

U.S. Congress – An Author of Confusion

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The example set by a nation's leaders will eventually have a positive or negative effect upon its citizens. In a recent action by the Congress of the United States of America, an attempt is being made to further confuse the role and responsibilities established by Almighty God to ensure the success and survival of the family unit.

The House of Representatives on Sunday (January 3, 2021) is set to vote on a series of changes that would eliminate all gendered words like "mother," "father," "he," and "she" from its rules. In addition to these specific words, the proposal outlines dozens of other shifts to gender-neutral language, as well as the establishment of an "Office of Diversity and Inclusion." The proposal was put forth by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Rules Committee Chair James McGovern. In a press release, McGovern said the proposal "promotes inclusion and diversity" and is a way to "honor all gender identities by changing pronouns and familial relationships in the House rules to be gender-neutral." (businessinsider.com>Politics>News)

Central to understanding this subterfuge of our leadership is the use of words like "inclusion" that hide the real agenda, because something that is against the will of Almighty God should not be "included" in the wording of any legislation. In reality, the nation's leadership continues to "accommodate" behavior that is against the word of God, even though many of these same leaders "claim" to trust Him (cf. Eze. 33:30-33). Consequently, whenever the word "inclusive" is used by a nation's leadership, a red flag should

go up because they are usually "accommodating" behavior that is contrary to God's will.

Although it is not popular to believe that a spirit realm exists, the word of God states it does and that certain powerful leaders within this realm are determined to undermine the word and will of Almighty God by attempting to change the order He established within families and nations.

He (Satan's representative) *shall speak pompous words against the Most High (Almighty God, the Father), shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law* (Dan. 7:25a; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Therefore mankind's mortal enemy, who is unseen by human eyes, continues to influence the "change" of everything that Almighty God has ordained to maintain peace and harmony within families and, by extension, nations (1Pet. 5:8).

By retaining the ultimate meaning of the word "Father" in the human realm, mankind is reminded that all authority resides with The Almighty God, and that He delegates responsibilities associated with His authority to human fathers/husbands.

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father, ¹⁵***from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named*** (Eph. 3:14-15; cf. 2Cor. 1:3-4).

And you, (human) fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4; cf. Col. 3:21; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Removing, or changing, words like “father” and “mother” from everyday discourse eventually leads to “changing” one of God’s commandments, which is a sin (1Jn. 3:4).

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you (Ex. 20:12; emphasis added: cf. Eph. 6:1-3; emphasis added).

*Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. ⁶**Do not add to His words**, lest He reprove you, and you be found a liar* (Prov. 30:5-6; cf. Dt. 4:2; 12:32; Rev. 22:18-19; emphasis added).

Because one of Satan’s primary goals is undermining peace and harmony within families and nations, he confuses the God-ordained roles of men and women that have existed since the beginning of creation.

He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created (Gen. 5:2; emphasis added).

One of Adam’s responsibilities was to care for his wife, Eve. This included protecting her from any harm and leading by example. To accomplish this, Adam first had to be instructed in righteous conduct.

By definition, this meant obeying God’s every word and trusting (having faith in) it, even when facing difficult situations (Heb. 11:1-40).

*My tongue shall speak of Your word, for **all Your commandments are righteousness*** (Ps. 119:172; cf. Dt. 6:24-25; emphasis added).

*.... And **all Your commandments are truth*** (Ps. 119:151b; emphasis added).

In the first recorded commandment given to Adam, Eve took the lead by “adding to it” rather than trusting that it was actually for their own good and then obeying it.

*But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil **you shall not eat**, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die* (Gen. 2:17; emphasis added).

Eve added to, and thereby “changed”, God’s word/command by saying “*nor shall you touch it*” (Gen. 3:3b). At this point it was Adam’s responsibility to protect his wife from any potential harm associated with altering God’s word (1Cor. 11:3; cf. Gen. 3:16b). As head of the household, he could undo any misguided statements or actions by his wife. However, if he did nothing, he would still be responsible for the outcome.

*But if indeed she takes a husband, while bound by her vows **or by a rash utterance from her lips** by which she bound herself, ⁷and her husband hears it, and makes no response to her on the day that he hears, then her vows shall stand, and her agreement by which she bound herself shall stand. ⁸**But if her husband overrules her on the day that he hears it, he shall make void her vow which she vowed and what she uttered with her lips, by which she bound herself, and the Lord will forgive her*** (Nu. 30:6-8; emphasis added).

Sadly as head of the family, Adam did not intervene to correct Eve’s misguided use of God’s word/command, and the result was catastrophic because they both died (cf. Rom. 6:23). The U.S. Congress has yet to learn that any manipulation of the family structure, by word or deed, will have dire consequences for the nation they are responsible for leading. By changing the God-ordained roles and responsibilities of men, women, husbands, wives, sons and daughters,

the U.S. Congress is setting an example for the nation to follow at a time when the family unit is already in severe jeopardy. *"As goes the family; so goes the nation."*

To add insult to injury, the only name by which everlasting life can be inherited is no longer sacrosanct.

Specifically, some in the U.S. Congress believe it is acceptable to end a prayer with A-woman; instead of solely "Amen".

U.S. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver said he was caught off guard by the negative response after he ended his opening prayer on the first day of the new Congress by saying, "Amen and A-woman" (Associated Press; January 6, 2021).

Also, contrary to what some so-called religious authorities have claimed, the word "Amen" is gender-specific because it is a title associated with Jesus Christ, who was a male.

*...**These things says the Amen** (Jesus Christ), the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God (Rev. 3:14b; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

Jesus Christ is "the Amen" for a number of reasons. The word "Amen" is used at the end of a prayer as a reminder that Christ is the "end of the law". Specifically, the righteousness provided through the law pertaining to animal sacrifice was "not an end in itself" because it could never change the heart of a sinner who offered the life of an animal as a substitute for his/her own life (Heb. 10:1-4; Rom. 6:23a). Instead, the "end goal" of the sacrificial system could only be fulfilled if a sinless sacrifice was provided that would pave the way for a change in attitude.

*For **Christ is the end of the law** for righteousness to everyone who believes (Rom. 10:4; emphasis added).*

*Then (after the "end goal" was fulfilled; cf. Mt. 5:17) I will give them one heart, and **I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart** (stubborn/rebellious) **out of their flesh**, and give them a heart of flesh (softer/willingly compliant) ²⁰that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them... (Eze. 11:19-20a; cf. 36:26; Ed. notes in parentheses).*

Another reason for using "Amen", at the conclusion of a prayer, is to acknowledge that Almighty God only hears our petitions because His son, Jesus Christ, opened up the path of communication through his shed blood.

*For through him (Christ) **we both have access by one Spirit to the Father** (Eph. 2:18; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

*Therefore, brethren, having boldness (confidence) to enter the Holiest (Almighty God's presence) **by the blood of Jesus**, ²⁰by a new and living way (not via the blood of animals) which he consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, his flesh, ²¹and having a High Priest (Christ) over the house of God, ²²let us draw near (in prayer) with a true heart (not of stone) in full assurance of faith..(Heb. 10:19-22a; cf. Heb. 4:14-16; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

*You (who have repented of your sins) did not choose me (Christ), but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that **whatever you ask the Father** (in accordance with His will; cf. Mt. 26:42) **in my name** He may give you (Jn. 15:16; cf.*

16:23; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Therefore, ending any prayer by including "A-woman" will not be heard by Almighty God, the Father. Obviously, many in the U.S. Congress are ignorant of this truth and anything they ask in prayer, with an ending that does not solely recognize Jesus Christ, will go nowhere. Finally on this point, Jesus Christ did not conclude his last prayer with the word "Amen". Instead, he concluded it with a phrase that means the same thing ("may it be fulfilled according to Your will") By doing this, he made the connection that he has always done, and continues to do, his Father's will.

*He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "O my Father, if this cup cannot pass away from me unless I drink it, **Your will be done**" (Mt. 26:42; emphasis added).*

*I (Christ) can of myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is righteous, because **I do not seek my own will but the will of the Father** who sent me (Jn. 5:30; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

So the word "Amen" refers to the hope that whatever has been requested "*will be fulfilled, according to the will of God the Father*". Too many people, including those in the U.S. Congress, seek their own will/agenda rather than seeking God's. If they genuinely referred to the word of Almighty God, they would not be attempting to undermine Him by accommodating trends that confuse the God-ordained roles and responsibilities of husbands, wives, parents, and children by watering down or confusing the terms by which these are identified.

For instance, husbands are to be "saviors" of their wives and children; just as Christ is the "savior" of all those who repent of their sins. Therefore, husbands must be prepared to

sacrifice whatever is necessary to protect, and provide for, their wives and children.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it (Eph. 5:25; emphasis added).

So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church (Eph. 5:28-29).

Out of respect for the husband's responsibility, wives and children are to reciprocate by honoring the office bestowed upon their husband/father.

*Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and **let each wife see that she respects her husband*** (Eph. 5:33; emphasis added).

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹*Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.* ²⁰***Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.*** ²¹*Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged* (Col. 3:18-21; cf. 1Tim. 3:11; Titus 2:4-5; emphasis added).

All the above instructions and admonitions are to maintain and extend the life of the family and nation. Because these are not popular in today's "enlightened society", the eventual breakdown of the family is inevitable, and the U.S. Congress is just one source contributing to the confusion that leads to disorder and chaos.

For God is not the author of confusion (disorder) *but of peace...* (1Cor. 14:33a; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

One of the first tasks of the new world government, under Jesus Christ, will be to

reverse all the destructive actions of the current leaders in religion, politics, and commerce who have been working to change the God-ordained roles and responsibilities within the family.

*Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet (who will be in the first resurrection at Christ's return; cf. Rev. 20:5-6) before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord (culminating at the second resurrection; cf. Jn. 5:28-29). **And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse** (Mal. 4:5-6; cf. Ps. 78:1-8; Dt. 4:9-10; 6:6-9; Eph. 6:4; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

May Almighty God speed the return of Jesus Christ to establish peace on earth, which can only occur when there is respect for, and obedience to, the law and commandments that comprise the foundation of the kingdom of God (Ps. 111:10; Prov. 1:7; 9:10). When this is fulfilled, there will no longer be replacement terms for male, female, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, husband, or wife.

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