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A new [biography](#) of Tucker Carlson offers a very interesting look at the intellectual odyssey of the most popular commentator in the US if not the world. Particularly interesting is his turnabout on the pandemic response.

Today he is a mighty critic of lockdowns and forced vaccination. But it was not always so. His voice was massively influential both in inspiring the lockdowns and warming conservatives up to the idea of panic.

Most devastatingly, in the first week of March, one week before the lockdowns, Tucker flew to Mar-a-Lago – his first time there – to meet with Trump and tell him that he was completely wrong that this pandemic required no extraordinary response. Instead he needed to act now.

The book explains:

*The strength of Tucker’s bond with Trump was apparent on March 7, 2020, when he went to Mar-a-Lago to press his rising concerns about Covid-19 to the president personally. At the time almost all other conservative commentators were downplaying the threat of the virus — and their liberal counterparts, in a frenzy over the first Trump impeachment, were likewise giving it short shrift — but **Tucker’s sources were telling him that Beijing was lying, the devastation in China was massive, and what was coming here was going to be catastrophic.***

“I told him,” Carlson acknowledges now of his meeting with the president, “he could easily lose the election over Covid.” A couple of days later, he was sounding the warning in equally blunt terms to his audience. “People you trust, people you probably voted for, have spent weeks minimizing what is clearly a very serious problem,” he said. “It’s just partisan politics,’ they say. ‘Calm down. In the end this was just like the flu and people die from that every year. Coronavirus will pass.”

Such people, he continued, were “wrong,” what was coming would be “major,” and “It’s definitely not just like the flu. . . . The Chinese coronavirus will get worse; its effects will be far more disruptive than they are right now. That is not a guess; it is inevitable no matter what they’re telling you. Let’s hope everyone stops lying about that, and soon.”

The [timeline of events](#) confirms Tucker’s influence on Trump but Trump surely had others leaning on him as well. Following the meeting, Trump was not fully persuaded and Tweeted out on March 9 that this would come and go like the flu.

Donald J. Trump:

(March 9, 2020) [Donald J. Trump on Twitter: "So last year 37,000 Americans died from the common Flu. It averages between 27,000 and 70,000 per year. Nothing is shut down, life & the economy go on. At this moment there are 546 confirmed cases of CoronaVirus, with 22 deaths. Think about that!" / X](#)

The very next day, he had flipped in the other direction.

Donald J. Trump:

(March 11, 2020) [Donald J. Trump on Twitter: "I am fully prepared to use the full power of the Federal Government to deal with our current challenge of the CoronaVirus!" / X](#)

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How much influence did Tucker have? Some and maybe much over Trump. Just as important was the way in which his show itself drove conservatives to the point of panic. Following lockdowns, and within weeks, he reversed himself.

A major part of the next two years of his show was dedicated to debunking all that he had contributed in February and half of March. The book reports that Tucker Carlson regards his panic over the virus as the “greatest public mistake he ever made.”

It's not as if Tucker himself made up the idea that Covid was going to be Ebola but widespread. As this book reports, “Tucker's sources were telling him” that this would be true.

Tucker himself elaborated on the events in an [interview for Vanity Fair](#) that appeared on March 17, 2020. He explains:

Well, in January is when we first started covering it on the show. And you know, there've been a number of epidemics to come out of China—the 1957 flu epidemic, which killed 100,000 people in this country. And so when these reports began to emerge, we covered it....

And then I happened to be speaking a couple of days later to someone who works in the U.S. government, a nonpolitical person with access to a lot of intelligence. He said the Chinese are lying about the extent of this. They won't let international health inspectors in. They're blocking WHO and this could infect millions of people, a high percentage of them. And this was a highly informed person, very informed, and again, a nonpolitical person with no reason to lie about it in either direction.

So that really got my attention.

It was at this point that he decided to tell Trump what he had heard.

I felt I had a moral obligation to be useful in whatever small way I could, and, you know, I don't have any actual authority. I'm just a talk show host. But I felt—and my wife strongly felt—that I had a moral obligation to try and be helpful in whatever way possible. I'm not an adviser to the person or anyone else other than my children. And I mean that. And you can ask anybody in the White House or out how many times have I gone to the White House to give my opinion on things. Because I don't do that. And in general I really disapprove of people straying too far outside their lanes and acting like just because they have solid ratings, they have a right to control public policy. I don't believe that. I think it's wrong.

I don't want to be that guy, and I'm not that guy, but I felt under this circumstance that it was something small that I could do. And again, I felt a moral obligation to do it, and I kept it secret because I was embarrassed of it because I thought that it was on some level wrong.

And think about the timing of this fair and affectionate interview itself. It is from a very hostile venue but they let Tucker have his say, with no smears. That itself is suspicious. And this interview appeared the day following the lockdown edicts. It was obviously important to someone that Tucker Carlson, the hero of the right, bless this panic that led to the dismantling of the economic and social order.

At that point in the timeline, Tucker was still dedicated to his story. He even had Covid at the time. He would not go near his children. “Nope. I'm not gonna. I'm waving at them through glass right now.”

We should not underestimate Tucker's influence on all of this. The lockdowns – the wrecking of American liberty – certainly needed bipartisan and broad ideological support. If this became a left-right issue, it simply could not work. Therefore someone or something believed it was extremely important that Tucker needed to be convinced. And it worked.

Tucker has never revealed his source. He has never said who this person is: “someone who works in the U.S. government, a nonpolitical person with access to a lot of intelligence.” It was clearly someone he trusted and perhaps someone everyone in his circles trusted. And why has Tucker not revealed the source? Most likely because it was someone with high-level security clearances who then swore him to eternal secrecy. As a man of principle, he has done that.

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There is one major figure who fits this description, more than anyone else. It is [Matthew Pottinger](#), a member of the National Security Council and a person with high-level security contacts. His role in the pandemic response is very well documented. Most famously, it was he who pulled Deborah Birx out of her work on AIDS to head Trump’s virus commission. Pottinger is a well-known figure in the DC cocktail circuit and widely trusted by the “China hawks” in Washington. His security clearances gave him access and credibility.

In September 2019, Pottinger was named Deputy National Security Advisor, second only to National Security Advisor Robert O’Brien. From late January and following, he worked to spread alarm about the virus. He says that he spoke to medical doctors in China who told him that this was nothing like SARS-1 and has more in common with 1918. He went on to argue for lockdowns, universal masking, and even promoted the use of Remdesivir though he had no background at all in medicine or pharmaceuticals.

The most comprehensive study in print on Matthew Pottinger’s role is at [Brownstone and written by Michael Senger](#). He sums up:

Pottinger may have simply been overly-trusting of his sources, thinking they were the little people in China trying to help their American friends. But why did Pottinger push so hard for sweeping Chinese policies like mask mandates that were far outside his field of expertise? Why did he so often breach protocol? Why seek out and appoint Deborah Birx?

It’s all very interesting but we should not underestimate the importance of this turn of events and the likely role of Pottinger in convincing Tucker of the case for tremendous alarm and panic. Without that, Trump might not have caved and the base would have rallied around him.

Instead, we got a response that effectively deleted the Bill of Rights, ruined economic and civil liberty, wrecked the Trump presidency, and triggered a new era in American life in which intelligence agencies and the administrative state under Biden have completely swamped the Founders’ vision of a self-governing people.

To Tucker’s credit, he sees this as his greatest mistake. But there is still more to know on how precisely this happened and why.

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We have the Mind of Christ
– 1 Corinthians 2:16 – Do We Really?
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Would Jesus Christ Eat Pork, or Shellfish and consider Sunday holy? No! Why do You? Paul, in [2 Corinthians 6:16-17](#) used Old Testament promises, and warnings recorded in, [Isaiah 52:11](#), to teach new testament believers: “We are the temple of the living God. As God has said I will live with them and walk among them, I will be their God, and they will be my people. Therefore, come out from them and be Separate, Touch, no unclean thing and I will receive you”.

The following scriptures confirm what should be obvious to those called by God. And that is: In the Beginning of the Gospel: Gentile believers, were following the Jewish believers in Christ. [1 Thessalonians 1:6](#) “You became imitators - of us and of the Lord.” [1 Thessalonians 2:14](#) “For you brothers became imitators - of God’s Churches in Judea, which are

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in Christ Jesus." Gentile believers and converts to Judaism observed God's holy days and the Sabbath; none of them observed Sunday, Christmas, or Easter.

In Acts 13:14-48, Jews and Gentiles are both Keeping the Saturday Sabbath. Paul preached the gospel to Gentiles and Jews on that Sabbath day; verse 46-48 but when the Jews rejected the gospel, Paul said, "we now turn to the Gentiles, this is what the Lord has commanded." "When the Gentiles, heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord". The loss of Gentile converts, who believed the apostles, made the Jews angry.

Gentiles and Jews eating and worshipping together: They were all eating together, food that God sanctified for all those he calls. Galatians 2:11-12. "When Peter came from Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself." Acts 20:7 also confirms that Jew and Gentiles were eating together "on the first day of the week we came together to break bread." Dishonest pastors use this scripture to justify disobeying God's Word. Genesis 2:3 "God blessed the seventh day and made it holy". The same verse explained why that fellowship meal was on Sunday. Paul "intended to leave the next day."

Paul witnessed Gentile obedience. 1 Thessalonians 4:1 "We instructed you how to live, in order to, please God, as in fact you are living." God Does not change: Malachi 3:6. Believing Jews and Gentiles are one in God's eyes. Exodus 12:49 "The same law applies to the native-born and the alien living among you." Walk as Christ walked. 1 John 2:6 "Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did." Philippians 2:5 "**Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus**." 1 Corinthians 2:16 "**We have the mind of Christ**".

Would Jesus Christ have a "mind" to: eat pork, shellfish, catfish, be a vegetarian; or to consider the first day of the week holy instead of the seventh day? No, Christ lived as he instructed his followers. When Jesus said, "man shall live by every word of God". That Teaches the faithful: How to interpret the New Testament. But instead, church leaders put their own interpretation in scripture. Believers today are called by God, John 6:44; as Israel was called By God. Galatians 3:26 "You are the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ." Deuteronomy 14:1-4 applies to believers today; "You are the children of the Lord your God. You are a people holy to the Lord your God. Out of all the people on the face of the earth the Lord has chosen you to be his treasured possession. Do not eat any detestable things". Deuteronomy 14:3-19 records what believers with "the mind of Christ" should eat.

Who is speaking to Moses in Leviticus 11:1 "The Lord said to Moses" "of all the animals on the land, these are the ones you may eat?" It was Jesus Christ, for Jesus said, "No one has seen the Father or heard his voice." Do most professing Christians today have the "mind of Christ"? No. They observe and teach false doctrine! Matthew 15:9 "In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

Church leaders falsely teach, 1 Timothy 4:4 "For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving." They deliberately ignore verse 5, "For it is - Sanctified - by the word of God - and prayer." Where is, it Sanctified or set apart, by God's word? Leviticus 11:1-24 and Deuteronomy 14:3-18.

Gentile believers who followed the Apostles by eating foods ordained by God and keeping God's Sabbath and holy days; were persecuted by relatives and others for doing so. That is why Paul wrote in Colossians 2:16 "Do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink or, with regard to a religious festival, new moon celebration or Sabbath Day". What Paul warned is happening today. My own family mocks me for refusing to eat pork or shellfish and observe Christmas.

The "Shadow of things to come" Colossians 2:17: Speaks of the Seventh day Sabbath that God made holy as a Shadow of the thousand-year millennium and the holy days a Shadow of God's plan. Christ's promise of Salvation will begin in the Thousand year - Sabbath Millennial "Kingdom of God". That will be on this earth, not heaven. Isaiah 11:6-9 "They will neither harm nor destroy on my holy mountain." "The earth will be full of the knowledge of God." Isaiah 66:2 Describes believers who obey God "This is the one I esteem: He who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word."

Deceitful preachers use Colossians 2:20-23 as applying to verse 16-17 to ridicule Christians who believe Leviticus and Deuteronomy and keep the Sabbath Day holy. Verse 20-23 is Not speaking of God's Commands. But is speaking of - NIV "Human commands and teachings" - "harsh treatment of the body." And superstitions of men. False Doctrine Devotees use Galatians 4:9-10 to rebuke those who believe God. Verse 9 "How is it that you are turning back to those

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Weak and miserable principles? Paul would never call Gods word "miserable principles". Paul is rebuking them for turning back to Astrology described in verse 10 "You are observing special days, months and years." Some professing Christians follow Astrology today, I have been asked in church "what sign are you"?

Deceivers also use Acts 10:9-15 as justification for eating what God judged unclean. Peter saw a vision of wild animals and creeping things of the earth and heard God say, "Rise Peter kill and eat" In the vision. Peter heard God say: NIV "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." Peter explains the meaning of the vision in Acts 10:28. Peter said, "God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean." God was teaching Peter that: Salvation by faith included the Gentiles.

Matthew 15:11-20 is also used to teach rebellion against God's word. "What goes into a man's mouth does not make him unclean, but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him unclean." Verse 20 "Eating with unwashed hands does not make a man unclean." The subject is unwashed hands not unclean foods. In verse 19 Christ said that "false testimony" also makes a man unclean. Those who claim that this verse means, God changed his mind and contradicts himself are bearing false testimony against God; for "God does not change". Christ saying, "man shall live by every word of God" Anchors the teaching of New Testament scriptures to God's Word in the Old Testament. "Scripture cannot be broken" John 10:35.

In Isaiah 65:3-4 God declares his disgust with Jews who practice Idolatry and eat unclean food. "A people who continually provoke me to my face" "Who eat the flesh of pigs and whose pots hold broth of unclean meat." Did Jesus Christ change his mind and have the New Testament apostles say things that contradict his word in Isaiah? Or do you believe that God mistakenly inspired Isaiah to write this? God's word declares: Proverbs 30:5-6 "Every word of God is flawless". Christians are the "temple of God's Holy Spirit". Do not put in God's temple food that you would Not share with Jesus Christ.

Our minds are being Controlled!! Whose mind controls yours? The State, Devil-Media, your Church or Jesus Christ? Praise our Heavenly Father: Jesus Christ Crucified is Light that Shines Beyond the Grave!

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"What need has a god of a star ship?" – Hollywood

"What need has 'settled science' of a Public Relations firm?" – C. Dahlgren

WAR ON DISSENT: Russia, Venezuela, the Middle East, and Washington DC. Left-wing causes are all into "minimizing." Lying becomes *misspeaking*; spin becomes *misremembering*; statistics are tools for fudging the facts. When one gets caught, just call it a "mistake"!

A lawyer goes to confession: "I must confess the sin of vanity," he says. "Every time I look into the mirror, I think how handsome I am." The priest, who recognizes the voice and knows what the guy looks like, says:

"That's not a sin. That's a mistake."

That's the exception to the rule, though. Both vanity and lying are sins, but speaking of minimizing, the Old Media doesn't want you to know that the world's a mess (I *guess*). Page one of the Milwaukee paper is all sweetness and light while the persecution of Christians is relegated to page 11 (2-27-15):

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"Extremists abduct more Christians; Militants smash ancient statues, other artifacts in Mosul."

To the A.P. and mainstream press, poll-tested terms such as "insurgents" *sound better* than MONSTERS. They're simply unemployed, disenfranchised "youths," y'know.

A riddle: Why did George Washington have a sleeping disorder? A: He couldn't LIE. [Two points: He really was honest. And he didn't have a degree.]

Back in the 1970s, a man went to visit his father in a nursing home and says, "Guess what? A man hit a golf ball on the moon yesterday."

The old man says: "That has to be the *worst lie* in the history of the sport,"

And the son says: "I didn't say he hit it ONTO the moon; he hit it ON the moon."

And his dad says: **"That's even worse. That is the biggest lie I've ever been told!"**

National Geographic notwithstanding, lying politicians seem to be playing a game of "can you top this fib?" Like "14 of the hottest years on record have occurred since 2000."

Like the only reason we have colleges is that at some point there were politicians who said, "You know what, we should start colleges." Like, "Voters are no smarter than fifth graders."

[Seven of the eight Ivy League schools were started long before Land Grant colleges. And mostly by churches! Among our four-year colleges, 77 percent are non-governmental (so says PolitiFactWisc).]

Not to be nit-picky, but Vince Lombardi once said, "Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."

CONCLUSION: Fallen mankind will never make the world "perfectible" until the sons of Adam do something about their *fallen condition*.

P.S. Speaking of the pure white wind-driven snow, it has been 20 below zero at my place in the banana belt of the Badger State. As you know, this is the last week of February and our average high temp is running 30 to 35 degrees below average.

Those much-esteemed climatologists can't do anything right! They've gone and overdone that climate cooling thing. The lefties can't ship us to Siberia so they're shipping Siberia to us. What's next? Sea level sinking?

They actually claimed that fallen mankind has the capability of "regulating" the planet's climate. In fact, they were against "anthropogenic global warming" before they were in favor of "Climate change for the better," before they were against "climate disruption," which it is now called. If it's "Real Science," the high priests should have no need of Public Relations. But as Robert Louis Stevenson once said:

"Man is a creature who lives, not upon bread alone, but principally by catchwords."

In our era, those are the focus-group poll-tested catchphrases. And when one wears out and loses its effectiveness, the P.R. "folks" just trot out another "tested" version. It's called "mass communication" – or lies for the masses. Well, as a guy in my little town said the other day:

"The next guy to complain about global warming is going to get a fist in the face."

Pardon us hicks for being so "simplistic" but it's a "settled fact" that global warming is near the bottom of our list of "challenges." No one is rooting for dirtier air, but We the People aren't buying all the "scares." First science says coffee

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will kill you and then it says it's good for you. Put me down as a coffee denier. As for man-made climate disruption, the dissenters are the clear majority because there are degrees of dissent:

- Some believe that AGW is a flat-out lie, a hoax.
- Some are just skeptical.
- Some are afraid to tell a pollster that they doubt man-made "change" is happening.
- Some don't believe it but are even afraid to ask any dumb questions.

SERIOUSLY, my mother used to say that sometimes in life it is better to just play dumb than to try to play "smart." Sometimes a dumb question will catch off guard even the degreed who hang around Starbucks smiling about the non-degreed.

PPS: As Julius Caesar said:

"Yond Cassius has a lean and hungry look; he thinks too much. Such men are dangerous."

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The Obedience of Faith

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Prayer is easiest for those who are like little children, for prayer is an acknowledgement of our helplessness and our impotence to God. Clever adults find it difficult to acknowledge that. That is why Jesus said that we must be like little children. The more we depend on our reason and our intellect, the less we will pray, and the more we will question why God does things in a way that our reason cannot understand.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding."

The obedience that God asks of us is not *"the obedience of reason"*, but *"the obedience of faith"* (Rom.1:5). God gave no reasons to Adam as to why He did not want Adam to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. It was enough for Adam to know that God loved him and that therefore God's commands (even when unexplainable by reason) were the very best for him. *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding"* (Prov.3:5). So, when Adam failed, it was primarily a failure of faith in God's love and God's wisdom. This is where we fail too.

If we believe that God loves us intensely, and that He knows what is best for us - better than we can ever know - and that He is almighty enough to order all events on earth, then we will joyfully **obey** all His commands, **yield** everything to Him to do His will alone hereafter in our lives, **pray** even when we don't seem to get any immediate answers, and **submit** to everything He ordains for us, without any questions. If we don't have faith in God's wisdom, love, and power, then we will do none of these.

If we are like little children, we can come to God in simple faith and receive the fullness of His Spirit into our hearts easily (Luke.11:13). All we need is a *clear conscience* (with all known sin confessed to God and man), a *hunger and thirst* for the fullness of the Spirit, a total surrender of every known area of our lives to Him, and *faith* that our loving Father will certainly give us what we ask for. Then we can ask - and believe that God has granted us what we asked for, even if we don't have any immediate feelings or sensations. The external manifestations will come later. So be like a little child. Can 'victory' be claimed by faith like 'salvation'?

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1 John 5:4 says, “This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith” - and “the world” is defined by the Word as “the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life” (1 John.2:16). So that teaches us that victory over all these is by faith. But what does this faith mean? *It is the total leaning of our personality upon God in absolute confidence in His perfect love, wisdom, and power.* Believing is the same as receiving - as John 1:12 makes plain. *It is not intellectual faith.* So, to trust God means that we receive (accept) His will as the best for us. That means we choose to deny our own will. That is what is meant by “*crucifying the flesh*” (Gal.5:24). To do this (denying our own will), we need grace to help us.

It all originates from faith. If we don't believe that God's will is the best, we will not even want to put our own will to death. This applies, for example, when watching TV. Do you believe that what Jesus would do in such situations is the best - that is, *not* watch useless or sexually suggestive programs and movies? Or do you believe that what pleases your lusts is the best? That depends on whether you believe that God's will is the best for you. Without faith there can be no victory.

Think always of Jesus Whom you have to follow. Never forget that your flesh is weak. Jesus cried out for help constantly from His Father. You must do the same. Remember that the name of Jesus is a tower into which you can always retreat when attacked (Prov.18:10). And in that name, you can ask your Father for anything, if ever you are in any difficulty in any place on the face of the earth.

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These two links/articles (below) solidify in my mind that there is NO way out of the mess we and this world are in. It is obvious no human is smart enough to organize what is happening except for Satan and his demonic forces and influencing those humans who belong to him. (See the 2nd link for how complicated the plan was/is). That means there is no human who can save us; only the Savior. Even the saints would not make it out alive if he did not come (Matthew 24:22).

Only two things can get us individually through, as our nation must be judged for its abominations and sins:

1. a belief in our Savior Jesus/Yayshua that he was/is the Anointed One through whom our sins could be forgiven by our heavenly Father when we repent (an ongoing thing) and sincerely ask for it. (1 John 3:4, “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law (Torah): for sin is the transgression of the law.” (found in the first five books of the Bible; especially Exodus – Deuteronomy).

2. actually showing our faith in him by following him (in how he lived) by our actions which show him where our hearts are.

(1 John 2:1-6 “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate [an Atonement, a High Priest] with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous (because he did not sin; he kept his Father’s words perfectly). 2 And he is the propitiation [atonement] for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. 6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even

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as he walked.”

AN ADDITIONAL COMMANDMENT: John 13:34 “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

James 2:17-18 “Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.”

The apostle Paul confirms what I said in my opening paragraph regarding who our real enemy is: Eph 6:12-18 “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 [or wicked spirits] in high places. 13 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.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness [be/live righteously]; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; [a righteous world *is* coming; hang in there!] 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God [i.e., read it, learn it, believe it]: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;”

Our Savior and the apostle’s instructions are what will get us through into eternal life – whether we get to make it through this time alive, or if we die.

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Celebration in a Cemetery!

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She was carrying a gift, but she didn’t expect a party. Mary Magdalene had risen early that Sunday morning while it was still dark to go to the tomb where Jesus’ body had been laid following his death on the cross. Her grief was overwhelming as she hurried to take spices and aloes to place on Jesus’ graveclothes. Never before had she felt so alone and helpless.

Oh no! As she approached the tomb, the large stone which sealed the entrance had been moved back. A quick look inside revealed that the tomb was as empty as Mary’s hope. Heart pounding and legs running at olympic speed, Mary ran to Peter’s house and awakened him with her hysterical announcement: “They have taken the Lord’s body out of the tomb, and I don’t know where they have put him.”

The next few minutes were just a blur to Mary as she tried to keep up with Peter and John as they ran back to the tomb. She was so absorbed in her own grief and disillusionment that she didn’t even notice the change in them—full of wonder and urgency to hurry back and tell the others what the angel inside the tomb confirmed—that Jesus was alive!

As Mary stood outside the tomb crying, she decided to look inside once more, but was so disoriented she didn’t realize

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the two “men” inside the tomb were angels. Suddenly someone appeared behind her and asked, “Why are you crying? Who are you looking for?” She thought he was the caretaker of the cemetery and begged him to tell her where he had taken Jesus’ body. Not until he lovingly spoke her name did she know it was Him. All her grief and doubt were replaced with irrepressible joy and contagious gladness. He was alive!



There were many other places Jesus could have chosen to appear, but nowhere better than a tomb to demonstrate His ultimate power over death and hell. Max Lucado writes, “God is at His best when our life is at its worst. God has been known to plan a celebration in a cemetery. But this celebration is timid in comparison with the one that is being planned for the future. Many more graves will open . . . many more knees will bow . . . and many more seekers will celebrate.”

This is one party I will not miss! No more unjust judges or lying accusers. No more dirty tricks, betrayals, financial struggles, or physical pain. No more difficult days and lonely nights. No more sin and no more death. And as with Mary at the tomb, no more crying—just an eternity of one surprise after another as we celebrate the Lord’s goodness and unfailing love.

Hope to see you at the party!

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Message For America (Copyright 2023) by Dwight Fleming (Oroville, California)

John Mitchell of Rocklin, CA delivered a powerful message just before Independence Day of this year. It was just posted on the ICG YouTube channel. John does not hold back on describing the wretched condition that America has lowered itself to by following false and godless leaders who reject the God of the Bible and rebel against His Word. His timely message is based on Ezekiel's commission to warn the House of Israel.

The House of Israel was composed of the ten northern tribes which rebelled against Solomon's son after the death of Solomon. Their capital city became Samaria while Jerusalem remained the capital of the southern kingdom, aka, The House of Judah which consisted of the tribes of Benjamin and Judah.

There are those who believe that Ezekiel's warning message was only for his day. However, the Book of Revelation, which has prophecies pertaining to the end times, reveals an interesting parallel. It is found in Revelation ten. The apostle John is told take a "little book" from the mighty angel and then eat it. It was as sweet as honey in his mouth. This is exactly what happened when Ezekiel received a warning message from God or a mighty angel. See Ezekiel 3:1-6.

After John eats the little book or scroll, he is told, "You must prophesy **again** about many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings" (Revelation 10:11). The little book or scroll obviously contained the same warning message that was first given to Ezekiel. It was a message of repentance. That message is sorely needed today before major calamities befall our nation unlike anything that we have seen thus far.

It is also interesting that the first four Trumpet plagues described in Revelation eight affect the earth and the sea and the sun in **thirds**. Ezekiel was told to **shave his head** and divide his hair into **thirds** which received different punishment (See Ezekiel 5:1-4). Notice that verse four says, "From there a fire will spread to **all the house of Israel**."

So, Ezekiel became **bald** to illustrate the punishment that would come upon the House of Israel. Isn't it interesting that the symbol for America is a **Bald Eagle**. "Make yourself **bald** and cut off your hair because of your precious children. Enlarge your **baldness** like an eagle, for they shall go from you into captivity" (See Micah 1:16).

The punishment foretold by God through Ezekiel does not have to come upon us and our children if our nation will repent and turn to the true God that is revealed in the Bible. Ezekiel's message is still being delivered today by a modern-day John since God desires that we repent rather than perish.

Here is the link to John's message to America: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zinnqPEIYyU>

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Calendar (Copyright 2023) by Rafael Algorri (Email)

If I understand it correctly, your articles seem to talk about the Hebrew calendar as if it was the one given to Moses (Gen. 1:14). The current Hebrew calendar was introduced by Hillel back in the 300s AD. If you do the research, you will find that during Temple times during the time of Messiah, they were observing the new moon crescent. The Jews today admit that there are issues with their calendar which they expect a new Sanhedrin to correct:

Jerusalem Post article March 20, 2017, by Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz check it out. The Rabbi's conclusion is that even with

their errors Jews have to go along with it? Acts 5:29

A Little Joke!

Sent by Lorena Haar (Vancouver, Washington)

If you want to get a message out, use the telegram or a telephone, or tell another woman! No offense intended.

Iron Sharpening Iron

New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)
As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

In regard to: Passover

Article by Arlan Weight
Comments by Rafael Algorri (Email)

1. John 13:1 is skipped for some reason.

2. Yahshua knew He couldn't keep this Passover for He would be in the grave. He strongly desired but He knew otherwise.

3. He would violate His law if He officiated a Passover, that had to be in the Temple.

4. The often quoted Scripture by Paul in Corinthians is misunderstood because Paul said " as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup you do show His death till He come" WHEN did He die and shed His blood? Not that night! John 13:29

The disciples knew the feast was ahead of this Last Supper! (read somewhere "a graduation meal"?)

5. There were Not two Passovers that year.

In regard to: Passover

Article by Arlan Weight
Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

Great job Rafael.

In regard to number one, most people do not always quote all scriptures in regard to any given subject in short articles. So, John 13:1 was not necessarily purposely skipped for any reason. The author probably didn't use it because he had other scriptures he used as proof for what he was saying.

In number four I believe you just misstated what you meant as you do quote the scripture which clearly shows the Last Supper happened before the Passover.

Joh 13:29 For some *of them* thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy *those things* that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.

This incident where Judas left the Last Supper with the bag shows the feast of Passover had not yet happened.

Thank You!

In regard to: Calendar

Article by Rafael Algorri

Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

First of all, I could not find the article you spoke of here. It is better if you either send the whole article or the link to the article so I can take a look at it.

If you do the research in your bible, you will see that every holy day date on the current Hebrew calendar can be proven from scripture. Also read Maimonides which is posted on the front page of our old website. It clearly speaks of the moon sightings as being proof that the calendar calculations they were using at the time of Christ were correct. In other words, at the time of Christ they were using calculations to set the calendar by and only using the moon sightings to make sure their calculations were correct.

Also, Hillel did not invent the Hebrew calendar or its calculations. All Hillel did was to make the calendar calculations public so all the Jews would be keeping the holy days at the same time. The church of God is in chaos in regard to this point. Most seem to believe that as long as they keep the holy days even if they have the date wrong it is okay with God. So, if you keep the Sabbath on Thursday does God accept that? Of course not, because He said the Sabbath is on Saturday the seventh day of the week. So why would God accept people keeping different holy days than He has told us to keep in scripture?

The Hebrew calendar doesn't have errors, it is like all calendars. All calendars lose some amount of time over time so there have to be adjustments made to every calendar or eventually certain days that were in the summer could migrate into the fall or winter over time.

Even people who do not believe the Hebrew Calendar is the right calendar still comment that it is the most accurate calendar there ever has been. When they are able at some point to convene a new Sanhedrin, they will adjust the Hebrew Calendar to bring it back in line with actual time. They are not going to be adjusting moon sightings which are just that moon sightings. Moon sightings and picking around for barley are not calendars. They may be components of calendars, of how calendars are adjusted, but they are not calendars.

God only has one set of holy day dates and if you are not keeping the right holy day dates then you are not keeping God's Law and you will end up not being in the first fruits resurrection. That may be harsh but look around you, at the who knows how many calendars, floating around the churches of God and prove that your made-up calendar is the same one that was kept at the time of Christ. The Hebrew Calendar can be proven to have been kept at the time of Christ. The Bible is the main source of that proof and then you go to outside documents after that as backup proof.

Send me the link to your article and I will look at it.

Letters

Letter from Rafael (August 5, 2023)

Greetings

Thanks very much, very interesting articles and info that I have known about for some time. I find that not everyone in the Church of God readily accepts stepping out of the box, I can understand that it's nice and cozy inside.

Rafael Algorri

Announcements

Announcement from Brownstone Institute (August 3, 2023)

The Fauci Junta Retains All Power

The Fauci Junta is back in charge. Indeed, it never left.

The new head of NIAID is a Fauci loyalist as is the new head of the CDC. The receipts are all there: pro-lockdown, pro-masking, pro-mandate, pro-forced-mitigation, pro-closure, you name it: straight up members of the junta that wrecked the world. The faces change but the agenda does not.

Long ago, we all hoped for apologies and a massive reversal of policy. Now we see that it is going to be much harder than we thought, simply because the problems that led to the ongoing calamity are far deeper and more vast than we knew. It was not a mistake but a coup.

Meanwhile, the global public health hegemon that arguably started all of this – the World Health Organization – keeps getting more funding and more power. Exactly who is studying this outfit, its money, and its agenda? We are pleased to report that Brownstone's World Health Analytical Team is now in place and ready to go.

If you want to help with funding this, [please do!](#) Thank you for your support. We certainly can't count on the Gates Foundation.

Please [register now for our November 4 conference and gala in Dallas, Texas](#). Rep. Thomas Massie will join us as dinner speaker and all your favorite writers and researchers will be there. There is limited space, and you don't want to miss this.

As for the supper club, a big treat comes our way on August 16: [Aaron Day will speak about CBDCs](#). He might rank as the world expert at this point.

Announcement from Zac Poonen (August 9, 2023)

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Some Foundational Principles of Our Church

<https://cfcindia.com/sermon/some-foundational-principles-of-our-church>

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<https://cfcindia.com>

Announcement from Craig M. White (August 10, 2023)

I need help in contacting families of old-timers.

Can you help in finding the e-mail addresses or Facebook pages or street addresses for those listed below please:

https://www.friendsofsabbath.org/iframe/Lists/People_to_contact.htm

I have prepared a form e-mail/letter to them to see if they have any of the old items I seek listed [here](#).

Have a Great Sabbath!

Ads

Ad from David Rives Ministries (August 4, 2023)

In the news these days, the headlines are flooded with the narrative of UFO sightings and the like. What can we learn about the actual truth behind these sightings and mysterious occurrences? If you are someone who has questions about these issues, check out the 'Alien Intrusion' Book and DVD Pack in the Creation Superstore today. Keep scrolling to learn more about this compelling pack.

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Holy Days 2023

Passover – April 6, 2023 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)
Passover/Unleavened Bread – April 6-12, 2023
Pentecost – May 26, 2023
Trumpets - September 16, 2023
Atonement – September 25, 2023
Tabernacles –September 30, 2023 to October 6, 2023
Last Great Day – October 7, 2023

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