

When Government Becomes A God

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The idea of having a powerful leader provide protection from enemies, and natural disasters, began a long time ago. However, over the course of history this concept has evolved from a singular ruler to include different forms of leadership and governance. Today, with a growing dependence on global trade that is driven by modern technology and communication, governments are exerting greater power over every aspect of their citizens' lives. Ironically, many of these governments claim to support small business and entrepreneurship, but their real agenda is to create programs and regulations that favor the big multinational corporations because they are better positioned to support, consolidate, and perpetuate the political party that best serves their interests. Over time, this trend harms small businesses and transfers more wealth to the upper class. Therefore, as the proverb says, "the poor become poorer". To compound the problem further, many of these same governments create programs to support those disenfranchised by their harmful laws and regulations, but these same programs act to deter a healthy work ethic because recipients earn more by not working. The following quotes confirm the damage caused by reckless government overreach, manipulation, and interference,

If regulation is costly, why would big business favor it? Precisely because it is costly. Regulation adds to the basic cost of doing business, thus heightening barriers to entry and reducing the number of competitors. Thinning out the competition allows surviving firms to charge higher prices to customers and demand lower prices from suppliers. Overall regulation adds to

overhead and is a net boon to those who can afford it – big business.

There is an additional systemic reason why (government) regulation will help big business. (In the U.S.A), Congress passes the laws that order new regulations, and executive branch agencies actually construct the regulations. The politicians and government lawyers who write these rules rarely do so without input. Often the rule makers ask for advice and information from labor unions, consumer groups, environmental groups, and industry itself. Among industry, the stakeholders who have the most input are those who can hire the most effective and most connective lobbyists. You can guess this isn't Mom and Pop (business owners). As a result, the details of the regulation are often carefully crafted to benefit, or at least not hurt, big business. If something does not hurt you, or hurts you a little while seriously hindering your competition, it is a boon (for big business) (The Big Ripoff: How Big Business and Big Government Steal Your Money by Timothy P. Carney).

Suppose someone offered you the same amount of money that you currently make at your job on one condition – you don't work. Might you be tempted? That is exactly the deal that our welfare system offers too many people today. The federal government (in the U.S.A.) currently funds 126 separate anti-poverty programs at an annual cost of \$ 688 billion. Of these, 72 provide cash or other benefits directly to poor families. State, county, and municipal governments often operate additional benefit programs. The combined benefits from those multiple overlapping programs can easily add up to the point where welfare simply pays better than work (Welfare: A Better Deal than Work by Michael Tanner;

nationalreview.com/2013/08/welfare-better-deal-work-michael-tanner/).

So the main goal is to weaken the lower and middle class as much as possible without completely destroying them. This agenda benefits the big corporations while allowing the government to gain more control over the citizens of the country as it introduces various "welfare" programs that make the population even more dependent. Over time, the nation slips into a poor work ethic, low productivity and self-esteem, and even greater dependence on government rather than on every able-bodied citizen providing for themselves. This dependence on a nation's leader, or leaders, was the goal of Nimrod who lived after the worldwide flood that occurred during the time of Noah. As the Jewish historian Josephus noted, Nimrod wanted the population to be dependent upon him and in opposition to the value system espoused by Almighty God,

Now it was Nimrod who excited them to such an affront and contempt of God. He also gradually changed the government into tyranny, seeing no other way of turning men from the fear of God, but to bring them into a constant dependence on his (Nimrod's) power. He also said he would be revenged on God, if he (God) should have a mind to drown the world again; for he (Nimrod) would build a tower too high for the waters to reach.

(<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nimrod>).

Just like Nimrod, no government controlled by man wishes its citizens to trust in the leadership and value system of Almighty God, even if they claim otherwise. Instead, every human government wants its citizens to rely on the "wise" choices, laws, and programs created by the government. In fact, the more dependent that people become on their government, the better it is for leaders to maintain their control and

power. This dynamic was central to the death of Jesus Christ because he exposed the manipulation and introduction of various laws and regulations, perpetrated by the religious leaders of the day, that were harmful to the people. The following is just one of many examples.

*For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'¹¹ But you (religious leaders) say, 'If a man says to his father and mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban"- (that is, dedicated to the temple);¹² and **you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother,**¹³ **making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do'** (Mk. 7:10-13; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; emphasis added).*

Conversely, what about government laws that interfere with, and harm, the relationship between a parent and their child? In the province of British Columbia, Canada, a parent was jailed because he did not want his minor child interfered with by state surgeons, and then went "public" over the ruling. To date, the government has removed the God-given authority of this parent for his child. God's word is clear that parents are responsible for all matters pertaining to their children until their children reach the age of twenty (Numbers 1:3, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 45),

Rob Hoogland of Surrey, British Columbia is a living horror story. The government has ruled that his 15-year-old daughter, who believes she is "really" a boy (thanks to school propaganda), must be given dangerous and experimental medical procedures to "change" her sex to male – despite her terrified father's objections.

These treatments include puberty-blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgical procedures will likely follow. This will cause sterility and other horrible and irreversible side effects, such as unhealthy bone growth and premature aging. In fact, what the girl really needs is psychological help. This did not happen in a vacuum. The Canadian LGBT movement funded over two dozen lawyers to represent the daughter against her father. With their help, in 2019 the Court ruled that this young girl is "mature" enough to overrule her father's wishes, and that these treatments are in her best interest. Moreover, the government insists that everything about this case must be kept secret to "protect" the daughter (whom they state is a boy). Thus, the Court has ordered that neither Rob (nor anyone else) may publicly relate any details about what is happening to his daughter, or reveal the daughter's name...

(<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/canadian-judge-jails-father-for-breaking-gag-order-on-govt-supported-sex-change-procedures-on-his-teenage-daughter;>)

Since late 2019, government overreach has accelerated exponentially around the world with assistance from the CCP virus. If we think these same governments are going to give up their newly vested power, we are naive. As Jesus Christ pointed out to his disciples, human-controlled governments instinctively abuse their power and will not relinquish it easily.

*But Jesus called them to himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles **lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.**"⁴³ **Yet it shall not be so among you;** but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.⁴⁴ And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to*

give his life a ransom for many (MK. 10:42-45; emphasis added).

In fact, Christ stated elsewhere that he hates the deeds, or actions, of those who abuse their positions of power because it is always the powerless that suffer the most.

*Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, **which thing I** (Christ) **hate** (Rev. 2:15; cf. 2:6; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

The word "Nicolaitans" is used broadly to identify anyone who abuses their authority over others; just as Balaam abused his authority when he attempted to have the ancient nation of Israel commit "spiritual adultery" with pagan systems of worship. It is no coincidence that John was inspired to mention the Nicolaitans in Revelation 2:6 and 2:15, because he also referred to their deeds in another section of scripture.

*I (John) wrote to the church, but **Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us.**¹⁰ Therefore, if I come, **I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church** (3John 9-10; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

So clearly this abuse of power through manipulation of the facts, combined with threats and fear tactics, is a common feature of governments that want to control how their people think and act. This should be obvious in today's world where the art of misinformation is at an all-time high. In this situation, it is easy for the public to be deceived into believing that black is white and white is black. Just one example of

this is the propaganda surrounding climate change,

The Lie: *Climate change caused by man-made CO2 emissions will soon lead to irreversible ecological disaster.*

The Facts: *CO2 levels only comprise 0.04% of Earth's atmosphere. Man-made carbon dioxide comprises about one-third of the Earth's CO2, or just over one one-hundredth of one percent of the atmosphere.*

A fact sheet issued by the Obama Administration's Environmental Protection Agency suggested that its proposed regulations to reduce carbon dioxide emissions at power plants would have prevented less than 0.02 degrees Celsius of global warming by 2100.

A 2020 study by federal researchers stated that "it is premature to conclude with high confidence that human activities – and particularly greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming – have already had a detectable impact on hurricane activity.

In 2019, U.S. CO2 emissions fell by 2.9% compared to 2018 levels. American CO2 emissions now stand approximately 15% below 2000 levels, even as they continue to rise throughout the rest of the world ("They're Lying to You!" by Jim Demint; p 34-35; Conservative Partnership Institute, Inc.)

Going back to Nimrod, his goal was to have as many people as possible place their trust in him. This same modus operandi is alive and well in our generation. Right now, human governments can easily become "a god" that people look to for their protection and sustenance. In essence, their "savior". Certainly in authoritarian and totalitarian systems this has already been

accomplished and given enough time, the entire world will succumb to this form of governance.

Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new?" It has already been in ancient times before us (Eccl. 1:10).

It is this system of human governance, that is heavily influenced by Satan's values, which has become "a god" to many people just as "in ancient times". According to the next scripture, many people will eventually come to their senses and "marvel" at what has been going on, but it will be too late to change anything.

*The beast (human governance influenced by Satan) that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition (destruction). And **those who dwell on the earth will marvel** whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see (finally recognize) *the beast that was, and is not, and yet is* (Rev. 17:8; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

Thankfully, this abusive system of governance will be eliminated by Jesus Christ and replaced by his heavenly Father's system of governing that truly serves and protects the people.

*Then the seventh angel sounded (a trumpet): And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, **"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever!"** (Rev. 11:15; Ed. note in parenthesis).*

Until this scenario comes to fruition, hold on to your hats because the real power behind the corruption of human governance will not give up his power willingly.

Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! (But) woe to the inhabitants of

*the earth and the sea! **For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time*** (Rev. 12:12; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Once the governments of this era are removed, people will learn to be responsible for their actions and not rely on others to solve all their problems and provide all their needs. Prosperity and safety will be tied to the principles of God's word, which are summarized by His law and commandments (cf. Mt. 4:4). Any infractions of God's word will have consequences, which are meant as a deterrent, so that perpetrators do not continue to harm themselves and others. So less government intervention, more personal responsibility, and consequences for harmful/sinful conduct (1Jn. 3:4). Seems simple, but mankind as a whole has always rejected God's leadership and laws in favor of their own forms of government. Therefore Christ's return will not automatically, or quickly, result in a better world (Rom. 8:7). Instead, it will take time before the fruits are seen and truly appreciated.

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