

“[The Bereans] . . . searched the scriptures daily,

[to see] whether those things were so.” —Acts 17:11

Furthering the Psychological Delusion: The Consciousness Revolution - Part 2

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The Rise of New Age Shamanism*)

EVEN THE MOST enthusiastic promoters of the consciousness revolution admit that there are bad trips. It takes only one disaster—and there have been thousands—to contradict the basic New Age teaching that we're tapping into a benevolent and good “Higher Self” through “altered states of consciousness.” Why, then, the evil and destructive forces that suddenly break out as though a mask has inadvertently slipped off? Why did Paramahansa Yogananda, for example, founder of the Self-Realization Society and one of the greatest Yogis of all, “fall apart” toward the end of his life?

“He was taking on the evil karma of others,” was the explanation given. However, what Yogananda's close assistant, Charya Bernard, observed disillusioned him completely.... It caused Bernard to finally admit to himself that of the 40,000 people he had counseled during his years at Yogananda's side, only a handful had received any lasting benefit while thousands had actually been harmed by yoga.

Carl Jung laid the foundation for the consciousness revolution with his own psychic adventures. In the process he encountered “the stuff of psychosis...found in the insane.” Jung called this analytical journey under altered states of consciousness “a risky experiment” and he considered it “a questionable adventure to entrust oneself to the uncertain path that leads into the depths of the unconscious.” Yet like a man who is torn between the dread of a great danger and a prize he covets, Jung complained that our “rational age” failed to see the value in his “voyage of discovery.” However, since Jung's death, and despite disastrous results that are seldom admitted, this voyage has become extremely popular. There was something almost sinister in Jung's desire to see other people involved in what he confessed was an “uncertain, risky and dangerous” path that could well become “the quintessence of horror.” The fact that Jung, in order to retain his sanity, had to fight his own altered consciousness by clinging desperately to “ordinary consciousness” should be a warning to others. Describing those years when he teetered on the brink of what he called “total psychotic breakdown,” Jung wrote:

I needed a point of support in “this world,” and I may say that my family and my professional work...remained the base to which I could always return...[or] the unconscious contents could have driven me out of my wits....

I have a medical diploma from a Swiss university; I must help my patients. I have a wife and five children; I live at 228 Seestrasse in Kusnacht—these were actualities which made demands upon me and proved to me again and again that I really existed, that I was not a blank page whirling about in the winds of the spirit, like Nietzsche [who died insane].

Here we have a strange paradox: The man primarily responsible—if not for today's consciousness revolution itself, then certainly for the aura of respectability that it bears—had to cling desperately to ordinary consciousness in order to retain his sanity. Yet he suggests that salvation comes through attaining the very altered state that nearly destroyed him. We dare not ignore the fact that altered states of consciousness have traditionally been cultivated in order to experience “spirit possession.” If any man was ever “possessed,” surely it was Jung himself.

In *Hostage to the Devil*, Malachi Martin relates a number of examples of demonic possession that go beyond the dangers of “negative thinking” that Herbert Benson and other popularizers of psychology's religious “science” consider to be the great evil. There are thousands of such well-documented tragedies that demonstrate that psychological explanations involving the “unconscious” for the phenomenon long known as “possession” are pitifully inadequate. Many of these cases involve intelligent and apparently well-meaning persons who believed and followed the latest psychological theories, only to find themselves “possessed” by an “evil spirit”—in spite of the fact that they had until then considered “possession” to be a religious delusion.

With undergraduate degrees in biology and anthropology from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in ethnobotany, Wade Davis is representative of today's highly educated Westerner. His participation in numerous expeditions to the jungles of Central and South America and elsewhere, however, and his exposure to spiritualist societies have given him another perspective. With his background, it was difficult for Davis to lay aside the superiority that scientists exude when analyzing “primitive” cultures, but the numerous cases of “spirit possession” that he witnessed forced a reevaluation of his thinking. Davis wrote:

For the nonbeliever, there is something profoundly disturbing about spirit possession. Its power is raw, immediate, and undeniably real.... The psychologists who have attempted to understand possession from a scientific perspective [avoid] issues that cannot be approached by their calculus—the existence or nonexistence of spirits, for example...[and] consider possession a behavior of “psychically disequibrated persons with a mytho-manicacal constitution.”

These wordy explanations ring most hollow when they are applied to certain irrefutable physical attributes of the possessed [immunity to fire, etc.]; [upon these] my logic wavered.... In the absence of a scientific explanation, and in the face of our own certain ignorance, it seems foolish to disregard the opinions of those who know possession best.

Such warnings are smugly disregarded by those who have built a “scientific” mythology founded upon the materialistic assertion that a spirit dimension is nonexistent. Upset at the emotional reactions aroused in audiences by *The Exorcist*, parapsychologist Loyd Auerbach writes, “To set the record a bit straighter, let me say that the only demons we, as scientists, deal with are one's own ‘demons’ that may be conjured up by the subconscious and the imagination.”

With a healthy fear of evil spirits neatly debunked by psychologists, the barrier that has kept so many people from involvement with the powers of darkness is now gone. There is no longer anything to be afraid of, for nothing is there except “fragments of one’s own personality.” So goes the refrain. All that is now needed is to accept a new understanding.

Unfortunately, that “understanding” begins with a denial of evidence and is concerned not with truth but with the dogmatic claim of the new religion of psychology that it alone is the true faith of humanity. We now stand in grave danger that psychology’s glib pseudoscientific explanations of spiritual power are increasingly opening the West to the very phenomenon psychologists have sought so long to deny: demonic possession.

As we have already indicated, highly educated Westerners are embracing, as science, a Hindu gospel that must take much of the responsibility for making India one of the poorest, most superstition-bound countries in the world. This gospel offers to Calcutta’s one million beggars who have been born and live and will die in its streets the good news that their running sores, gnawing hunger, and poverty do not really exist but have been created by their own “negative” thinking. There is no suffering, disease, or death; one merely misperceives what is actually there.

In contrast to Eastern mysticism, which denies what sin has produced and offers no real solution, Christianity teaches that the moral laws of God’s infinite justice have been violated. There is no way that finite man can pay sin’s infinite penalty. By his own choice, man has consigned himself to eternal separation from the God who created him. God, being infinite, could pay the penalty, but it would not be just, because He was not one of us. In the supreme act of love, God became a man in order to satisfy the claims of his own law and died the death that His justice demanded for our sin.

The triumphant cry of Jesus just before He expired upon the cross—“Tetelestai!” “It is finished!”—is an accounting term in the original New Testament Greek (*teleo*, to discharge a debt). The infinite penalty for sin had been paid. According to the Bible, all man needs to do is humble himself to admit that he, as a sinner, deserved what Christ suffered in his place, and to receive the pardon that is offered as a free gift of God’s grace and love—a pardon he could never merit or earn. Certainly the staggering nature of such claims (there could be no better news if these claims are true!) would demand a careful investigation. Famed Harvard University law professor Simon Greenleaf (in his day, the highest authority on legal evidence and a confirmed skeptic, who accepted the claims of Christ only after careful research) declared in an appeal to his colleagues to make a similar investigation: “These are no ordinary claims; and it seems hardly possible for a rational being to...treat them with mere indifference or contempt.”

In contrast, there is a palpable emptiness to the New Age gospel. Not only doesn’t it ring true either to logic or ordinary experience, but it lacks those qualities to which the human heart aspires. Righteousness and truth are missing altogether—yet surely the question of truth ought to far outweigh feelings, personal preference, or mystical experience. Of what value is the most ecstatic experience if it is mere fantasy, or, worse yet, a fraud? To barter away the eternal benefits of truth for the feelings of the moment is a bad bargain indeed.

Moreover, in the Hindu/Buddhist/New Age philosophy, the forgiveness for which every honest heart yearns is absent. No wrong is admitted, even though our consciences tell us otherwise and long for release. Thus there is no thankfulness or gratitude to God for forgiving and saving us, for we are our own gods and saviors—yet forgiveness and gratitude are universally recognized to be among the noblest human qualities and greatest blessings. Nor is there a taste of mercy or grace, for the same reason.

As an answer to man’s deepest longings and need, naturalism/pantheism offers an impersonal cosmic Force with dark and light

sides. Instead of love, the greatest virtue and highest experience, we are left with a void.

With the Utopian but empty slogan, “Love is the ultimate first-strike capability,” the Pentagon Meditation Club is promoting the erection of a “peace shield”—an alleged force field generated by meditation and prayer. It is hoped that future war will be prevented through enough meditators tuning into mankind’s latent inner potential for peace, and visualizing the world’s leaders “joining together in fellowship to resolve issues” [https://bit.ly/3eccazR].

Similar ideas were promoted by a February 1988 American/Soviet conference co-hosted by Barbara Marx Hubbard and Rama Vernon of the Center for Soviet-American Dialogue, at which delegates explored shamanic techniques for creating peace. Much of the inspiration for the conference grew out of the mystical experiences of Hubbard, whose pseudo-Christian pantheism/naturalism was representative of conferees’ beliefs. A conference for American business and educational leaders presenting similar ideas for “conflict resolution” in July 1988 featured Hubbard as the opening keynote speaker, and Soviet director of Global Family, Mikhail Zykov, speaking on the topic of “A Soviet Perspective on Spiritual Community.”

The effectiveness of the Eastern gurus (aided by innumerable “spirit guides” and fellow travelers) to convert the Western world to the Hindu/Buddhist/shamanic faith has been unprecedented in all of history. America is in the process of a radical transformation. The success of this effort owes much to America’s homegrown evangelists who have surfaced from such a broad spectrum of professional credibility: the Bernie Siegels, O. Carl Simontons, Herbert Bensons, Michael Rays, Jean Houstons, Gerald Jampolskys, John Denvers, John Lennons, and Timothy Learys. Most of these New Age zealots seem to be motivated by a sincere desire to help a suffering world. Whatever the motivation, however, the determined undermining of Christianity is well on its way, and the establishment of an ecumenical New Age shamanism as the world religion has made astonishing progress everywhere except in Islamic countries (Sufism notwithstanding). The full impact upon every area of society promises to be beyond present comprehension.

Many of America’s largest and most powerful corporations, with branches in numerous countries, have now joined this unprecedented worldwide missionary effort. Management-experts-turned-missionaries are taking to the whole world the same Eastern mysticism that the gurus brought to the West but now incorporated into and redefined as the latest techniques for successful personal and business performance. The sophistication, advanced degrees, and affluence of these new jet-set missionaries lend a credibility that makes their seductive gospel almost irresistible.

These are a new breed of business leaders who talk about the interconnectedness of all things, getting back in touch with nature, and the divine spark within us all as the basis for a new planetary unity. They especially want to share the psychospiritual technologies of the mind, which they hope will help mankind to realize its full potential and thereby turn this suffering world into paradise at last. It sounds so good.

As we have seen, the ancient shamanic techniques for contacting spirit guides have been introduced to the masses under the umbrellas of science, medicine, psychology, education, and business, but with the entities explained away psychologically. Yet no amount of scholarly rationalization can change the fact that these consciousness-altering techniques consistently bring contact with, and in many cases possession by, seducing spirits.

Seemingly unaware of the grave danger, America, once the world’s leader in finance, business, science, and technology, is reasserting its leadership position but now in a new enterprise—the rise of New Age shamanism. The implications are staggering. An inescapable choice, which will determine our destiny, confronts us. Shouldn’t that choice be made on the basis of the evidence and in firm commitment to ultimate truth?

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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QUESTION: I know that false faiths abound, but I don't find edification in focusing on error. Show me in the Word where false doctrine is explained. It seems to me that the Bible addresses Satan's lies without going into detail of the actual practices.

RESPONSE: We at TBC take no pleasure in exposing and documenting false dogmas and practices. We do so only to expose error, out of deep concern for souls. Yes, there are many kind, compassionate, and self-sacrificing Muslims who oppose terrorism. Yes, the Roman Catholic Church was the major charitable institution during the Middle Ages, often promoting morality and education—and most Catholics today do not know most of Rome's official dogmas—but they still rely upon that Church and its clergy to get them out of “purgatory” and into heaven. Yes, many Mormons and Moonies espouse “traditional morals.” We do not oppose *individuals* but the largely false gospels they preach.

You ask for biblical support concerning the exposure of evil and false doctrines. The Bible gives much insight concerning Satan's fall (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-18), the details of his temptation of Eve (Genesis 3:1-7), and of his attempt to destroy Job's trust in and relationship with God (Job 1:1-2:7). There are too many accounts of idolatry and pagan practices and warnings against them to list all the verses (Leviticus 19:31; 20:1-6; Deuteronomy 18:9-14; Isaiah 47:8-13, etc.). The Bible goes into great detail concerning the apostasy of Israel, telling the sins of its kings and people, from the golden calf (Exodus 32:1-28) to the Queen of Heaven (Jeremiah 44:15-23); and again, there are too many references to list.

Most of the epistles were written to combat heretical teachings that crept into the early church. False doctrine is explained thoroughly and repeatedly. Almost the entire book of Galatians is devoted to describing and combating a false gospel. To “earnestly contend for the faith” (Jude 3) must include pointing out what is wrong with the counterfeit. Christ himself did so, explaining in detail the evil practices and false teachings of the rabbis (Matthew 15:1-20; 23:2-33, etc.). Our exposure of error is moderate in comparison to Stephen's indictment of the Jews (Acts 7:39-43, 51-53). And considering the fact that Paul, out of concern for the coming apostasy, for “three years...ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears” (Acts 20:31), we could hardly be accused of extremism in our earnest attempts to point out what is wrong in order for the truth to be understood more clearly by comparison. Our motive is to rescue souls from eternal doom.

QUESTION: Your reluctance to sanction or engage in “Bible-based activism” is baffling to me. Wasn't Paul one of the greatest social activists of all time? And besides, wasn't the cultural setting of the Bible much different from that of the modern age, with a different kind of government altogether and different social norms? So, don't we have to adapt our conduct and involvement in our own society according to biblical principles, and not necessarily according to what someone else did in a different time and place? I believe we are being trained and groomed for rulership now so that we'll be ready when the Kingdom comes!

RESPONSE: The fact that the setting for the Bible was much different than the setting in which we live is really irrelevant. The

power of God is not limited to working within a certain cultural or political setting, nor were the heroes and heroines of the faith in either the Old or New Testaments limited by circumstances. Beyond that, I don't think it puts the US in a different category with respect to social action, because it has a different kind of government, which makes social action easy as opposed to the Roman Empire, where it would have been impossible. As a matter of fact, there were instances of social action in the form of mob action in the early days of the church—but by non-Christians, never by the church. Paul and the other apostles would not have let the difficulty of social action prevent them from engaging in it if it had been the will of God. They were willing to go to prison or to die for the sake of the Lord.

Paul's declaration that he had fought the good fight, had finished his course, and had fulfilled the ministry given to him by the Lord is evidence that social action was not on the agenda—and that, I believe, holds true today, since we are to follow his example. Paul would let nothing stand in the way of His obeying God—so you may be certain that the lack of examples of political or social activism in the Bible wasn't due to circumstances, setting, or anything other than the fact that it wasn't God's will. I cannot escape this conclusion, though my natural inclination is to agree with you and to join the activists in their good causes.

You say, “...we are being trained and being groomed for rulership now so that we'll be ready when the Kingdom comes.” Where do you find that in the Bible? Precisely who is being trained, by whom, and how? Activism is not training to be a ruler. Are only the activists going to rule and reign with Christ? What about the saints of past centuries who didn't have any of the training you say is now in process—will they not reign? The church is the *ekklesia* or “called out ones”—called out of the world and to whom Christ said, “If you were of the world, the world would love his own, but because you are not of the world, therefore the world hates you” (John 15:19). I sympathize with your position, but I simply cannot find it in the Bible either in practice or precept.

QUESTION: Various people have spoken of a “Christian takeover of the United States and the world” as involving a “paradigm shift.” Could you comment on this?

RESPONSE: A “Christian takeover of the world” is neither taught nor hinted at anywhere in the Bible. Jesus certainly didn't teach or engage in such a project, nor did Peter, Paul, the other apostles, or anyone in the early church. We are to preach the gospel and call disciples out of this world for heavenly citizenship, not try to “Christianize” non-Christians.

Revelation 13 and other scriptures make it clear that Antichrist, not the church, will take over and rule the world—*after* the church has been taken by Christ to heaven. The Antichrist will control all banking and commerce, be worshiped by the whole world, and will have authority and power to kill all who refuse him this homage. The purpose of the Second Coming (as distinct from the Rapture, which occurs seven years earlier) is to destroy Antichrist (2 Thessalonians 2:8) and rescue Israel (Zechariah 12,13,14). At Armageddon, Antichrist will lead the armies of the world to destroy Israel, necessitating Christ's intervention from heaven. That hardly sounds as though a “Christian takeover” has occurred!

LETTERS

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Dear T. A. McMahon and Staff,

Greetings to you in the Most Holy Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for reaching out to all throughout the years, with your monthly blessings and praises. Thank you for sharing the essence of our Creator, which is love, by expressing the Truth, the Love, Life, and the Way.

We [believers] here at the correctional institution keep you in our prayers. Thank you and your entire staff and families for your spiritual and moral support. Keep up the good work. DM (prisoner, IL)

Dear Brothers and Sisters at The Berean Call,

We so appreciate this ministry and have read many of Dave Hunt's books. We've been enjoying listening to the podcast a lot lately. Thank you for your faithfulness. JF (OR)

Greetings,

Thanks so much for getting me back on the mailing list.... In this Vets' nursing home, there is not much Christianity going on. No Christian books, Bibles, not even Christian patients so far. Plenty of Catholics though. Most of the patients have...Alzheimer's, dementia, senility, etc. There are no true Christian services on Sundays—mostly Catholic, Mormon, Buddhist, and some odds

TBC NOTES

Don't Let the World Scare You!

If you think the title of this has to do with the current pandemic uncertainties and inaccuracies, it does so only coincidentally. No, this is far more important. A major problem for many believers who are continually engrossed in the news reports from the various media is the mesmerizing effect it has on their minds. At the very least, such activity clouds and can even bury what they have been taught from God's Word.

The Apostle Peter writes, "Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath showed me. Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance" and "This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour..." (2 Peter 1:13-15; 2 Peter 3:1-2).

We need to be continually *reminded* of God's words. Unlike what the world puts forth, they are absolutely true and eternal. Again Peter reminds us, "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you" (1 Peter 1:25).

Remember, the Gospel, and all it includes, is *good news*. Make sure you are filling your "pure minds" with God's love and truth. That's the antidote for fear.

T. A. McMAHON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

and ends that are not Christian at all.... Anyway, I'm glad to have the Bereans to reach out to, and several of my Christian visitors who are friends. Right now, we are on lockdown because of the virus. No going out and no visitors can come in. I'll be glad when we get to go out again. YO (HI)

Dear TBC,

I was reading the radio transcript where Tom was having the conversation with Rod Page about Bethel Church. It dawned on me that Israel had the same problem with the Prophet Isaiah. If you will read Isaiah 30:10, it's shocking that they did not want the truth but wanted to hear smooth things and deceptions. They even want the Holy One of Israel to cease going before them. BJ (TX)

To T. A. and All at The Berean Call,

The "Does God Really Care?" article [May 2020] certainly answers that question quite thoroughly. How comforting and assuring in these troublesome times! Thank you. God is most definitely guiding you at the TBC ministry. God bless you—now and always, and keep you well. RU (NM)

Dear Berean Call,

A friend gave me a copy of *Jesus Calling*. I have read it a few times. It seemed weird to me that she was speaking as if she "was" Jesus, putting words in his mouth. I thank you for opening my eyes to the danger of reading the book instead of just my Bible.. God bless you for what you do. *Jesus Calling* went directly into the trash. I wish I had a way to burn it. Thank you so much.... I look forward to receiving your newsletter every month. KD (email)

Dear Mr. McMahon and Berean laborers

My thanks to each of you for your faithfulness in bringing God's light and truth to the Body of Christ and to anyone He is drawing to Himself. I know that constant prayer is what empowers and guides your ministry. Thank you.

In particular I want to thank you for the May 2020 Berean Call in which you devote 1½ pages to a multiplicity of up-building scriptures. I've been using these scriptures for personal meditation and Spirit-led prayer. They help fill the void of corporate fellowship during this [time of] "sheltering in place." The shelter is God's Word. CE (WA)

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE UPDATE!

AFTER MUCH PRAYER and discussion, we have decided to hold the TBC Conference only "online" this year. Restrictions in Oregon have just tightened again, and it is very doubtful that things will get better in the next month. Other than the basic limits of how many people can meet in one place, there are other challenging issues like distancing, restaurants, food, weather, travel, lodging, and whatever else may come up.

We will be putting all of our efforts into making the online conference very functional and a blessing for everyone. We've got some good ideas and trust the Lord will use the conference online. There is potential for reaching many more people!

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NEWSWATCH

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in discerning the times from a biblical perspective.

TRADING ALTAR CALLS FOR COMMUNION RAILS

RELIGIOUSNEWS.COM, 6/18/20, "LITURGY-HUNGRY YOUNG CHRISTIANS TRADE ALTAR CALLS FOR COMMUNION RAILS" [EXCERPTS]: Every service at The Cathedral at the Gathering Place begins with an incense-filled procession of the crucifer and the Gospel, followed by the singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," also known as the black national anthem, before the Rev. Emilio Alvarez, in full vestments, leads the congregation through the collect, Scripture readings and, after the sermon, the Eucharist.

From the ritual smoke to the sharing of the bread, the experience would strike most cradle Pentecostals as utterly foreign. "For the first 15 minutes, you'd think you were in a Roman Catholic church," Alvarez told RNS. "But when I get up to preach, you'd swear we were Baptist."

Alvarez's church is one of roughly two dozen in the Union of Charismatic Orthodox Churches, a 5-year-old group of mostly black Pentecostal churches in the Northeast and Australia dedicated to recovering the classical spirituality and theology of the early church mothers and fathers.

They are also part of a broader trend in which "low" or "free" church Christians, raised on contemporary worship services with praise bands and dim lights, are seeking out "high church" traditions replete with sacramental rituals and ancient liturgy.

Rites based in ancient church history can also dissolve the differences that divide Americans in and out of church. [Author and editor Katelyn] Beaty described an Episcopal church she attended in Chicago: "Our priest emphasized essentials, and would say repeatedly that all our divisions fall away at the foot of the cross.... If the church falls neatly along the same political divisions, then is the church really that different from the world?"

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ANTI-SEMITISM AT BLACK LIVES MATTER RALLY

FRONTPAGEMAG.COM, 6/19/20, "A FARRAKHAN SUPPORTER LED THE LA BLACK LIVES MATTER RALLY THAT BECAME A POGROM" [EXCERPTS]: "It's no coincidence that the riots here escalated in Fairfax, the icon of the Jewish community. I saw the Watts and the Rodney King riots. They never touched a synagogue or house of prayer. The graffiti showed blatant antisemitism.

It's Kristallnacht all over again," Rabbi Shimon Raichik, a Chabad Rabbi in Los Angeles, wrote.

These scenes from what the media has falsely called peaceful protests and the Jewish community in the Fairfax neighborhood of Los Angeles has called the Shavuot Riots, after the biblical holiday during which the worst of the attacks on the community occurred, has fundamentally divided Los Angeles Jews.

Melina Abdullah, the lead organizer of Black Lives Matter in LA and a professor of Pan-African Studies at Cal State, had been very clear about her motive for bringing her hateful campaign to the area.

"We've been very deliberate in saying that the violence and pain and hurt that's experienced on a daily basis by black folks at the hands of a repressive system should also be visited upon, to a degree, to those who think that they can just retreat to white affluence," the BLM-LA co-founder ranted.

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BACTERIA ESSENTIAL FOR HEALTH

ICR.ORG, 6/8/20, "DIVINELY ENGINEERED SINUS BACTERIA ESSENTIAL FOR HEALTH" [EXCERPTS]: Many people are aware that our digestive tract is full of beneficial bacteria that not only help us process our food, but also support a strong immune system. Now, a new research study has just been published showing the importance of healthy bacteria in the respiratory system of our nose and upper sinuses.

Beneficial types of bacteria living in our digestive system, genital tracts, and on our skin have been proven to play an important role in human health. This new study, published in the journal Cell Reports, adds to the increasing knowledge of the complexity of the symbiotic relationship we share with beneficial microbes. In this research, it was found that people with the problem of chronic nasal and sinus inflammation had fewer lactobacilli in their upper respiratory tract compared to healthy individuals.

In an applied aspect of the study, the researchers put their newfound discovery to good use. They produced a proof-of-concept nasal spray to effectively deliver lactobacilli to the nose and upper respiratory tract.

Such complex interfacing interactions speak directly to the Creative genius of our Mighty Creator God.

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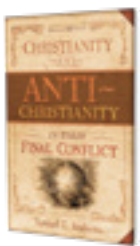
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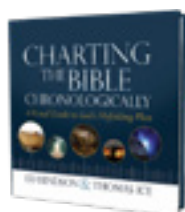
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