

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).



An article titled “A Top US Arms Maker [Raytheon] Is Building a Lightweight, Drone-Killing Missile to Pack Onto Fighter Jets” was posted at businessinsider.com on Sept. 16, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Defense industry giant Raytheon unveiled its newest weapon, the Peregrine air-to-air missile, Monday.

The weapon, designed for use on fourth-and fifth-generation fighter aircraft—anything from an F-16 to an F-35—is about 150 pounds and 6 feet long, making “the most efficient use of the real estate on a fighter aircraft,” according to Mark Noyes, business development executive at Raytheon.

“Peregrine will allow U.S. and allied fighter pilots to carry more missiles into battle to maintain air dominance,” Thomas Bussing, the vice president of Raytheon Advanced Missile Systems, said in a statement.

The new missile will combat a number of airborne threats, including other missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs, or drones) and other aircraft, while saving space. The AMRAAM missile, for example, is 335 pounds and 12 feet long.

“With its advanced sensor, guidance and propulsion systems packed into a much smaller airframe, this new weapon represents a significant leap forward in air-to-air missile development,” Bussing said.

The missile's guidance and sensor systems allow it to "detect and track moving or stationary targets at any time of day and in challenging weather conditions," according to the release.

The Peregrine combines "the autonomy of AMRAAM [Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile]" with the maneuverability of the 9X Sidewinder missile, Noyes told Insider. The three weapons together, he said, provide warfighters with "just an incredibly potent and catastrophic capability against the enemy."

The Peregrine incorporates already available materials, military off-the-shelf components, and additive manufacturing processes, making it a low-cost option for militaries facing increased air threats, particularly missiles and UAVs.

Noyes praised the Peregrine's ability to "autonomously track and destroy a target," saying, "The ability of this new seeker is just incredible for all weather, day and night."

The Peregrine's small size, combined with its high-performance propulsion system, allows airfighters to fire more rounds, faster, as well—enabling it to "overwhelm the enemy with affordable mass."

As Defense News points out, the Peregrine announcement dovetails with a Raytheon executive's comments about the proliferation of counter-drone technology, indicating that the company's focus on defeating drones won't stop any time soon.



"Eye on the World" comment: The following list of 10 articles consists of headlines from articles about the attack on the Saudi Oil Refinery. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

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- An article by John Defterios and Victoria Cavalieri titled "Drone Strikes Knock Out Half of Saudi Oil Capacity [More Than 5 Million Barrels a Day], 5% of Global Supply" was posted at [cnn.com](#) on Sept. 14, 2019.
 - An article by Jon Gambrell titled "Yemen Rebels Claim Drone Attacks on Major Saudi Oil Site" was posted at [apnews.com](#) on Sept. 14, 2019.
 - A Reuters article by Rania El Gamil and Parisa Hafezi titled "Attack on Saudi Oil Facility Came From Direction of Iran, Not Yemen—U.S. Official" was posted at [reuters.com](#) on Sept. 15, 2019.
 - A Reuters article titled "Saudi-Led Coalition: Evidence Indicates Iranian Arms Used in Saudi Attack" was posted at [reuters.com](#) on Sept. 16, 2019.
 - An article by Paul LeBlanc and Kylie Atwood, Jeremy Diamond and Sarah Westwood titled "Trump: US 'Locked and Loaded Depending on Verification' of Attack on Saudi Oil Field" was posted at [cnn.com](#) on Sept. 16, 2019.
 - An article by Josh Lederman, Courtney Kube and Carol E. Lee titled "Trump Admin Weighing Retaliatory Action Against Iran After Saudi Oil Attack" was posted at [nbcnews.com](#) on Sept. 17, 2019.

- An article by James Carstensen titled “EU Members Hold Off on Blaming Iran for Saudi Oil Attacks” was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 18, 2019.
- An article by Robert Burns titled “Saudis Couldn’t Stop Oil Attack, Even With Top US Defenses” was posted at apnews.com on Sept. 18, 2019.
- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled “Rep. Gabbard to Trump: Having U.S. Act As ‘Saudi Arabia’s B*tch’ Is Not ‘America First’ ” was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 16, 2019.
- An article by Mary Papenfuss titled “‘Saudi Arabia Should Fight Their Own Wars,’ Trump Tweeted [in 2014]—When Obama Was President” was posted at huffpost.com on Sept. 16, 2019.

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An article titled “France Gives More People in Case of Nuclear Accidents” was posted at afp.com on Sept. 17, 2019. Following is the article.

France will soon start distributing radioactivity-blocking iodine pills to an additional 2.2 million people living near the country’s 19 nuclear power plants, to be taken in case of accidental radiation leaks, regulators said Tuesday.

The ASN nuclear safety authority had announced in June an extension of the safety radius to 20 kilometres (12 miles) of each plant, up from 10 kilometres set in 2016, when some 375,000 households were prescribed the pills.

The watchdog said Tuesday that affected residents will receive a letter in the coming days with a voucher to collect stable iodine tablets from pharmacies, as well as information on what to do in case of a nuclear accident.

“If radioactive iodine is released into the environment, taking stable iodine is one of the most effective ways of protecting the thyroid,” the ASN said in a statement.

The thyroid, which produces hormones regulating the body’s metabolism, is particularly at risk from cancer caused by exposure to radioactive iodine released in nuclear accidents.

France gets the bulk of its electricity from nuclear generators. It is the world’s most nuclear-dependent country, though it has pledged to cut its reliance on nuclear power, largely by shutting down its oldest reactors.

In 2014, flooding at its oldest plant, in Fessenheim near the German and Swiss borders, forced an emergency reactor shutdown. Anti-nuclear activists have long called for the shuttering of Fessenheim, which has been in operation since 1977.

The first new-generation nuclear power plant in the country’s north, originally set to go online in 2012, has been hit by huge cost overruns and manufacturing problems, and is not expected to be ready until 2022.

Also targeted in the expanded campaign will be schools, businesses and shops within the enlarged radius, the ASN said.



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- A Reuters article by Alexander Alper titled "Trump Floats Possible Defense Treaty [Between US and Israel] Days Ahead of Israeli Election [A Move That Could Bolster Netanyahu's Re-election]" was posted at reuters.com on Sept. 14, 2019.
 - An article by Dov Lieber titled "Former Netanyahu Ally [Avigdor Lieberman] Could Usher in His Downfall [As Both Netanyahu and Benny Gantz Need Lieberman's Support to Assemble a Majority of 61 Seats or More in the 120-Seat Knesset]" was posted at wsj.com on Sept. 18, 2019.
 - A Reuters article by Rami Ayyub titled "The Anti-Netanyahu? Ex-General Gantz Poised for Top Office" was posted at reuters.com on Sept. 19, 2019.
 - A Reuters article by Jeffrey Heller titled "Weakened Netanyahu's Offer for Unity Government Rebuffed by Rival Gantz" was posted at reuters.com on Sept. 19, 2019.
 - A Reuters article by Aftab Ahmed and Neha Dasgupta titled "India Says [It] Expects to Gain Control Over Pakistan Kashmir One Day" was posted at reuters.com on Sept. 17, 2019.
 - An article by Michael Peck titled "Russia Is Angry That China Stole and Copied Its Jet Fighter Designs" was posted at nationalinterest.org on Sept. 12, 2019.
 - An article by Nick Robins-Early titled "Trump's Acting National Security Adviser [Charles Kupperman in the Early 1980s] Said Nuclear War With USSR Was Winnable" was posted at huffpost.com on Sept. 13, 2019.
 - An article titled "Germany Plans to Use Israel's Spike Missile to Take on Enemy Tanks" was posted at nationalinterest.org on Sept. 17, 2019.
 - An article by Danica Coto titled "Cleanup Resumes in Bahamas As [Tropical Storm] Humberto Swirls Away" was posted at apnews.com on Sept. 15, 2019.
 - An article titled "Blackout Hits 4 Nations in Central America, Affects Millions" was posted at apnews.com on Sept. 16, 2019.
 - An article titled "A New Image of a Mysterious Object Careening Toward Our Solar System Strongly Suggests It's the First Comet From Another Star System" was posted at businessinsider.com on Sept. 16, 2019.
 - An article by Thomas D. Williams titled "BBC Tells Schoolchildren [Aged 9-12] There Are 'Over 100' Genders" was posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 13, 2019.

- An article by Celia Walden titled "How Dare the BBC Teach Children That There Are '100 Genders?'" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Sept. 9, 2019.
- An article by Roxy Simons and Eve Buckland titled "[England Singer] Sam Smith Breaks Their [Instead of His] Silence on Wanting to Use They/Them [Instead of His] As Non-Binary Singer Admits They Have [Instead of He Has] Been 'At War With Their [Instead of His] Gender' for 'A Lifetime'" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Sept. 13, 2019.

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An article by Patrick Bobko titled "Democratic Socialists and Disneyland" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 13, 2019. Following is the article.

Not long ago I went to Disneyland with a friend and his young family who were visiting from out-of-town. His two boys, aged 6 and 9, were thrilled in the way only a 6 and 9 year-old who are about to enter the happiest place on Earth can be. They buzzed with the knowledge that Mickey and Minnie and Pirates and a Haunted Mansion were only minutes away.

And that's when it hit me.

As we stood at the entrance waiting to shell out more than \$100 each for our tickets it occurred to me that "Democratic Socialists" think of America in exactly the same way my friends' kids think about Disneyland.

The country's growing ranks of Marx's admirers are more than willing to enjoy the wondrous benefits, products, and near-infinite spectrum of services that have been created, paid for, and maintained by a complex system they do not understand and cannot appreciate.

For example, my friend's children have no concept of cost. And why would they, they're kids!

From their perspective, they get to see Donald Duck and Goofy and scream their little hearts out as they zip through Space Mountain because Dad puts a card into a little box, punches a few buttons, and when he's finished a person in the kiosk lets them into the park.

The hours of work their Dad performed to earn the money that paid for the tickets is beyond them. The money spent on lunch and snacks and parking and a custom-built light saber means nothing to them. Ideas about work and value are as foreign and meaningless to the kids as Euclidean algebra.

It is likewise impossible for them to conceive of what is required for the park to function.

- The minute planning, operational expertise, and engineering prowess that goes into providing the same world-class experience to the estimated 44,000 people who visit the park each day is absolutely staggering.

- The technical witchcraft involved in programming life-like animatronic characters.
- The traffic flow engineering that moves thousands of cars in and out of the park.
- The supply chain specialists who ensure the Jungle Cruise tour guides have the right kinds of blanks in their revolvers.
- The everyday details involved in making the park work are breathtaking and innumerable.
- What's more, each of those details has to occur at precisely the right time, in the proper sequence, day-in and day-out, every day.

The millions and millions of details that make the park work cannot be legislated to completion. Nor can anyone simply decree that these things occur regardless of whether the person is an elected official, Chairman of Disney's corporate board, or King Canute.

Perhaps most importantly, the children don't appreciate the investment—and risk—involved in producing everything they see around them.

For example, there's no way for them to know that Disney invested \$1 billion on the park's newest Star Wars-themed attraction. That's real money Disney earned and invested to grow its business at a time when attendance at the company's domestic theme parks was down.

Which brings us back to where we began.

Substitute "Democratic Socialist" in place of my friend's kids and replace "Disneyland" with "guaranteed government job," "Green New Deal," or "American healthcare."

Scary, isn't it?

Take healthcare, for example. Does anyone who hears Uncle Bernie describe his plan to take our system down to the proverbial studs and then recreate it according to his ideas of fairness and equity get the impression he has anything more than a superficial understanding of the system?

Or is it more believable that the Uncle Bernie and the Democratic Socialists, like my friend's kids at Disneyland, only see the miraculous advances in healthcare without any apparent appreciation for the dizzyingly complex, difficult, and risk-laden system that makes it all possible?

Or, to paraphrase the old saying, it's easy for a former Brooklyn bartender to perform an appendectomy in Iowa from her posh congressional desk in Washington, D.C.

The same could be said for any of the other industries or sectors of the economy Democratic Socialists aspire to control.

One need look no further than California's housing market to see the perverse and counter-productive effects when Democratic politicians attempt to legislate the free market into conformance with their ideological will.

And there is arguably only a quantitative difference between a child's failure to appreciate the cost to their parents for a day at Disneyland and the Democratic Socialists' trillion-dollar plans for the Green New Deal or wiping out student loan debt.

For the kids and the Democratic Socialists, cost has nothing to do with the price of eggs. (Or maybe it does, and that's why Democratic Party apologists are positing new/ancient economic theories to support their grandiose spending plans.)

A stage full of Democratic presidential hopefuls have repeatedly displayed no apparent concern for the seismic waves their proposed expenditures would have on the broader national, and international, economy.

Instead, they persist in childish view that the bounty we enjoy as Americans is foreordained and that it will somehow continue on its current trajectory forever. They also think this bounty will continue regardless of what they do.

It won't.

The American system is both a fragile, dynamic, and complicated thing, and it is become distressingly clear that the line-up of Democratic Socialists who aspire to lead us have no better understanding of it than my friend's kids do when they visit Disneyland.

The main difference of course being that if Democratic Socialists win the next election, nobody will mistake America for the happiest place on Earth.



An article by James Gottry titled "Socialism Offers 'Free' Entitlements, If You Are Willing to Pay for Them" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 16, 2019. Following is the article.

Socialism will cure the ills of society, or so the story goes.

Medicare for all, free education and cancellation of student debt, job guarantees, and even a universal basic income . . . all these entitlements and more are advocated by proponents of socialism in America today.

These breathless promises bring to mind old high school pep rallies where a candidate for student body president promises free lunches, less homework, and a winning football team. It sounds good in theory, but there is a cost involved.

To pay it, individuals like Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez recommend progressive tax rates of up to 54% and 70%, respectively.

This is justified, proponents say, by the increasing income inequality in the United States. The argument tends to be that the rich are obtaining an ever-increasing slice of the pie and, therefore, the poor are consequentially getting poorer.

There are numerous problems with these tax plans.

First, they do not offer a solution for our growing deficit, let alone the proposed entitlements. Ocasio-Cortez's tax plan would raise only an additional \$72 billion each year, according to Bloomberg's Noah Smith. As Smith notes, "Wealthy people have eye-popping incomes, but there really aren't that many of them."

When you consider that Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal could cost anywhere between \$51.1 trillion and \$92.9 trillion over a nine-year period, it's clear our deficit would be going in the wrong direction. And indeed, it already is.

Our national debt is now more than \$22 trillion. It is projected to balloon to \$28.7 trillion by 2029. Just 20 years ago, it was under \$6 trillion. Continuing to pile entitlements upon entitlements will not solve our problem, it will worsen it.

I wrote recently about Sweden and its Nordic neighbors, and the generous government entitlement programs they offer. So how do these countries pay for these programs?

Simple . . . everyone pays high taxes.

As set forth in a 2015 article by the Tax Foundation, these countries raise a significantly higher percentage of their GDP than the United States, even though their marginal tax rate is close to (or in some cases lower than) that of the United States. Again, this is because their tax rates are fairly flat.

The Tax Foundation provides this example:

"Sweden's top marginal tax rate of 56.9 percent applies to all income over 1.5 times the average income in Sweden. Norway's top marginal tax rate of 39 percent applies to all income over 1.6 times the average Norwegian income.

"Compare this to The United States. The top marginal tax rate of 46.8 percent (state average and federal combined rates) kicks in at 8.5 times the average U.S. income (around \$400,000). Comparatively, few taxpayers in the United States face the top marginal rate."

You can probably imagine why Bernie Sanders and AOC would shy away from telling the electorate that everyone would need to pay higher taxes in order to fund their ambitious entitlements. After all, a "free" lunch doesn't sound so good if you have to pay for it.

Aside from the mathematical difficulties, there is a philosophical issue to consider.

Do those with the most wealth have an obligation to fund entitlements for all and help "redistribute" that wealth?

Politicians like Bernie Sanders and Ocasio-Cortez answer in the affirmative, arguing that a small percentage of individuals should pay a significantly greater share of taxes. Bernie Sanders has decried the fact that "the top 1 percent" possess 40 percent of the nation's total wealth, and suggests that they therefore owe a duty to "pay their fair share."

What Bernie often fails to acknowledge, as noted by Lee Edwards, is that the top 1 percent already pay nearly 40 percent of the individual income taxes.

We also should consider a more fundamental issue—should we focus on “redistributing” the existing wealth of this nation—that is, re-slice the pie we have—or should we focus on baking a bigger pie?

Data demonstrates that our economy is dynamic, not static. In other words, free markets allow the entire pie to grow.

How else can we explain the reality, noted by Canadian psychologist Jordan Peterson, that between 2000 and 2012, “the rate of absolute poverty in the world fell by 50 percent”?

Kay Cole James, the president of the Heritage Foundation, adds that “over the last 25 years, the spread of policies that promote economic freedom has cut the global poverty rate by two thirds.”

Peterson adds, “the poor in the world are getting rich at a rate that is absolutely unparalleled in all of human history.”

Accordingly, what it means to be poor in 2019 is very different than what it meant to be poor in 1919.

In other words, the rich are getting richer . . . but so is everyone else.

But the outcomes are unfair, some say. It’s true that our economic system allows for unequal outcome.

But our founders did not endorse equal outcomes in this life, only equal opportunity.

And while some have levied legitimate criticisms in regard to America’s historical fulfillment of its promise of equal opportunity, its elimination is not the solution.

Rather, the continued promotion of equal opportunity must be our goal, for that is, as Winston Churchill said, “the strong and willing horse” that pulls America along.



An article by Walter Williams titled “Racist Exam Questions” was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Sept. 18, 2019. Following is the article.

The U.S. Department of Justice has recently sued the Baltimore County government alleging that its written test for police officer recruits was unfairly biased against black applicants.

It turns out that black applicants failed the written test at a rate much greater than white applicants. That results in fewer blacks being trained and hired as police officers.

John A. Olszewski Jr., Baltimore County Executive said: “A law enforcement agency should look like the community it serves. As I have said repeatedly since taking office, I am committed to increasing diversity in the county’s Police Department.”

Baltimore City uses *Municipal Police Selection Test*. You can examine some sample questions at its website. I'd like to know which of the questions are either unrelated to police work or racist.

Many jurisdictions use *The National Police Officer Selection Test*. You can examine some of the sample questions at its website. Again, I'd like to know which of the questions are unrelated to police work or are racially biased questions.

In addition, it has been found that MPST and POST are successful predictors of law enforcement training success and job performance.

Black performance on police exams is simply the tip of the iceberg of a truly tragic cruelty. That cruelty stands front and center when one examines the education that most blacks in Baltimore receive.

Several years ago, Project Baltimore began an investigation of Baltimore's school system. What they found was an utter disgrace.

- In 19 of Baltimore's high schools, out of 3,804 students, only 14 of them, or less than 1%, were proficient in math.
- In 13 of Baltimore's 39 high schools, not a single student scored proficient in math.
- In five Baltimore City high schools, not a single student scored proficient in math or reading.
- Despite these academic deficiencies, about 70% of the students graduate and are conferred a high school diploma.
- A high school diploma attests that the holder can read, write and compute at a 12th-grade level. Obviously, the diplomas conferred on students who have not mastered reading, writing and computing are fraudulent.

When a person who cannot read, write and compute very well takes a written employment exam, including that to become a police officer, he is going to encounter difficulties.

His difficulties are not caused by any racially discriminatory aspect of the test.

His difficulties are a result of not having acquired what he should have acquired by the time he finished high school.

But that is not how such a person sees it. He sees that he has a high school diploma just as a white applicant has a high school diploma. To him, any difference in treatment and outcomes must be the result of racial discrimination.

Thus, the U.S. Department of Justice sued, claiming that the written test for police officer recruits was unfairly biased against black applicants.

The conclusion that Baltimore County's written test for police officer recruits was unfairly biased against black applicants is tragic. It allows Baltimore public schools to continue to produce fraudulent education.

You say: "Hold it, Williams! You can't blame everything on schools." You're right.

One cannot blame schools and teachers for students who are hostile to the education process.

One cannot blame schools and teachers for a rotten home environment or derelict parents.

But there is one thing entirely within the control of educators. That's their power to issue diplomas. When they confer high school diplomas on youngsters who cannot read, write and compute at or near a 12th-grade level, they are engaging in fraudulent conduct.

Dr. Thomas Sowell's research in "Education: Assumptions Versus History" documents academic excellence at Baltimore's Frederick Douglass High School and others. This academic excellence occurred during an era when blacks were much poorer and faced gross racial discrimination.

It's worthwhile reading for black people to learn the capabilities of other blacks facing so many challenging circumstances.

I'm wondering when the black community will demand an end to an educational environment that condemns so many youngsters to mediocrity.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "On Sins and Sinners" was posted at patriotpst.us on Sept. 14, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

I have never understood the notion of hating the sin but not the sinner. Perhaps it's because I'm not a Christian and therefore don't place quite enough faith in the power of redemption.

I simply don't believe that a serial killer, a rapist, a child abuser or someone who mistreats a dog, has a soul that can be redeemed through good deeds or his alleged acceptance of Christ.

Granted, not all sins are of equal weight, just as all 10 Commandments aren't. But why on earth should I separate those aforementioned reprobates from the sins they committed on innocent people or dogs?

For that matter, why should I give the benefit of the doubt to Democrats who are out to destroy this nation and are willing to lie, cheat, steal and kill, in order to turn us into another Nazi Germany, Soviet Union, Cuba, China or Venezuela, and turn the rest of us into slave laborers for our Communist masters?

The original sin, after all, would have remained nothing more than an insane theory on pages scrawled by loony Karl Marx, but it was a long line of sinners stretching from Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Zhou Enlai, Mao Tse-Tung, Pol Pot, Vladimir Putin, Fidel Castro, Hugo Chavez, Nicolás Maduro, Bernie San-

ders, Elizabeth Warren, Cory Booker, Kamala Harris and Peter Buttigieg, who took it off the page and put it into practice.

■ Nancy Pelosi appears rational

It occurs to me that Maxine Waters and the shrews who comprise the Squad are the best things that have happened to Nancy Pelosi in a very long time.

That's because in comparison to the Squad's Green New Deal and anti-Semitic ravings, Pelosi appears rational; and compared to Waters' incessant calls for Trump's impeachment and her fist-like face, Pelosi comes off as sane and even halfway decent-looking in spite of the pinball eyes and the goofy Zasu Pitts-like hand gestures.

■ Third place or 189th place?

Bob Hunt passed along a meme that points out that the United States ranks third highest in the world when it comes to murder.

However, if you remove Chicago, Detroit, St Louis, New Orleans and Washington, D.C.—all of them run exclusively by Democrats for decades and many of them boasting the strictest gun control laws in the nation—the U.S. drops to 189th place out of a possible 193. And if you included Baltimore, I bet we'd be no worse than 191st.

■ Hope and change

He passed along a second item that showed Obama sitting in the Oval Office with the usual smug smirk on his face. The caption read: "He talked about hope and change for eight years. What he failed to mention was that it wouldn't come until after he left office."

■ A friend in Australia

Steve Stockton, who serves as my eyes and ears, not to mention my nose and throat, in Australia, sent along the following:

"Our wedding was so beautiful, even the cake was in tiers."

"What lies at the bottom of the ocean? A nervous wreck."

"I wouldn't buy anything with Velcro. It's a total rip-off."

"What do you call cheese that isn't yours? Nacho cheese."

"Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? Great food, no atmosphere."

"Want to hear a joke about paper? Never mind, it's tearable."

"Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field."

"What's brown and sticky? A stick."

"Did you hear about the kidnapping at school? It's fine, he woke up."



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “China Owns the UN” was posted at patriotpst.us on Sept. 16, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

The United Nations has been a bad joke for a long time. Whether it was the son of Secretary General Kofi Annan getting rich off his father’s connections; so-called U.N. peacekeepers in Africa raping young girls; selecting nations such as Syria to head up its Human Rights Committee; promoting the climate change hoax; constantly voting resolutions to condemn Israel but never condemning any of the Arab or Muslim nations for their acts of terrorism; those of us who have been calling for our resigning from the corrupt organization for decades have had some awfully good reasons for doing so.

■ Hoped for the trifecta

After Donald Trump pulled out of the nuclear agreement with Iran and out of the Paris Accord, I was hoping for the trifecta. But we are still hanging in there, though I don’t know why when it’s a constant source of this nation’s humiliation.

■ China overseeing world’s agriculture

Recently, Communist China secured control over the U.N.’s Food and Agriculture Organization. It is just the latest of China’s moves to gain control over the U.N. Through bribes, threats and sheer intimidation, the largest menace to the planet’s security secured the election of Qu Dongyu to the post overseeing much of the world’s agriculture.

■ Communist and socialist

Writing in *The New American*, Alex Newman reported that Mr. Dongyu received 108 votes, followed by Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle, a Socialist who had the full backing of the European Union, who captured 71 votes. In a very distant third place was the U.S.-backed Davit Kirvalidze from the nation of Georgia. He garnered a dozen votes. Which meant, one, that two of the 193 member nations decided to sit it out and, two, that in an organization that is allegedly dedicated to peace and freedom, a Communist and a Socialist wound up splitting 179 votes. The U.S. and its allies wound up with 12 votes and two abstentions.

■ Dershowitz on Prager show

While I was in the car today, I heard Alan Dershowitz on Dennis Prager’s radio show. Although Prager is a Conservative and Prof. Dershowitz is a devout Democrat, the host went overboard praising his guest.

As you may have noticed, Dershowitz has become a pet of the Right, mainly because he opposed, on strictly legal grounds, the impeachment of President Trump. He is also a steadfast supporter of Israel, which was Prager’s main reason for inviting him on.

I had hoped that at some point, Prager, having shown his credentials as a fan of the law professor's, would say something along the lines of "Alan, how is it that an intelligent, fair-minded man like yourself actually voted for Hillary Clinton in 2016 and will no doubt vote for whichever Socialist runs in 2020? Not only has Trump rescued the American economy from the morass in which Barack Obama left it, but he is the most pro-Israel president we've ever had. He even went so far as to stop the moral equivalency farce by cutting off funding to the Palestinian terrorists. And yet you oppose him. Would you take a few minutes to explain yourself?"

But, alas, Prager didn't ask. Nobody ever asks.

■ Tom Steyer

Tom Steyer, campaigning in New Hampshire, railed against corporate America buying our elections. This was just minutes after announcing he was fully prepared to spend \$100 million on his primary campaign. Welcome to the Land of Hypocrisy, Tom Steyer, Incorporated.

■ Walmart

But Steyer is small change compared to Walmart. As if it's not bad enough that the world's biggest retailer put thousands of small town stores out of business, thereby putting those small towns out of business, and sending 500,000 manufacturing jobs out of this country and hundreds of billions of dollars to China, they're lousy employers.

Most of their people are working part-time because Sam's kids don't want to have to provide them with any of those things that American workers have come to expect, things such as health insurance, pensions and a decent salary that are generally associated with employment in the U.S.

Sam's family is worth an estimated \$150 billion, according to Tucker Carlson.



An article by Victor Davis Hanson titled "CNN: Everything But the News" was posted at nationalreview.com on Sept. 17, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Trump derangement, all the time: lies, smears, threats, and profanity. Viewers are noticing—and leaving.

For a while, we thought MSNBC had temporarily usurped CNN as the font of fake news—although both networks had tied for the most negative coverage (93 percent of all their news reports) of President Trump's first 100 days in office.

A cynic would argue that CNN had deliberately given Trump undue coverage during the Republican primary on the theory that he would be the weakest Republican in the general election and would therefore be the weakest challenger to Hillary Clinton.

CNN president Jeffrey Zucker at one point had bragged that in the primaries, Trump made CNN money.

Only later, after Trump's nomination, did Zucker regret giving so much air-time to Trump and his boisterous rallies.

"If we made any mistake last year, it's that we probably did put too many of his campaign rallies in those early months and let them run," the contrite Zucker conceded in October 2016, at a talk at Harvard's Kennedy School.

Yet Zucker admitted that Trump had been a "publicity magnet" as a primary candidate, and, more important, "Trump delivered on PR; he delivered on big ratings."

So CNN's Zucker gave copious coverage to Apprentice-star Trump both to win ratings and to ensure the nomination of a candidate who was polling anemically against Hillary Clinton—with the intention of then reversing course and destroying Trump in the general election.

- The ratings gambit worked.
- The second aim, of aiding a Clinton victory, did not.
- And now CNN is focused on another strategy: to destroy the perceived Frankenstein monster that Dr. Zucker helped to create.

[The article continued with many examples to support the conclusion of the author. Those examples are well-documented and will not be listed here.]

The CNN kamikaze modus operandi is the following—report outright lies, calculate the likelihood that they will have to be later retracted or apologized for, and consider the gambit a worthwhile short-term effort to destroy Trump, even as it helps ensure CNN's long-term demise.

What is strange about CNN is neither the incompetence nor the bias, but its sanctimoniousness and cluelessness about its own suicidal trajectory into oblivion.

When Donald Trump at his rallies points to the media cameras and hoots, "Fake news," often directly referencing CNN, many claim that his antics are a crude attack on the press that has repeatedly lied to destroy Trump, his family, and his presidency.

Perhaps.

But the better question is whether CNN—which has ruined its reputation and profits in an Ahab-esque effort to destroy the Trump white whale—is any longer a media organization at all, or a failing entertainment channel, or a boring Orwellian Ministry of "Truth"?



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

Deficit

- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled “\$4,155,323,000,000: Federal Spending Sets Record Through August” was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 13, 2019.

Reaction to attack on Saudi oil

- An article by Anna W. Phillips titled “Feds Finalize Plan to Open Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to Oil Drilling” [Before Incident in Saudi Arabia] was posted at latimes.com on Sept. 12, 2019.
- An article titled “US ‘Ready’ to Deploy Resources From [Strategic Petroleum Oil] Reserves [If Necessary]” was posted at apnews.com on Sept. 14, 2019.
- An article by Benoit Faucon, Summer Said and Georgi Kantchev titled “OPEC, Russia Hold Off Pumping More Oil After Saudi Attack” was posted at wsj.com on Sept. 16, 2019.
- A Reuters article by Timothy Gardner titled “Trump Says U.S. Does Not Need Middle East Oil, But Cargoes Keep Coming” was posted at reuters.com on Sept. 16, 2019.
- An article by Brett Arends titled “Oil Prices Need to Go This High [\$110 a Barrel] to Push the Global Economy Into Recession” was posted at market-watch.com on Sept. 17, 2019.

Finances

- An article titled “US Household Income Finally Matches 1999 Peak, While Poverty Rate Hits Lowest Point Since 2001” was posted at apnews.com on Sept. 10, 2019.
- An article by Mead Gruver titled “Idle Miners [in Wyoming] Portend Dark Days for Top US Coal Region” was posted at billingsgazette.com on Sept. 14, 2019.
- An article by Michael Wayland titled “GM Workers [of UAW] Who Picketed in 2007 Say That Strike Was Political; This Time It’s Serious” was posted at cnbc.com Sept. 18, 2019.
- An article by Jeff Cox titled “The Economic Numbers Are Continuing to Defy the Recession Hype” was posted at cnbc.com on Sept. 10, 2019.
- An article by Jeanna Smialek titled “Fed Cuts Interest Rates by Another Quarter Point [Its Second Cut Since Late July]” was posted at nytimes.com on Sept. 18, 2019.
- An article by Nick Timiraos titled “Fed Cuts Rates by Quarter Point, but Faces Growing Split” was posted at wsj.com on Sept. 18, 2019.
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- An article by Patti Domm titled “Fed Loses Control of Its Own Interest Rate as It Cuts Rates—‘This Just Doesn’t Look Good’ ” was posted at cnbc.com on Sept. 18, 2019.
- An article by Weizhen Tan titled “US Economy Doesn’t Need Any Rate Cuts, Says Billionaire Investor Howard Marks” was posted at cnbc.com on Sept. 19, 2019.
- An article by Thomas Franck titled “Leon Cooperman Says the Fed Made a Mistake Cutting Rates: ‘You’re Screwing the Savers’ ” was posted at cnbc.com on Sept. 19, 2019.

Trade war

- An article titled “Democratic Presidential Hopefuls Say They Wouldn’t Toss Trump’s China Tariffs Right Away” was posted at marketwatch.com on Sept. 13, 2019.
- An article by Chao Deng, Lucy Craymer and Josh Zumbrun titled “China to Exempt U.S. Soybeans, Pork [and Other Agricultural Products] From Punitive Tariffs” was posted at wsj.com on Sept. 13, 2019.
- A Reuters article by Mark Weinraub titled “Big U.S. Farms Get Even Bigger Amid China Trade War” was posted at reuters.com on Sept. 17, 2019.

Green New Deal

- Looking back to February, an article by Mark Lewis Jr. titled “How Much Will the Green New Deal Cost Your Family? [The American Action Forum Estimates That Between 2020 and 2029, the total GND would cost \$51.1 Trillion to \$92.9 Trillion or \$316,000 to \$419,000 Per Household]” was posted at cei.org (Competitive Enterprise Institute) on Feb. 26, 2019.
- An article by Paul Crookston titled “AOC: Miami Will Not Exist ‘In a Few Years’ Without Green New Deal” was posted at freebeacon.com on Sept. 13, 2019.
- An article by Rebecca Falconer titled “NYC 1.1 Million NYC Students Can Skip School for Climate Strike Protest [on Sept. 20]” was posted at axios.com on Sept. 16, 2019.
- An article titled “Trump Administration to Block California’s Stringent Auto Emission Rules” was posted at usatoday.com on Sept. 17, 2019.
- A Reuters article by Jarrett Renshaw titled “Biden’s Bid to Attract Rust Belt Workers Faces Troubles in His Own Back Yard [Like in Philadelphia, Where He Must Reconcile Calls to Phase Out Fossil Fuels With the Need to Attract Union Workers for Refineries, Power Plants and Pipelines]” was posted at reuters.com on Sept. 17, 2019.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Ross McGuinness titled “French Riot Police Evict Hundreds of Migrants From Dunkirk Camp As English Channel Crossings Continue” was posted at yahoonews.com on Sept. 17, 2019.

- An article by Dusan Stojanovic titled “Vigilantes in Slovenia Patrol Borders to Keep Out Migrants” was posted at [apnews.com](#) on Sept. 17, 2019.
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- An article by Mark Overstreet titled “It’s Not the NRA Stopping Gun Control; It’s America’s 100 Million Gun Owners” was posted at [thefederalist.com](#) on Sept. 13, 2019.
- An article by John Dempsey titled “Good Guys With Guns Are Safer Than Leftist Gun Control” was posted at [townhall.com](#) on Sept. 15, 2019.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled “Arizona Gun Store Offers ‘Beto Specials’ on AR-15s and AK-47s” was posted at [cnsnews.com](#) on Sept. 16, 2019.

Comments about Trump support

- An article titled “Trump Supporter Says President Has Her Vote Even Though She Wouldn’t Be Friends With Him” was posted at [foxnews.com](#) on Sept. 16, 2019.
- An article titled “CNN [Counter terrorism] Analyst [Phil Mudd] Condemns Whistleblower Complaint: Intel Community Should Not ‘Snitch’ on Trump to Congress” was posted at [thedailybeast.com](#) on Sept. 18, 2019.

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Kamala Harris

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Robert Francis (Beto) O’Rourke

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- An article by Morgan M. Evans titled “*Seinfeld* Heads to Netflix [in 2021] As *Friends* and *The Office* Prepare to Leave for New Streaming Platform” was posted at people.com on Sept. 16, 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.”