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

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

# The World and the Church: Where Are They Headed? - Part Three

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THE BIBLE IS God's direct communication to mankind. From Genesis to Revelation we are told how God's creation began and, later, how the earth will be replaced with a new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21:1). The Bible also tells us of significant events that have taken place (e.g., man's disobedience, Christ's birth, crucifixion, and resurrection to reconcile mankind to God) and what will take place (the Rapture of the church, the Great Tribulation, and the brief establishment of the religion and kingdom of the Antichrist) just prior to the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The focus of this three-part series has been eschatology, which is what Scripture declares about the last days when Jesus will return to set up His 1,000-year reign on the earth.

In last month's newsletter, I gave examples of how diverse religious groups, many professing to be Christian, are being influenced, even conditioned, to fit in with the religion of the Antichrist. That involves various pantheistic beliefs, including that humans are gods or are a part of God, that God is in everything, that man needs to realize his own godhood, achieve union with God, reach one's infinite human potential, tap into one's innate divine powers, etc. The Contemplative Movement within Christianity, although it makes no overt pantheistic proclamations, has nevertheless fostered many of the practices of pantheistic Eastern mysticism.

This also includes the unintentional assistance of Christians in bringing about the kingdom of the Antichrist. Many erroneously believe they are setting up Christ's kingdom as a condition for Him to return to earth. This false teaching is labeled Kingdom Dominionism. The religious groups that have within their teachings and practices elements reflecting pantheism and Kingdom Dominionism are both diverse and numerous. Their hope is to connect with one another and one day converge, creating the "perfect storm" scenario (mentioned in Part 2).

Although much of Antichrist's kingdom theology has been attributed to those who hold to hyper-Charismatic theology, the seeds are found among conservative Christian groups as well. Consider the teachings of Reformation theology and Calvinism, for example. With a few notable exceptions, most Calvinists are amillennialists. That's part of the doctrinal baggage the reformers held over from their day as Roman Catholics. They do not believe in a literal thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ on the earth. Calvinism drew heavily on Augustine, the author of *The City of God*, and the father of most of the dogmas of Roman Catholicism.

Many Calvinists follow Augustine's method of biblical interpretation, relying heavily on allegory and the spiritualization of Scripture. That's a subjective way of making the Bible say anything you want. Allegory sidesteps the context of a verse, the common meaning of words, the grammar of a verse, its logic, and discernment regarding whether it should be understood literally or figuratively. Being a Berean when using that approach to the Scriptures is nearly impossible. It's also a doorway to the mystical approach used to promote pantheism. It spells the death of hermeneutics (the

biblical way of understanding the teachings of the Bible). It also involves eisegesis—which is reading one's beliefs into the Scriptures rather than concentrating on what God is saying.

A clear example of Amillennial allegorizing is the way in which they view the details given in Revelation regarding the thousand-year reign of Christ. Those passages are not taken literally, including Satan's being bound and later released to deceive the unbelievers at the end of the Millennium. The words are said to have a deeper meaning not signified by the context, the common understanding, or the plain sense of how the words are defined and used.

Amillennialists believe the Millennium began at the ascension of Jesus and continues today. They teach that Satan was bound at the Cross. Since Christ has not returned and we are supposedly in the millennium with Satan bound, setting up His kingdom becomes the chief function of the body of Christ! Again, we have the body taking control from the Head of the church. Following Augustine's *The City of God*, Calvin resolved to establish the kingdom of God on earth in Geneva. That became a disaster fraught with legalism.

One church historian says: "Calvin set to work for the realization of his plan to convert Geneva into the first Kingdom of God on earth,...a community without corruption, disorder, vice or sin;... the New Jerusalem, a centre from which the salvation of the world would radiate.... His life was devoted to the service of this one idea." It was akin to Roman Catholicism's global takeover plans, one reason Calvin was referred to as the Protestant pope of Geneva.

Other later Kingdom Dominion attempts by Calvinists took place in the US beginning in the '60s and '70s. Led by Reformation theologians, Christian Reconstructionism (*theonomy*), teaches that through the application of God's Laws (including O. T. laws) the earth will be transformed and the Kingdom of God ushered in. Christian Reconstructionism greatly influenced the Christian Right and Moral Majority of the day.

It was followed by the Coalition On Revival, getting Christians elected to local offices, to Congress, to the Senate, and to the presidency. These actions were believed to be necessary in order to fulfill the mandate that would establish the Kingdom of God. In Calvin's words, "the state must consent to be the servant of the church." The church, however, disconnected from the Head (Jesus Christ), often became the servant of the state, a condition that amillennialism produced. Ministers were appointed by government authorities. In many places, such as the Dutch Reformed-dominated Netherlands, state officials arbitrated doctrinal conflicts between religious groups. This was a throwback to Constantine, who legalized Christianity, then stepped in to run the religious show for a while.

Today we see young Christians being increasingly exposed to Kingdom Dominion teachings. The Send was primarily an emotionally driven Kingdom-Dominion vehicle for the 50,000 young attendees. Many are being seduced by the music of Hillsong United and Jesus Culture. Their theology is Kingdom Dominionism, the proof of this being revealed through the lyrics of some of their songs.

Christian Reconstructionism and Calvinism have made surprising inroads into the homeschooling movement. A very successful apologetics series titled The Truth Project, produced by Focus on the Family and taught by Calvinists, encouraged the young audience to work for global transformation through leadership in the major spheres of influence of society, in such areas as the state,

the family, the community, education, labor, the media, the arts, etc. For all the value that some of these Kingdom of God-building entities may appear, if they are not true to the course set forth in Scripture by the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ, these leaders are unknowingly contributing to the schemes of the Adversary.

Amillennialism, with its inherent "setting up the kingdom" motivation, is similar to a ship's compass that is off a few degrees. It cannot guide the ship to its intended destination. Beyond Calvinism's unbiblical eschatology, amillennialism is the most common belief among professing Christians. It is the view of Roman Catholics, Greek and Russian Orthodox churches, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Anglicans, Episcopalians, the Church of Christ, and most Independent Baptists.

This final entity that I'm going to address is, I believe, the most effective in its efforts to prepare the world and Christendom for the religion and kingdom of the Antichrist. You may be surprised to hear that it is *psychology*—in particular, psychotherapy or psychological counseling. To make my case, let's apply the criteria I used for the other entities that were also in an antichristacceptance conditioning process.

First some background:

- Psychotherapy is a pseudo-science pretending to be science. Its substance is talk—just talk.
- The therapeutic talk is completely subjective. It employs a heavy emphasis on dealing with emotions, experiences, intuitions, feelings, etc.
- Psychotherapy has about 500 therapies and thousands of techniques, most of which contradict one another.
- Psychotherapy is a *religion* that pretends to be science as well as medicine.
- The chief criteria for treatment evaluation in psychotherapy is one's own beliefs or feelings.

A psychotherapist's personal opinion rather than objective science is the principle for diagnosis in psychological counseling.

In Part 1, I addressed the failure of attempts by those who have rejected the God of the Bible and His instructions as the solution to mankind's sin problem and the destruction it has caused. I referred to it as "the mess" humanity and the rest of creation is in. The world is in the process of dying an ugly death. Since no hope has been found in man's attempt to fix the mess through scientific materialism, evolutionary theory, or naturalism, man has turned wholeheartedly to mysticism for his salvation. He is putting his hope in pantheism, the belief that he is God, along with everything else. That may seem to make sense in a last-straw sort of way. After all, the problem is God-sized. But believing in "Godhood" begets another problem.

How do you get people to buy into the idea that they are God or gods? The Adversary has been working that lie for a long time with reasonable success. But consider how the success rate could go up if godhood, especially in the West, was given a veneer of science while reducing the religious stigma!

Enter the pseudo-scientific world of psychology. One research psychologist writes about his own profession, "I have personally seen therapists convince their clients that all of their problems come from their mothers, the stars, their biochemical make-up, their diet, their life-style and even the 'karma' from their past lives." Karma and other Eastern mystical ideas have moved to the top of the therapy list. One past president of the Association of Humanistic Psychology has suggested that psychotherapy will probably be known as the hoax of the twentieth century. Rather than abandon their obviously bankrupt profession, many psychologists and psychiatrists have compounded their error by trying to shore up their collapsing house of cards with Eastern mysticism of one form or another.

As University of California professor Jacob Needleman has said, "A large and growing number of psychotherapists are now convinced that the Eastern religions offer an understanding of the mind far more complete than anything yet envisaged by Western science. At the same time, the leaders of the new religions themselves (the numerous gurus and spiritual teachers now in the West) are reformulating and adapting the traditional systems according to the language and atmosphere of modern psychology."

An article in *Psychology Today* noted that Eastern philosophies "seem to be making gradual headway [in the West] as psychologies, not as religions." Godhood is easier to accept wrapped in the packages of Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung's collective unconscious or in a human's higher potential or in self-improvement seminars for the business world. MBA candidates at Stanford University learned to tap into their "inner essence" (a substitute term for God) by seeking inner guidance in a course titled "Creativity in Business" taught by Prof. Michael Ray, disciple of the Indian Guru Muktananda. Eastern meditation practices passed off as "Yoga-for-health" or holotropic breathing techniques open one up to experience "God realization."

Normal consciousness takes a backseat to "higher consciousness" gained mostly through drug-induced altered states and various non-drug vogic techniques. Common sense has given way to uncommon "higher sense." Psychotherapists and psychiatrists themselves have reached an all-knowing, godlike stature before the multitudes. That, along with the influence of their 300-billion-dollar industry, makes them a major force in selling mysticism to the masses.

But what about psychotherapy's influence in the church? During the 1970s, psychotherapy flooded into the church like a tsunami. Led by psychologist James Dobson and others representing "Christian psychology," they reinterpreted the Bible regarding its "self" teachings in order to be consistent with psychology's perspective. "Self" rules in psychology; that's what psychotherapy is all about.

We've been explaining that if we believe that the God of the Bible is truly God, then it should be obvious that we are *not* God. If a person doesn't believe that, then the position he will be led to is that he is God. Christians, whether they be true or only professing, are disinclined to go there. Yet psychology moves them in that direction. In what way? For the believer, there is God and self. Submission to one or the other is the ongoing battle of life. However, during the latter part of the last century, the psychologyderived "self" teachings came pouring into the church: Self-love, self-esteem, self-image, self-confidence, self-worth, and, as Dave Hunt was given to add, self-ad nauseam.

These teachings, backed by an army of Christian psychologists and counselors, completely turned the Bible verses on "self" upside down. Instead of dying to self, the church has been exhorted to love and esteem self! I believe that has been Satan's most effective ploy in the last fifty years of church history.

Like Tobiah in the Book of Jeremiah, psychology, which leads to the idolatry of self—even to its deification—has set up shop in the church, causing untold spiritual destruction among our brothers and sisters in Christ.

How then shall we live? What's the antidote, the biblical protection plan, in regard to the warning Jesus gave concerning the deception that will take place in the last days? "Take heed that no man deceive you" (Matthew 24:4). We need to be like the children of Issachar, who had an understanding of the times that they might know what Israel ought to do (1 Chronicles 12:32). The antidote for deception is not complicated, but it demands diligence regarding discernment. We are first of all to submit to God, who will enable us by His Holy Spirit to resist the devil (James 4:7). Next we are to continue steadfastly in the doctrine and instructions of Scripture. That means reading the Word of God daily as a habit, and this is the most important habit we can have. Then we are to do what God's Word says, "not by might, nor by [our own] power, but by the Holy Spirit" (Zechariah 4:6). We are also to be in fellowship with other believers, upholding one another in prayer, as well as praying continually for the Lord Jesus to guide and direct us into His will (Acts 2:42).

Psalm 1:2-3 gives us God's instructions for being fruitful in these troubling times as the Lord draws near. As believers we are to "delight in," and "meditate upon," His Word "day and night." Doing so will make us spiritually "like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." **TBC** 

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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QUESTION [Dave Hunt classic]: You claim that "The Galatian problem remains within some so-called Hebrew-Christian or Messianic congregations today." You accept your saved brethren in all churches; why are we "so-called"? I do not have any opposition to your suggestion that there is a Galatian problem [but] are you closing the door to accepting us because of some congregations who go overboard in their zeal to be Jewish so that they can reach their families and community with an acceptable Jewish gospel? Do Chinese stop using chopsticks because they accept Jesus, or Asians stop cooking curry? Why can't you allow us to follow the calling and heritage of our ancestors as with other ethnic minorities...?

**RESPONSE:** I almost wept when I read your letter. I have a deep love for Israel and for Jewish people and have been involved in seeking to introduce Jews and Israelis to their Messiah for many years. The suggestion that I might be even slightly anti-Semitic and unwilling to accept Jewish believers in our Lord Jesus as brethren in Christ is the opposite of the truth and most distressing.

Perhaps the adjective "so-called" was badly chosen on my part. I meant no offense, merely to suggest that "Hebrew-Christian" is neither a biblical expression nor accurately descriptive. Doesn't it imply that Hebrew-Christians are different from just plain Christians? Why not French-Christians, Swiss-Christians, etc.? The term "messianic congregation" seems an improper designation. Don't all Christians believe in the same Messiah? Isn't the Messiah of Israel the Savior of the world? I made no blanket judgment of such groups; in fact, I often speak to and fellowship with them and have never expressed disapproval of such designations.

Of course, your analogy of chopsticks for Chinese and curry for Asians doesn't fit because neither has any religious meaning. But I don't deny to Jewish believers in Jesus the keeping of religious feasts. I appreciate your desire to retain your Jewish customs. Paul did the same. My concern is for the tendency of Gentiles to adopt these things. For them, they could have no meaning, and therefore they become a religious connection between Jews and Gentiles, whereas we are united only in Christ (see Ephesians 2). Keeping the Passover is meaningless for Gentiles.

The concerns I expressed were for the false assumption among some groups that the practice of Jewish customs adds a helpful element to Christianity, and the unbiblical adoption of Jewish customs and feasts by Gentile believers, as though that makes them more spiritual, along with the well-meaning but improper attempts to teach the gospel from extrabiblical traditions (i.e., the Seder). It could hardly be helpful to find certain parts of Jewish tradition that seem to support the gospel when so much contradicts it.

QUESTION [EXCERPTS FROM OUR ARCHIVES]: You allow Pope Pius XII to take a hit for his lack of action on behalf of the Jews in the face of the Holocaust [but] defend your position for nonsocial action. In all honesty, do you really think that if you had lived in Nazi Germany you would have behaved any differently? Our Lord told the story of the good Samaritan to illustrate that we should help those who are victimized by the world, the flesh, and the devil. The distinction you make between the apostles "preaching the gospel" and "actively working toward improving morality and social justice" is specious. Biblical exemplars like Daniel did use the opportunity to exercise great moral influence over whole societies.... God is not content with personal devotion or individual righteousness (morality) but seeks people who also look out for the interests of others. John the Baptist was beheaded for speaking out against Herod's choice of a wife, and I believe

this is one supporting scripture that shows we *can* comment on political issues.

RESPONSE: Yes, we can "comment on political issues," but that doesn't mean we should. I am not dogmatic on this and not above correction, but I would like that correction to come from the clear teaching and example in the Scriptures, not opinion. John the Baptist rebuked an evil ruler, who then took off John's head. If this had any influence for good upon the general populace of that day, we aren't told of it. Is it possible that John made a mistake, causing his untilthen fruitful ministry to be cut short? Hadn't he just violated Christ's wise counsel, "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast your pearls before swine" (Matthew 7:6)? Should we imagine that ungodly political leaders would welcome moral correction?

Jesus, who was alive and preaching throughout Israel at that very time, never once rebuked Herod (or Caesar, et al.)! Since Christ left us an example to follow (1 Peter 2:21) and told His disciples, "Follow me" (Matthew 4:19, etc.), shouldn't we consider His total absence of political activism as an example that we are to follow?

Daniel is often mentioned as having exercised great "moral influence over whole societies." But we certainly find no hint of that in Scripture. Nor did Joseph convert Pharaoh or anyone else in Egypt that we know of, except his own wife. There was no improvement in Egypt, either morally or spiritually, nor does the Bible indicate that Joseph even attempted that. Yes, it was likely through Daniel that Nebuchadnezzar came to believe in God (Daniel 4:37), but that didn't deliver Babylon from paganism; nor is there a hint that Daniel won any of the king's other advisors or citizens to the Lord.... Darius always spoke to Daniel of "thy God, whom thou servest continually" (6:16, 20) and referred to "the God of Daniel" (6:26) without indication that he himself had come to know the true God. No scripture tells us that Joseph or Daniel wielded a powerful moral influence over either Egypt or Babylon. If anyone was in a position to lead a movement of social and political action it was these two, yet there is no hint that they did so. They had a personal testimony only, did not attempt to change the moral climate as a whole, and were in positions of leadership in order to protect God's people, not to change either the politics or morals of the country.

We, too, should have a clear testimony and should stand true to our Lord and His Word as individuals, wherever we are. But as for organized political and social action, it isn't mentioned in Scripture. Should we not take the lack of this on the part of Christ and both the Old Testament saints and the early church as an example for us to follow? As for the Good Samaritan, we too ought to help all those whom we encounter who are in need of our ability. We don't read, however, that he campaigned to get others to do likewise, or set up an organization to seek out and help those in similar need across Israel, much less that he pressured the government to clean up its own behavior toward the needy. We are commanded to preach the gospel to everyone everywhere, but never are we told to engage in social action. As for your question of what I would have done had I been living in Germany at that time, the pope was not an ordinary citizen and his actions should not be judged as though he were. He was a moral leader with worldwide influence. Moreover, far from being an ordinary person the pope claims to be the Vicar of Christ. Yet he was silent in the face of the wholesale slaughter of Christ's brethren, the Jews, God's chosen people.... Do I speak out today against the evil in society? I certainly warn audiences, Christian and non-Christian, of the evils of society, with most emphasis upon the satanic traps that destroy the soul. The only real hope is for these men and women to believe the gospel of Jesus Christ that saves.

## LETTERS

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### TBC NOTES

### Pray—Rather Than Pledge

Very likely 2020, by any measurement, will go down as the most bizarre time in US history. The pandemic, combined with the hostilities related to the Republican and Democratic party differences, as well as the country-wide legalization of drug use, were just a few of the issues that have been referred to as the "new normal."

Rather than waiting until January 1, 2021, to decide what each of us might resolve to do in order to make next year a better time, a friend of mine, Bill MacDonald, who is now home with the Lord, wrote the following that is well worth our solemn consideration. He writes:

New Year's resolutions are good, but fragile—that is, easily broken. New Year's prayers are better; they ascend to the throne of God and set answering wheels in motion. As we come to the beginning of another year, we would do well to make the following prayer requests our own:

Lord Jesus, I rededicate myself afresh to You today. I want You to take my life this coming year and use it for Your glory. "Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee." I pray that you will keep me from sin, from anything that will bring dishonor to Your Name. Keep me teachable by the Holy Spirit. I want to move forward for You. Don't let me settle in a rut.

May my motto this year be, "He must increase; I must decrease." The glory must all be Yours. Help me not to touch it. Teach me to make every decision a matter of prayer. I dread the thought of leaning on my own understanding. "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23).

May I die to the world and even to the approval or blame of loved ones or friends. Give me a single, pure desire to do the things that please Your heart. Keep me from gossip and criticism of others. Rather, help me to speak what is edifying and profitable. Lead me to needy souls. May I become a friend of sinners, as You are. Give me tears of compassion for the perishing. Let me look on the crowd as my Savior did "Till my eyes with tears grow dim—Let me view with pity the wandering sheep—And love them for love of Him."

Lord Jesus, keep me from becoming cold, bitter, or cynical in spite of anything that may happen to me in the Christian life. Guide me in my stewardship of money. Help me to be a good steward of everything You have entrusted to me. Help me to remember moment by moment that my body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. May this tremendous truth influence all my behavior.

And, Lord Jesus, I pray that this may be the year of Your return. I long to see Your face and to fall at Your feet in worship. During the coming year, may the blessed hope stay afresh in my heart, disengaging me from anything that would hold me here and keeping me on the tiptoes of expectancy. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" (From One Day at a Time by William MacDonald)

T. A. McMahon EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### Hello TBC,

Thank you for that good article [Mainline Churches—On Their Way Out?]. My wife and I go to a local Protestant church where we have been members for over 30 years. I am an inactive deacon. Even though our church seems to be growing, we have noticed a steady decline in Bible teaching from the pulpit and in Sunday School lesson material.... As our country is in decline and moving further and further away from honoring God, so are our churches within Christianity. We will get a major clue as to God's timing for the destruction of the United States-as-we-haveknown-it this next presidential election. Scripture clearly tells us that the US will not be the world's policeman (as we are today) in order for end time events to happen—since no one will come to Israel's defense during the future 7-year tribulation. Anyway, thank you again for your ministry. LP (email)

#### Tom,

So grateful to God for your continued labors—especially for making us aware of Carl Teichrib. Psychology and medicine are permeated with the dark religion, especially so in academic medicine. Your labor is not in vain. CT (WI)

#### Hello TBC,

I am writing to you for a variety of reasons. First is to thank you for your publication. For being "only" eight pages, it covers so much—from a thought-provoking and edifying main article to answering questions that we all want scriptural answers to. Also, for letters and news stories from around the world, and finally, access to other resources. I have not seen its equal. Though I can't say that I agree with every doctrine that you believe and teach, the vast majority has made me respect this ministry. Unfortunately, not all Bereans are the same. Due to the respect I now give the "Berean" name, I came across another free "Berean" newsletter.

To say that I was disappointed would be an understatement. "Appalled" would be more accurate. Yes, it had many more pages than yours, and in full color on high-quality paper. But I found so many doctrinal errors in every article, which, by the way, were not much more than a promotion/advertisement for the author's book. So again, I want to thank you for your newsletter. SG (CA, prisoner)

### QUOTABLE .....

For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. —1 Timothy 4:4,5

Blessed it is to recognize in the temporal, creative mercies of each day, the evidences of a loving Father's care. "He giveth us richly all things to enjoy." To receive all as from His own hand, giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus, is to honor the Giver in the use of His gifts.

There is a golden mean between fleshy asceticism on the one hand, which discounts many of God's gifts and thus throws discredit on Him who provides them, and carnal self-indulgence on the other hand, which uses the mercies of God with no regard to Him from whom they come, and in such a way as to turn even our blessings into curses. We should ever recognize the bounty of our Father in these things, and whether we eat or drink do all to His glory, our hearts going out to Him in adoring gratitude.

—H. A. IRONSIDE

## NEWSWATCH

News stories are selected for reader awareness and as an exercise in discerning the times from a biblical perspective.

#### HEAT OVER COLLEGE'S SEGREGATED WORKSHOP

ONENEWSNOW.COM, 11/10/20, "FIRE BRINGS THE HEAT OVER COLLEGE'S SEGREGATED WORKSHOP" [EXCERPTS]: During a mandatory orientation program, Lewis & Clark College conducted racial segregation for students by separating students according to their race, a decision that got noticed by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE).

The August 29 orientation workshop required students to identify as "Black," "Indigenous," "Person of Color," or "White." The workshop was conducted by a Portland-based social justice group. FIRE and one of the college's own professors brought the problem to their attention.

"Mandatory racial segregation isn't wrong because FIRE or a professor finds it objectionable. It's wrong because it means that your ethnicity alone determines the education you receive," FIRE executive director Robert Shibley said. "That it was just a little segregation, that 'mandatory' actually means 'optional,' or that the college meant well is no defense."

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#### THE AMERICAN GULAG

FRONTPAGEMAG.COM, 11/11/20, "A BIDEN PRESIDENCY AND THE AMERICAN GULAG" [EXCERPTS]: Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-Kolyma) tweeted: "Is anyone archiving these Trump sycophants for when they try to downplay or deny their complicity in the future?

"I foresee decent probability of many deleted Tweets, writings, photos in the future." Michael Simon, a former Obama administration staffer, tweeted in response (and later deleted the tweet): "Yes, we are. Every administration staffer, campaign staffer, bundler, lawyer who represented them—everyone." He linked to "The Trump Accountability Project," a website that proclaims ominously: "Remember what they did." Remember it, apparently, in order to hound these people out of public life and into poverty or worse. Is the age of American gulags about to dawn?

Emily Abrams, a Pete Buttigieg campaign worker, tweeted (and then made her account private): "We're launching the Trump Accountability Project to make sure anyone who took a paycheck to help Trump undermine America is held

responsible for what they did." The Trump Accountability Project website proclaims its intention to destroy Trump supporters:

"We must never forget those who furthered the Trump agenda. We should welcome in our fellow Americans with whom we differ politically.

But those who took a paycheck from the Trump Administration should not profit from their efforts to tear our democracy apart...." Aside from the tissue of falsehoods [they] present...this statement raises the obvious question about what "the world" should do after it recalls all these things about Trump supporters.

Bill Clinton's Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich tweeted: "When this nightmare is over, we need a Truth and Reconciliation Commission. It would erase Trump's lies, comfort those who have been harmed by his hatefulness, and name every official, politician, executive, and media mogul whose greed and cowardice enabled this catastrophe."

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#### GLOBALIST: NO RETURN TO NORMAL FROM COVID19

ZEROHEDGE.COM, 11/11/20, "GLOBALIST KLAUS SCHWAB: WORLD WILL "NEVER" RETURN TO NORMAL AFTER COVID" [EXCERPTS]: In his book Covid-19: The Great Reset, World Economic Forum globalist Klaus Schwab asserts that the world will "never" return to normal, despite him admitting that coronavirus "doesn't pose a new existential threat."

Schwab has continually pushed for COVID to be exploited to push for a new world order, claiming, "Now is the historical moment of time not only to fight the... virus but to shape the system...for the post-corona era."

However, he goes further in the book, making it clear that the financial elite will never allow life to return to normal, suggesting that rolling lockdowns and other restrictions will become permanent.

"Many of us are pondering when things will return to normal," writes Schwab. "The short response is: never. Nothing will ever return to the 'broken' sense of normalcy that prevailed prior to the crisis because the coronavirus pandemic marks a fundamental inflection point in our global trajectory."

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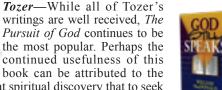
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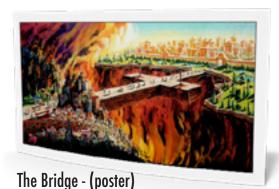
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