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"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea."
 Matthew 18:5-6

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"Perhaps nowhere do we see the work of Satan in America as clearly as we do in the sexualization of children - destroying their identity, confusing their gender, and creating unresolved guilt and self-hatred."
 We Will Not Be Silenced, p. 156

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Why do some people in the U.S. and the world want to sexualize children?

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"The goal of the secularists is clear: attack any form of decency, sacredness, or normal sexual relations. Confuse the children by awakening sexual desires reserved for adults, and utterly destroy any concept of the traditional family. Encourage children to have multiple sexual experiences. And in the process, reap the consequences: more abortions, more antireligious bigotry, and most importantly, more broken homes. The more children are born out of wedlock, the more susceptible they are to being shaped according to Marxist principles."

We Will Not Be Silenced, p. 159

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Cultural Marxism: In short, cultural Marxism is a revolutionary leftist idea that traditional culture is the source of oppression in the modern world. Cultural Marxism is often linked to an insistence upon political correctness, multiculturalism, and perpetual attacks on the foundations of culture: the nuclear family, marriage, patriotism, traditional morality, law and order, etc. Cultural Marxists are assumed to be committed to establishing economic Marxism, in which case their cultural attacks are a necessary preparation for their ultimate goal.

Got Questions

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- Tree: Sexualize children
- Forest: Tear down our traditional institutions and mores to then rebuild a Marxist/collectivist/authoritarian dystopia.

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Hitler: "He alone, who owns the youth, gains the future."
We Will Not Be Silenced, p. 157

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So, controlling the thinking and behavior of children is a good way to change the culture because the children will one day take over the culture.

“Sexualizing children” is one way to do that.

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What are the ways many in the U.S. and the rest of the world “sexualize children?”

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Sex education that starts too young, is too graphic, and leads children to accept sexual practices that are unhealthy.

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The government forcing LGBTQ goals on schools, including requiring schools to accept males in girls' dorms.

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https://www.wsj.com/articles/biden-policy-disrespects-both-science-and-religion-dorms-college-gender-identity-11637100115?st=pvef3km21rd7ju2&reflink=desktopwebshare_permalink

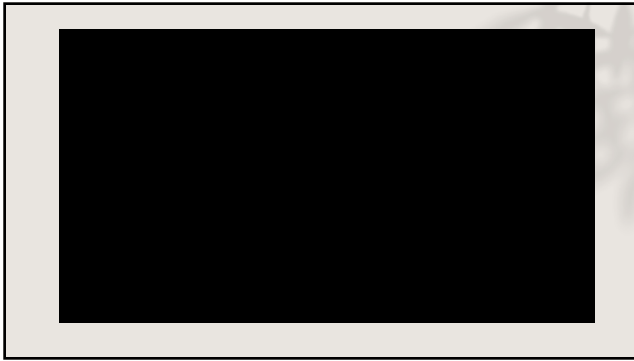
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Indoctrinating children into gender confusion.

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Gender dysphoria is a diagnosis listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5). In the previous edition of the DSM, it was known as gender identity disorder. This was changed in 2013 to remove the stigma associated with calling it a disorder. Where it was previously presented as a disorder related to identity, the DSM-5 takes a more descriptive approach that is focused on the discomfort and distress that dysphoria causes.⁴

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Problems with gender changing medical procedures for children.

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• <https://www.dailysignal.com/2017/07/03/im-pediatrician-transgender-ideology-infiltrated-field-produced-large-scale-child-abuse/>

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Drag queen story time in libraries and bookstores.

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<https://www.dragqueenstoryhour.org/>

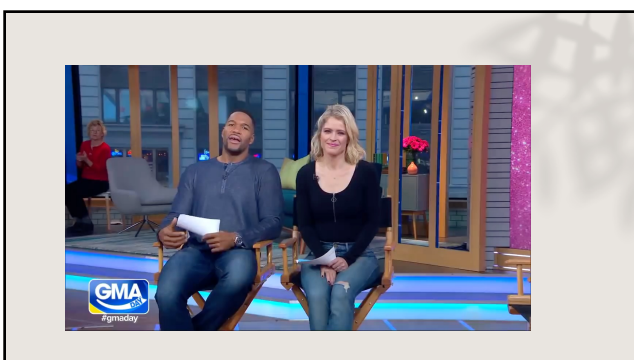
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Dylan Pontiff, aka Santana Pilar Andrews: "I'm here to let you know that this event is something that's going to be very beautiful and for the children and the people that supported are going to realize that this is going to be the grooming of the next generation."
 We Will Not Be Silenced, p. 164

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After same-sex marriage was made legal, transgenderism swept through the country. What's next?

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Regarding sexualizing children: normalizing pedophilia.

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How should we respond?

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- Our local school boards are now battlegrounds.
- We should be active in supporting and voting for the right candidates.

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School choice legislation.

Parents should receive tuition vouchers to send their children to schools of their choice, including religious schools.

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• <https://www.ncsl.org/research/education/voucher-law-comparison.aspx>

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• <https://www.edchoice.org/engage/school-voucher-systems-across-globe-make-case-school-choice-u-s/>

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Support laws that prohibit gender medical treatments for minors.

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• <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2021/04/08/states-consider-bills-medical-treatments-transgender-youth/7129101002/>

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Other suggestions.

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Chapter 7: Capitalism is the Disease; Socialism is the Cure

March 9, 2022

Opening Discussion

- What economic principles are found in the Bible?

Introduction

- An abundance of material is available
- Will not
 - Repeat what is in the book,
 - Presume capitalism is good, socialism is bad
- Objectives
 - Explore economic principles taught in the Bible
 - Evaluate capitalism and socialism from a Biblical perspective
 - Draw insights and conclusions

Spiritual Foundation for Economics: Genesis 1

Scriptures	Insights
Gen 1:1-25 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...and God saw that it was good.	It's all His Creation (the material world) is good Creation exhibits order and variety
Gen 1:26-28 ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man ^{pl} in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over...all the earth	Created in God's image, we have • Creative ability • Freedom of will
²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.	• Capacity for relationship We have delegated dominion
²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion...over every living thing that moves on the earth."	Engage and subdue creation • Multiply and fill the earth We are to be productive (= "work")! We are to flourish!

Spiritual Foundation for Economics: Genesis 3

Scriptures	Insights
Gen 3:17-19 "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."	Sin added pain and death to man's charge but did not revoke it

Spiritual Foundation for Economics: Rom 3

Scriptures	Insights
Rom 3:10, 23-24 ¹⁰ as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one.. ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus	No one is righteous All have sinned

Economics in the Bible: Exodus 20

Scriptures	Insights
Ex 20: 15-17 ¹⁵ “You shall not steal. ¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”	Commandments 8 and 10 presume: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private property • Individual responsibility • Social order

Economics in the Bible

Scriptures	Insights
Dt 8:18, 1 Sam 2:7 , Pr 10:22, Pr 16:9	• It is God who provides all for us
Ph 4:19, Col 3:23, 1 Tim 6:17	
Dt 16:17, Pr 3:9-10 , Mal 3:10	• Honor the Lord with your first fruits
Mk 12:41-44, 1 Cor 16:2, 2 Cor 9:7	

There are over 2300 references to money in the Bible.

Economics in the Bible

Scriptures	Insights
Ps 37:16-17, Pr 11:4, 28, Pr 22:1, Pr 23:4-5	• Do no rely on riches • You cannot serve God and money
Mt 6:19-24 , 33, Mk 8:36, Lu 12:33-34, Ja 5:1-6, 1 Jn 2:15-17, 1 Tim 6:9-17-19	• The material world is finite and temporary • Don't store up treasures on earth but seek first the Kingdom of God (the infinite and eternal)
Ps 62:10 , Ec 5:10	• Cultivate contentedness • Beware the love of money
Lu 12:15, Ph 4:11-13, Heb 13:5, 1 Tim 6:6-10	• Beware covetousness

Economics in the Bible

Scriptures	Insights
Pr 6:6-8, 10:4, 13:22, 14:23, 21:5 , 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show wisdom, prudence, and diligence in work and managing possessions. Provide for yourself and your family
Lu 14:28, Lu 16:11, 1 Tim 5:8	
Ex 22:35, Ps 15:5, Pr 11:1, 15:27 , 22:16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be just and honest in dealing with others Pay your debts and taxes
Lu 3:14 , Lu 20:25, Rom 13:7	

15% of Jesus' recorded teaching was about money.

Economics in the Bible

Scriptures	Insights
Lev 19:13, Ec 5:18-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Man deserves the fruit of his labor
1 Tim 5:18	
Ps 37:21, Pr 22:7, 26:27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beware of debt
Rm 13:8	
Ps 37:21	
Mt 5:42 , Mt 6:1-4 , Lu 6:38, Acts 20:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be generous towards others Do not give to be seen by others

11 of Jesus' 39 parables were about money.

What is capitalism?

- An economic system characterized by private or corporate ownership of capital goods, by investments that are determined by private decision, and by prices, production, and the distribution of goods that are determined mainly by competition in a free market (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)
- Investopedia video:
<https://www.investopedia.com/terms/c/capitalism.asp>

Essential Elements of Capitalism

- Private ownership of property
- Private control of the means of production
- Free market competition
- The pursuit of profit
- Prices determined by supply and demand
- Voluntary exchange
- Wage labor

Environmental Conditions That Facilitate Capitalism

- Rule of law (esp. private property rights)
- Economic Freedom
- Character of the people
- Sound money

Common Critiques of Capitalism


- Capitalism fosters unfair competition – winners and losers
- Some people becoming rich causes others to become poor
- Capitalism is based on greed and promotes selfishness
- <https://youtu.be/8GULOINjz7M?t=372> Jay Richards on zero-sum game myth
- <https://youtu.be/WCVibhrgBcg> (Free to choose on self-interest)

What is socialism?

- Any of various economic and political theories advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)
- Investopedia video: <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/s/socialism.asp>

Essential Elements of Socialism

- Collective/government ownership and/or control of the means of production
- Primacy of the community over the individual
- Economic, Social, and Political equality
- Equal distribution of resources
- Government regulated prices
- No free market
- No pursuit of profit



Environmental Conditions That Facilitate Socialism

- A powerful state
- Exploited social/political/economic classes
- Atheism and/or suppression of religion
- Suppression of dissenting speech
- Rejection of gender distinction
- Weak family structures

Common Critiques of Socialism

- Historically socialism has not worked
- Socialism destroys individual incentive
- Socialism relies on forced compliance
- Socialism is contrary to Christian values and understanding of man's nature



Mice die in mousetraps because they do not understand why the cheese is free.

- <https://youtu.be/pqjAx5QNWR0>
- Ben Shapiro on socialism
- <https://youtu.be/7QaZEGcoGXg> Socialism does not work Daniel Hannan Oxford Union

Comparison

Biblical Principle	Capitalism	Socialism
Private Property	✓	
Individual Freedom	✓	
Social Order		
It is God who provides all for us	+	
Honor the Lord with your first fruits	+	
Do no rely on riches You cannot serve God and money The material world is finite and temporary Don't store up treasures on earth but seek first the Kingdom of God (the infinite and eternal)		

Comparison

Biblical Principle	Capitalism	Socialism
Cultivate contentedness Beware "the love of money" Beware covetousness		
Show wisdom, prudence, and diligence in work and managing possessions	+	
Provide for yourself and your family Be just and honest in dealing with others		
Pay your debts and taxes		
Man deserves the fruit of his labor	✓	
Beware of debt		
Be generous towards others	+	
Do not give to be seen by others		

Comparison Summary

- Capitalism shows greater consistency with Biblical economic values, especially individual freedom, private property, and the right to the fruit of one's labor.
- Capitalism inherently regulates man's natural self-interest and promotes the common good
- History has shown that capitalism has led to greater freedom, prosperity, and standard of living
- Socialism has a fatal flaw
Socialism cannot function indefinitely because it has a fatal flaw. It neither understands nor appreciates a biblical view of human nature, which puts an end to the utopian dreams of a socialist or Marxist state... (p. 199)
- Socialism channels self-interest not towards working harder but towards gaming the system, "to find ways to cheat the system to get what is free."
- Socialism relies on use of force or tyranny

Reality Check

- There are perhaps no purely socialist or capitalist countries.
- Most are a blend of socialist, capitalist, and democratic ideologies.
- "Democratic Socialism" redistributes capitalistic gains through progressive high taxes on corporations and top earners to support health, education, and social welfare programs (e.g. many western European nations)
- The United States, while largely capitalist, may be viewed as "democratic socialism lite," and is under constant pressure to adopt more socialist policies.
- No economic system is free from greed and corruption.

Recommended videos

<https://youtu.be/-gU50mfehI>
 Milton Friedman Morality and Capitalism – Q&A with college students, including a young Michael Moore

<https://youtu.be/b-EajrxK19F7e2> Milton Friedman on the Donahue show

<https://youtu.be/R12m0QHweGg>
 Jon Stossil on self-interest

Discussion Questions

- How do climate change, social justice, gender equality, and the covid pandemic fit into the socialism vs capitalism debate?
- Jesus says to care for the poor and oppressed, which socialism aims to do, so why shouldn't Christians advocate for socialism?
- As a Christian, what points would you make in advocating for capitalism or socialism?

Closing Prayer

Father, so often we say that You own everything we have. And intellectually we know that you do, but please help us to act on this. May we transfer our funds from our ownership to Yours; may we genuinely acknowledge that You are Lord and seek Your guidance on how to best use what we have so that it may reap eternal good. Let the words "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:20) be our motivation, our motto, and our mandate.

Let us remember that stinginess is a denial of the Christ who generously and freely gave Himself for us. May our treasures in heaven be many and our treasures on earth be few.

Let this prayer not be just a matter of words, but deeds.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Other Video Links

- https://youtu.be/glin_p8s Milton Friedman: Socialism vs capitalism
- <https://youtu.be/9yhwANCGE> Milton Friedman: Capitalism and the future of Freedom
- <https://youtu.be/Ed4s02hG6> Praeger: capitalism vs socialism
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9RQq650> Jay Richards: Is the US Economy a Free market?
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mG0bV7Mf1o> By Richards: Myths Christians believe about wealth and poverty
- <https://youtu.be/2d11s7x110g> Essential Adam Smith: self-interest
- <https://youtu.be/8Q11C1N7MM2-2A0> Jay Richardson self-interest
- <https://youtu.be/MCh1RNP7E1E> Walter Williams: Tyranny of the Elites
- <https://youtu.be/vABG75d8U8> Walter Williams: Can Taxation be immoral
- <https://youtu.be/DRNNK607Xg> Walter Williams: Capitalism and Government
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0p7U1H0V0c> Michael Novak: The Free Market and Morality
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5K6_gAFk Chicago vs Austrian school of economics

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Not Be
SILENCED*

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Chapter 8:

Join With Radical Islam to Destroy America



We will use the freedoms of the Constitution to destroy the Constitution

– Muslim protest sign, Detroit MI, 2015

<https://www.fggam.org/2015/12/muslim-demonstration-we-will-use-the-freedoms-of-the-constitution-to-destroy-the-constitution/>



*The majority of Muslims who live in America have come to accept Western values and have no interest in attacking America's religious history or economic system**

– Lutzer, pg 207



* I respectfully disagree 😊

Islam isn't in America to be equal to any other faith, but to become dominant. The Qur'an should be the highest authority in America, and Islam the only accepted religion on Earth

– Cofounder of CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations)

– Lutzer, pg 208

In a raid in 2004, the FBI discovered a secret document that revealed the Muslim Brotherhood's plans to overtake America, called "The Project"

-Lutzer, pg 208

The Project represents a ... multi-phased, long-term approach to the “cultural invasion” of the West. Calling for the utilization of ... infiltration, surveillance, propaganda, protest, deception, ... and terrorism, the Project has served as the Muslim Brotherhood “master plan.” – Patrick Poole (Anti-terrorist consultant. pg. 208)

Andrew McCarthy – Former US Attorney

- *Leftists and Islamists are well aware that their designs for society—which for both involve drastic transformation—are anathema to most Americans. They have to advance their cause in stealth.*
- *Policymakers ... mistakenly assume that ending [jihadist's] violence would perforce end Islamism's threat to our way of life...*
- *It is national suicide for a free, self-determining people to pretend that our problems are limited to Muslim terrorists.*



Andrew McCarthy

Prager U Video: *The Dangers of Radical Islam*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LGzrYUGXdl>

A New Utopia

“Both radical Islamists and radical secularists believe in utopia ... both groups believe that their vision cannot be fulfilled until Christian influence and capitalism are destroyed.” – Lutzer, pg. 210



The Opportunity of 9/11

“Patriotism threatens free speech with death. It is infuriated by thoughtful hesitation, constructive criticism of our leaders, and pleas for peace. It despises people of foreign birth...

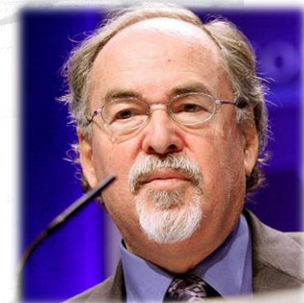
The American flag stands for intimidation, censorship, violence, bigotry, sexism, homophobia, and shoving the Constitution through a paper shredder.”

– Barbara Kingsolver, Novelist (Lutzer, pg. 211)



The Opportunity of 9/11

“For 40 years **Noam Chomsky** has turned out book after book, pamphlet after pamphlet, speech after speech with one message, and one message alone: America is the Great Satan; it is the fount of evil in the world.” – David Horowitz (Lutzer, pg. 211)



The Opportunity of 9/11

“The US still names military helicopter gunships after victims of genocide. Nobody bats an eyelash about that: Blackhawk. Apache. And Comanche. If the Luftwaffe named its military helicopters Jew and Gypsy, I suppose people would notice.”

– Noam Chomsky (<https://tinyurl.com/2p8uhwd4>)

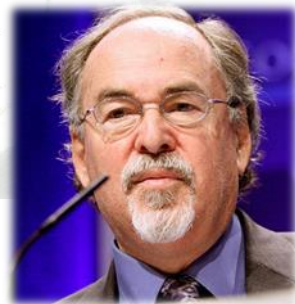


The Opportunity of 9/11

“Airplanes took aim and brought down the World Trade Center” – Tweet by the New York Times 9/11/19 (later deleted)

“According to every reputable survey, hundreds of millions of Muslims supported [the 9/11] attacks ... Yet President Obama denied that Islam had anything to do with these facts”

– David Horowitz, *Dark Agenda: The War to Destroy Christian America*



The Opportunity of 9/11

“Peace is not patriotic. Peace is subversive, because peace anticipates a very different world than the one in which we live—a world where the US would have no place.”

– Nicholas De Genova, Chair of the Department of Comparative Cultural Studies at the University of Houston (Lutzer, pg. 213)



The Opportunity of 9/11

“[Leftists] really believe that people who strap bombs to their bodies to blow up families ... plant bombs at a nightclub ... and ram airplanes filled with innocent Americans into office buildings do so because [Islamists] lack sufficient incomes.”

– Dennis Prager (Lutzer, pg. 213)



The Opportunity of 9/11

“Oppression—specifically American oppression is at fault... The left believes that if capitalism were uprooted and a socialist state were to emerge, radical Islam would no longer have to be radical.”

– Lutzer pg. 213



Prager U Video:

What Radical Islam and the Woke Have in Common



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tkGEFhHM5I>

The Unity of Mosque and State

“In the minds of secularists ... there is no is no such thing as the separation of mosque and state ... Leftists don't care about whether religion is actively promoted in our schools as long as it's a religion that seeks to destroy Western values. Christianity, not Islam is the villain.” – Lutzer pg. 214



The Unity of Mosque and State

- In 2018, two mothers of students at Chatham Middle School in NJ sued the school for showing videos (*Intro to Islam, 5 Pillars*) proselytizing students to Islam.
- [The mothers] were attacked on social media as bigots and Islamophobes—hateful, ignorant, intolerant and racist. – Lutzer pg. 214



The Unity of Mosque and State

- In 2015, students at Spring Hill Middle School in TN were required to write, “There is no god but Allah; and Muhammad is his prophet.”
- Schools in MD, MI, and AZ are allowing Muslim students to pray during school hours.

– Lutzer pg. 215



The Unity of Mosque and State

- In 2008, the American Textbook Council noted:
While 7th grade textbooks describe Islam in glowing language, they portray Christianity in a harsh light. Students encounter a startling contrast. Islam is featured as a model of interfaith tolerance; Christians wage wars of aggression and kill Jews. Islam provides models of harmony and civilization. Anti-Semitism, the Inquisition, and wars of religion bespot the Christian record. – Lutzer pg. 215



The Unity of Mosque and State

The American Textbook Council reports that, “the Council on Islamic Education now enjoys ‘virtually unchecked power over publishers’ and is an ‘agent of contemporary censorship,’ informing publishers that it may ‘decline requests for reviewing published materials, unless a substantial ... revision is planned by the publisher.’” – Lutzer pg. 216



The Unity of Mosque and State

...The left celebrates not just teaching about Islam but actively *proselytizing* for Islam in public schools. Why? The left despises Christianity. Islam has declared war on “infidel” cultures like America’s with its Judeo-Christian respect for individual liberty and constitutional restraints on the power of government. – Lutzer pg. 216



The Unity of Mosque and State

Why are feminists silent when it comes to Islam's abhorrent treatment of women? Feminists are verbally paralyzed—on the one hand they disagree with how women are treated in Islam ... but they do not want to be critical of a religion that is helping them destroy the foundations of Western civilization. – Lutzer pg. 216



The Muslim Doctrine of Immigration

“Diversity makes us stronger!” But when God brought confusion to the tower of Babel ... their “diversity” ... scattered them and made them weaker. A nation is held together by people who share common core values and a common language.

– Lutzer pg. 217



The Deception of Political Correctness

Political correctness divorced from common sense has discouraged people from ... discriminating against harmful and dangerous ideologies and influences.

Our culture is trading wisdom for mindless acceptance and cowardice. – Lutzer pg. 219



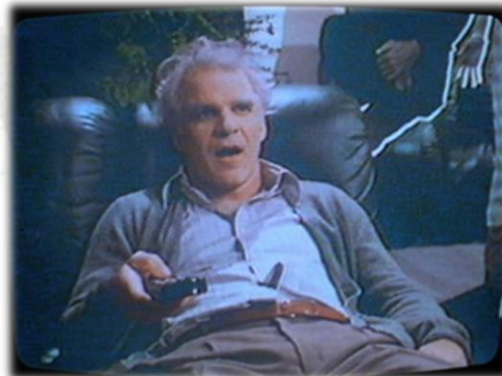
The Response of the Church

- Christians must reach out to Muslims who live among us. We dare not let fear cause us to turn away from them.
- We should become as familiar with their religion as possible – Lutzer pg. 220
- “Anyone who reads the Qur’an would immediately recognize this book is ***not*** from God” – Martin Luther

Islam (to submit): A Brief Overview



- *Muslim* – “one who submits”
- Started by **Muhammad** about 600 A.D. after having visions of the angel Gabriel while in a cave near Mecca
- 2nd largest religion (about 1.6 billion followers)
- **Radically** monotheistic—it’s god *had* to create to love
 - The original “Lonely Guy”



Islam

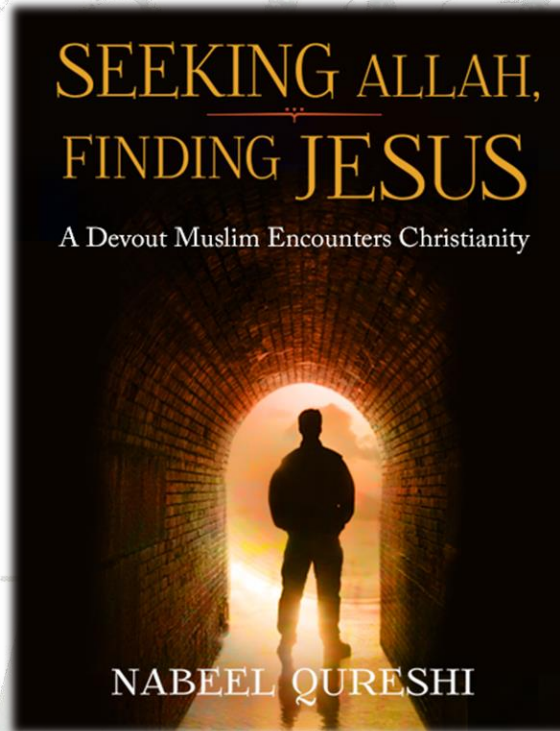


- Principle beliefs:
 - **Strict** adherence to the Qur'an
 - Muhammad was *final* prophet of its god, *Allah*
- Is a violent religion: the Qur'an condones killing those who won't convert:
 - *I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them* – Qur'an 8:12

Nabeel Qureshi's Story



Nabeel Qureshi
(1983-2017)



David Wood

YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGJzkm8lZjU>

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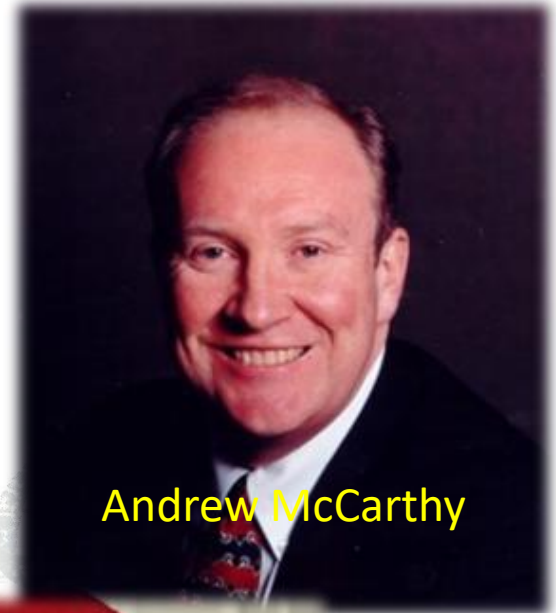


- *Those whom their right hands possess...*
 - Allah's permission in the Qur'an to rape captured women
 - [A]lso forbidden [to have sex with] are all married women **except *those whom your right hands possess*** – Qur'an 4:24
 - [The believers] Who abstain from sex, except with those joined to them in the marriage bond, **or (*the captives*) whom their right hands possess** – Qur'an 23:5 – 6
- ***Accepting this fact was instrumental in Nabeel's rejection of Islam***

Islam



- Is a violent religion
 - **Andrew McCarthy:**
 - Prosecuted Omar Abdel-Rahman (“The Blind Sheikh”) for the ‘93 World Trade Center bombing
 - **Discovered his teachings were not radical or extremist, but consistent with the Qur’an**



Andrew McCarthy



Video of Andy McCarthy:

http://www.therebel.media/andy_mccarthy_islam_is_not_a_religion_of_peace

Islam



- Qur'an requires its followers to convert the Infidel or kill them if unsuccessful
- Muslims who do not follow the Qur'an are apostate
- No such thing as "moderate" Islam, or practice thereof

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The Reason Islam's So Keen on Hating Us

By [Raymond Ibrahim](#)

A female German convert to Islam was recently sentenced to over seven years in prison. The 44-year-old was found guilty of following her Palestinian husband in joining Islamic terror groups abroad, including the Islamic State in Syria. Moreover, according to a March 3, 2022 [report](#) (translated and summarized [here](#)), she

had handed over her son, who was only 14 years old at the time, to the militias as a child soldier. ... The boy had actively participated in fighting and had been in acute danger of his life on several occasions. On February 23, 2018, the boy, who was 15 years old by then, had been killed in a rocket attack. She had brought the boy into the IS territory, which is why the accused should also be convicted of involuntary manslaughter. ... The accused had tried to present herself as a naïve wife who had only followed her husband.

As abysmal as this woman's behavior was — she had also tried to get her older son to come and be "martyred" in Syria — the most telling aspect of and lynchpin to her persona is found in the following excerpt: "According to a witness, after the IS attacks in Paris in 2015, she had said that the victims deserved to die. She had told her son that *it was important to humiliate and hate the*

https://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2022/03/the_reason_islams_so_keen_on_hating_us.html

Islam



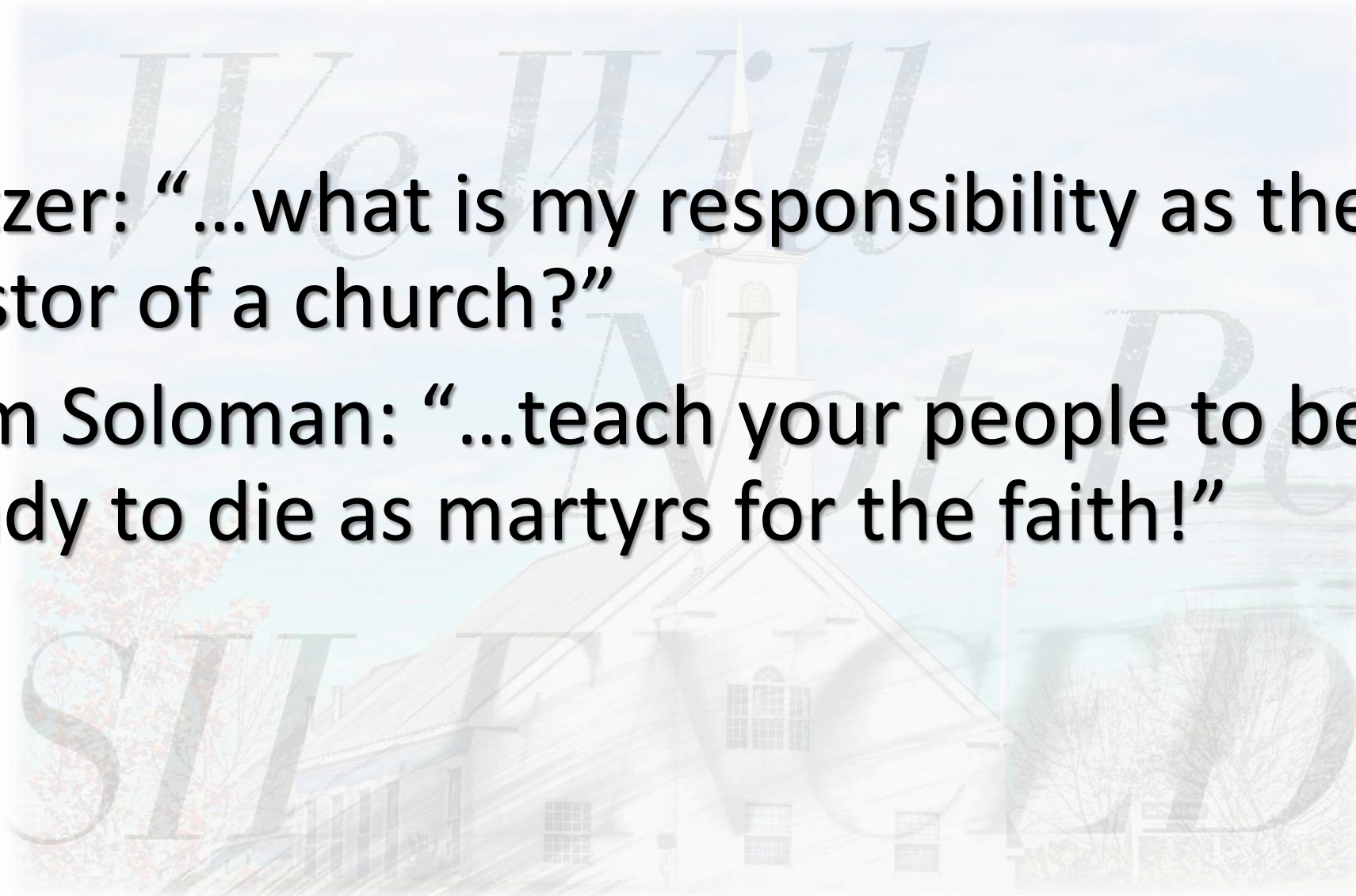
Video of the largest Islamic event that has ever taken place in Norway, with about 4000 people attending

https://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2022/03/the_reason_islams_so_keen_on_hating_us.html

The Response of the Church

Lutzer: “...what is my responsibility as the pastor of a church?”

Sam Soloman: “...teach your people to be ready to die as martyrs for the faith!”



Discussion

Will political correctness and laws that prohibit criticism of Islam paralyze the church?

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Chapter 10:
***Wake Up! Strengthen What
Remains!***

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First, Let's Recap

Chapter / Topic

1 How We Got Here

2 Rewrite the Past to Control the Future

3 Use Diversity to Divide and Destroy

4 Freedom of Speech for Me, but Not for Thee

5 Sell it as a Noble Cause

Chapter / Topic

6 Sexualize the Children

7 Capitalism Is the Disease; Socialism Is the Cure

8 Join with Radical Islam to Destroy America

9 Vilify! Vilify! Vilify!

10 Wake Up! Strengthen What Remains!

Wake Up! Strengthen What Remains!

“¹And to the angel of the church in Sardis write:

‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ²**Wake up, and strengthen what remains** and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. ³Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, **I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.**”

– Revelation 3:1-3

“They no longer saw the world of sin as an enemy”

– Lutzer pg. 246

“*Progressive* Christians believe that traditional Christianity has failed them ... They argue that Christianity has to be remade if it is to survive ... historic Christianity is out of touch with our culture and the shifting values of our society... Their goal ... is to cultivate a more compassionate, inclusive and culturally relevant form of Christianity.

Many tsunamis are coming against the church today... As contemporary culture grows more intolerant of historic Christianity, the church is lured into accommodation and ends up being absorbed by the world. The lamp flickers, and then goes out.”

“Be resolved to be gospel-driven in your life and witness”

– Lutzer pg. 248

“The time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers *to suit their own passions*, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.” – 2 Timothy 4:3-4 (Lutzer, pg. 251)

“Be resolved to be gospel-driven in your life and witness”

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“The whole Church and the whole community [have] been thrown into the Tempter’s sieve, and he is shaking and the wind is blowing, and it must now become manifest whether we are wheat or chaff!”

– Martin Niemoller (Lutzer, pg. 262)

A Final Word From Jesus To Us

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“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you...In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world”

– John 15:18 (Lutzer, pg. 262)

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Let the Church be the Church.
We must remain faithful to the
gospel and continue to be salt and
light to an increasingly lost and
hurting world.

Erwin Lutzer in his own words...

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YouTube video:

<https://youtu.be/-gvmo7WQhAI>

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Spiritual Transformation

"...we who are Christians are concerned. We're feeling overwhelmed as we see so many cultural issues tear our country apart. Diversity, race, gender, social justice, free speech, and more—all have gotten so far out of hand that we wonder how we can bring a voice of reason to the table.

The great temptation for Christians is to fight this battle on cultural ground rather than spiritual. The tendency is to focus on cultural reform rather than spiritual. Because the cultural issues are so vivid and we agree that something needs to be done, we're inclined to look for solutions that end up being inadequate because they can't address the point from which all cultural issues emanate: the heart."

It is the transformation of the heart that leads to the transformation of life.

The Gospel

"I'm not suggesting that we stop presenting the Christian worldview on the many cultural issues that are dividing people today. But our results will be limited if that's all we do. Remember, the human mind is able to rationalize anything that the human heart desires to do."

Jesus' weapon for bringing about change was the gospel.

(Workbook page 132)

Preparing Ourselves to Engage with Culture

Five Essentials:

- 1. Discernment** – the ability to make a choice based on a biblical standard that honors God and edifies and benefits us and the people around us.
- 2. Courage** – God's personal promise "I will never leave you nor forsake you." God walks with us on good days and bad. No matter how difficult the battle, God is there with us.
- 3. Character** – entails 1) *discerning* what is right and wrong; 2) *acting* on what you have discerned, even at personal cost; 3) *saying openly* that you are acting on your understanding of right from wrong.

Preparing Ourselves to Engage with Culture

Five Essentials:

4. Prayer – we need fellowship with God more than we need help in the midst of difficult situations. God's first priority is not to change our circumstances, but to change us.

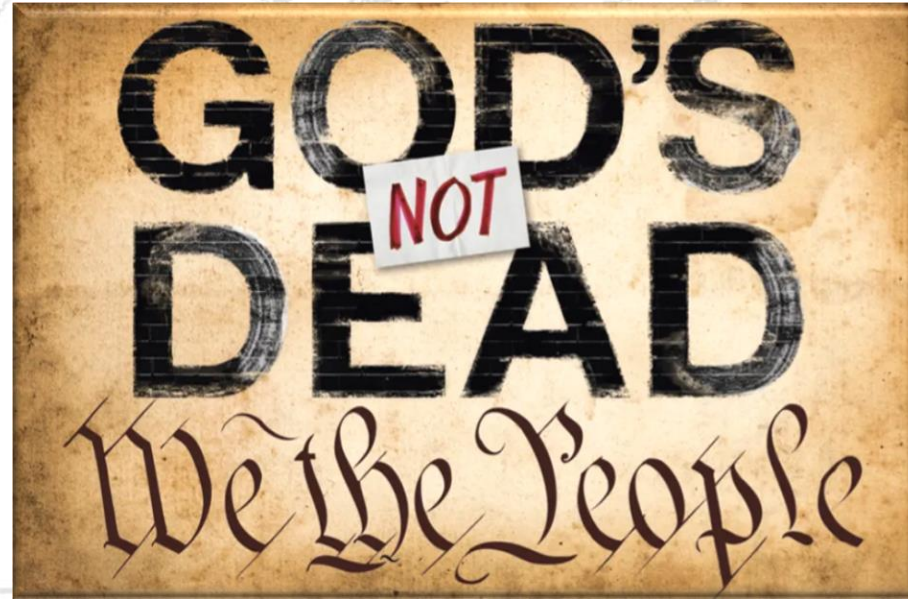
5. The Gospel – only God can open the human heart and draw sinners to Himself. Our responsibility is to share the message; it is God's responsibility to supply the enablement to respond to the knowledge that has been imparted.

So...now what?

- 1. What things do you desire to make a matter of prayer?**
- 2. What actions do you individually intend to take?**
- 3. What actions should Windwood take?**

Movie:

God's Not Dead: We the People



**April 20th in the worship center. Pizza will be served at 6:00,
movie starts at 6:15**

Please sign up beforehand!