

Eye on the World

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Luke 21:34-36—“But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man” (Weymouth New Testament).

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Science

What is time? The American discovery of Bose-Einstein Condensates is applied to measure time using entropy <https://www.livescience.com/physics-mathematics/time-was-speeding-up-slowing-down-or-even-stopping-physicist-demonstrates-a-key-theory-of-time-by-building-a-mini-universe-in-his-lab>

Stephanie’s corner: I was initially told that entropy is the weakening of order and dominion, a bad thing, but a Christian Chemistry teacher explained to our class that you cannot call entropy part of the curse God put on nature in Genesis 3 because entropy is needed for productive life processes, like boiling water. Entropy drives our perception of time moving irreversibly in one direction, but also relatively to our environment.

CERN shuts down the LHC for 2-4 years to upgrade it, perhaps for the last time, becoming “HiLumi LHC” <https://home.cern/cern-bids-farewell-to-the-lhc-and-enters-long-shutdown-3/>

California gets approval from federal gov to use satellites to reflect the sun to solar farms at night <https://notthebee.com/article/california-company-gets-approved-to-launch-solar-reflection-satellite-to-create-endless-daylight>

As AI is increasingly being used to easily make movies and videos and music, George Lucas defends the indefensible (Jar Jar Binks) <https://www.breitbart.com/entertainment/2026/07/15/nolte-george-lucas-defends-ai-and-jar-jar-binks-its-much-easier-to-make-movies/>

Memoriam

Senator Lindsey Graham, renown for his role on the judiciary committee, dies at 71 on return from Ukraine <https://pjmedia.com/matt-margolis/2026/07/12/remembering-lindsey-grahams-greatest-moment-n4954938>

Senator Lindsey Graham ranked a humble 294th in wealth among congress, despite long tenure
<https://nypost.com/2026/07/12/us-news/lindsey-graham-had-among-the-lowest-wealth-in-congress-despite-a-lifetime-at-the-center-of-power/>

Iran – US Situation

Iran's Supreme Leader calls for vengeance as Tehran names 13 targets for assassination
<https://www.newsmax.com/newsfront/mojtaba-khamenei-donald-trump-iran/2026/07/12/id/1262578/>
and posts billboard of President Trump in a coffin and mural of bedeviled Graham
<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/iran-unveils-giant-mural-trump-104942148.html>

Trump strikes Iran
<https://www.newsmax.com/politics/u-s-iran-strikes/2026/07/15/id/1262983/>

Iran tells Houthis to close Red Sea (7% of global energy) if power infrastructure is hit
<https://nypost.com/2026/07/16/world-news/iran-tells-houthis-to-close-red-sea-gateway-if-us-hits-power-network-sources-say/>

As US strikes Iran, tankers try to run the blockade, 1 disabled, and 9 of 11 ships are let through
<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-902543>
<https://www.npr.org/2026/07/15/nx-s1-5894582/us-iran-updates>

American citizen released from delayed detainment in Iran
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trapped-u-s-citizen-departs-iran/>

Netanyahu ready to retaliate, defends buffer zones in Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria
<https://nypost.com/2026/07/15/world-news/netanyahu-warns-iran-against-attacking-israel-we-will-respond-with-power/>

Hamas leader Sinwar, of the Oct 7, 2023 massacre in Israel, was prepared to trigger nukes with 10,000 troop plan
<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/defense-news/article-902323>

Trump allegedly told Israel to remove IDF troops after Rome peace talks with leaders of Syria and Lebanon
<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-902520>

JD Vance concerned that some actors in Israel would use us in unending war
<https://nypost.com/2026/07/15/us-news/vance-tells-joe-rogan-israel-wants-to-keep-iran-war-going-indefinitely-trump-admin-screwed-up-on-epstein-files/>

Economy

Middle East (UAE, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Dubai) trying to bypass Hormuz by fast-tracking pipelines and ports
<https://nypost.com/2026/07/14/world-news/middle-east-allies-rushing-new-pipelines-port-to-bypass-irans-grip-on-strait-of-hormuz/>

World Health

Wildfires in CA and Canada create air quality alerts in 20 NE states, canceled flights, sheltering

<https://apnews.com/article/canada-wildfires-smoke-us-ae4b2bd09a97919a081e26ede6a6d355>

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/jul/16/smoke-canadian-wildfires-air-quality>

<https://abcnews.com/US/dangerous-wildfire-smoke-continues-air-quality-alerts-17/story?id=134809268>

Floods in southwest TX: 2 killed, 230 rescued; evacuation in Uvalde, Kerrville and Gillespie

<https://nypost.com/2026/07/16/us-news/texas-flooding-surges-from-huge-rainstorms-as-rescuers-pull-people-from-rising-waters/>

<https://www.foxnews.com/video/6401380061112>

Taco Bell replaces lettuce supply after Mexican supplier Taylor Farms carried severe parasitic stomach bug

<https://www.foxbusiness.com/lifestyle/fda-says-taco-bell-stop-using-lettuce-supplier-linked-multistate-parasite-outbreak>

Mutant Rats Alert (Are turtles next???)

<https://gizmodo.com/mutant-rodents-are-developing-rat-poison-resistance-2000785949>

New early test for Alzheimer's

<https://www.newsmax.com/health/health-news/alzheimers-disease-amyloid-plaque-drug/2025/07/29/id/1220517/>

What is aortic dissection?

<https://www.newsmax.com/health/health-news/aortic-dissection-lindsey-graham-death/2026/07/13/id/1262635/>

Typhoon in Hong Kong

<https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/more-than-260000-evacuated-typhoon-bavi-brings-severe-floods-2026-07-14/>

Security

ICE revising traffic stop procedures to require an active body cam

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/ice-resumes-nationwide-traffic-stops-under-new-policy-requiring-body-cameras>

SoW Hegseth to require testosterone testing for fighters over age 30, with voluntary hormone treatment

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2026/07/15/pete-hegseth-announces-testosterone-screenings-over30-service-members/>

Scattered Spider Hackers sentenced

<https://therecord.media/scattered-spider-hackers-tfl-sentenced>

Lessons Learned from GitHub Leak

<https://krebsonsecurity.com/2026/07/lessons-learned-from-cisas-recent-github-leak/>

US Politics

Are we heading to destroy our carefully crafted country, desired by all, with no plan for the future?

DSA party openly moves to destroy our country: planning to overthrow of the constitution, executive and judicial branches and remaking congress (in addition to abolishing any policing infrastructure)

<https://www.frontpagemag.com/dsa-calls-for-abolishing-the-constitution/>

“If it doesn’t sound familiar, let’s have a look at the Stalin era 1936 Constitution of the USSR. “

<https://www.newsmax.com/politics/dsa-congress-supreme-court/2026/07/15/id/1262916/>

Stephanie’s corner: Ronald Reagan’s era heralded Ayn Rand, a refugee from devastated Russian communism, who was not Christian, but still chose a positive culture over a nihilistic culture. Who is Trump calling on?

Rubio to designate more far-left groups as terrorist

<https://nypost.com/2026/07/16/us-news/rubio-to-designate-more-far-left-groups-as-terrorist-organizations-unique-evil/>

Socialism polls for DSA vary

<https://townhall.com/tipsheet/amy-curtis/2026/07/15/dsa-watch-favorability-poll-n2679461>

<https://redstate.com/wardclark/2026/07/15/socialism-rising-new-poll-shows-48-percent-see-us-heading-that-way-n2204353>

Marco Rubio knows that communism envisions a world without courage, creativity, ambition, heroes, glory, or miracles...without God...a world to destroy

<https://townhall.com/tipsheet/dmitri-bolt/2026/07/16/marco-rubio-communism-doesnt-even-sound-good-in-theory-n2679567>

Trump pushes for bill declaring tourists cheating birthright laws as invaders

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-birthright-citizenship-fight-comes-roaring-back-page-from-kavanaugh-playbook>

TX- Birth tourism

<https://townhall.com/tipsheet/josephchalfant/2026/07/14/texas-is-about-to-take-on-birth-tourism-n2679444>

TX- hospital advertising in Mexico to sell birthright tourism service

<https://townhall.com/tipsheet/jeff-charles/2026/07/08/texas-hospital-caught-running-billboards-in-mexico-selling-birth-tourism-services-n2679059>

Assistant AG Todd Blanche, Trump’s former lawyer, undergoes confirmation hearing by congress for AG

<https://abcnews.com/Politics/blanche-face-grilling-doj-controversies-seeks-confirmation-ag/story?id=134746132>

Supreme Court Justices Kagan and Barrett ask congress for a 9% funding increase for protection

<https://thehill.com/regulation/court-battles/5968568-supreme-court-justices-kagan-barrett-testify-budget/>

As red states excel in population and reputation, CNBC changes their standards of what makes a state good

<https://notthebee.com/article/cnbcs-list-of-10-worst-states-to-live-in-is-an-absolute-joke-and-theyre-getting-wrecked-in-the-comments>

SC- Darline Graham, Senator Lindsey Graham’s sister, to finish his term

<https://notthebee.com/article/south-carolina-governor-to-appoint-lindsey-grahams-sister-to-finish-out-his-term>

When Nick Shirley appears before congress to answer about the fraud he's uncovered, no democrats attend
<https://notthebee.com/article/youtuber-who-clowned-entire-media-industry-testifies-before-congress-the-highlights-are->

The Trump administration is investigating 75 truck driving schools for fraud
<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-admin-investigating-75-truck-driver-schools-fraud-helping-non-citizens-get-licenses>

Jack Smith spying probed
<https://nypost.com/2026/07/15/opinion/jack-smith-spied-on-me-in-congress-this-illegal-weaponization-needs-to-end/>
<https://justthenews.com/accountability/political-ethics/lawmakers-accuse-jack-smith-lying-congress-call-federal-probe>

Governor Tim Waltz defends child rapist
<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/tim-walz-offers-strange-defense-pardoning-convicted-child-rapist-trump-admin-deported>
<https://www.breitbart.com/radio/2026/07/14/exclusive-tommy-pigott-completely-inexplicable-tim-walz-pardoned-illegal-immigrant-child-molester-from-laos/>
<https://www.breitbart.com/immigration/2026/07/02/nolte-gov-tim-walz-pardons-illegal-immigrant-who-sexually-abused-child-for-years/>

SAVE Act update
<https://nypost.com/2026/07/16/us-news/john-thune-tells-the-post-about-potential-breakthrough-on-save-america-act-led-by-lindsey-graham/>

Sherwood Forest winning Democrat vote for manly men
<https://nypost.com/2026/07/15/opinion/miranda-devine-the-dems-attempt-to-become-the-party-of-manly-men-proves-theyre-getting-dumb-and-dumber/>
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G59JnM4JKNQ>)

POTUS fires Seattle's US attorney appointee
<https://nypost.com/2026/07/16/us-news/trump-admin-fires-new-seattle-us-attorney-roger-rogoft-minutes-after-his-swearing-in/>

The FCC is challenging The View's news status over equal time for political views
<https://nypost.com/2026/07/16/media/the-view-faces-trouble-as-fcc-prepares-crackdown-on-abc-disney-show/>

Idaho's protection for children being targeted
<https://dailycaller.com/2026/07/14/rooke-idaho-abortion-referendum-roe-v-wade-idaho-v-adkins-ballot-initiative/>

NY- Mayor Mamdani calls eviction a form of violence that should be stopped (after rent-freeze last month)
<https://www.dailymail.com/news/article-15983269/zohran-mamdani-mayor-nyc-evictions-meeting.html>
<https://twitchy.com/brettt/2026/07/16/woman-at-mamdani-housing-event-declares-that-eviction-equals-violence-n2430303>

Across the pond/noisy neighbors

Italy: conservative law reform fails by one vote, as “several votes were also missing”

<https://www.breitbart.com/europe/2026/07/15/meloni-the-swamp-won-as-election-law-reform-fails-to-pass-in-congress-by-one-vote/>

Spain gives mass amnesty of 1.2M migrants ID cards

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2026/07/15/spain-police-warn-collapse-of-foreigner-id-card-processing-for-amnesty-migrants/>

Russia interference in NATO feared

<https://www.newsmax.com/world/globaltalk/lithuania-baltics-poland/2026/07/15/id/1262921/>

English town protests as 10 times their population of male-only illegal immigrants to be housed there

<https://notthebee.com/article/english-village-votes-for-independence-after-british-government-plans-to-dump-1200-migrants-in-their-backyards>

Mexican president frustrated with cartel violence after Biden’s policy

<https://www.breitbart.com/border/2026/07/11/mexican-president-blames-biden-era-policies-for-rise-in-cartel-violence/>

World Cup of association football (soccer)

World Cup final is on Sunday at 2, Spain vs champions Argentina; rules changed to create a “half-time”

<https://apnews.com/article/argentina-messi-spain-yamal-world-cup-final-55077ce5c4728c4207a39cc4aa8a41a1>

(Update: How will the wildfire pollution effect the NY/NJ stadium and fans?)

Faith

WI- Governor candidates would veto any anti-sharia laws

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2026/07/15/exclusive-three-wisconsin-democrat-governor-candidates-say-they-would-veto-any-anti-sharia-legislation/>

TX- Fort Worth police try to ticket a Christian for speaking if he offended anybody

<https://notthebee.com/article/fort-worth-police-chief-apologizes-for-violating-christians-free-speech-says-hell-require-mandatory-first-amendment-training>

TX- Senate candidate Talarico calls Texans “Christofascists”

<https://www.frontpagemag.com/james-talarico-christians-are-christofascists-islam-is-a-path-to-truth/>

Finnish politician Päivi Räsänen quotes the Bible and is charged with hate crime in Finland, banned in UK

<https://notthebee.com/article/uk-bans-finnish-politician-from-country-for-believing-in-gods-definition-of-marriage>

Seeking out the mysteries of life

The Russians have become jealous of our quality 80’s music videos (you spin me right round)

<https://notthebee.com/article/these-russian-soldiers-might-be-the-worst-turret-gunners-of-all-time->