

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 by Yanan Wang titled “China Expands Lockdowns to 25 Million People to Halt Viral Outbreak” was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 23, 2020. Following is the article.

China broadened its unprecedented, open-ended lockdowns to encompass around 25 million people Friday to try to contain a deadly new virus that has sickened hundreds, though the measures’ potential for success is uncertain.

At least eight cities have been shut down—Wuhan, Ezhou, Huanggang, Chibi, Qianjiang, Zhijiang, Jingmen and Xiantao—all in central China’s Hubei province, where the illness has been concentrated.

In Wuhan, where the lockdown began early Thursday, normally bustling streets, malls and other public spaces were eerily quiet. Masks were mandatory in public. Train stations, the airport and subways were closed; police checked incoming vehicles but did not close off roads.

The seven other cities under lockdown as of Friday morning are near Wuhan, but authorities were taking precautions around the country. In the capital, Beijing, major public events were canceled indefinitely, including traditional temple fairs that are a staple of Lunar New Year celebrations. The Forbidden City, the palace complex in Beijing, announced it will close indefinitely on Saturday.

The number of confirmed cases of the new coronavirus rose to 830 with 25 deaths, the National Health Commission said Friday morning. The first death was also confirmed outside Hubei. The health commission in Hebei, a northern province bordering Beijing, said an 80-year-old man died after returning from a two-month stay in Wuhan to see relatives.

The vast majority of cases have been in and around Wuhan or people with connections to the city. Outside the mainland, cases have been confirmed in Hong Kong, Macao, the United States, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand, Singapore and Vietnam.

Many countries are screening travelers from China for symptoms of the virus, which can cause fever, coughing, breathing difficulties and pneumonia.

The World Health Organization decided against declaring the outbreak a global emergency for now. The declaration can increase resources to fight a threat but that can also cause trade and travel restrictions and other economic damage, making the decision politically fraught.

The decision "should not be taken as a sign that WHO does not think the situation is serious or that we're not taking it seriously. Nothing could be further from the truth," WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said. "WHO is following this outbreak every minute of every day."

Chinese officials have not said how long the shutdowns of the cities will last. While sweeping measures are typical of China's Communist Party-led government, large-scale quarantines are rare around the world, even in deadly epidemics, because of concerns about infringing on people's liberties. And the effectiveness of such measures is unclear.

Jonathan Ball, a professor of virology at molecular virology at the University of Nottingham in Britain, said the lockdowns appear to be justified scientifically.

"Until there's a better understanding of what the situation is, I think it's not an unreasonable thing to do," he said. "Anything that limits people's travels during an outbreak would obviously work."

But Ball cautioned that any such quarantine should be strictly time-limited. He added: "You have to make sure you communicate effectively about why this is being done. Otherwise you will lose the goodwill of the people."

The coronavirus family includes the common cold as well as viruses that cause more serious illnesses, such as the SARS outbreak that spread from China to more than a dozen countries in 2002-03 and killed about 800 people, and Middle Eastern respiratory syndrome, or MERS, which is thought to have originated from camels.

The first cases in the Wuhan outbreak late last month were connected to a seafood market, and experts suspect transmission began from wild animals sold there. The market is closed for investigation.



An article by Brendon Hong titled “China Locks Down 11 Million in the Ground Zero City of Wuhan As New Coronavirus Shows Up in U.S.” was posted at thedailybeast.com on Jan. 23, 2020. Following is the article.

The city of 11 million where China’s deadly coronavirus outbreak originated is now under total quarantine, a massive lockdown that marks a dramatic shift from the Chinese government’s previous reaction, which was focused on limiting what the public could learn about the spread of the disease.

But the move comes after the virus has spread far and wide, including at least one case in the United States. Sixteen people who came into contact with the country’s sole confirmed coronavirus patient, in Washington State, are being monitored for pneumonia symptoms.

It is still far from clear that Beijing is revealing all that it knows about the disease and its transmission at a moment when hundreds of millions of people are expected to be on the move as the Chinese New Year approaches on January 25.

Wuhan, a major city in central China and a key transport hub, is now cut off from the rest of the country. Flights out of the city have been canceled, as have outbound trains. Public transportation in Wuhan has been shut down. Before the lockdown took effect, many people rushed to train stations and bus depots to purchase any tickets that would take them out of the city.

Now soldiers of the People’s Liberation Army prevent them from even entering those buildings. Police vans are parked in front of toll booths on highways leading out of the city, turning back anyone who attempts to get out.

The Wuhan government requires all who remain within the city limits to wear face masks when they are in public places. Pharmacies are limiting sales, allowing customers to purchase only one mask at a time. Hospitals are turning away people who are requesting health tests because of the lack of trained personnel to handle the volume.

At least 14 medical workers who were tending to the sick have fallen ill themselves. One doctor who has recovered believes that he became infected after the virus was transmitted through his eye.

Following the complete quarantine of 11 million people in Wuhan, smaller cities in the same province, Hubei, are doing the same. Huanggang, a city east of Wuhan with a population of 7 million, will suspend all public transport and close all public venues beginning at midnight local time. Ezhou, a smaller city south of Huanggang, is also halting all train and bus services for its 1 million residents until further notice. Both cities share borders with Wuhan.

Some large-scale events in Beijing, the nation's capital, have been canceled by the city government. These include temple fairs that are part of Lunar New Year celebrations.

The novel coronavirus, or CoV, was first detected in Wuhan in mid-December. It causes pneumonia-like symptoms and can be deadly, particularly for children and the elderly. Scientists believe that the virus may have originated in bats or snakes before making the leap to human hosts, and it can be transmitted from human to human.

(Snakes, which hunt bats, are consumed as food in some parts of China, and they have been sold at the market where the first batch of patients worked.)

CoV, like its cousins SARS and MERS, has an incubation period of up to two weeks, meaning anyone who is infected may not present symptoms until nearly half a month later—at which point the infection may have traveled around the world.

On Wednesday, Chinese officials put the official death toll at 17, nearly doubling the nine that were announced just hours earlier. All 17 deaths were in Hubei, the province where Wuhan is the capital.

In mainland China, there are 571 confirmed cases of infection, with another 11 in Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Thailand, Japan, South Korea, and the United States. The Chinese government has acknowledged that infections are present in 25 of its provinces and municipalities—in other words, the coronavirus has spread all over the country.

Estimates by experts tell a more dire story. Scientists at the MRC Centre for Global Infectious Disease Analysis at Imperial College London believe at least 4,000 people have succumbed to the coronavirus. Doctors in Wuhan who spoke to Chinese media outlet Caixin believe the number to be even higher, possibly at 6,000.

There are persistent concerns that the Chinese government is suppressing information about the scale of the outbreak.



A Reuters article by Samuel Shen and Brenda Goh titled "Chinese Listed Companies Ramp Up Virus Efforts After President's Call" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 23, 2020. Following is the article.

A number of Chinese listed companies—ranging from biotech firms, drugmakers, mask producers and thermometer manufacturers—announced efforts in response to a national call to fight the outbreak of the Wuhan coronavirus.

The new, flu-like virus, first discovered in the central Chinese city of Wuhan, has killed 17 and infected nearly 600 people. Cases have been detected in other major population centers, including Beijing and Shanghai, as well as overseas, triggering a public scramble for face masks and flu medicines.

Chinese President Xi Jinping has ordered all-out prevention and control efforts to fight the new virus, and urged governments at all levels to make people's safety and health a top priority.

Tianjin TEDA Co said in an exchange filing on Thursday that its subsidiary, TEDA Filters, is stepping up production of filtration materials used in facial masks to meet surging demand.

Biotech firm Xilong Scientific Co said late on Wednesday that it has developed diagnostic devices for the new virus and will send the products to disease control centers in some parts of China.

Wuhan Guide Infrared Co told the official China Securities Journal that the company has donated 4 million yuan worth of infrared thermometer devices to the government of Hubei, the province where Wuhan is located.

Shares in TEDA, Xilong Scientific and Guide Infrared have jumped roughly 40%, 24%, and 9% this week, respectively. The blue-chip index CSI300 is down nearly 4% during the same period.

Other firms, including biotech firm BGI Genomics Co, mask producer Guangzhou Improve Medical Instruments Co and drugmaker Guangdong Zhongsheng Pharmaceutical Co, have also disclosed efforts to help in the fight against the spread of the virus.

E-commerce platforms, including Alibaba's Taobao, JD.com, Pinduoduo Inc and Suning.com, have announced crackdowns on price hikes of products needed to fight the virus as demand surges.



An article by David Rising titled "World Airports Taking Precautions After China Virus Outbreak" was posted at usatoday.com on Jan. 23, 2020. Following is the article.

Airports around the world have begun taking precautions to deal with an anticipated influx of Chinese tourists taking Lunar New Year holidays, just as the outbreak of a pneumonia-like virus in China has prompted officials there to take drastic measures to prevent its spread.

Dubai International Airport, the world's busiest for international travel, announced on Thursday that, following government guidance, all passengers arriving on direct flights from China will receive thermal screening at the gate upon arrival and be provided with informational brochures.

The screening at the airport, home to Emirates airline, will be conducted at secured, closed gates by teams from the Dubai Health Authority and the Airport Medical Center, Dubai Airports said in a statement provided to The Associated Press.

The airport authority would not say whether it expected a drop in passengers from China for the Lunar New Year holiday, which begins Friday, following China's decision to close off Wuhan, a city of 11 million people, where a newly identified coronavirus first appeared last month. Chinese are expected to take an estimated 3 billion trips during the 40-day spike in travel.

Abu Dhabi International Airport, home to Etihad Airways, later tweeted that it had also started a screening process for all passengers arriving from China.

Mohammad Mahdi Gouya, Iran's deputy health minister, said the country is screening Chinese passengers who enter Iran at Imam Khomeini airport, state-run IRNA news agency reported Thursday.

"If signs of the disease have been found, necessary actions will be taken to take care of these people," Gouya said.

Cairo's International Airport also began screening passengers arriving from China for signs of coronavirus infection, airport authorities said Thursday.

"The highest level of alert has been initiated at all entry points to the country," said officials in the airport's quarantine division, adding that crew members have been ordered to report sick passengers.

The airport is also deploying doctors with thermal scanners at arrival halls to examine all passengers arriving from China, and to hospitalize those showing signs of the illness.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

Elsewhere in the Mideast, the Saudi Health Ministry said it would begin screening airline passengers arriving on direct and indirect flights from China to the kingdom.

Meanwhile, the island nation of Bahrain off the coast of Saudi Arabia, home to the long-haul carrier Gulf Air, said it had "taken preemptive measures" at Manama International Airport as well, without elaborating.

China shut down train stations, the airport, subways, ferries and long-distance shuttle buses in the Wuhan, and local authorities have demanded all residents wear masks in public places.

At dawn on Thursday, Italian Red Cross officials were on hand at Rome's Fiumicino airport to meet the last flight from Wuhan before the Chinese city's airport was shut down.

The 202 passengers were taken to a special sterile area for a screening of their body temperature by health workers wearing sanitary suits, goggles and masks, but none were found to be suffering from the virus, Dr. Michele Bonizzi said.

"The passengers passed through this structure where, if there had been—and that was not the case today—a need to do further tests our ambulance was there" to take them to a hospital, she said.

Before flights from Wuhan were grounded, passengers arriving in the U.S. from flights originating in the city were directed to Kennedy Airport in New York, Los Angeles International, San Francisco International, O'Hare Airport in Chicago and Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport where facilities were set up for screening.

British authorities said passengers arriving from China to Heathrow Airport in London, Europe's busiest, and other airports were not being screened but that they were being given information leaflets on what to do if they fall ill.

Germany's Fraport, the operator of Frankfurt Airport, said it had not yet received any government guidance advising screening take place so there are currently no travel restrictions.

In China, measures similar to the lockdown in Wuhan were being taken at nearby cities in Hubei province, with public transport suspended and theaters, internet cafes and other entertainment centers closed beginning Friday, according to state media reports.

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So far, most of China's 571 cases have been in Wuhan and a total of 17 people have died, all of them in and around the city.

In Africa, home to hundreds of thousands of Chinese workers, airports in Nigeria, South Africa and Kenya have also begun screening arriving passengers.

"Nigerians are advised to remain calm," the government of Africa's most populous nation said Wednesday.

But Ethiopian Airlines, which has multiple daily passenger and cargo flights to China and Africa's busiest airport hub, said Thursday it was waiting for guidance from Ethiopia's Health Ministry on how to respond.

China is Africa's top trading partner.

The Lunar New Year is one of the world's largest annual movement of people, and previously Dubai Airports said it was "preparing to welcome thousands of Chinese travelers" ahead of the weekend.

Preliminary figures show Dubai Airport welcomed some 3.7 million passengers from China, a 5% increase year-on-year.



An article by the Editorial Dept. titled "Why Trump Can't Retreat From the Middle East" was posted at oilprice.com on Jan. 21, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

If America doesn't need Saudi oil anymore, why is it still wooing crown princes, especially when American public opinion isn't really on board?

The most recent Gallup Poll on the subject, conducted in February 2019, showed only 4% of Americans with a "very favorable" view of Saudi Arabia. In fact, most view Saudi Arabia in a worse light than Venezuela.

A *Business Insider* poll from September 2019 showed that, on the best of days, only one in five Americans viewed Saudi Arabia as a U.S. ally.

Over the past decade, U.S. oil production has doubled. In terms of extraction, dramatic media reports have emerged at various times over the past couple of years to the effect that the U.S. has surpassed Saudi Arabia as a crude oil exporter.

In June 2019, the U.S. did indeed surpass Saudi Arabia—briefly.

For a better understanding, data shows that Saudi Arabia exported 7.38 million barrels per day in 2018. The U.S. exported 2 million barrels per day in 2018.

In 2019, the U.S. was averaging about 2.9 million bpd in exports.

In October 2019, U.S. imports of Saudi crude oil reached their lowest point since early 1974, at 419,000 barrels per day.

Globalization changes things

Today, however, dependence isn't just about physical oil. It's about markets.

In the era of entrenched globalization, it doesn't matter if you're an importer or an exporter, you're still beholden to the global market and its volatility. Independence, in other words, doesn't mean what it used to mean backed when Western powers started drawing lines in the Middle Eastern sands over oil.

Whether independent or not, the U.S. will still import oil because sometimes it's more convenient and because not all oil is the same and imports arise from a need to efficiently supply various refining capabilities that process different types of crude.

So, what does America (or, rather, Washington) need Saudi Arabia for, exactly, if not for oil?

The answer is simple: oil is one thing, but oil money is quite another. One form of 'dependence' is traded for another—and that's global.

Not only has Saudi Arabia just hit its highest level of foreign investment in the Kingdom (up 54% in 2019 from the previous year), but Saudi money is pumping into every major global sector, with Fintech increasingly driving investment.

The Public Investment Fund (PIF), Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund, partnered with Japanese Softbank Group with a \$100-billion investment in the tech sector that began in 2016 and is eyeing \$2 trillion in investments.

This is also a highly lucrative venue for the defense industry, with “successive U.S. governments” having received “billions of dollars from selling American weapons to Saudi Arabia.”

Without the need for Saudi oil, U.S. foreign policy on the Middle East is confused, at best. Trump has varyingly said he would like to get out of the Middle East entirely and deployed additional forces at the same time.

There was no American military response to the attack on Saudi Aramco oil facilities last September. That was a Saudi problem, even though the intention of the attack was likely to provoke the United States.

Instead, the U.S. deployed 14,000 additional troops to Saudi Arabia, which Trump claims are being funded “in cash” by the Saudis to the tune of \$1 billion (a notion being debunked).

No one is sure what this means, exactly, other than that the U.S. military is providing a lucrative private mercenary service even in venues it claims it no longer has a foreign policy interest.

Likewise, in Syria, we saw a dramatic announcement of a withdrawal and a stepping aside to allow a Turkish invasion in the north. Immediately afterwards, we saw a reversal, with U.S. troops redeployed to “protect” Syrian oil.

Then, most spectacularly, we have the U.S. assassination of an Iranian general on Iraqi soil—again in a region in which the latest version of American foreign policy claims to have no skin in the game.

The only true form of oil independence is being completely disconnected from global markets, and that means a continued “interest” in the Middle East.

The fact remains, that oil independence doesn’t account for the fact that one-third of the world’s oil still travels through the Strait of Hormuz, and the U.S. still imports plenty of oil from plenty of countries.

Everyone is connected to global supply, and if that global supply is disrupted, the American consumer will feel it. The market knows this, but it’s the only “entity” that truly understands globalization.



“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 Jon Gambrell titled “Iran Acknowledges Russian-Made Missiles Targeted Ukraine Jet” was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 21, 2020.

■ A Reuters article by Parisa Hafezi titled “Iran MP Offers Reward for Killing Trump; U.S. Calls It ‘Ridiculous’ ” was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 21, 2020.

- An article by Sam Webb titled “Chinese Miners Flee Iran Amid Rising Tensions With the US” was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 22, 2020.
- A Reuters article titled “Philippines’ Duterte Threatens to End Military Deal With the United States” was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 23, 2020.
- An article by Tom Metcalf titled “Over 100 Billionaires Are Descending on Davos Next Week” was posted at bloomberg.com on Jan. 18, 2020.
- An article by Andy Wells titled “Angela Merkel Says Brexit Is a ‘Wake-Up Call’ for the EU” was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 16, 2020.
- An article by Helen Parish titled “Roman Catholic Priests Have Been Celibate for a Thousand Years—But This Could Change” was posted at theconversation.com on Jan. 22, 2020.
- An article by Ellen Manning titled “Canada’s Biggest Newspaper [*Globe and Mail*] Says Duke and Duchess of Sussex Aren’t Welcome There” was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 16, 2020.
- An article titled “Prince Harry and Wife Meghan to Begin New Life in British Columbia” was posted at cbsnews.com on Jan. 19, 2020.
- An article by George Martin titled “Thomas Markle Accuses Meghan of ‘Cheapening’ the Royal Family With Dispute” was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 19, 2020.
- An article by Annetta Konstantinides titled “Thomas Markle Says He Will Continue to Accept Money for Appearances Because Meghan and Harry ‘Owe’ Him: ‘It’s Time to Look After Daddy’ ” was posted at businessinsider.com on Jan. 23, 2020.



An article by Ben Shapiro titled “The Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez School of Economics” was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 22, 2020. Following is the article.

On Monday, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, (D-N.Y.), sat for a discussion with author Ta-Nehisi Coates. She dropped a number of shocking statements—statements that elicited nothing but murmurs of agreement from Coates.

AOC claimed: “No one ever makes a billion dollars. You take a billion dollars.”

How, pray tell, are American billionaires responsible for such massive theft?

According to AOC, the very mechanisms of capitalism mandate such theft. In her view, successful businesspeople simply exploit their workers while maximizing their profits.

Hypothetically speaking about billionaires making widgets, she said: “You didn’t make those widgets! You sat on a couch while thousands of people were paid modern-day slave wages and, in some cases, real modern-day slavery . . . You made that money off the backs of undocumented people.”

This, of course, is nonsense. Voluntary exchange of labor for wages is, as stated, voluntary, and the fact that there are many people willing and able to labor in the manufacture of widgets is presumably responsible for lower wages.

Companies that refuse to pay their workers market wages will soon watch those workers migrate to other businesses or other industries.

It is a patent violation of free market principles to utilize force in order to compel someone to work for you; blaming the free market for coercion is like blaming free speech for censorship. Exploitation in labor markets is typically accompanied by government subsidies, regulation and interventionism.

So, how does AOC magically turn economic freedom into economic tyranny?

By suggesting that true freedom lies in collective control of the means of production: "If you're a billionaire, that means that you control a massive system . . . It means that you have a massive labor force under your control, and to be ethical if you're a billionaire today, the thing that you need to do is give up control and power."

But to whom would such power and control be given? AOC suggests that major companies be turned into worker cooperatives—companies whose workers own and control the business.

But, of course, that doesn't solve her problem: If workers own and control the business, they are properly classified as capitalists. They will have to make decisions to make the business competitive, which means keeping wages competitive, for example.

This is precisely what has happened with one of the world's biggest worker collectives, the Spanish Mondragon Cooperative Corporation, whose worker-owners have "learned to think like the shareholders of any other global business," according to *The Guardian*.

In fact, most companies begin with a few workers who pool their capital and labor: Facebook, for example, handed out stock options to employees, resulting in a \$23 billion valuation for their initial employees when the company went public.

Does that make those workers evil capitalists?

In the end, what AOC truly wants is government control. Worker collectives won't do the trick. Only top-down government redefinition of the value of labor will. When AOC claims that capitalists merely leech off the true value of labor, she suggests that labor can be measured without reference to the market.

How would AOC measure the value of such labor?

Presumably through appeals to "fairness." There is only one problem with this method: It simply doesn't work.

■ Consumers determine the value of products; producers do not.

- The diffuse informational system of the free market, which rewards the power of entrepreneurship, rather than punishing it, creates prosperity; top-down control creates poverty.

- In fact, the greatest guarantee of the sort of poverty AOC decries is the destruction of the same system she decries.

But according to AOC, we have nothing to fear from government, and “the government is us.” The fact that Coates, one of the most prominent writers on the evils of Jim Crow, nodded along should demonstrate that those on the left do not understand the consequences of their own philosophy.

- The government is not “us,” because we are not a collective.

- We are individuals with rights. But in AOC’s world, we have no rights—we have only our role as members of a collective controlled by those who agree with her.

- And that is exploitation and tyranny.



An article by Michelle Malkin titled “Illegal Immigrant Caravans and Criminal Catholics” was posted at michellemalkin.com on Jan. 22, 2020. Following is the article.

The latest, lawless migrant caravan hurtling from Honduras to our southern border is as organic as AstroTurf.

The Central American trespassers now number between 2,500 and 4,000. Two weeks ago, slickly designed flyers disseminated on social media beckoned them to sign up for the latest journey and meet at a bus stop in San Pedro Sula.

That village is caravan ground zero, where Honduras’s destabilizing Libre Party and its former top legislator-turned-agitator Bartolo Fuentes, have brazenly spearheaded past caravan organizing campaigns since President Donald Trump took office.

On Monday, the throngs reached the Mexico-Guatemala border, where mobs of mostly young men threw rocks and sticks at police—while sympathetic international “journalists” selectively captured and curated tired women and crying children on the trek with state-of-the-art cameras and livestreams.

Make no mistake: These are not desperate people suddenly seeking refuge from violence and harm. They are low-wage workers, pew-fillers and future ethnic-bloc voters being exploited by Big Business, the Vatican and the Democrat Party.

Pueblo Sin Fronteras may be the most recognizable name behind the caravans, but global Catholic elites play a central role in the coordination of this transnational human smuggling racket.

Trump-bashing, American sovereignty-trashing Pope Francis donated \$500,000 nine months ago from his Peter’s Pence fund to assist illegal immigrant caravan participants.

The subsidies cover “27 projects in 16 dioceses and Mexican religious congregations” for “housing, food and basic necessities,” as well as “migrant” assistance programs “run by seven dioceses and three religious congregations: the Scalabrinians, the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and the Hermanas Josefinas,” according to the *Catholic News Service*.

As I have reported on my investigations in “Open Borders Inc.,” the Catholic “Underground Railroad” of migrant safe houses that extend across Central America, through Mexico, and up to and into the U.S. is a well-oiled machine.

The United Nations’ International Organization for Migration in Mexico has guaranteed supplies of medicine, hygiene products, construction materials, as well as therapy services and legal training, for caravan marchers who are housed at the Hermanos en el Camino shelter, along with the Catholic-run Hogar de la Misericordia shelter and Jesus el Buen Pastor del Pobre y el Migrante shelter.

Funding comes not just from Catholic parishioners, but also U.S. tax dollars. The La 72 shelter in Tenosique is run by Franciscans. The El Caminante shelter in Palenque is overseen by Catholic nuns. The Scalabrinians operate Casa del Migrante in Tijuana and have managed an entire shelter ministry network since 1999.

On the southern border of Mexico in Chiapas, the city of Tapachula is the first entry point for Central Americans headed to the U.S.

There, the Fray Matias de Cordova Human Rights Center provides “comprehensive support” to illegal immigrant travelers including legal consultations, monitoring of detention centers and “online resources, art and social activities, job training, and basic social services.” The group has received nearly \$200,000 from the liberal MacArthur Foundation.

Also in Tapachula, the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) opens its churches and pastoral centers to provide shelter, monetary aid, voluntary aid and emergency assistance. Its team of lawyers, psychologists, social workers and Jesuit clergy spread from Tapachula to Comalapa and Mexico City.

JRS staff served as sherpas for the 2018 caravan marchers and liaisons with the U.N. High Commission for Refugees.

Jaime Calderon, the Catholic bishop of Tapachula, Mexico, immediately pledged aid this month to the newest waves of border-jumpers and river-crossers, openly acknowledging that he received a heads-up from other bishops in the Northern Triangle (Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador).

But while Calderon and the bishops blame “violence” for the most recent invasion, homicide rates have either fluctuated or fallen significantly in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador since Barack Obama’s executive amnesty programs (DACA and DAPA) were announced in 2012.

Migrants themselves refute the “fleeing violence” narrative: An International Organization for Migration poll of more than 3,200 Guatemalan households in 2016, highlighted by the Center for Immigration Studies’ Kausha Luna, re-

ported that 91% of migrants surveyed had moved to the U.S. for economic reasons (jobs, homes, income boosts)—while only 0.3% blamed violence, 0.2% cited extortion and 0.2% attributed their decision to gangs.

It's all about the dinero. Central American workers, legal and illegal, sent back nearly \$20 billion in remittances to their home countries in 2018, a tidy sum of which will end up back in Catholic collection plates.

Remittances sent to El Salvador are now equal to 20% of its GDP; Guatemala, 11%; and Honduras, 18.8%. Meanwhile, the percentage of the population of Guatemala now living in the U.S. is close to 7%; for El Salvador, the percentage now stands at 22%; and for Honduras, we now have absorbed 9.2% of their people.

This is a deliberately orchestrated, relentlessly executed, slow-motion criminal invasion. If my fellow Catholics continue to aid and abet these illegal immigrant gravy trains without consequences, American sovereignty doesn't have a prayer.



An article by Walter Williams titled "Unappreciated Crime Costs" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Jan. 15, 2020. Following is the article.

Criminal activity imposes huge costs on black residents in low-income neighborhoods of cities such as Chicago, Baltimore, Detroit, St. Louis, Philadelphia and many others.

Thousands of black Americans were murdered in 2019. Over 90% of the time, the perpetrator was also black. Leftists and social justice warriors charge that what blacks have to fear most is being shot and killed by police, but the numbers don't add up. For several years, The Washington Post has been documenting police shootings in America.

Last year, 933 people were shot and killed by police. Twenty-three percent (212) of people shot and killed were black; 35% (331) were white; 16% (155) were Hispanic and 201 were of other or unknown races. The high homicide rate within the black community doesn't begin to tell the full tragedy.

Crime imposes a hefty tax on people who can least afford it. They are the law-abiding residents of black neighborhoods. Residents must bear the time cost and other costs of having to shop outside of their neighborhoods.

Supermarkets that are abundant in low-crime neighborhoods are absent or scarce in high-crime, low-income neighborhoods. Because of the paucity of supermarkets and other big-box stores in these neighborhoods, some "experts" and academicians have labeled them as "food deserts."

That's the ridiculous suggestion that white supermarket merchants and big-box store owners don't like green dollars coming out of black hands. The true villains of the piece are the criminals who make some businesses unprofitable.

By the way, these are equal opportunity criminals. They will victimize a black-owned business just as they would victimize a white-owned business. The high crime rates in many black neighborhoods have the effect of outlawing economic growth and opportunities.

In low-crime neighborhoods, FedEx, UPS and other delivery companies routinely leave packages containing valuable merchandise on a doorstep if no one is home. That saves the expense of redelivery and saves recipients the expense of having to go pick up the packages.

In high-crime neighborhoods, delivery companies leaving packages at the door or supermarkets leaving goods outside unattended would be equivalent to economic suicide.

Fearing robberies, taxi drivers, including black drivers, often refuse to accept telephone calls for home pickups and frequently pass prospective black customers who hail them on the street. Plus, there's the insult associated with not being able to receive pizzas or other deliveries on the same terms as people in other neighborhoods.

Another often-overlooked impact of crime is lower property values. Homes that wouldn't fetch \$10,000, \$20,000 or \$40,000 suddenly fetch hundreds of thousands when large numbers of middle- and upper-income people purchase formerly run-down properties and fix them up.

This is called gentrification, where wealthier, predominantly white, people bid higher rental prices thus forcing out low-income residents. As a result of gentrification, there is greater police protection and other neighborhood amenities increase.

Many make the erroneous assumption that black people don't care about crime. But black people strongly disapprove of the day-to-day violence that's all too common in their communities. What compounds that problem is a deep mistrust of police in poor black neighborhoods.

This distrust, along with fear of reprisals by black criminals, causes an atmosphere of non cooperation with the police. It creates the "stop snitching" principle.

This principle of snitches being worse than criminals themselves only exacerbates the crime problem in black communities by giving aid and comfort to the true enemies of the community—those who prey on the community and have little fear of being brought to justice. In some cities, less than 10% of murderers are ever charged.

For decades, the problems of blacks could be laid at the feet of racial discrimination. Our ancestors started a civil rights struggle and won. Today, the most devastating problems of blacks are entirely self-inflicted such as high illegitimacy, family breakdown and unsafe communities. These problems have little to do with civil rights.

But as long as blacks buy into the notion that white racism is the source of their problems, the solutions will be elusive forever.



An article by Walter Williams titled "Diversity and Inclusion Insanity" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Jan. 22, 2020. Following is the article.

It's nearly impossible to have even a short conversation with a college administrator, politician or chief executive without the words diversity and inclusion dropping from their lips.

Diversity and inclusion appear to be the end-all and be-all of their existence. So, I thought I'd begin this discussion by first looking up the definition of diversity.

According to the Oxford Dictionary, diversity is "the practice or quality of including or involving people from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds and of different genders, sexual orientations, etc."

The definition gratuitously adds, "equality and diversity should be supported for their own sake." The standard definition given for inclusion is involvement and empowerment where the inherent worth and dignity of all people are recognized.

Here's my question to those who are wedded to diversity and inclusion: Are people better off the less they have in common with one another?

For example, women are less likely to be able to march 12.4 miles in five hours with an 83-pound assault load. They are also less likely to be able to crawl, sprint, negotiate obstacles and move a wounded comrade weighing 165 pounds while carrying that load.

Would anyone argue that a military outfit would benefit from diversity by including soldiers who can and those who cannot march 12 miles in five hours while carrying an 83-pound load?

You say, "Williams, the military is an exception!" What about language?

The International Civil Aviation Organization has decreed that all air traffic controllers and flight crew members engaged in or in contact with international flights must be proficient in the English language as a general spoken medium. According to UNESCO, there are about 7,000 languages in the world.

The International Civil Aviation Organization could promote language inclusiveness by requiring language rotation. Some years, Cebuano (of the Malayo-Polynesian language family) and in other years Kinyarwanda (of the Niger-Congo language family) could be the language of pilots and air traffic controllers.

Keep in mind that it is claimed that the great benefit of diversity and inclusiveness is that it promotes and fosters a sense of belonging. It values and practices respect for the differences in the talents, beliefs, backgrounds and ways of living of its members.

Another issue is what should be done when people who should know better praise nondiversity and noninclusiveness?

Civil rights leader Rev. Jesse L. Jackson said, "I applaud commissioner Adam Silver's commitment to diversity and inclusion within the NBA." During the 2018-2019 season, more than 33% of NBA teams had head coaches of color.

The number of assistant head coaches of color was over 42%. The number of black NBA players was 82%.

In the face of these statistics, Oris Stuart, the NBA's chief diversity and inclusion officer said, "Diversity, inclusion and equality are central to every aspect of our game and our business."

I would like for Jesse Jackson and others who claim that there's racial diversity and inclusiveness in professional basketball to make their case.

The same question can be asked about professional football where 70% of NFL players are black, and 9% of team head coaches are black. The thornier question and challenge is what can be done to make professional basketball and football look more like the American population?

Most of the diversity and inclusiveness insanity has its roots in academia. An example is a paper titled "Equilibrium Grade Inflation with Implications for Female Interest in STEM Majors," written by Naval Postgraduate School professor Thomas Ahn, Duke University economics professor Peter Arcidiacono, Duke University researcher Amy Hopson, and James R. Thomas of the Federal Trade Commission.

The authors argue that science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs at colleges and universities lacking female enrollment can be attributed largely to harsh grading policies in these fields.

Their solution to increase the number of women's involvement in STEM is to standardize grading curves, in order to grade less "harshly." The insanity of this approach is to not only weaken standards for women but to weaken standards across the board.

This is more evidence that George Orwell was absolutely right when he said, "There are some ideas so absurd that only an intellectual could believe them."



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "No Entangling Alliances" was posted at patriotpost.us on Jan. 20, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

It was none other than George Washington who, in his farewell address before retiring to Mount Vernon, advised future presidents to pursue a policy of "Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none."

Inasmuch as it was James Madison and Alexander Hamilton who helped write the speech and Thomas Jefferson who would adopt the policy when he became

president, there was obviously a meeting of the minds among the Founding Fathers that this was the basis of a rational foreign policy for the young nation.

It is an equally sound policy all these years later. Washington did put in a good word for temporary alliances in case of emergencies, but he saw no profit in tying America's destiny to that of another country.

And yet, we have accumulated a vast number of treaties calling for mutual defense, but which, in reality, require that we come to the defense of nations all over the globe.

And yet we can't even count on more than a handful to vote on our behalf at the United Nations.

■ Leave the U.N.

Which is one of the reasons I, as president, would at least try to remove us from the U.N. It's a waste of our money, and our presence only provides the corrupt organization with an aura of legitimacy it doesn't deserve.

■ Resign from NATO

Next, I would resign from NATO. Again, it would save us a lot of money. But, even more importantly, it would invite the EU to protect the EU. The fact of the matter is that NATO was created to defend its members from attack by the Soviet Union. One, there is no longer a Soviet Union. There is only Russia, a nation with the GDP of Italy that hasn't even been able to conquer Ukraine.

■ Turkey is in NATO

Also, NATO member Turkey is currently conducting military maneuvers with Russia and China and has just completed an oil pipeline with Russia. Word is Erdogan is wearing Putin's letterman sweater and has already accepted his invitation to the prom.

If NATO doesn't mind having a fox in its chicken coop, why should we? Besides, if I had to choose between the two, I'd side with Russia. At least, unlike Turkey, it's not Islamic.

So, just who the heck are we protecting? I say if Luxembourg has its eyes on Monaco's casino and yacht harbor, that's Monaco's problem.

■ Gallows humor

Eric Hunter sent me a meme showing G.W. Bush bragging "I killed Saddam Hussein," Barack Obama bragging "I killed Osama bin Laden," Donald Trump bragging "I killed Qassim Soleimani" and Hillary Clinton bragging "I killed Jeffrey Epstein."

■ No more pretense for Mike Lee

I guess Sen. Mike Lee has given up the pretense of being a Republican, let alone a Conservative. First, he began shilling for the big tech companies and

then claimed the administration's briefing on the Soleimani assassination was "insulting and demeaning." Inasmuch as Sen. Tom Cotton and sometime Trump critic Sen. Marco Rubio both said they were convinced by that same briefing suggests that Lee has gone over to the dark side. Apparently, the campaign contributions that have flooded into Utah to persuade him and the committee he chairs from deciding that Google, Facebook and Amazon, are in fact the monopolies we all know them to be, have had their desired effect.

It seems that Utah, a state that formerly boasted it was the most conservative state in the Union, is now represented by two RINOs named Mitt and Mike, which perhaps sounds like a vaudeville comedy act because it is a vaudeville comedy act. The fact it isn't a funny one shouldn't be a surprise. After all, you don't find a lot of Mormons in the comedy business. Instead, people like Harry Reid, Mitt Romney and Mike Lee, make their mark in the far less competitive field of politics.

■ Bin Laden and Soleimani

The bottom line is that nobody should have been asking if Soleimani planned any imminent attacks any more than they should have wondered whether Osama bin Laden had anything on his drawing board. Soleimani should have been taken out for the American blood he had spilled over the past 20 years.

The question people should have been asking is why George W. Bush and Barack Obama hadn't eliminated him long before President Trump had to take care of unfinished business.

■ Who learned from history?

Democrats always talk about people who don't know history being doomed to repeat it, but they themselves ignore the counsel of George Santayana on every occasion. Consider the fact that no sooner did the Iranian militia under Gen. Soleimani's command kill an American and set siege to our embassy than Trump sent the general back to Tehran in a small box.

Or, consider that after holding 52 American hostages for 444 days, Iran released them on January 20, 1981. It wasn't a coincidence that was the day Ronald Reagan took office. The Iranians knew what was in store for them once Reagan replaced lily-livered Jimmy Carter in the Oval Office.

What Democrats invariably fail to understand is that when a red line is drawn in the sand, you can either back off as Obama did or you can blow up whatever and whoever happens to be standing on the line at the time.

■ Iran doesn't want a war

What Iran's feeble rejoinder tells us is that in spite of the Ayatollah's big talk, Iran is not looking to get into a war with the U.S. They don't even want to take on Israel, which is much smaller and much closer than we are.

■ Some disciples would use a bomb

The reason nobody should want Iran to get its hands on a nuclear bomb is because they could use it to threaten other countries in the Middle East or they could pass it along to their various stooges who'd be only too happy to carry it in a suitcase and set it off in London, Paris or Tokyo. The Ayatollah is in no rush to join Mohammad in Paradise but a lot of his suicidal disciples would be proud to be incinerated in the name of Allah.

■ Stampede in Tehran

Come to think of it, there was a certain divine irony in the fact that Iran fired about a dozen missiles into Iraq and failed to kill any Americans, but 50 Iranians were killed and another 200 seriously injured when the crowd stampeded at Soleimani's memorial service. There has been no explanation for the stampede, but my guess is that somebody spotted a mouse wearing what appeared to be a yarmulke and it was enough to create a panic.

■ Allies did not support

It was no surprise that none of our alleged allies stepped into the breach and warned Iran that an attack on Americans in Iraq would be regarded as an act of war. Yet another reason for us to remove ourselves from Europe. If anybody asks us why we'd leave the Germans, the French, the Swedes and the Italians, to fend for themselves, we could explain that George Washington told us it was the right thing to do.



"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 Joseph Zeballos-Roig titled "Treasury Secretary Mnuchin Keeps Insisting Trump's Tax Cuts Will Pay for Themselves Despite Consistent Evidence They Exploded the Federal Deficit" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Jan. 23, 2020.

■ Looking back to 2018, an article by Daniel J. Mitchell titled "The Real Reason the Deficit Is Exploding [Is Government Spending]" was posted at [fee.com](https://www.fee.com) on Oct. 18, 2018.

Finances

■ A Reuters article by David Shepardson titled "Toyota to Move Tacoma Truck Production to Mexico From U.S." was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Jan. 17, 2020.

■ A Reuters article by David Shepardson titled "Honda Recalling 2.7 Million North American Vehicles for New Air Bag Inflator Defect" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Jan. 21, 2020.

- An article titled "Southwest [Airlines] Joins Rivals in Again Delaying Boeing Jet's Return" was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 16, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Allison Lampert, Jamie Freed and David Shepardson titled "Airlines Scour the World for Scarce 737 MAX Simulators" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 22, 2020.
- A Reuters article by David Shepardson and Tracy Rucinski titled "Boeing CEO Expects to Resume 737 MAX Production Before Mid-Year" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 22, 2020.
- An article by Jessica Bennett titled "Bed Bath & Beyond Is Closing 40 Stores in 2020" was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 23, 2020.

Trade war

- An article titled "Trump Hails China Trade Deal As 'Much Better' Than Expected" was posted at afp.com on Jan. 19, 2020.
- An article by Anjani Trivedi titled "Carmakers Must Do Better Just to Keep Up in China" was posted at bloomberg.com on Jan. 22, 2020.
- An article by Steve Matthews titled "China-U.S. Deal Sets Up Brazil and Saudis Among Likely Losers" was posted at bloomberg.com on Jan. 22, 2020.

Green New Deal

- Looking back to July, an article by Adam Shaw titled "AOC's Top Aide Admits Green New Deal About the Economy, Not Climate" was posted at foxnews.com on July 12, 2019.
- An article by Evie Fordham titled "AOC: 'No One Ever Makes a Billion Dollars; You Take a Billion Dollars' " was posted at foxbusiness.com on Jan. 21, 2020.
- An article titled "Spain Declares Climate Emergency, Gets Climate Plan Ready" was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 21, 2020.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Sonia Perez titled "Guatemala Sweeps Up Migrant Group, Returns Them to Border" was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 15, 2020.
- An article titled "Illegal Immigrant Freed Under NYC Sanctuary Law Charged With Murdering Elderly Woman" was posted at foxnews.com on Jan. 16, 2020.
- An article titled "Biden Says He Would Go After ICE Agents Who Arrested and Deported Illegal Immigrants for Drunk Driving" was posted at foxnews.com on Jan. 22, 2020.

Comments about weapons

- An article titled "Thousands of Armed Protesters Gathered for Gun Rally in Virginia" was posted at abcnews.com on Jan. 20, 2020.

- An article by Alan Suderman and Sarah Rankin titled "Pro-Gun Rally by Thousands in Virginia Ends Peacefully" was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 20, 2020.
- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "VA Gun Sales 73,849 in December, a 47% Increase Over 2018" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 23, 2020.

Comments about Trump support

- An article by Matt Lewis titled "It's Time for the Democrats to Stop Playing Along and Call a Sham a Sham" was posted at thedailybeast.com on Jan. 22, 2020.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "Meadows: House Dems' Impeachment Case Is Built on 'Hearsay and Hurt Feelings' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 23, 2020.
- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Trump Will Be First President in History to Attend March for Life" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 23, 2020.

Comments about Trump opposition

- An article by Brian Schwartz and Thomas Franck titled "George Soros Rips Trump and Xi, Says the 'Fate of the World' Is at Stake in 2020" was posted at cnbc.com on Jan. 23, 2020.
- An article titled "Schiff: Republicans' Call for Hunter Biden Testimony Is 'Abuse' of Impeachment Trial" was posted at cbsnews.com on Jan. 21, 2020.
- An article by Kathryn Krawczyk titled "Joe Biden Says 'You Can Keep' Your Private Insurance 'If Your Employer Doesn't Take It Away From You' " was posted at theweek.com on Jan. 17, 2020.
- An article by Myah Ward titled "Biden Says He Would Consider O'Rourke or Castro As Running Mates" was posted at politico.com on Jan. 16, 2020.
- An article by Naomi Lim titled " 'People Will Sit at Home': Sanders Supporters Threaten to Boycott Election If Democrats Pick Biden" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Jan. 17, 2020.
- An article by Jonathan Easley and Amie Parnes titled "Hillary Clinton Tears Open Wound With Her Attack on Sanders" was posted at thehill.com on Jan. 22, 2020.
- An article by Ryan Beckwith and Bob Van Voris titled "Tulsi Gabbard Sues Hillary Clinton Over 'Russian Asset' Comments" was posted at bloomberg.com on Jan. 22, 2020.
- An article titled "Donna Brazile [Fox News Contributor] Says Both Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren Are Champions of Democracy, Hopes Spat Goes Away" was posted at foxnews.com on Jan. 17, 2020.
- An article by Oliver O'Connell titled "Elizabeth Warren Clashes With Iowa Father Who Calls Her Student Loan Policy Unfair" was posted at independent.co.uk on Jan. 23, 2020.
- An article by Rosie Perper titled "*New York Times* Endorses Warren and Klobuchar for 2020" was posted at businessinsider.com on Jan. 19, 2020.

- An article by Reagan McCarthy titled "Planned Parenthood to Bankroll \$45 Million to Democratic Campaigns in 2020" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 16, 2020.
- An article titled "Bloomberg Pledges \$70 Billion to Bolster Black America in New Plan" was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 19, 2020.
- An article by Mike Allen and Margaret Talev titled "Mike Bloomberg Copies Trump to Beat Trump" was posted at axios.com on Jan. 23, 2020.
- An article by Hannah Yasharoff titled "'I Have to Say Something': Robert De Niro Talks 'Dire' Political Situation at the SAG Awards" was posted at usatoday.com on Jan. 19, 2020.

News about the media

- Looking back to December, an article by Rich Noyes titled "Flashback: Today's Impeachment Cheerleaders Hated It Back in 1998 [Against Bill Clinton]" was posted at newsbusters.org on Dec. 17, 2019.
- An article by Joseph Vazquez titled "WashPost's Rubin: Bloomberg Could Help Dems by Spending \$50 Million on Impeachment Ads" was posted at newsbusters.org on Jan. 23, 2020.
- An article by Gabriel Hays titled "'American Hero': Hollywood Sold on 'Rockstar' Schiff's Impeachment Screenplay" was posted at newsbusters.org on Jan. 23, 2020.
- An article by Kristine Marsh titled "Joy Behar Rages Against McConnell, 'Withholding' Impeachment Evidence" was posted at newsbusters.org on Jan. 23, 2020.
- An article by Nicholas Fondocarò titled "CBS, NBC Tout Dems Painting a 'Damning Portrait' of Trump in Trial" was posted at newsbusters.org on Jan. 23, 2020.
- An article by Kyle Drennen titled "NBC & ABC Urge Klobuchar to Pressure GOP on Impeachment" was posted at newsbusters.org on Jan. 23, 2020.
- An article by Curtis Houck titled "CNN Uses Break to Hail Managers for Bashing Fox, Defend Hunter As 'Irrelevant' to Case" was posted at newsbusters.org on Jan. 23, 2020.
- An article by Scott Whitlock titled "NY Times Sees (Democratic) 'Piles of Evidence' vs. (GOP) 'Scorn'" was posted at newsbusters.org on Jan. 23, 2020.

General interest

- An article by Brittany Taylor, Tierra Smith and Bill Barajas titled "Student at Texas A&M University Being Treated for Suspected Case of Novel Coronavirus" was posted at houston.com on Jan. 23, 2020.
- An article titled "LAX Passenger Quarantined After Showing Potential Coronavirus Symptoms" was posted at fox5ny.com on Jan. 23, 2020.
- An article by Molly Hennessy-Fiske titled "Ready to Move; Californians Tour Their Top Destination—Texas" was posted at latimes.com on Jan. 22, 2020.

- An article by Blake Farmer titled “Patients Want to Die at Home, But Home Hospice Care Can Be Tough on Families” was posted at npr.org on Jan. 21, 2020.
- An article by Mike Florio titled “Darrelle Revis Calls Out Richard Sherman for Avoiding Man-To-Man Coverage” was posted at sports.yahoo.com on Jan. 19, 2020.



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.”