

DARE TO BE A DANIEL!

Mt 22:15-23

I. A PREEMINENT PRINCIPLE: “Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things ...”

- A. Caesar rightfully establishes peace & justice & promotes the common welfare
- B. Caesar wrongly negates or usurps God-given Natural Rights
 - 1. Life: killing innocents
 - a. Aborting unborn (60 million in US), infanticide (Baal, Cuomo’s NY celebration)
 - b. Liquidating enemies, dissidents (e.g. Stalin, Mao, Castro)
 - 2. Liberty: proscribing work, preventing movement, dissolving families, dictating education, forbidding worship, banning recreation,
 - 3. Property: appropriating real estate, regulating businesses

II. PRESENT THREAT #1: PANIC

- A. “A COVID Coup”—Angelo Codevilla: “Panicked by fears manufactured by the ruling class, the American people assented to being put essentially under house arrest until further notice, effectively suspending the habits, preferences, and liberties that had defined our way of life.”
 - 1. “Ruling Class” set to control “Country Class” by expanding government; “They ‘locked down’ a general population that is at virtually no risk, thereby delaying the virus’s spread to people it could not harm and whose infection would build herd immunity. Keeping millions of people indoors also worsened their health.”
 - a. Promoting **Untruths**
 - 1. Constantly shifting from 15 days preparing hospitals to “flattening the curve” to counting “cases” rather than deaths to “hot spots” to anticipated vaccination-as-the-answer
 - 2. Ignoring data re constantly declining death rate & .05 chance of dying & dozens of studies of masks & flu virus, failing to clarify co-morbidity problems (pneumonia)
 - 3. Discounting efficacy of hydroxychloroquine—a treatment Harvey Risch (Yale epidemiologist) says could save 100,000 lives and posing no threat to anyone taking it
 - b. Stoking **Fears**
 - 1. Igniting natural fear of unknown, invisible virus
 - 2. Featuring flawed “experts” such as Anthony Fauci—e.g. a U.S. agency predicted Sweden would suffer 2800 deaths daily when in fact only 40 died!
 - 3. Media culpable for much misinformation, exaggeration
 - c. Eliciting **Cowardice**—sadly: “No default has been greater than that of America’s Christian churches—supposedly society’s guardians of truth.” “Their compliance with the lockdowns set aside a truth far more important to human dignity than anything having to do with any physical ailment—the one truth that puts all human power in proper perspective, the truth on which our civilization itself rests: that no human power can manufacture true and false, right and wrong, any more than we can make ourselves, and that, therefore, we are obliged to ‘render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and unto God the things that are God’s’”
- B. *COVID-19: A Devil’s Choice*—John Schroeter: “‘Flatten the curve’ will go down in history as one of the most successful public health messaging campaigns ever conceived. . . . like the disastrous outcomes of forest fire management policies, flattening the curve will also go down in history as an especially disastrous idea” (p. 17). “Numerous epidemiologists, many of whom, like Dr. Knut Wittkowski, are world renowned, have asserted that had we adopted the ‘let it burn’ approach, the pandemic would already be behind us, and the life-sustaining economy would be intact” (p. 17). “What is absolutely certain is that you can never achieve herd immunity by keeping the herd quarantined. And you certainly cannot achieve it by, as Dr. Jeffrey Barke succinctly observes, ‘quarantining the healthy.’ Yet this is exactly what our health officials have mandated!” (p. 20).

III. PRESENT THREAT #2: ANARCHY, VIOLENCE INFECTING IDENTITY POLITICS

- A. Shattered Family—*Primal Screams*, by Mary Eberstadt
- B. Affirmative Action—*The Lost History of Western Civilization*, by Stanley Kurtz
- C. Socialist Success—*Radical Son, The Black Book of the American Left* (9 vols), *Dark Agenda*, by David Horowitz; *Radical-in-Chief: Barack Obama and the Untold Story of American Socialism* by Stanley Kurtz; despite horrendous history, significant section of U.S. populace favors Marxism
- D. Cultural Marxism pervasive—“*Woke*” militants & “Cancel Culture”—serious inroads into many churches as well as schools & universities (the hothouses for “wokeness”)