulation). So, we see a covenant lasting to the middle of the “week” ([Daniel 9:27](#)) and the beast who made the covenant demanding worship for 42 months ([Revelation 13:5](#)). Therefore, the total length of time is 84 months or seven years.

(<https://www.gotquestions.org/tribulation.html>)

Where does the idea of an evil one-world government come from? Read Revelations 13:1-7 and also verse 11. Here, it speaks of three figures who are working together in an end-time evil purpose. They are the dragon, the beast and another beast. Many consider these figures to be the devil, the anti-Christ government and the anti-Christ himself, or possibly, another evil individual, the “false prophet”. The idea of world government comes in when we read of the beast; “And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.” (Revelation 13:7). From this we see that the anti-Christ's rule is expansive and evil. His kingdom represents a New World Order.

What does the anti-Christ do with his power?

Well, again there are two beasts who are working together and they give everyone the choice to receive a mark, which identifies that person as aligning with the beast (1st one I think). Anyone who refuses the mark is made incapable of purchasing products. We read; “He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has [g]the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” (Revelation 13:16-17Footnote [g]NU, M *the mark, the name*) This second beast sets up an image of the first beast and we are told that; “He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.” (Revelation 13:15)

Is modern politics carrying us in the direction of a New World Order? The following is my opinion and I invite you to weigh it out. Please treat it as me sharing my opinion and not me teaching it as doctrine. None-the-less, I see something evolving around us that would seem to parallel what the sacred Scriptures say about the last days.

There is tremendous excitement among world elites over the idea of a one-world-government. This has been the case for a long time. Such a concept is the heart of an even broader concept called globalism? Globalism is a multifaceted concept. It is a focus on the world as a whole; it is a focus on the environmental, economic,

religious and political union of the world. It is the belief that the world should pull together into one united economic, environmental, religious and, eventually, political entity(at least on some level).

Many Liberal and secular forces are pushing hard for a one-world government. The assembling of a one-world government is the determined effort of many leaders today. In 1943, Wendell Wilkie's book, "One World," was published and sold over two million copies. Two years later, Emery Reves' book, "The Anatomy of Peace," argued for the setting up of a federal world-government. Books, such as these, began feeding the grass roots movement towards one-world government. In the United States, individuals such as Grenville Clark, Norman Cousins, Alan Cranston and Robert Hutchins, were all instrumental in organizing and, finally, forming the organization, the "United World Federalists," in 1947. This organization later changed its name to "World Federalist Association" and then to "Citizens for Global Solutions." By 1949, they claimed a membership of 47,000. Similar movements arose in other countries leading to the formation of a global coalition in 1947, now called the "World Federalist Movement."

Other key globalist organizations would of course be The United Nations, The World Health Organization, The International Trade Organization, The European Union, The World Economic Forum and others. The United Nations operates an International Court Of Justice, Economic and Social Council, UN Trusteeship and has peacekeeping forces around the world. These are all powerful

expressions of globalism and channels of global government. Globalism is very real and is backed by thousands of people labouring towards this end.

The main problem that we Christian believers have with globalism and global government is that our sacred Scriptures warn us that the future world government will be totally evil and will persecute us.

What about our current political parties? Do they promote globalism? When I use the terms “Liberal” and “Conservative” in this article I am speaking more broadly than the Liberal or Conservative parties of Canada. I am speaking of Political Liberalism and Political Conservatism world-wide. Some Conservatives are more globalistic than others but, generally, Political Conservatism leans more towards freedom, independence, libertarianism and sovereignty rather than to globalism. Political Liberalism, on the other hand, is hog-wild, all-in, over-the-top, fully committed to globalism. In fact, philosophically, liberalism is one of the four pillars, or schools of thought, for International Relations Theory, which is an influential theoretical perspective that seeks to explain international politics. This is just one example that shows the marriage between Liberalism and Globalism.

So while Liberals are pushing hard to globalize our nation and our world, Conservatives, are to a large extent, resisting this push and standing for freedom, independence, libertarianism and sovereignty.

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Not only are Liberals and Socialists not noticeably concerned about Biblical warnings of an end-time world government that persecutes Christians, Liberals and Socialists are increasingly intolerant of Christian values and of a Christian worldview. That is because Christian faith and modern evolving Liberalism are becoming more and more antithetical to each other. We Christians maintain that human life is sacred (“So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” Genesis 1:27), therefore abortion is murder and genocide (“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified[a] you; I [b]ordained you a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah 1:5, also see Psalms 139:13, 16), that Medical Assisted Suicide is also the wrongful killing of human life (“My times *are* in Your hand;...” Psalm 31:15)), that homosexuality is an abomination to God (“You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.” Leviticus 18:22), that salvation comes only through faith in Jesus Christ (“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12) and that freedom of religion

and freedom of speech gives us the right to openly speak the truth of our faith (“And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak,” 1 Corinthians 4:13).

(footnotes to Jeremiah 1:5 [a]set you apart {b} appointed)

In response to the fundamental Christian tenets mentioned above, Liberal and Socialist governments prosecute and, thereby, persecute, Christian believers through means of legislation restricting freedom of speech, restricting freedom of expression and restricting freedom of religion.

As Liberals and Socialists become more and more aggressive towards people of Christian faith, globalist organizations propose many changes that would increase and further monopolize their power.

Probably the most concerning globalist organization to exert its influence in recent years is the World Economic Forum. What is the World Economic Forum? The World Economic Forum was established in 1971 and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. According to themselves : “*The World Economic Forum is the International Organization for Public-Private Cooperation. The Forum engages the foremost political, business, cultural and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry*

agendas.”Its founder is Prof. Klaus Schwab. It is comprised of representatives from many of the big-name, multi-national companies of the world as well as many world political leaders and select privileged individuals. It is a club for the very wealthy. Wikipedia reports that in 2011 an annual membership cost was \$52,000 for an individual, \$263,000 for "Industry Partner" and \$527,000 for "Strategic Partner". In short, The World Economic Forum is a globalist club of corporate and political leaders and super-wealthy individuals who meet to strategize and shape world economies.

What are the strategies that The World Economic Forum are trying to bring about? They want a New World Order and a Great Reset. The “Great Reset” was the name for the 50th meeting of the World Economic Forum in June of 2020. Perhaps the biggest emphasis of the Great Reset is environmental conservationism. To achieve the kind of environmental conservationism that they would like to see accomplished, it will require dramatic restrictions on individual freedoms and individual liberties. The Great Reset also promotes green-technology and would usher in a new wave of super-technology that would make use of artificial intelligence, nano-technology, quantum computing and more.

Two other key components to their plan are Digital I.D. and Central Bank Digital Currency. Liberals would love to see citizens have a digital I.D., which would enable the government to more easily track us and be more deeply informed of our personal information.

Central Bank Digital Currency is a cryptocurrency that is issued and potentially controlled by the government. Some politicians dream of a digital currency that they could control, manipulate, issue, distribute, inflate, deflate, etc. This would be a Canadian Central Bank Digital Currency issued and controlled by the Bank of Canada, not by individual Canadian Banks.

The World Economic Forum is perhaps the single greatest driver for this radical global change that will eliminate, replace or change the world's current financial and social structures into a New World Order driven by environmental conservationism, a new modern socialism and a flood of super-technology.

The Great Reset also incorporates a new modern form of socialism. Countries are encouraged to adopt programs of Guaranteed Income for their populations. In this arrangement populations will receive their financial support from the government. They will either choose to supplement their financial support or perhaps even live off of it completely. However, in this system people will be encouraged (or perhaps required) to give up personal property. On the World Economic Forum's website they claim: “Universal basic income is the answer to the inequalities exposed by COVID-19.”

[\(https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/04/covid-19-universal-basic-income-social-inequality/\)](https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/04/covid-19-universal-basic-income-social-inequality/)

The form of The Universal Basic Income that they promote is “to sustain a person at a modest minimum, leaving sufficient incentives to work, save, and invest.”

(<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/04/covid-19-universal-basic-income-social-inequality/>)However,

The World Economic Forum suggests that such Universal Basic Income should come with conditions placed on individuals. They say; “ Finally, good arguments can be made for having very selective conditions – for instance, some that relate to public goods, like vaccinating all children and ensuring they attend school.”

(<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/04/covid-19-universal-basic-income-social-inequality/>)

Universal Basic Income creates dependence upon the government. Dependence and conditions to that assistance become powerful tools of control. Just what this list of basic requirements may be expanded to, no-one knows.

I see through a glass darkly. The monster that myself and many others see forming is a Liberal/Socialist government that is utterly globalistic, with no accountability to the individual citizen (who is far too small to affect any change to the global system), who controls our money supply, subjects us to intense surveillance, monitors our speech and who prosecutes and persecutes those who do not hold its values, especially Christians. Such a government and such a system,

filled with the spirit of anti-christ, once fully set up, is just waiting for a most sinister leader to take the helm.

That sinister leader is none other than the anti-Christ himself. Remember the three figures who are working together in an end-time evil purpose, the dragon, the beast and another beast. Many consider these figures to be the devil, the anti-Christ government and the anti-Christ himself or possibly, another evil individual, the “false prophet”. Of the beast we again read; “And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.” (Revelation 13:7). Who is this anti-Christ beast and/or his system?

Growing up, I had always considered the future anti-Christ to be as he is most commonly depicted, a westerner rising out of Europe. While this is still very possible, I also believe (still my opinion, I am not teaching this as doctrine) that he has Islamic elements to his identity. I still think that Western European structures and globalist structures such as the United Nations, The World Economic Forum, The World Health Organization and others, could be instrumental to his rise to power. However, there will be numerous facets of his identity that will be attractive to Muslims as well as attractive to a diverse world community of non-Muslims.

Not every westerner is aware that Islam teaches a coming messiah-like figure known as the Mahdi, also called the 12th Imam. The word

“Mahdi” does not appear in the Quran, but rather in certain editions of the Hadith. All Shiite Muslims believe in him and many Sunni do as well. He is said to come to earth in the last days to rid the world of evil and injustice. Islam teaches that the Mahdi will appear shortly before Jesus returns and that the two of them, Mahdi and Jesus, will conquer the world and convert it to Islam. Could this person be the anti-Christ? Scholar Walid Shoebat has written a 490 page book called “God's War On Terror” and in it he argues extensively and very persuasively that the Islamic Mahdi is the Biblical anti-Christ. His book is packed with references as he lays out a very compelling case. According to Shoebat, both the Mahdi and the anti-Christ deny the Father and the Son, both are blasphemous, both are said to be deceivers, both claim to be a Messiah, both suffer a “Head Wound”, both work false miracles, both ride a white horse, both attempt to change the law, both govern 10 entities, both are the source of death and war, both honour their god with gold and silver, both usher in a 7-year peace treaty, both break treaties, both desire world domination, both practice beheading, both occupy the temple mount among other things. (Taken from War On Terror Islam, Prophecy and the Bible, table of contents) Could it be that these two individuals are one and the same?

Muslims are expecting that the Mahdi will rule for seven years, although some Islamic sources say nine years. (See *Musnad-e-Ahmad*, vol.4, pp. 56, *Hadees 11223*) Is it a coincidence that the Biblical anti-Christ rules seven years?

I have always wondered about Revelation 20:4 where we read that saints are beheaded in the tribulation. It reads; “And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I* saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for [a]a thousand years.” (Footnote [Revelation 20:4](#) M *the*) I have thought “Wouldn't a modern, western anti-Christ execute us using electric chairs or lethal injections? After all, beheading is so archaic! I realize now, beheading is the Muslim way of execution. Beheading is exactly what a muslim anti-Christ during the Tribulation would do.

Wait a minute, how could a New World Order that began with liberalism/socialism and globalism end in Islam? Are not these belief systems too far apart for them to converge? Liberal beliefs such as feminism and LGBT activism are not compatible with fundamentalist Islam. However, the Liberal/socialism after it has created the structure for a one-world government and New World Order may very well be cast aside by whoever this one world leader is.

How could that happen? Isn't the influence of Western powers and liberal ideology so entrenched that it would be impossible to overcome? No, not at all. Political power is linked to money. It follows money. If the United States, Canada and/or Europe suffered an overnight crash of their economies, resulting in a dissolution of

their wealth, their world influence and power would disappear just as fast. The power void would be filled by whoever next is the wealthiest player in this game. A rich Muslim anti-Christ who had the political will to do so, would have no hesitation in discarding whichever Liberal values were not acceptable to him.

Even if the end-time anti-Christ is not a picture-perfect representation of fundamentalist Islam, his message will still have enough to it that will resonate with multitudes of Muslims worldwide. His message will also resonate with multitudes of non-Muslims who also come to accept his leadership. The anti-christ will not necessarily be entirely Islamic in his identity. There will be many facets to his persona. I believe that there will be enough there that Muslims world-wide will think of him as the Mahdi. However, there will also be other facets of his identity or his persona that will resonate with Europeans, Africans, Asians, New Agers, and a multitude of others who will see in him the qualities and values that represent themselves as well.

An important thing to emphasize is that the government of the anti-Christ will be intensely religious. We have already read in verses quoted above how that this government will require the worship of the image of the Beast. I believe that this anti-christ government will have elements to it that are meant to be appealing to all religions. For centuries Christian writers have linked the pope of Rome to the anti-Christ. This theological position traces far back through church history. Pre-reformation groups such as the Waldensians taught that

the Papacy was the anti-christ and some Lollard (Followers of John Wycliff 14th century) writings do as well. Of course by the time of the Protestant Reformation (16th century) very many reformers were teaching this, not the least of whom, Martin Luther himself.

Whether or not a current or future pope is actually the anti-Christ himself can not be known at this time for sure. Remember though that there will be other key positions in the anti-Christ's government such as “the false prophet” (Revelation 20:10). Perhaps the pope will fill this role. In any case, the point that I am trying to make is that the future government of the anti-christ will be appealing to a broad spectrum of people, resonating with Muslims, Catholics and Ecumenical Christians (that is Christian/Catholic Ecumenicals, who have been greatly deceived) and even other religious traditions. Prepare yourself mentally and spiritually to resist this deception.

I know that most believers reading this will say “Yes, but we won't be here because we are going to be raptured, pre-tribulation raptured, before the anti-Christ begins to operate.” I know that pre-tribulation interpretation is the majority view among believers, it is what we would all like to believe. However, my own studies and my sincere listening to the arguments of pre-tribers have not led me to this viewpoint. A mid-tribulation or post tribulation rapture seems more correct to me, although I humbly admit that I see through a glass darkly and don't claim to have it all figured out. If you would like to read, in fuller detail, what I have written on the topic, then read my article “Should I Prepare Or Will A Pre-Tribulation Rapture Sweep

Me Away.” If this is a hard thing for you to accept, I would like to give you one scripture passage to consider prayerfully;

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of [a]Christ had come. 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of [b]sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits [c]as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

*(1 Thessalonians 2:1-4 **Footnotes** [a] NU the Lord [b] NU lawlessness [c] NU omits as God)*

Friend these verses say that our Lord's return and “...our gathering together to Him...” (the rapture) will not come until “... the man of [b]sin is revealed,...” (anti-Christ) first. The Church will be here at least until this revealing.

When the anti-Christ begins to operate, will there be a place to get away from him and from his system? Is his government truly world-wide? Remember, the Bible says “power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.” (Revelation 13:7) What does “all” constitute? Does it mean “all of planet Earth” or does it mean “all of the world region that we consider the Middle East and Asia-Minor?” I am not certain on this. I see through a glass darkly. The Bible does seem to be Middle-East-Asia-Minor centred. There is no clear specific reference to places like the U.S.A., Greenland, the Falkland Islands, or Canada, etc. However, “all” could be all-encompassing.

It would seem from Scripture that the anti-Christ rules for seven years and that only the first three and half years go well for him. The latter three and a half years are marked by catastrophic, cataclysmic judgments and upheavals as God's angels pour out the bowls of God's wrath upon the earth (see Revelation 16). He has three good years of relative calm to pull the world together under his control. How much of the world will he be able to pull together in the time that he has? Could it be that if you are an ocean away from him in a

remoter place, that you might be out of his reach? Perhaps. Prepare for tribulation anyway.

Liberalism, socialism, globalism, super-technology, the great reset, digital currency, digital I.D., the World Economic Forum, climate activism, the papacy and Islam, all converging into a New World Order. What a mixing pot it will be. What a mixing pot it is now, in the set-up stage. Friend, if you have not made peace with God, please do so now. We are still living in the age of grace, where God can be found, through faith in Jesus Christ. Much more sobering than the coming of the anti-Christ, is the coming of Jesus Christ Himself. The just Judge of all the earth is coming back, to take His followers with Him and to judge the earth. He will smash and utterly destroy the kingdom of the anti-Christ. Then He will judge the earth. His hair is as white as wool, His eyes are like a flame of fire, His feet are like fine brass and His voice as the sound of many waters. (see Revelation 1:14-15) God bless you.

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THE EMERGING WORLD SUPER-CHURCH

Imagine for a moment a large, modern, postmodern, liberal, woke, ecumenical Mega-Church system coming to prominence in the last days. That is to say, a future Super-Church, with lots of money, an appealing message and a large following. Such a Church that sin, judgement and repentance are never mentioned but, instead, love, unity and broad-mindedness are elevated to the forefront. It is not hard to imagine because there are so many precursors to this all around us. They just haven't been fully united together under one solitary organization.

The late Reverend David Wilkerson had a warning for all of us concerning a future World Super-Church. Who was David Wilkerson?

David Ray Wilkerson was born in 1931 in Hammond, Indiana, USA and died in 2011. He was known and loved worldwide for his incredible testimony and for his strongly anointed ministry that carried on for decades, out of his Church, Times Square Church, in New York city. A movie, *The Cross and The Switchblade*, was made telling of his early years of ministry reaching out to gang members in New York's downtown. He started Teen Challenge Ministry, which spread world-wide. He was known for his direct, frank preaching on holiness, consecration, devotion and faith and has been a spiritual father to thousands/millions (I don't know how many).

Many have regarded him as a modern-day prophet although he would humbly shy away from such titles.

Not everyone is aware that Wilkerson, in the year 1973, saw a great vision about the last days. He published the vision in a book, simply called “The Vision.” Here is an except from his introduction:

I have had but two visions in my lifetime. The first came to me in 1958, when a vision of God took me from a little town in Pennsylvania to New York City to work with teen gangs and drug addicts. That was not a false vision. Now, years later, its re-ality is shown by the youth centers spread all around the world. Gangs and addicts have not only been converted, but many are even preaching the gospel as ministers and missionaries.

A second vision came to me this summer (1973). It is a vision of five tragic calamities coming upon the earth. I saw no blinding lights, I heard no audi-ble voices, nor did I hear from an angel. While I was in prayer late one night, these visions of world cala-mities came over me with such impact that I could do nothing but kneel, transfixed, and take it all in.

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At first I did not want to believe what I saw and heard. The message of the vision was too frighten-ing, too apocalyptic, too discomfoting to my mate-rialistic mind. But the vision came back to me, night after night. I couldn't shake it off. Deep in my

heart I am convinced that this vision is from God, that it is true, and that it will come to pass. Yet this vision has caused me to do some very real heart-searching. I have been afraid that most people won't believe it, or that I'll be branded as some kind of fanatic. I shared this vision with some of my closest friends and associates and have been warned against publishing it. Who wants to listen to a message of economic confusion in a time of great affluence? Who wants to be told judgment is coming when so many can't even cope with life as it is? Who will ever believe that the religious freedom we now enjoy will soon be threatened and that a Jesus revolution will turn into a Jesus revulsion movement?

In spite of my fears and apprehensions, I can no longer shake off a conviction that this vision must be published. If I understand divine guidance at all, God has instructed me to speak out.. I have tested the vision by the Word of God, and Scripture correlates its message. Parts of this vision will come to pass in the very near future. Some of the events are more distant. But I believe all the events mentioned will happen in this generation!

I believe we are already in the time the Bible refers to as "the beginnings of sorrows." This world faces tribulation of unbelievable proportions, and even now the Earth is reeling under the impact of the first sampling of God's wrath. It seems that nearly everybody is wondering what is happening to nature, to moral standards, and to society. I believe that what is happening now is supernatural and is out of the reach of man's control.

Many who read this book will find it easy to for-get its message during these “breathing spells” of good times. It’s hard to think of judgment when you are basking in the sun on a warm beach. Earth-quakes, famines, floods, and other disasters seem so far away when you are racing across a lake in a high-powered speedboat. It’s difficult to imagine hard and tragic times when money is flowing, when freedoms are taken for granted, and when TV com-edies make life appear to be so free and easy.

Nevertheless, God warns of sudden disaster when all men are crying peace and safety. The flood of Noah’s age came when men were eating, drinking, marrying, divorcing, and living high. The multi-tudes who mocked the “unbelievable vision” of this prophet were suddenly faced with the fury of God’s wrath.

Before you put aside this vision as the ramblings of a fanatic, hear this! Suppose it is true? What if I have really heard from God? This vision could be the actual warning from God through a human being to a lazy, slumbering world.

(The Vision, pg 11-13)

I would like to quote a piece of this great vision that concerns the rise of a World Super-Church. Wilkerson says;

I see the formation of a super world church con-sisting of a union between liberal ecumenical Prot-estants and the Roman Catholic church, joining po-litically hand in hand, creating one of the most powerful religious forces on earth.

This super world church will be spiritual in name only, freely using the name of Jesus Christ, but will, in fact, be antichrist

and political in many of its activities. This powerful church union will be deeply involved in social action, tremendous charity programs, and ministries of compassion. Its leaders will make sweeping statements about meeting human need by sending out a call for renewed social action, political intervention, and a greater voice in world affairs.

A Sudden “Mysterious” Chain of Events — 3

Just when it appears that the ecumenical movement is nearly dead, a rather mysterious chain of events will bring about the framework for this union. Rome will insist upon and receive many concessions from the Protestant ecumenical leaders.

The Pope will be considered more of a political than a spiritual leader of this great union. Protestant leaders of the ecumenical movement will insist upon and receive certain concessions from Rome in exchange. They will not be asked to consider the Holy Father as the infallible head of the church and will accept his political leadership without accepting his role as Peter’s successor.

I am in no way suggesting that the Pope or any other church leader involved in this super church organization will be engaging in antichrist activity. The Bible has much to say on that matter but it is not for me, at this time, to speculate on the subject. However, I do see something that frightens me. I see an army of career people invading the most influential posts in this super church organization. Many of them will be ungodly, antichrist people, obsessed with the concept that this super church must become a political power, strong enough to put

pressure on all those who oppose its actions. While those in the highest posts of leadership will be speaking about miracles, love, and reconcili-ation, hirelings who work under them will be har-assing and persecuting those religious organiza-tions opposed to their leadership.

The formation of this super world church will begin in a small way. It will start with informal co-operative study and•research programs. Other co-op-erative programs will be initiated without legal or binding commitments from Protestants or Catho-lics. But liberal Protestant leaders from England and the United States will join liberal Catholic theologians from Europe in pressing for an “ecu-menical miracle.”

The legal, political amalgamation is yet quite distant—but the informal framework for the union is already under way.

Homosexuals and Lesbians

Welcomed by Super Church — 4

I see this super church, in the guise of “under-standing,” accepting homosexuals and lesbians into its membership. Homosexual and lesbian love will be vindicated by the leadership of this church union and will not only be welcomed but will be en-couraged.

Homosexual and lesbian ministers will be or-dained and given places of authority in this church union, and will be heralded as a new breed of pioneer introducing new concepts of love and evangelism.

I see coming, in nearly every major city in the United States and around the world, homosexual and lesbian churches catering exclusively to the spiritual needs of their own kind, with full recognition and support from organized religion. Sunday school and church literature will be distributed in study curriculum suggesting to children and teen-agers that homosexuality is a normal and acceptable form of Christian sexual practice.

Most tragic of all, I see the day coming when the majority of homosexuals will no longer seek help from the church. Instead, they will be defended by the super church, and admired for their courage

and willingness to be different. This super church will accommodate itself to the weaknesses of man's flesh and will set out to comfort mankind in their sins. Guilt complexes will be blamed on old-fashioned "sin condemning" preachers who speak out against the hang-ups of those who were once considered candidates for help and counseling. New teaching efforts will be focused on an attempt to enlighten men on how to live with their problems and, in fact, to enjoy these weaknesses as "gifts from God."

(The Vision pg, 76-79)

This part of the vision continues with a section where Wilkerson said that there will be nude dancing in the future Church. I am skipping over that section to the next part which reads;

I believe the super world church will condone certain occult practices. Already some church groups in Haiti have incorporated certain aspects of voodoo into their form of

worship. Study committees will be established to “defang” the devil and remake his image into one of a bland nonentity, not to be feared.

In some of the most respected, wealthy churches in the country, seances will replace prayer meetings. A growing number of ministers will be intrigued by the supernatural claims of spiritualistic and satanist groups. I see the day coming when those ministers who have never been very close with God will become very close to the devil.

Satan will appear as an angel of light to deceive, if it were possible, the elect, the chosen of God. Satan’s own ministers will appear as angels of light and they will attempt to spread the message within the ranks of the church that Satan is not an enemy, but a friend.

The super church will never officially accept occult practices outright, but phrenology, palmistry, fortune telling, and horoscopes will be widely respected.

(The Vision pg 80)

What does Wilkerson mean by this World Super-Church consisting of; “...liberal ecumenical Protestants and the Roman Catholic church, joining politically hand in hand, creating one of the most powerful religious forces on earth.”?

Theological Liberalism was birthed and spread in the nineteenth century with the advent of modernism. Many ministers began to view fundamentalism as being narrow, irrelevant and

unaccommodating. It was an era of intellectualism and rationalism. Theological dogmas were scrutinized and discarded in the name of logic and reason. Inquiry into science was applauded. Re-evaluation of social and religious values was thought to be an essential task in achieving the goal of greater individualism and humanism. Books like “Antiquity of Man,” and Charles Darwin’s “Origin of Species,” were introducing and popularizing new ideas that proposed to explain the history of the natural world and the origins of life in ways that boldly challenged the claims of the Bible. Modernism’s attack on belief in the transcendent and supernatural cultivated the perfect atmosphere for modern biblical criticism to flourish. Nineteenth century Liberal theology argued that theological positions must incorporate modern enlightenment. It embraced the modernist concept of humanism. It felt that this kind of fluidity would bring a freshness to the study of the Bible and also might help win back the modernist, educated community which was unsympathetic towards evangelicalism.

Nineteenth-century Theological Liberalism challenged doctrines such as the inspiration of the Bible, literal miracles, and even the atonement. Nineteenth-century Theological Liberalism has evolved into 20th and 21st century Theological Liberalism, which teaches LGBT activism, gay marriage, environmental activism and feminism as well. Theological Liberalism finds support among many mainline denominations and stands in contrast to the much larger Evangelical Christian world. However, even this last statement made is becoming open to debate as these lines become less black-and-white

and more and more churches are becoming open to liberal ideas. We even have movements such as the Emergent Church movement which seeks to deconstruct traditional models of Christian expression and interpret Christian faith through a more postmodern lens.

Wilkerson saw; “ *...liberal ecumenical Prot-estants and the Roman Catholic church, joining po-litically hand in hand, creating one of the most powerful religious forces on earth.* ”? More and more, Liberal churches are seeking partnership with the Roman Catholic Church (Not official union, not yet).

This partnership can also be called Ecumenism and also called interdenominationalism, transdenominationalism, or ecumenicalism. This is the concept and principle of greater unity between religious groups, to pursue common goals.

Unity between Christians, in itself, is a good thing but there is a fine line to unity. The key question is what am I unifying with? Unity is good when you are unifying with truth, with real Christian faith, but unity with darkness is bad, not good. Liberalism is darkness.

Liberal ecumenical Prot-estants and the Roman Catholic church, united politically, could create one of the most powerful religious forces on earth. Is the Catholic Church interested in unity with other churches? The Anglican-Roman Catholic Consultation USA began

meeting in 1965 and meets twice a year as it is “addressing understandings of reconciliation in scripture and tradition.” The Catholic Church also began ecumenical discussions with the Lutheran Church, beginning in 1965 through the Commission for Ecumenical Affairs. They produced a common statement entitled “The Hope of Eternal Life” which highlights their common beliefs. (<https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/western-section#tab-anglican>) Twice a year the Catholic church meets with representatives of the Reformed Churches and eight theological publications have come out of this dialogue. The Catholic Church has been forging ties with modern Evangelicals for years. A milestone in this endeavour has been the 1994 document “Evangelicals and Catholics Together” with major Evangelical and Catholic scholars both signing. Famous big name Evangelical leaders who signed included Chuck Colson, Richard Lang and J.I. Packer.

Have Catholics been showing interest in other world religions? What has been the nature of this interest and collaboration? In 1986, Pope John Paul convened a universal prayer service for leaders of all major world religions. His invitation was accepted by 47 delegations which represented 13 religions —including Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Zoroastrianism, as well as several traditional African and American religions. Catholics and Hindu Vaishnava scholars have been collaborating since 1998 through the International Society for Krishna Consciousness where a public Hindu-Catholic encounter is a part of their annual meeting. In November of 2017 Catholics and Hindus met at the Sri Siva Vishnu

Temple in Lanham to discuss the love of neighbour in Catholic and Hindu traditions. Between 2003 and 2009, Catholic Bishops have been meeting for their annual Northern California Ch'an/Zen Buddhist-Catholic Dialogue. An international plenary of Buddhist and Catholic Leaders in Castel Gandolfo, Italy has met for a "dialogue of fraternity"

(<https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/buddhism>) that ended with an audience with Pope Francis.

One ecumenical organization that The Catholic Church has collaborated extensively with is the World Council Of Churches (although it is not an official member). The World Council of Churches (WCC) is a international multi-church organization founded in 1948 that seeks to strengthen [ecumenism](#).

The World Council of Churches is comprised of 352 member churches. What kind of things do they advocate for?

They advocate for Catholic unity. In their own words: "For more than 50 years, the member churches of the WCC and the Roman Catholic Church have jointly fostered unity, theological reflection, and solidarity in service."

(<https://www.oikoumene.org/what-we-do/church-and-ecumenical-relations/joint-working-group-with-the-roman-catholic-church>)

They advocate for climate activism. In their own words: "Against this background the WCC relentlessly advocates for climate justice at the annual Conference of Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change as well as in other fora."

(<https://www.oikoumene.org/what-we-do/care-for-creation-and-climate-justice#advocacy-for-climate-and-ecological-justice>)

“Since the 1970s, the WCC has helped develop the concept of sustainable communities. Since the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change was adopted in 1992, the WCC has been present at all UN climate change conferences.”

(<https://www.oikoumene.org/what-we-do/care-for-creation-and-climate-justice>)

They advocate for Indigenous spirituality. In their own words:

“Indigenous struggles for justice and for preservation and protection of their rights, cultural identity, spirituality, and traditional sustainable lifestyles are fundamental to their human dignity and survival.

The worldviews, spiritualities, cultures and experiences of Indigenous Peoples are distinct. At the heart of their struggles for survival as self-determining people is maintenance of spiritual, cultural, social, economic, and political integrity. Indigenous concerns are therefore central not only to the WCC’s Mission from the Margins programme but also to the whole ecumenical fellowship and its Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace.”

(<https://www.oikoumene.org/what-we-do/ecumenical-indigenous-peoples-network>)

David Wilkerson said that the World Super-Church would be gay-affirming. Although the Bible condemns the gay lifestyle in the strongest language possible, today we see Churches claiming to be gay-affirming. These Churches include segments of Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, United Church, Presbyterian,

Reformed and even some fringe Pentecostal groups. Again Wilkerson warns;

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I cannot help but see what would seem to be, the precursors to this Emerging World Super-church. How did we come to such a place of dullness that the precursors have even got off of the ground?

There are nearly one billion Catholics in the world today. We love them and wish them well. However, Catholicism is not Christianity. It holds to a different teaching on gaining salvation. If we just use the Bible as our source, then we have a very narrow path to salvation through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ through what He has done for us at Calvary. If we use the whole body of Catholic teaching as our base, this narrow way is changed to a much broader

way to include a religion of rituals and sacraments which are thought to be instrumental and important in experiencing God's grace.

In Roman Catholicism, the saving work of Jesus Christ is believed to be communicated through the Roman Catholic Church. The catechism of the Catholic Church states; "Christ manifests, makes present and communicates [H]is work of salvation through the liturgy of [H]is Church." (Catechism of the Catholic Church. Ottawa: Publications Service, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1994, 237.) More specifically, it is taught that Christ's work of salvation is passed through the Church by means of seven sacraments. These sacraments are Confirmation, Chrismation, Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony.(Catechism of the Catholic Church. Ottawa: Publications Service, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1994, 245)

These sacraments are viewed not merely as symbols. Rather, it is viewed, by the practicing of the sacraments, that the grace of Christ is activated and made beneficial to Catholic participants.

Catholicism teaches that "[c]elebrated worthily in faith, the sacraments confer the grace that they signify. They are efficacious because in them Christ [H]imself is at work: it is [H]e who baptizes, [H]e who acts in [H]is sacraments in order to communicate the grace that each sacrament signifies."(Catechism of the Catholic Church (Ottawa: Publications Service, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1994), 247.)

If they confer the grace that they signify, sacraments in Catholicism become enormously important. We are told that “[t]he Church affirms that for believers the sacraments of the New Covenant are necessary for salvation.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church (Ottawa: Publications Service, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1994), 247.) I disagree with these quotes from the Catholic catechism because I feel that they teach salvation through the mediatorship of sacraments and through the mediatorship of the Catholic Church.

What does the Bible teach concerning the mediatorship of salvation? We are told, in the book of First Timothy; “ For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ” (1 Timothy 2.5). Christ, alone, mediates between God and man, granting salvation to those who receive Him. His salvation is not contingent upon religious rituals or the authority of men. He clearly declares; “...’I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. ” (John 14.6)

Dear friend, salvation is not ritualistic. Salvation is about becoming born again. A man or woman may become born again by coming to God by faith.

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5.1-2 KJV

We must not lose the simplicity of being saved by faith in Jesus Christ, through His work on the cross and His resurrection from the dead.

Catholicism is not Christianity and Liberalism is not Christianity either. The Scriptures are inerrant and authoritative. The miracles are real. The Atonement is real and constitutes the only way for man to be saved. The Bible mandates heterosexual union through marriage as the only acceptable form of sexual union.

With the abandoning of sound doctrine also comes the abandoning of a holy life. This is because liberalism, in all forms is compromise. Liberal theology is not just another side of Christianity, it is apostasy. Spurgeon once said “the gospel is too precious for us to be indifferent to its adulteration. By the life we bear to the Lord Jesus we are bound to defend the treasure with which He has put us in trust.” (Charles H. Spurgeon, “The Sword and the Trowel,” Sept. 1887, The “Down Grade” Controversy, 23.) Liberalism has a humanistic focus. Our theology should not be man-centred, nor should it be shaped to accommodate human wisdom. Theological Liberalism is too great an alteration of Christian faith for it to actually be Christian faith. It directly undermines the authority of the Bible, the very grounds of Christianity itself. Liberal teachers are challenging Christianity’s most central themes. Do we really need to change the gospel to keep up with postmodern times? Do we really need a new gospel for each generation of mankind or is there one

true gospel that remains true for all time. There is one. There is only one.

The emerging World Super-Church will embrace all who embrace it and accept its message of unity, conformity, LGBT inclusion, pluralism and ecumenicalism. Unity with this Super-church might give members a greater platform for advancing feminism, indigenous spirituality and climate reform. However, uniting with the emerging Super-Church will be shaking hands with the devil.

How's your nonconformity? Spurgeon once said; "Our nonconformity is beyond measure precious as a vital spiritual force, but only while it remains such will it justify its own existence." (Charles H. Spurgeon, "The Sword and the Trowel," Aug. 1887, The "Down Grade" Controversy, 17.) What a concept – non-conformity as a spiritual discipline. Non-conformity is preparing yourself spiritually and mentally for making a great break-a-way when your Church or your favourite teacher goes bad. Non-conformity is saying "NO" to the emerging World Super-Church and saying "YES" to Jesus Christ. Sometimes Jesus' followers are a "little flock." (see Luke 12:32) Be a part of the holy remnant.

Wilkerson ends his book "The Vision" with some words of hope. He says in the last chapter;

*You can be hated and rejected by your own family
and given up by your closest friends. But the eyes of the Lord are
upon the righteous and His ear is
open to their prayer. We are not to fear anyone who
can destroy the body, but to respect and honor only Him that can
touch **the** soul. No power in heaven or
on earth can touch a man's confidence and faith in Jesus Christ.
No demon, no devil, no human power can destroy the soul.
You and I, and everything that touches us, are under His control.
It's true! No matter how things
look in this drunken world, all things are still work-ing together
for good to everyone who loves God and are the called
according to His purpose. ...
God is still counting the very hairs on our heads. He is still
counting the sparrows that fall. He is still hearing petitions
before they are asked. He is still answering before being called.
He is still giving abundantly more than we can ask or think. So
why be afraid?*

(The Vision pgs 118-119,120)

Stay away from the Emerging World Super-church. Watch for it. Be
the holy remnant. God Bless you!

Shawn Stevens

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