

# THOUGHTS

Newsletter for The Word Today

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**SPEAKER ON THE WORD TODAY**

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## HORRORS VISITING CHILDREN

We see two prime examples of the depravity of godless humans; any given secularist may condemn one while condoning the other. New York passed the “Reproductive Healthcare Act” that strengthens abortion rights. Among other things it allows for abortions beyond 24 weeks. Meanwhile, the article “Ten children in Tanzania kidnapped and killed for their body parts” suggests that witchcraft was the motivation for mutilation and killing of children.

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There is a horrifying common theme here, namely that when the Lord is disdained violence toward children follows. In both of these instances the motivation is pure selfishness, personal advancement - at the cost of the child’s life. The supposedly high minded liberals, some of whom who fancy themselves Christian, who butcher a child in the womb, are operating under the same premise as the practitioner of witchcraft – the children are to be eliminated to advance one’s personal agenda. Both involve a grotesque narcissism that dehumanizes others. In Tanzania albino children are being hunted almost to extinction due to witchcraft, while in purportedly civilized countries “unwanted” children don’t need to be hunted, but rather can be killed more conveniently. God save the children from such wickedness!

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## HYPER EXPOSED AND HYPER CONTROLLING

While one individual does little to protect their reputation by exposing their activities, which are often immoral or of dubious intelligence, another freaks out if they see their image posted somewhere public, demanding it be taken down in order to protect their privacy. Welcome to the nebulously private world of modern social media.

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I make it a point not to participate in Facebook, Twitter and the like. I know full well the amount of time that is dedicated to fawning over one’s public image, curating it like a museum piece for others to ogle and supposedly vastly appreciate. The amount of hubris involved in making sure our public image is just so doesn’t really surprise. What does surprise is that humans can be convinced rather easily to give so much of their lives to a machine. The computer, the phone, the Net – wherever one is – simply dominates peoples’ lives. They sleep with their phone, and even in some cases “sleep text”! How sad the modern human is!

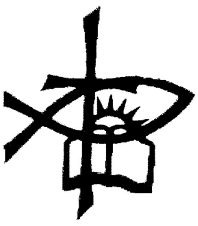
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I guess when you are not busy living your life you feel the need to watch others live their lives as they pretend that their lives have great significance while chasing social image. Do you see the circuitous Path of Unimportance? It may horrify you to add up the hours spent weekly attempting to pacify a machine that winks, burps and cries at you. It may well be as much a full time job as caring for an infant!

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How foolish people are to put their banal activities on the Net, then recoil as they are used for nefarious purposes! The Net-shy people may have it right in the end, as it becomes increasingly obvious that Big Brother entities supposedly granting electronic freedom, such as Facebook, are simply mining our data to manipulate the public, both in terms of marketing and politics. Is it too late to wipe my identity from the Net?

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### **SUING PARENTS FOR BEING BORN**

An Indian man is suing his parents for being born without his consent. I'm not making that up. He figures they owe him a lifetime of support *because he wasn't consulted*. I can see how a perverse mind in India invented this idea; the nation is notoriously overpopulated, life is considered "cheap" due to belief in reincarnation, and the 27-year old's parents are lawyers. His parents are actually relishing the intellectual challenge. What if a judge decides to grant his wish and "undo" his birth? Perhaps his parents would have an opinion about that.

As an example of an intellectual black hole, it does not surprise me that this man is an "Antinatalist". This ideology that says it is morally wrong for humans to procreate is growing in India. Fatalistic philosophies find a welcome home in India, as the culture is largely devoid of devotion to the Lord. When you disdain the Creator, any weird belief can inhabit the mind. Let's see what happens if this guy falls in love and desires to get married.

Perhaps you can see why we are on in so many dialects in India. It has huge growth in population, and desperately dismal worldviews circulating.

### **TRANSRACIALISM**

Get ready for the next big radicalizing push, *Transracialism*. Evidently, rebelling against a fixed sexual nature is not enough; now people have to become whatever race they *feel*. When the timeless truth of God's creation is rejected, people will feel emboldened to supplant even common sense. Just imagine how much more lawsuits, mental health crises, ruined relationships, etc. will result. With each passing day we have a cause to pray, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus!"

### **ALWAYS A REASON FOR JOY**

Yet, as Christians we always have a reason to be joyful. We can focus on the good blessings God has laid before us now, and anticipate the wonderful blessings He has promised us in the future!

The early Christians applied this principle in extreme form, as they praised God for insults, trials, hardships and persecutions related to their faith. They properly saw *problems* in this life as discipline from a loving Father (see Hebrews chapter 12) and the means of how God shapes our spirit to conform more to the mind of Christ (James 1:2-4). Our joy is not situational, but permanent, due to being inheritors of the Kingdom of Christ and eternal life. Emotions fluctuate, but our joy is constant.

Blessings!  
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