



SPOTLIGHT

The Spirit of Delusion

"Horror vacui" or "natura abhorret vacuum" means "nature abhors a vacuum." That basic law of physics was first postulated by Aristotle around 350 B.C. According to the Greek philosopher, when such a vacuum exists, matter is drawn to it like moths to a flame.

The same goes for faith... or lack thereof. When people refuse to believe in God - despite the fact that nature itself points to His existence (see Romans 1:18-20) - they naturally turn to someone or something else to fill that void. And, in doing so, they paint themselves into a theological and scientific corner, allowing themselves to be deceived and deluded into believing some of the most preposterous lies ever propagated by man... or by Satan himself.

Yes, my friends, a spirit of delusion has descended upon America and most of the western world.

There is simply no other way to explain why supposedly learned men and women believe that there are more than two genders, that gender identity is fluid, and that

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Welcome to Dystopia

Close your eyes...

Do you see it? If not, try again.

One more time now...

What you should be seeing in your mind's eye - at least if the looney Liberal Left has its way - is the Utopian World that the radical Progressives in Washington, Hollywood, and the mainstream media are trying so desperately to create... and then shove down our throats.

Of course, in order for this falsely idyllic Progressive version of Shangri-La to be fully realized, the original foundations of our Constitutional Republic must be dismantled and demolished, bit by bit and board by board.

Throughout its 247-year history, the United States has relied on four C's to keep us free and flourishing, the first of which is Christianity. No matter what the historical revisionists would have you believe, America was founded by Christians seeking religious freedom and many of our Founding Fathers were either ministers, evangelicals, or attended seminary. And so, for the Progressives to succeed, they need to portray every Founder as a Deist and Christians as racists, bigots, misogynists, homophobes, and Islamophobes who are as unloving as they are archaic.

Out with the Bible and in with secular

humanism, which is simply a worship of self instead of God. We can see how such hubris worked out for Lucifer in Isaiah 14, Luke 10, and Revelation 20... and it ain't pretty.

The second "C" or pillar of American society is our Constitution, a document that was drafted by some of the greatest minds in the history of western civilization. Their prescience bordered on the supernatural as they provided future generations of Americans with the world's first-ever blueprint for self-government. We owe an immeasurable debt of gratitude to James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin and the other 36 intellectual giants who signed this masterpiece of both literature and law.

Which, of course, means that these men and their reputations must be tarnished and trashed by judging them according to today's standards... or lack thereof.

The third "C" is capitalism, an admittedly imperfect economic system that is still the best ever developed. In fact, capitalism is responsible for lifting more people out of poverty than any other economic system in human history. It has also fostered the inventions and innovations - from electricity and refrigeration to indoor plumbing and air conditioning - that have improved our overall standard of living as Americans. I sincerely doubt that there would be planes, trains, and automobiles if it weren't for good ol' Yankee ingenuity fos-

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tered by the risks and rewards of capitalism.

And yet, the Progressive ideologues who hate America would have us ditch what is working (capitalism) for what has never worked (socialism). Need proof of just how impractical socialism is... as well as its kissing cousin, communism? Look no further than North Korea, Venezuela, the former Soviet Union or for that matter, the Pilgrims. The Puritans who came to America in 1620 were in danger of extinction under a communal system, but soon flourished once the private ownership of land was permitted and the residents of the Plymouth Colony were allowed to exercise their entrepreneurial skills.

But in a Progressive Utopia, a centralized government owns and controls most if not all property, services, commodities, and delivery systems. In exchange for a promise of cradle to grave care, the self-appointed intelligentsia determine who wins, who loses, and who actually gets to compete. Sadly, polls - if they are to be believed - show that a majority of Millennials are willing to enter into such a Faustian pact where a small but powerful political elite decides everyone else's fate.

To me, that reeks of slavery, which is what our country fought a Civil War to forever eliminate from American soil.

The fourth and final "C" stands for community. There was a time when America was called the "great melting pot" as immigrants traveled from the four corners of the world to our shores to become... well, Americans. They readily embraced the customs and values of their adopted homeland and insisted that their children learn English as quickly as possible. E pluribus unum - out of many, one - became our National Motto.

Fast forward to today, where governments, corporations, and school districts hire high-salaried DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) officers to emphasize our differences instead of our similarities and commonalities. And yes, election supervisors in various states are required by law to print ballots in dozens of different languages from Arabic and Creole to Mien, Panjabi, Tamil, and Telugu.

Sounds like the Libs have adopted a "divide and conquer" approach... and it's working.

But back to Bizarro World or Pandemonium or whatever poll-tested euphemistic name the Libs decide to call their Brave New World. Food

shortages will be commonplace as family and corporate farmers are forcibly replaced by a centralized bureaucracy. Periodic brownouts will become regular blackouts as energy from windmills and solar panels fails to keep up with demand... all while coal mines, oil fields, and nuclear reactors sit idle and abandoned.

With dwindling food and energy supplies, Americans will turn to the streets where police departments used to maintain law and order before they were disbanded. Because the only people owning guns will be the State, organized crime, and inner-city gangs, citizens will resort to using knives, clubs, and their bare hands to protect their families and forage for food.

And when we die, the choice will already have been made for how to dispose of our corpses. Forget about wasting a few cubic feet of valuable - and now publicly-owned - land. Into the ovens you go.

Ah yes, Dystopia here we come.

(Kudos to former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who penned a book in 2020 titled, "The Three C's That Made America Great," and conservative author and activist Star Parker, who has also written and spoken about her own set of C's.)

Our Gods of Entertainment

Over the past month, two professional athletes hit the jackpot. Shohei Ohtani, the erstwhile pitcher and designated hitter for the Anaheim Angels, signed a record \$700 million contract with the crosstown Los Angeles Dodgers.

The 10-year deal makes Ohtani the highest paid athlete in world history... for now.

Meanwhile, Spanish golfer Jon Rahm came to terms with LIV Golf, the Saudi-backed professional golf tour, for a reported \$566 million of which \$302 million is being paid him upfront. Since most of Ohtani's compensation is deferred, the deal

that Rahm signed is more lucrative in the short-term.

Both men are now set for life... as are their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren. So, I would imagine, are their agents.

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a person not only has the right but also the capacity to change their biological sex at will.

And it doesn't stop there. Academics with more degrees than common sense or common decency see nothing wrong with men parading around in women's clothes... or using ladies restrooms... or competing in sports against biological women... or reading storybooks in drag to preschoolers.

Perhaps this self-deception traces back to Charles Darwin and the HMS Beagle. Returning from an expedition to the Galapagos Islands in 1836, Darwin set about developing a theory to explain the vast assortment of creatures he encountered on his five-year voyage. In 1859, he published *The Origin of Species* and within 75 years, his convoluted and unsubstantiated hypothesis that man evolved from apes became accepted scientific "fact."

No longer did academics accept the biblical truth that God spoke the world into existence (see Genesis 1:1-31). Instead, they latched onto a preposterous and unprovable lie that a single-cell organism, over eons of time, evolved into a fish... which in turn morphed into a reptile... which in turn became a bird or a mammal or a monkey or a human being.

Today, scientists haughtily proclaim - and with a straight face, no less - that the world came into existence 13.787 billion years ago... give or take 0.020 billion years. Really? I don't remember seeing any news footage of the event.

However, what I do see is man willingly and arrogantly rejecting God's account of creation, which is strange in that He was the only eyewitness. But then again, if you have chosen to reject God's existence, it logically follows that you must reject His simple explanation of how the universe was created. Likewise, you are forced to reject all other biblical doctrine including Genesis 1:27: "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created him."

From there, it isn't much of a stretch to convince oneself that there is no absolute moral truth, no heaven or hell, and no afterlife whatsoever. In this warped ego-centric world, man is the center of the universe, and he calls the shots. Not only that, but the sky is the limit as we evolve into ever-more perfect beings.

Forget the fact that there were more wars and war-related deaths in the 20th century than any previous century and that the 21st century is on pace to break that reprehensible record. And ignore the inconvenient truth that all males have XY chromosomes, and all females have XX chromosomes... and that "gender reassignment" surgery can't change that basic biological bromide. While you're at, cook the climate books to convince the uneducated masses that doomsday is rapidly approaching and that climate change - not nuclear war - is the biggest existential threat to humanity.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, sea levels have risen by a whopping 8-9 inches since 1880. At that rate, by the year 5,000 or so, I may be sitting on some very valuable oceanfront property. Likewise,

global temperatures have increased by roughly 2-degrees Fahrenheit (1-degree Celsius) over the same timeframe, leading climatologists to claim that we are on the verge of worldwide incineration.

These days, scientists who want funding, professors who want tenure, and politicians who want to be re-elected all agree: the sky is falling!

Sadly, we have become a nation of Chicken Littles... all because we refuse to take God at His Word.

"Professing to be wise, they became fools." Romans 1:22 (NKJV)

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As a free market capitalist, I don't begrudge either man for cashing in on their athletic talent, although in doing so, Rahm went back on his word and left his fellow pros on the PGA Tour hanging. And I am sure that Ohtani's signing didn't set well with Angels fans as the Dodgers plucked one of their two superstars (Mike Trout being the other) right from under their nose.

Ah, the rich keep getting richer...

My concern isn't how much Rahm and Ohtani are making, although I think the Dodgers seriously overpaid for a 29-year-old player who is coming off his second Tommy John surgery. That means that Shohei will bat three to five times per game... and then go sit down in the dugout. No playing the field and definitely no pitching until at least 2025.

On the contrary, my concern is how skewed and out-of-whack our compensation system is in America, because our compensation system reflects our society's values and priorities.

If Ohtani has 600 at bats in 2024, he will make \$117,000 per plate appearance. Let that sink in for a minute. Even if he goes 0-for-4 with three strikeouts, Shohei will still be paid in a single game more than eight times the annual salary of an American worker.

For three hours of work (actually, as a DH, about 15 minutes of work), Ohtani's take-home pay will exceed the annual salary of a teacher, a nurse, a firefighter, a

pastor, an auto mechanic, a plumber, an electrician, and a police officer... combined!

What does that say about America? Standing at the plate while an opposing pitcher hurls baseballs in your direction at 100-mph may be dangerous. But it's not run-into-a-burning-building-to-save-a-child dangerous... or confront-an-armed-robber-with-a-hostage dangerous.

The next time your pipes are leaking or your power goes off, I doubt you will call Jon Rahm to come to the rescue. And the next time your car breaks down on the road in the middle of the night, I don't think you'll have Shohei Ohtani on speed dial.

Who would you rather teach your children: someone who has a Master's degree in elementary education or Taylor Swift? And yet, Time magazine's Person of the Year is set to gross \$780 million this year, while professional educators earn an average salary of \$66,397. I'm also willing to bet that no teacher in America has a net worth of \$1.1 billion.

Again, just like Jon Rahm and Shohei Ohtani, Taylor Swift has every right to earn as much as she possibly can. But something is askew in our society when someone with strong vocal cords can buy and sell someone who has dedicated their life to teaching others... or nursing them back to health... or rescuing their very lives.

I honestly don't know how to fix such an imbalance other than to say I will not be forking over \$350 to see Shohei Ohtani swing a bat at Dodger Stadium, which is the average ticket price for the 2024

season. Nor will I be plunking down \$1,000 or more to watch Taylor Swift gyrate on stage for a few hours.

Maybe if more Americans refused to worship at the altar of their entertainment gods, we could afford to give First Responders a raise. In the meantime, I plan to establish a Go Fund Me page for soccer superstar Lionel Messi, who is squeaking by on a measly \$130 million per year. Oh, the horror!



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