

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).



A Reuters article by Nidhi Verma titled “Only One Indian Client of Iran Takes Up Extra Saudi Oil for June: Sources” was posted at reuters.com on May 13, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Only one Indian buyer of Iranian oil has taken up Saudi Arabia’s offer of additional oil to make up for the loss of supplies from Tehran due to U.S. sanctions, taking an extra 2 million barrels from the Kingdom for June shipment, industry sources said.

Last month, Saudi Arabia approached Indian buyers offering them additional supplies to compensate for loss of Iranian oil after the United States threatened to sanction entities buying oil from Tehran, the sources said.

The United States had imposed new sanctions on Iran in November last year, but gave a six-month waiver to eight countries, including India, which allowed them to import some Iranian oil.

India was able to buy about 300,000 barrels per day (bpd) of Iranian oil under the waiver. But last month, Washington ended the waivers and said buyers should stop Iranian oil purchases or face sanctions.

Only state refiners—Indian Oil Corp, Bharat Petroleum Corp, Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals and Hindustan Petroleum Corp—accounting for

about 60 percent of India's 5 million bpd refining capacity had purchased oil from Iran since November.

In January-April 2019 India received about 304,500 bpd Iranian oil.

In June, Saudi Arabia will supply an additional 250,000 tonnes (2 million barrels) of oil to Mangalore Refinery (MRPL) on top of its normal requirement of about 320,000 barrels (about 2.5 million barrels), one of the sources familiar with the matter said.

Another source said MRPL might not lift the additional Saudi oil as the refiner had declared force majeure and shut half of its plant due to water shortages.

Mangalore Refinery declined to comment. There was no immediate comment from IOC, HPCL, BPCL and Saudi Aramco.

"In our system, UAE and Iraq oil turned out to be better than Saudi oil," a source at one of the Indian refineries said.

IOC, BPCL and HPCL have not placed a request for extra Saudi oil for June after the Kingdom raised official selling price for Asia, the sources said.

"Saudi OSPs for June have been very strong, so Indians may have taken extra from others at competitive rates," said Sri Paravaikkarasu, director for Asia oil at Singapore-based consultancy FGE.



A Reuters article by Rania El Gamal and Bozorgmehr Sharafedin titled "Saudi Oil Tankers Among Those Attacked off UAE Amid Iran Tensions" was posted at reuters.com on May 13, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Saudi Arabia said on Monday that two of its oil tankers were among those attacked off the coast of the United Arab Emirates and described it as an attempt to undermine the security of crude supplies amid tensions between the United States and Iran.

The UAE said on Sunday that four commercial vessels were sabotaged near Fujairah emirate, one of the world's largest bunkering hubs lying just outside the Strait of Hormuz. It did not describe the nature of the attack or say who was behind it.

The UAE on Monday identified the vessels as two crude oil tankers owned by Saudi shipping firm Bahri, a UAE-flagged fuel bunker barge and a Norwegian-registered oil products tanker.

The owner of the Norwegian vessel, Thome Ship Management, said the vessel was "struck by an unknown object." Footage seen by Reuters showed a hole in the hull at the waterline with the metal torn open inwards.

A Reuters witness said divers were inspecting the ships. The UAE's state news agency said Fujairah port was operating normally.

Iran, embroiled in an escalating war of words with the United States over sanctions and the U.S. military presence in the region, moved to distance itself on Monday.

Iran's Foreign Ministry called the incidents "worrisome and dreadful" and called for an investigation.

A senior Iranian lawmaker said "saboteurs from a third country" could be behind it, after saying on Sunday the incident showed the security of Gulf states was fragile.

A U.S. official familiar with American intelligence said Iran was a leading candidate for having carried out the attacks but the United States does not have conclusive proof.

"It fits their M.O. (modus operandi)," said the official on condition of anonymity, suggesting Iran's statements distancing itself from the incident were an attempt "to muddy the waters."

A fifth of global oil consumption passes through the Strait of Hormuz from Middle East crude producers to major markets in Asia, Europe, North America and beyond. The narrow waterway separates Iran from the Arabian Peninsula.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards, designated a terrorist organization by Washington, threatened last month to close the chokepoint if Tehran was barred from using it.

Oil prices rose more than \$1 a barrel on Monday but then fell with Wall Street as the negative turn in U.S.-Chinese trade talks spooked investors. Brent futures closed down 39 cents at \$70.23 a barrel.

Saudi Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih said one of the two Saudi vessels was attacked in the UAE economic zone on its way to be loaded with Saudi crude from Ras Tanura port for delivery to state-owned Aramco's customers in the United States.

No oil was spilled but the attack did significant damage to the vessels' structures, he said.

Dubai and Abu Dhabi stock markets suffered their biggest single-day declines in years on Monday, with Dubai falling 4%. Saudi shares lost 3.6%.

Sunni Muslim allies Saudi Arabia and the UAE have backed U.S. sanctions against Shi'ite Iran, a fellow OPEC producer but regional foe. After the United States ended sanctions waivers that had allowed some nations to continue importing Iranian crude, Washington said Riyadh and Abu Dhabi would help compensate for any oil shortage.

Falih said the attack aimed to undermine maritime freedom and the security of oil supplies.

"The international community has a joint responsibility to protect the safety of maritime navigation and the security of oil tankers, to mitigate against the adverse consequences of such incidents on energy markets and the danger they pose to the global economy," he said.



A Reuters article by Stephen Kalin and Rania El Gamal titled "Saudi Arabia Oil Facilities Attacked, U.S.-Iran Tensions Flare" was posted at reuters.com on May 14, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Saudi Arabia said armed drones struck two of its oil pumping stations on Tuesday, two days after the sabotage of oil tankers near the United Arab Emirates, and the U.S. military said it was braced for "possibly imminent threats to U.S. forces in Iraq" from Iran-backed forces.

The attacks took place against a backdrop of U.S.-Iranian tension following Washington's decision this month to try to cut Iran's oil exports to zero and to beef up its military presence in the Gulf in response to what it said were Iranian threats.

Tuesday's attacks on the pumping stations more than 200 miles (320 km) west of Riyadh and Sunday's on four tankers off Fujairah emirate have raised concerns that the United States and Iran might inching toward military conflict.

However, U.S. President Donald Trump denied a *New York Times* report that U.S. officials were discussing a military plan to send up to 120,000 troops to the Middle East to counter any attack or nuclear weapons acceleration by Iran.

"It's fake news, OK? Now, would I do that? Absolutely. But we have not planned for that. Hopefully we're not going to have to plan for that. And if we did that, we'd send a hell of a lot more troops than that," Trump told reporters.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said there would not be war with the United States despite mounting tensions over Iranian nuclear capabilities, its missile program and its support for proxies in Yemen, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon.

Houthi TV claims drone attack

Houthi-run Masirah TV earlier said the group had carried out drone attacks on "vital" Saudi installations in response to "continued aggression and blockade" on Yemen.

A Saudi-led coalition has been battling the Houthis for four years in Yemen to try to restore the internationally recognized government in a conflict widely seen as a Saudi-Iran proxy war.

The Houthis have hit Saudi cities with drones and missiles, but two Saudi sources told Reuters this was the first time a facility of the state-run Aramco had been attacked by drones.

Aramco said it had temporarily shut down the East-West pipeline, known as Petroline, to evaluate its condition. The pipeline mainly transports crude from the kingdom's eastern fields to the port of Yanbu, which lies north of Bab al-Mandeb.

The energy minister of Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, said the latest attacks caused a fire, now contained, and minor damage at one pump station, but did not disrupt oil output or exports of crude and petroleum products.

Oil prices rose on news of the attack on the Saudi pumping stations. Brent futures gained \$1.01, or 1.4 percent, to settle at \$71.24 a barrel.

Saudi Arabia's cabinet said the "terrorist attack" against two Saudi oil tankers near the UAE reflected poorly on regional and international security, Saudi Press agency reported.

It quoted the cabinet as saying it was the international community's shared responsibility "to preserve maritime safety and oil tankers security in anticipation of any effects on energy markets, and the danger of that on world economy."

The UAE has not blamed anyone for what it called sabotage on the vessels. The UAE said the other tankers hit were a UAE-flagged fuel bunker barge and a Norwegian-registered oil products tanker near Fujairah, one of the world's largest bunkering hubs just outside the Strait of Hormuz.

A fifth of global oil consumption passes through the strait from Middle East crude producers to much of the world.

A UAE official told Reuters the UAE was working with local and international partners from the United States, Saudi Arabia, Norway and France—which has a naval base in Abu Dhabi—to "fully investigate the incident and to identify the people or entities responsible."



"Eye on the World" comment: The following list of articles consists of headlines of extra articles, which are considered international. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

■ An article by Irina Slav titled "Could This Emerging Oil State [Guyana, sandwiched between Venezuela and Suriname] Become the Richest Nation in the World?" was posted at oilprice.com on May 12, 2019.

■ A Reuters article by Alexandra Ulmer and Omar Rajarahnam titled "Sri Lanka Clashes Kill One; Imposes Nationwide Curfew After Mosques Attacked" was posted at reuters.com on May 13, 2019.

■ A Reuters article by John Davison and Mark Hosenball titled "U.S. Pulls Staff From Iraq, Says Iran Gave 'Blessing' for Tanker Attacks [on Four Oil Tankers in the Gulf]" was posted at reuters.com on May 15, 2019.

■ An article by Michael Peck titled "U.S. Intelligence: China Is Building Up Its Capacity to Invade Taiwan" was posted at nationalinterest.org on May 11, 2019.

■ An article titled "African Swine Fever Has Crept From China to Europe; Will It Hit the U.S. Next?" was posted at washingtonpost.com on May 9, 2019.

■ An article by Caitlyn Baldwin titled "African Swine Fever Kills 1 Million Pigs in China" was posted at newsy.com on May 15, 2019.

- An article by Dave Majumdar titled “Russia’s Stealth Fighter Could Deliver Nuclear Weapons” was posted at nationalinterest.org on May 4, 2019.
- An article by Sebastien Roblin titled “Russia Might Take the Biggest Submarine Ever and Add 200 Cruise Missiles” was posted at nationalinterest.org on May 15, 2019.
- A Reuters article titled “Turkey Says It Will Not Bow to U.S. Sanctions Over S-400 [Russian Surface-To-Air Missile Defense] Deal” was posted at reuters.com on May 5, 2019.
- A Reuters article by Elizabeth Piper titled “Brexit Anger Makes European Vote ‘Difficult’ for Conservatives: UK Minister” was posted at reuters.com on May 12, 2019.
- An article by Rob Waugh titled “Common Painkiller [Tramadol] ‘Is Actually Just As Addictive As Opiates’ [According to a Study in the British Medical Journal]” was posted at yahoo.com on May 14, 2019.
- An article titled “Militants Kill Politician [in Kashmir] Ahead of New Round of India Vote” was posted at yahoo.com on May 5, 2019.
- A Reuters article by Fayaz Bukhari and Alasdair Pal titled “Islamic State Claims ‘Province’ in India for First Time After Clash in Kashmir” was posted at reuters.com on May 11, 2019.
- An article titled “Thailand Officially Welcomes New King and Queen With Coronation Ceremony” was posted at people.com on May 4, 2019.



An article by Dennis Prager titled “Should the Liberty Bell Leave Philadelphia?” was posted at townhall.com on May 14, 2019. Following is the article.

When most Americans think of Philadelphia—although probably fewer today than ever before, given the low level of history education in American schools—they probably think of the founding of the United States, the Liberty Bell and the city’s nickname, the City of Brotherly Love.

Having been to Philadelphia at least 20 times, I am among the many Americans who have warm feelings toward America’s founding city. My daily radio show has a large and enthusiastic listener base there, and I have a son who lives nearby.

So, it is with no joy that I write about the transformation of Philadelphia into something far removed from the principles of the country it helped birth. Philadelphia’s leading institutions—such as the University of Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Philadelphia Flyers—provide depressing evidence.

We’ll begin with the Philadelphia-based University of Pennsylvania, one of the country’s Ivy League colleges. When Harvard Professor Steven Pinker, a lib-

eral and an atheist, recently described American universities as a “laughing-stock,” he could have been referring specifically to the University of Pennsylvania, which, among other Philadelphia institutions, is committed to dismantling American and Western civilization.

For decades, a portrait of William Shakespeare, the greatest English-language playwright who ever lived and the most widely read playwright in the world, hung over the main staircase of Fisher-Bennett Hall, home to Penn’s English department.

Given Shakespeare’s stature as an English-language writer, what other writer would an English department so honor? But that question only makes sense to those who believe that excellence should dictate what writer’s portrait should hang in a university English department.

The idea that excellence is all that matters in assessing artists is fundamental to Western civilization and is a primary reason for its ascent. It took a long time for humanity to transcend ethnic, racial, tribal and economic criteria for assessing art.

But the English department at the University of Pennsylvania, dominated as it is by those who equate Western civilization with “white supremacy” (aka leftists), voted to remove the Shakespeare portrait.

As reported in *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, the university’s student newspaper, “The English Department voted to relocate and replace the portrait . . . in order to represent a more diverse range of writers, according to an emailed statement from (Department Chair Jed) Esty, who declined to be interviewed.”

A few years later, in December 2016, students took down the portrait.

In its place they put up a portrait of Audre Lorde, a black feminist lesbian poet who died in 1992.

Equally nihilistic is a story out of the University of Pennsylvania Law School. On Aug. 9, 2017, tenured Penn Law professor Amy Wax and University of San Diego School of Law professor Larry Alexander co-authored an opinion piece titled “Paying the price for breakdown of the country’s bourgeois culture.”

Its thesis was that the rejection of American bourgeois middle-class culture is the primary reason for most social ills in America today:

“(American) culture laid out the script we all were supposed to follow: Get married before you have children and strive to stay married for their sake. Get the education you need for gainful employment, work hard, and avoid idleness. Go the extra mile for your employer or client. Be a patriot, ready to serve the country. Be neighborly, civic-minded, and charitable. Avoid coarse language in public. Be respectful of authority. Eschew substance abuse and crime.”

Within a few weeks, a petition was signed by 4,000 people calling for Wax’s dismissal, and the dean of Penn Law, Ted Ruger, wrote an op-ed in *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, ostensibly about Charlottesville but really about Wax, in which he implied her views were “divisive, even noxious.”

Most significantly, he wrote, "It is important that I state my own personal view that as a scholar and educator I reject emphatically any claim that a single cultural tradition is better than all others" (referring to Wax's position that those bourgeois values are superior values).

After hundreds of her colleagues demanded Wax be fired, Ruger forbade her from teaching any first-year required courses at Penn Law.

Now to the Philadelphia Orchestra, one of the world's greatest. The orchestra recently received more than 500 applications for the position of assistant conductor.

According to my Philly sources, the four finalists included only one male (a black male, for the record), despite the fact that males make up the overwhelming majority of orchestra conductors in the world and therefore the overwhelming majority of the applicants for the Philadelphia Orchestra position.

There is little reason to believe that, as talented as they may be, the four were chosen on the basis of artistic excellence alone. The orchestra's gifted conductor, Yannick Nezet-Seguin, has declared this the year of the woman conductor and the year of the woman composer.

Most musicians are on the left, but Nezet-Seguin makes it more obvious than most. In a recent concert, the Philadelphia Orchestra featured the premiere of Philadelphia Voices, "a political rant put to musical garbage," as some Philadelphians associated with the orchestra described it to me.

In the fifth movement, named "My House Is Full of Black People," the black teen narrator chants: "The county is full of black people/ All wanting to be heard/ While old white men draw lines on maps/ To shut all of them up." Later in the movement, he yells, "If you would all just f—ing listen!"

And this year, the Philadelphia Flyers hockey team removed the statue of American singer Kate Smith that the team had erected in 1987. Her rendition of "God Bless America" was played at every Flyers home game since 9/11, and she herself sang it for the Flyers in the 1970s.

But last month, the team learned that Smith had sung a song with racist lyrics—"That's Why Darkies Were Born"—in 1931. That Paul Robeson, the great black singer—and enthusiastic supporter of Josef Stalin—also recorded the song doesn't matter. To the Flyers (and New York Yankees), Smith's whiteness undid all the good she did for America.

Will Philadelphia next remove the Liberty Bell? After all, it was commissioned by slave owners and inscribed with a verse from the Bible.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Hucksters and Hoaxers" was posted at patriotpost.us on May 11, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

By now, we are all aware of the fact that in an attempt to blame President Trump for all the things that are wrong in America, Jussie Smollett falsely accused two white MAGA-hat wearing white guys of beating him up and an Indian named Nathan Phillips lied about being threatened by a bunch of Christian high school students.

The setting for Smollett was Chicago and, for Phillips, Washington, D.C. But similar events have been taking place since 2016 in places ranging from Greenville, Mississippi, to Santa Monica, California, and from Lawnside, New Jersey, to Rehoboth, Delaware.

As reported in *The New American*, most of the falsely reported incidents involved black people like Smollett and homosexuals, again like Smollett, accusing white bigots of threatening their lives and inflicting what turn out to be self-administered cuts and bruises. Not everyone is as rich as Smollett, who was able to hire a couple of friends to make his claims slightly more convincing.

In a few cases, it was Muslims who were out to trash the image of Trump and his supporters.

In what was one of the more revolting cases, Nikki Joy, a woman claiming to be a man, set fire to her own Jackson, Michigan, home, killing her two dogs and three cats, because she/he felt there wasn't enough attention paid to the plight of transgenders.

The creeps all wanted, in the words of a 20-year-old black man in Malden, Massachusetts, who lied about being threatened with lynching, because he wanted "to raise awareness about things that are going on around the country."

And, so, he, and all the other psychos suffering from Trump derangement syndrome, did just that. Just not in the way they intended.

■ Outlandish claims

You would think that those who wish to defeat Trump in 2020 would at least try to appear to be in sync with the majority of voters. But in order to separate themselves from the crowd of contenders in the race for their party's nomination, they feel compelled to say the most outlandish things.

For instance, most Americans agree with me that convicted felons should not be allowed to vote in our elections. Some might disagree with my contention that even after they get out of prison, they should be disenfranchised. That's because I scoff at the notion that by serving out their sentence they have paid their debt to society. Their debt is not to society; their debt is to those they molested, robbed and raped. And that debt can never be repaid.

A prison sentence is a punishment, but it is not and should not be confused with absolution.

But Bernie Sanders insists that even those who are still behind bars deserve to vote because "It's inherent in our democracy."

No, Bernie, what's inherent in our democracy is that even a schmuck who was in his intellectual dotage 60 years ago is permitted to run for the highest office in the land.

When Kamala Harris was asked if she agreed with Sen. Sanders that even the Boston Marathon bomber, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, should be allowed to vote in the 2020 presidential election, she said: "Let's have that conversation."

Okay, let's. I say that mass murderers don't get to vote. End of the conversation.

■ Should call Turks on the carpet

Just about the only disappointment I have with President Trump is that he has followed the example of a century's worth of presidents who have been unwilling to call the Turks on the carpet for murdering 1.5 million Armenians by referring to it an atrocity, but not as genocide.

I assumed that just as he was the first president to have the guts to move the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Trump would finally be the one to accede to the wishes of Armenian survivors and call a genocide by its rightful name. Frankly, I don't understand his reluctance. Turkey may have retained its membership in NATO in spite of its Islamic tyrant having close ties to Russia, but Recep Erdogan is no friend of the United States.

■ Trump helped Netanyahu

On the other hand, Donald Trump can take the lion's share of credit for Bibi Netanyahu's winning his fifth term as prime minister of Israel. In fact, probably the only person who could defeat Netanyahu these days is a goy named Trump.

■ Societies led by tyrants

It occurred to me that authors like George Orwell and Aldous Huxley used to write fiction about dystopian societies led by tyrants. They were hellish places where the individual had no rights, no freedoms and no liberty.

In works like "Animal Farm," "1984" and "Brave New World," we were warned what could happen if we allowed the wrong people or, in the case of "Animal Farm," the wrong animals, to gain control.

Apparently, we took our eye off the ball because in most places on earth, very bad people are running things. It was only thanks to a miracle that Hillary Clinton was prevented from putting the final nail in the coffin devised by Barack Obama.

■ Two death cults

In 2019, there are two death cults threatening the world. The first is Islam, which demands that Muslims prove their devotion by killing infidels. Infidels, by the way, include everybody else, including but not limited to Christians, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, atheists and even agnostics.

The second cult is the Democratic party, which has made it an article of faith that woman have the absolute right to end their pregnancies by committing murder.

It's a shame that after destroying Sodom and Gomorrah, God quit destroying large groups of despicable people. Unfortunately, those who consider themselves gods—those like Hitler, Stalin, Mao, Pol Pot, Castro and the Kim clan—have a taste for large scale murder, but, alas, they inevitably target decent people, not evil ones.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Villians Posing As Heroes" was posted at patriotpost.us on May 13, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

When the self-righteous morons give full vent to their stupidity by knocking over the statues of Civil War heroes and demonstrating against the likes of Christopher Columbus and Thomas Jefferson, individuals who loom far above them in terms of courage and achievement, they are merely engaged in the sort of lunacy for which the Left is notorious.

Reality and facts never matter to those who label themselves Progressives. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has admitted as much. To her and her ilk the only things that really matter are those things that sound good, such as free food, free education, free healthcare and even a regular paycheck, even for those unwilling to work. Point out to these louts that their free stuff costs far more than any nation can afford and they accuse you of lying on behalf of vested selfish interests.

That is why the Left is always willing to take the side of criminals and lunatics. They are always happy to whitewash spies, traitors, anarchists, nihilists and murderers.

Just a short list of their heroes would include the anarchist McNamara brothers who, in a union dispute, bombed the L.A. Times in 1910; Sacco and Vanzetti, whose legitimate murder convictions became a Communist cause célèbre in the 1920s; "Uncle" Joseph Stalin, who murdered more people than Hitler; the atom bomb spies Ethel & Julius Rosenberg; the State Department traitor Alger Hiss; Fidel Castro and his psychotic sidekick Che Guevara; killer-turned-professor Angela Davis; terrorists/friends of Barack Obama, William Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn; Philadelphia cop killer Mumia Abu-Jamal; and New Jersey cop killer Assata Shakur (formerly JoAnne Chesimard) who naturally found refuge in Cuba.

More recently, the beneficiaries were a pair of black thugs named Michael Brown and Trayvon Martin, who were sanitized and lionized by Barack Obama, which is exactly how the corrupt American media transformed Obama himself from a typical black Chicago racist hack into a political rock star.

So long as someone can claim to have been motivated by his or her Leftist ideals, there is no crime so depraved that Communists and Socialists won't hail the perpetrator as a comrade in arms.

■ Vilify capitalism

When they're not proclaiming the worst sort of sinners as heroic and hailing mass murderers as role models, the Left spends their time promoting junk

science so long as it can be used to vilify capitalism, push for the bankruptcy of democratic industrial nations and bring about the destruction of what it regards as white culture.

■ Leftist agenda

It explains why global warming/climate change has become such an important element of the Leftist agenda that has become so prevalent over the past two decades. Apparently, when Mother Nature destroys the planet, her anger will only be directed at the industrial nations of the West.

How else to explain that the major despoilers of the world, the nations that pollute the atmosphere and turn the oceans into seas of plastic—China, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Thailand, Malaysia, Nigeria, Bangladesh and Brazil—don't seem nearly as fearful as Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez claims to be by the threat of the planet's destruction by 2030?

■ Plastic polluting the oceans

When it comes to the amount of plastic polluting the oceans, China is responsible for more tonnage than the next five offenders combined. By the way, the U.S. doesn't even make the short list.

■ Carbon dioxide

While it's possible that if you live in China, Indonesia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Malaysia or Egypt, you might not care one way or the other if the Earth still exists in 2031, but it's also possible that you haven't fallen for all the Al Gore-inspired nonsense about the evils of CO₂, otherwise known as carbon dioxide.

Before the left-wing junk scientists began vilifying what had previously been called the gas that keeps humans and animals alive, and crops and forests flourishing, everybody knew that without it, Earth would be a barren rock.

■ Deception of climate hoax

The degree of deception involved in the climate hoax is unmatched in human history.

An Australian scientist recently made a video that Joe Neuner was kind enough to pass along that demonstrated the dimensions of the fraud. He did so by standing behind a table on which there was one pile containing 85,800 grains of rice and a much smaller pile containing just 33 grains.

He explained that of every 85,800 molecules of air, only 33 consist of carbon dioxide. Of those 33, 32 are provided by Mother Nature; only one single grain is the result of the combined activities of seven and a half billion human beings; those activities including farming, industry, mining and transport.

In other words, nobody needs to be concerned about cow farts except for those other cows standing downwind.

■ Not a fan of Ann Coulter

Although it may come as a shock to my conservative friends and allies, I was never a big fan of Ann Coulter.

You can imagine how I feel about her these days, now that she has declared she would not only vote for, but work for, Bernie Sanders in 2020. All she asks is that he become somewhat more hawkish about shutting down the Mexican border, confessing she is quite willing to overlook “the rest of the Socialist stuff.”

Apparently, Ms. Coulter has soured on President Trump, insisting “he hasn’t kept any of his promises.”

I suppose if you ignore his cutting taxes; moving the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem; revitalizing the economy; rebuilding the military; restructuring our trade deals; defending our religious rights; seating two actual conservative jurists on the Supreme Court; greenlighting the oil pipelines; reining in the EPA; defending the Second Amendment; and, in spite of a recalcitrant Congress, doing everything in his power to build his wall, she’s right.

Otherwise, you would have to suspect that all that hair dye has seriously damaged her brain.



An article by Chris Riotta titled “Meet the 2020 Democratic Candidates” was posted at independent.co.uk on May 15, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

■ **Governors**

Steve Bullock—Governor of Montana

Jay Inslee—Governor of Washington

John Hickenlooper—Former Governor of Colorado

■ **Senators**

Michael Bennet—Senator from Colorado

Joe Biden—former Senator from Delaware and former Vice President of the United States

Cory Booker—Senator from New Jersey

Kirsten Gillibrand—Senator from New York

Kamala Harris—Senator from California

Amy Klobuchar—Senator from Minnesota

Bernie Sanders—Senator from Vermont

Elizabeth Warren—Senator from Massachusetts

■ **Congressmen**

John Delaney—Congressman from Maryland

Tulsi Gabbard—Congresswoman from Hawaii

Seth Moulton—Congressman from Massachusetts

Beto O'Rourke—Former Congressman from Texas

Tim Ryan—Congressman from Ohio

Eric Swalwell—Congressman from California

■ **Other federal government jobs**

Julian Castro—Former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

■ **State Senator**

Richard Ojeda—State Senator from West Virginia

■ **Mayors**

Pete Buttigieg—Mayor of South Bend, Indiana

Bill de Blasio—Mayor of New York City

Wayne Messam—Mayor of Miramar, Florida

■ **Other**

Marianne Williamson—Author

Andrew Yang—Entrepreneur from New York



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Finances

■ An article by Susan Jones titled "5,824,000: Number of Unemployed Americans Hits 19-Year Low" was posted at [cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com) on May 3, 2019.

■ An article titled "Citigroup CEO [Michael Corbat Earned \$24.1 Million Last Year] Makes 486 Times More Than the Bank's Rank-And-File, and He Says His Story Should Be Aspirational" was posted at [marketwatch.com](https://www.marketwatch.com) on May 5, 2019.

■ An article by Mike Murphy titled "Jeff Bezos Breaks Ground on \$1.5 Billion Amazon Air Hub Near Cincinnati" was posted at [marketwatch.com](https://www.marketwatch.com) on May 14, 2019.

■ An article titled "Amazon Offers Employees \$10,000 to Quit, Launch Delivery Business" was posted at yahoo.com on May 13, 2019.

■ A Reuters article by Nandita Bose titled "Walmart Fights Back Against Amazon With One-Day Shipping in Some U.S. Markets" was posted at reuters.com on May 13, 2019.

Tariffs

■ A Reuters article by Ben Blanchard titled "China Says Will 'Never Surrender' As U.S. Trade Row Heats Up" was posted at reuters.com on May 13, 2019.

■ An article by Steve Goldstein titled "Washington and Wall Street Wake Up to the Reality That Beijing Is Happy to Walk Away" was posted at marketwatch.com on May 13, 2019.

■ A Reuters article by Stephanie Kelly titled "Oil Prices Fall With Wall Street on Trade War, Give Back Early Gains" was posted at reuters.com on May 13, 2019.

■ A Reuters article by Jeff Mason and Se Young Lee titled "Trump to Meet Xi After Defiant China Slaps U.S. With New Tariffs" was posted at reuters.com on May 13, 2019.

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Isaiah 55:6-11—“Seek you the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”